



St. Davids-Queenston United Church
Annual Report 2021

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ANNUAL REPORTS
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CHURCH BOARD AUTHORIZED ANNUAL MEETING TASKS

CHURCH BOARD MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2021

During Covid-19 restrictions in 2021

Following policy of the United Church of Canada, the Church Board was given authority to conduct a meeting as though it were the Annual General Congregational Meeting. This meeting was held on February 16, 2021 with the following information received and approved. In this regard the AGCM was postponed until February 2022.

CHURCH BOARD, COMMITTEES AND EXTENSION COUNCIL

- Steve Hardaker, congregation chair, said that Sandra Macdonald has stepped down as one of the two Members At Large positions on the Church Board. Marie Vahrmeyer has agreed to fill that position.
- Steve then stated the following congregation members have agreed to join Church Board Committees:
 - Martha Fleming is joining the Flower Committee.
 - Esther Binning, Donna Cardinal, George Dunn, Joan Dunn, Monty Slingerland and Val Zuk are joining the Friendly Visitors. Congratulations to Chair Susan Dobson for a successful recruiting drive.
- Steve then stated that Dianne Bergsma has stepped down as our Extension Council Representative. Marianne McRae has agreed to be our Extension Council Representative.
 - **Motion:** The Church Board approves the appointments of the congregation members named to new positions on the Church Board, Committees of the Church Board and Extension Council. **Moved** by Melanie Kelch, **seconded** by Linda Hardaker and carried by all.
- Steve said that Marie could not attend the meeting and was looking forward to participating in future meetings.
- Steve then thanked Dianne Bergsma, Anne Dorland and Marie Vahrmeyer who are stepping down from Worship and Faith Life Committee; Sandra Macdonald who has stepped down as one of our Members at Large on the Church Board; and, Al Des Roches, who has resigned as Chair and stepped down from the Trustees.
- There was a question as to why we don't have 2 representatives for the Regional Council. Larry McRae said that it is not a rule that we have 2 reps but it would be welcome and beneficial. We should try to get a 2nd representative.

PROPOSED 2021 BUDGET

- Linda Hardaker gave an overview of the proposed budget for 2021 stating that the proposed budget was prepared with the consideration and hope that we would have a new minister by April.
 - **Motion:** That the Proposed Operating (Expense) Budget for 2021 of \$148,266.20 and the Proposed Operating (Income) Budget for 2021 of \$148,266.20 be approved. **Moved** by Marianne McRae, **seconded** by Florence Turner and carried by all.
- Rev. Jones questioned if this information would be communicated to the congregation.
- The proposed budget is in the Annual Report, but because we will not be having a congregational meeting as yet, Linda agreed that she would compose a letter regarding the proposed budget to be sent out to the congregation.

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky

Church Board Secretary

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear All,

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful” (Colossians 3:15)

It has been six months since I started my ministry at St. Davids-Queenston United Church. How quickly time has gone. I think of you all so often and wonder how things are going with me at this church. There are no words sufficient to express my gratitude for all your effort for our new journey we have shared. I am so blessed to be here and meet this congregation. I have always dreamed of this moment. I wanted to be a minister since I was a child, and also to meet with a warm congratulation. I am happy and touched by every moment that my ministry is going with you.

When I stand in front of the Sanctuary each week and look out over the congregation, I smile and give thanks to God for worshiping with you. I am happy to be a minister of St. Davids-Queenston United Church. There are many ways to describe Church. I like to think of it as a family. I hope all congregants share in all our joys and sorrows and faith in God to transfigure our life, to fill it with meaning. As we discover new and exciting paths for St. Davids-Queenston United Church and welcome a new journey to come, I trust that God will continue to bless us in our life together and continue to make us a blessing in our community. Thanks be to God!

Worship is the most important part of my ministry. A sermon is one of the most important elements in the worship. I prepare my sermons to apply them in our daily lives. I would like us all to express Christian identity in our lives. The process may be difficult, but we can make it if we help and support each other. Word of God in worship service is the driving force to discover our Christian identity and make us to be a “Christian”.

Learn together time (Children's time) is as important as a sermon. Children's time is the preface to the sermon in the worship. These two things are not separate, but coincide to understand the Words of God to involve all congregants into the worship. This time is not just for certain age group, but for all of us to receive God's Word with joy and love. We all agree that children are the future of our church. During the pandemic, more and more children and youth are moving away from the church. Before we reprove them, they should be taught the faith with us and provided with a place where they can feel safe and positive in the church.

With humble gratitude I thank you for the wonderful support for last year. It has been my joy and honor to serve this church with you, and even more, it has been a blessing to be served by all of you. As a congregation and as individuals you have also brought a multitude of blessings to me and my family. You mean more to us than I can ever express. I am exceedingly thankful to God for placing us here at St. Davids-Queenston United Church.

I pray that our church will become a place of worship that embraces all people with God's love even in the midst of a pandemic. You made my year special and I wish you continue to do so.

Respectfully and with gratitude,

YongSeok Baek

CONGREGATIONAL AND CHURCH BOARD CHAIR'S REMARKS

As most of you already know, I have decided not to put my name forward to once again be the Congregational or Church Board Chair for 2022. As I reflect on the past 10 years as your Chair, I know that I am leaving with a tremendous amount of satisfaction, gratitude and a sense of accomplishment. And while I am sad, I am also relieved and ready to hand over the reigns to a new leader with new ideas and hopes. I am truly blessed to be a member of St. Davids-Queenston United Church, our Congregation and Church Board.

I am satisfied with every success we have experienced together in that time. Some little successes and some big successes. The members of the Official Board, now Church Board have been wonderful, hardworking and supportive. Together, we have accomplished a lot. From establishing our website and Facebook presence, the establishment of our Facility Use Policy, our Emergency Management Plan and the writing of our Constitution, and Mission Statement not to mention the switch to online when the COVID-19 pandemic caused us to shut our doors in 2020. All these initiatives were approached with positivity, desire and dedication. I am truly thankful for how the Church Board has supported me throughout these 10 years.

2021 was a remarkable year with our two ad hoc committees achieving significant wins. After the Resumption of In-person Worship Committee recommended a return to in-person worshipping, we welcomed the Congregation back to church in late August. This was followed by the Minister Search Committee welcoming our new Minister, Rev. YongSeok Baek and his family into our Church Family in September. I was happy to have been a part of these processes.

As I step down, I still intend to maintain a keen interest in our church family and all the goings on. With the support of the Church Board, I will continue to maintain our website; I will continue to conduct our Sunday live-streams with our Tech Team; I will continue as a member of the Property Committee; and, I will be prepared to act in a leadership role when requested.

My decision to step down was not an easy one. But I know it is the right decision. When Linda retired, we purchased a travel trailer in 2021. We want to see our country together from sea to sea. In order to accomplish this goal, we will be spending extended periods of time away, from the spring through the fall. For us, it is time to take a rest and enjoy retirement.

I would like to thank Rev. Baek and Rev. James before, for their leadership, spiritual support and guidance. I always enjoyed dropping in to sit down in the Minister's office for a little chit-chat about just about anything.

In closing, I want to thank the entire Congregation both in our past and now for their diligence, thoughtfulness and support. To stand before the Congregation for 10 Annual Congregational Meetings, it was both nerve racking and satisfying. To see all your smiling faces, it left me feeling loved and supported. We are truly a loving church family that supports each other through the good times and the not so good times. Thank you and God bless you all.

See you in church! Steve Hardaker

RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP COMMITTEE

In August 2020, the Church Board established an ad hoc committee in order to start planning for the safe return of in-person worshiping during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Resumption of In-person Worship Committee was made up of Susan Dobson, Anne Dorland, Steve Hardaker (Chair), Rev. Doug Jones, Marianne McRae (Secretary), Wayne Philbrick, Florence Turner, Bill Utting and Nancy Utting (Public Health/Congregational Liaison). A task matrix was established and the committee met several times in 2020 to start completing the identified tasks. In October of 2020, the committee resolved to delay a recommendation to the Church Board to approve a return to in-person worship services until COVID-19 cases are reduced to a minimum level.

In 2021, the committee continued to work on the task matrix that included establishing a Workplace Safety Plan, a Return to In-person Worship Blueprint and a tutorial video illustrating what to expect when Congregation members return to church. The committee also started configuring the Sanctuary under the local public health restrictions. Plexiglass barriers were installed in front of the pulpit and lectern, a seating plan was established with adequate physical distancing, pew bibles and hymn books were removed as was the pew cushions. Volunteer Greeters and Ushers were recruited. A new COVID webpage was established on the church's website that included related documents and a weekly worship service registration form.

On July 29th, the Resumption of In-person Worship Committee met to discuss outstanding issues. The result was a motion to the Church Board recommending that approval be granted for the congregation to safely return to In-Person worship on Sunday, August 22nd with all appropriate Provincial and Niagara Region public health protocols in place. The committee further recommended establishing an on-line live-stream of our Sunday services so those who felt more comfortable worship from home, could do so.

The Resumption of In-person Worship Committee met for the last time on October 26th, 2021 in order to tidy up any loose ends and to consider recommending that the Church Board disband the committee. It was resolved that with every task on the task matrix now completed, that the Church Board officially disband this committee. During the Church Board Meeting on November 16, 2021, the Church Board disbanded the Resumption of In-person Worship Committee.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to every member of this committee. Our task was complex and difficult as we juggled the ups and downs of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Submitted by Steve Hardaker, Chair

WORSHIP AND FAITH LIFE

Members: Wayne Philbrick (Chair), Nancy Utting (Secretary), Marilyn Beatty, Dianne Bergsma, Norma Jane Harber, Karen Horbach, Melanie Kelch, Doug McArthur, Florence Turner, Marie Vahrmeier, Val Zuk, Lisa Brillon (ex officio)

The committee met on November 2, 2021 at which time we organized the Christmas services for the year. The decorations went up, services were held and decorations came down. Thank you to all worked to make the Sanctuary look so beautiful and festive.

On December 18, 2021 Florence Turner tendered her notice of retirement from the Worship and Faith Life committee after 20 years of service. We are saddened by her leaving the committee but we thank her, so much, for her 20 years of dedicated work with this committee.

We are very happy to welcome Rev. YongSeok Baek who became our full-time minister as of September 1, 2022.

Communion was held 3 times throughout the year. All were carried out following all Covid safety rules. One was held virtually and 2 were in-person and virtually.

There were 4 baptisms and 1 memorial service.

A Remembrance Day wreath was laid at the Queenston Cenotaph by Norma Jane Harber and Al DesRoches laid a wreath in the Sanctuary during our Remembrance Day Service.

Thank you to Rev. Roy Harwood, Rev. Doug Jones and Christine Earley for rotating Sundays from January to the end of August each leading the Worship Service in turn. Thank you also to Rev. Doug Jones for his role of Pastoral Care Supervisor while we were without a full-time minister.

Thank you to Bill Utting and Steve Hardaker for providing the livestreaming of the Sunday Worship service. Thank you also to Nancy Utting for greeting and ensuring all who attended in-person worship were double vaccinated.

Thank you to Lisa Brillon for the beautiful music provided throughout the on-line and in-person worship services and to Anthony Scaringi for covering for Lisa when she was not available. Thank you to Christina Travers for playing the violin and to Allan Cobham, Judith Bennoch Nancy Lang, Marianne McRae, Helen Slingerland and Valerie Zuk for their solos and duets whenever covid-19 restrictions allowed.

In late October Stephanie Morley resigned her position as our Sunday School Teacher. We would like to thank her for the 17 years of devoted service she gave to the teaching of our young children.

We send condolences to the families whose loved ones passed away during 2021.

Hoping next year will bring a happier time when the pandemic has, at the very least, settled down to a point that we can return to some sense of normalcy.

Submitted by Wayne Philbrick Chairman

BAPTISMS

2021

Ella Grace Stacey Beam

March 20th

Hattie Beth Hemauer

June 17th

Fiona Rose Mills

August 16th

Ada Elizabeth Lowrey

August 16th

IN MEMORIUM

2021

Kenneth Ludwig

September 9th

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER

2021

Marilyn Fox-Calhoun & Owen Calhoun

(Transferred from St. Johns United Church, Stevensville)

Gertrude Anderson

(Transferred to Grantham United Church)

BENEVOLENT FUND

Balance Forward January1, 2021..... \$1001.60

RECEIPTS \$0.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Local Outreach..... \$200.00

Balance December 31, 2021 \$801.60

**MEMORIAL FUND**

Balance Forward January 1, 2021..... \$2,426.57

RECEIPTS

Memorial Donations 410.00

DISBURSEMENTS \$0.00

Balance December 31, 2021 \$2,836.57

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky
Bookkeeper

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I would like to begin, on behalf of the congregation to sincerely thanks those who serve as our 'Trustees' here at St. Davids-Queenston UC. They are: Rev. YongSeok Baek, Fred Van Nest, Howie Lowrey, Florence Turner, Clair Boyda, Tim Andrews, Wayne Mayer and Rev. Doug Jones. In keeping with COVID precautions the Trustees met via ZOOM this year.

Members were directed to and asked to review the updated (April 2021) Congregational Board of Trustees Handbook found on the UCC website.

Howie Lowrey continues to care for the finances of the committee. His report is included in our annual report.

Howie Lowrey notes that support of cemetery care comes from the congregation (\$5K) and \$3K from the town of NOTL. The cemetery continues to carry itself, however changes in the traditional approach to funerals (i.e. cremations rather than full burials) has negatively impacted income. Advertising was discussed with encouragement to use our website. (The 'About Us' section was noted).

In response to expressed concern signage was installed restricting only appropriate vehicle access to the cemetery. We, together with Property Committee members teamed up to trim the cemetery of overgrowth.

A review of current property insurance policy is underway. Rates have increased aprox. 30%. This is not due to COVID, rather to general increase in commercial rates due to claims. It was agreed to recommend to the Church Board that we renew the current policy however a review (inspection) of current needs (appropriate coverage) be reviewed in the coming year.

For the upcoming year we will be looking at:

1. Insurance policy review
2. Cemetery maintenance
3. Promotion of Cemetery plot sales

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Doug Jones

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CREDITS

Balance Brought Forward Jan. 1, 2021	\$814.04
Public Trustee Interest	1,703.39
Sale of Lots.....	2,000.00
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Grant	3,069.00
Headstone Maintenance Fee.....	100.00
Transfer from Church General Funds	<u>6,500.00</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$14,186.43</u>

DEBITS

Maintenance and Upkeep	\$10,953.00
Public Guardian and Trustee	<u>1,408.50</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$12,361.50</u>

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021..... \$1,824.93

Plots Sold: 2

Number of Burials: 4

Submitted by Howard Lowrey

MISSION & OUTREACH**Local Outreach**

Warm and Friendly Greetings to all.

In February we purchased winter gloves which we donated to Project Share as part of our Local Outreach commitment.

Thirty nine Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes were collected, to be later sent to Children overseas.

Submitted by Jill Dill, Chair of Mission & Outreach.

(On behalf of committee members Jeff Dill and Jennifer McCarthy)

MISSION & OUTREACH
Dedicated Amount \$10,000.00

(From envelope offerings)

To

The United Church of Canada Mission & Service Fund

Total Contributions from envelope offerings (Jan1-Dec 31st, 2021).....	\$9,104.80
Pledged amount to The United Church of Canada National M&S fund	\$10,000.00
Excess amount above dedicated amount (designated for Local Outreach).....	\$0.00

MISSION & OUTREACH
Designated for Local Outreach

(From Tooney Sunday donations & Excess Pledged amount to National Church M&S Fund)

CONTRIBUTIONS

Balance forward January 1, 2021 (Tooney Sunday/Excess M&S 2020).....	2,023.10
TOTAL BALANCE FORWARD	\$2,023.10
Tooney Sunday collection (Jan-Dec 2021)	240.00
Excess Pledged amount to National M&S Fund	0.00
TOTAL BALANCE	\$2,263.10

LOCAL OUTREACH

Project Share (Winter Gloves).....	218.48
TOTAL OUTREACH	\$218.48

<u>BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2021</u>	\$2,044.62
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Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky
Bookkeeper

SEARCH COMMITTEE

In January 2021, the Search Committee started working again in earnest to find a new minister for St. Davids-Queenston United Church. We refreshed the Minister Position on the United Church of Canada online Hub and advertised again in Broadview Magazine, both online and in the print. As a result of this, we began to receive several new applications.

After reviewing the applications, we made arrangements to meet with the most suitable candidate via Zoom. Following several Zoom and telephone interviews, the Search Committee was pleased to offer the position to Reverend YongSeok Baek.

Rev. Baek and his family needed to make arrangements to relocate to the Niagara Region from Saskatchewan and they completed their move in August 2021 and we formally welcomed Rev. Baek and his family to his ministry with us on September 1, 2021.

The Search Committee has one task left to complete before it is formally disbanded and that is the Covenanting Service to be held at a later date, once more of the Covid-19 protocols are lifted.

I would like to offer thanks to the Committee members who worked tirelessly over almost 2 years. The members of the Committee are: Melanie Kelch (Chair), Marianne McRae (Secretary), Steve Hardaker, Linda Hardaker, Nikole Amato, Anne Dorland, Florence Turner, Ray Archer, Lyndsay Gazzard and Bill Utting. We also thank the Church Board and Rev. Doug Jones for their support and guidance throughout the entire project.

Submitted by:

Melanie Kelch
Chair, Search Committee

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

The Ministry and Personnel committee has undergone a few changes this past year and has been able to hold several meetings, mostly by Zoom, but also in person, most recently this Fall.

In September 2021, I was delighted to accept the role of Chair of the committee following on from the extensive service of Sue Cote. Sue has played a critical role as Chair over many years and remains on the committee as a special advisor to continue to share her legal background knowledge and guide us as needed - for which we are extremely grateful. In October, we were also grateful to have Marianne McRae join the Committee, in addition to our valued ongoing members, Anne Dorland and Bonnie Boyda.

Each member of the Committee is assigned to a staff member to provide human resources guidance, if needed, on issues that arise impacting their role. Each Committee member has met with their assigned staff member over the last few months, as public health measures have allowed.

In December each year we receive an advisory from the United Church of Canada head office on changes affecting staff vacations, benefits and salaries. The Committee then meets with each staff member to answer any questions that may arise from those changes.

As the Chair of Ministry & Personnel it is also my responsibility to sit on the Church Board and attend those regular meetings to keep everyone up to date on changes to UCC Head office policy or Provincial or Federal labor legislation that may impact us.

I look forward to continuing to work, virtually if necessary and hopefully in person, with our great committee in 2022!

Lyndsay Gazzard
Chair M&P

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Committee Members: Gaye Benner, Bonnie Boyda, Stephanie Morley, Nancy Lang

With the Covid pandemic still in high gear and church services still being recorded and uploaded to the internet, Sunday School was suspended for much of 2021 stretching into the fall. In September, it was exciting to welcome Rev. Baek and his family, especially welcoming Soul and Dana as new Sunday School members.

After leading the Sunday School program for 17 years, plus organizing many holiday parties, taking the youngsters caroling and much more, Stephanie Morley decided to step away from the position. Simply saying "Thank you" seems insufficient for Stephanie's many years of dedication to and love for the students. Happily, she is choosing to continue as a committee member.

Stepping in as a volunteer to take the helm is Maya Gazzard. Rev. Baek and Maya are coordinating their efforts to have the weekly Sunday School lesson reflect the theme of the church service. Unfortunately, the rise of the Omicron variant with restrictive limits being reinstated has meant the suspension of Sunday School due to space constraints. As we start the New Year, we look forward to resuming instruction, hopefully in a reasonable amount of time, but the safety of our young people is our paramount concern.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Lang

PROPERTY

Another unusual year has passed around the world and hopefully we will see a better year in 2022.

The property committee consisting of Ron Chapman, Steve Hardaker, Monty Slingerland, Bob Kerr, Alan Cobham, John Krawiec and myself had a quiet year as we were out of the church most of the year.

We did do normal maintenance on the heating systems etc. as well we assisted the Trustees by putting posts and signs on the back cemetery as well as a chain across the cemetery driveway.

One tree in front of the church was trimmed in order to open up the view of the church.

A large tree near the front of the old cemetery by the parking lot was found to be dangerously rotted and was taken down, as well a group did a clean-up of brush around headstones in the old cemetery.

Bill Utting

Property Chairman

SENIOR CHOIR

I am VERY happy to be able to give a report about the Senior Choir because it means we have been singing together this year!

We continued to rehearse via Zoom weekly from January - end of May preparing anthems and Easter music that no has yet heard. I am so impressed with the choir member's dedication and willingness to make our flourish.

After our summer hiatus, we were excited to resume choir practices in the hall, socially distanced and masked on Thursday evenings, with most of our members coming out to rehearsals. This was wonderful for us to be together on Thursday evenings once again. We moved into the sanctuary in November, again masked and socially distanced, and recorded several anthems that were played for the congregation before the service began. The choir and I were very disappointed again that we would not be having a Candelight Service but managed to sing several Christmas anthems together from November - December.

Many, many thanks to our soloists who have been singing weekly for our worship services since May 2020 - Val Zuk, Nancy Lang, Allan Cobham, Marianne McRae, Judith Bennoch and Helen Slingerland! We appreciate your commitment and service.

We have been missing George Dunn, Sue Cote and Dianne Bergsma and hope to see them back in the choir soon!

We would love to have new members in the choir - please join us! We look forward to singing unmasked at some point in the future again during the church service and presenting our Christmas and Easter cantatas.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brillon

Organist and Choir Director

FRIENDLY VISITORS

This year has continued to be a challenge and as such the need for contact with our Church members in isolation has been significant.

At present my committee members are:

George and Joan Dunn

Donna Cardinal

Esther Binning

Thanks to Steve Hardaker, Rev Doug Jones, Florence Turner and Marianne McRae for keeping me up to date with those in need of contact.

The members being called are:

Gertrude Anderson

Betty Cant

Ivy Evans

Martha Fleming

David Hutt

Pat Graham

Sandra Sinclair

Marge Farragher

Nell Van den Houten

As of January 2022 the Friendly Visitors Committee has 4 volunteers.

Submitted by: Susan Dobson,

Chair Friendly Visitors

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Members: Bob & Judy Kerr, Clair & Bonnie Boyda, Nancy Lang, Al DesRoches, Fred VanNest and Doug McArthur.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic and restrictions we were not able to hold our Beef-on-a-Bun nights in 2021.

We are looking forward to the time when our committee can return to normal activities.

As a committee we are always grateful for church and community support.

Our committee is looking forward to our next social event, hopefully, this year.

Yours Truly,

Doug McArthur

UCW

Well, another year has come and gone with covid19 being the dominate factor in our lives.

We were only able to meet as a group twice, in September and November. In September we decided to do a meat pie bake at the end of October. There wasn't enough time to plan our bazaar so it was put on hold for another year.

At our November meeting we decided to make some individual fruit pies as well as our meat pies. We decided to do apple and cherry. These were very well received and will likely become regular items.

It was with great pleasure that we were able to give \$3000.00 to the Church to help with the insurance.

In December 6 of us were able to get together for lunch at Caroline Cellars Winery. A small step at a normal life.

A huge THANK YOU to all that came out to help at the pie bakes always wearing masks.

THANK YOU also to Martha Fleming for all the pickles and to Sandi Salewytsch for her chicken pot pies to help our fundraising.

Let us hope and pray that 2022 will allow us to see the Church full and coffee hour back and the kitchen full of activities once again.

God Bless You All

Respectfully submitted by Florence Turner, Secretary

UCW
(FINANCE)

Balance Forward January 1, 2021.....\$4,533.13

RECEIPTS

Meat pies 1,910.00

TOTAL.....\$1,910.00

DISBURSMENTS

Cheque Order..... 35.46

Insurance 3,000.00

Hamilton Conference Dues 51.00

TOTAL.....\$3,086.46

Balance December 31, 2021\$3,356.67

Submitted by Violet McArthur, Treasurer

FLOWER COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Judy Kerr , Martha Fleming and Sandra Macdonald

This year has been a duplicate of the unprecedented year of 2020. With our on-line worship services, artificial flowers were placed on the alter for most of our services. Fortunately we were able to return to a form of in-person worship for part of the year.

The following is a breakdown of expenses in 2021:

Balance January 1, 2021:	\$469.70
Expenses:	
Easter	\$ 76.79
Thanksgiving Sunday	\$100.00
Advent & Christmas Services	\$ 86.27
Sunday Services (includes Anniversary & Remembrance Day services)	\$146.34
Total Expenses:	\$409.40
Dec 31,2021 Balance	\$\$60.30
2022 Memorial Poinsettia Fundraiser	\$425.00
Opening balance for Jan 1,2022	\$485.30

Thank you to Judy Kerr and Martha Fleming for all their assistance throughout the year.

Thank you to Karen & Peter Horbach for donating the beautiful poinsettia plants.

Thank you to Sandra Edgeworth & Tim Andrews for the beautiful greenery.

Thank you to Darlene Romanowsky for putting all the announcements throughout the year into the bulletins and especially for the Christmas Memorial insert.

Thank you to everyone who placed flowers in the Church throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted by Sandra Macdonald.

FINANCE

The Finance committee report includes tables showing our income and expenses for 2021, our proposed income and expenses for 2022 and our cash position and guaranteed investment certificates as at December 31, 2021.

OPERATING INCOME

Total Operating Income for 2021	141,252
Operating Income Budget for 2021	148,266
DEFICIT TO BUDGET	<u>-7,014</u>

Our source(s) of income:

Envelope offerings	112,816
CEBA loan	20,000
Other government and council grants and loans	3,089
Fundraising projects	0
The UCW continued their generous donation to cover the cost of Church insurance	3,000
Hall and Sanctuary rentals	0
The remaining income comes from miscellaneous sources	2,348
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	<u>141,252</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES

Total Operating Expense for 2021	115,356
Operating Expense Budget for 2021	148,266
OVER BUDGET	<u>-32,911</u>

Major variances to budget:

Church Salaries ADP	25,893
Church Salaries NON ADP	4,120
Insurance	-1,692
Minister's reimbursed expenses	2,826
Office	1,123
Recoverable HST	-2,111
Trustees	-1,000
Unforeseen expenses	3,000
Worship & Faith Life	-2,192
TOTAL MAJOR VARIANCES TO BUDGET	<u>29,966</u>

SURPLUS

We completed the year 2021 with a surplus:

Surplus due to operations	5,897
CEBA (government) loan to be repaid in 2022 (note that the total to be repaid during 2022 is \$40,000). This repayment will come out of our investment funds.	20,000
	<u>25,897</u>

PROPOSED OPERATING INCOME AND EXPENSE BUDGET FOR 2022

Proposed expenses budget for 2022	177,460
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CAPITAL INCOME

Total Capital Income for 2021	86,141
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Our source of capital income came from a very generous bequest. As always, the Finance Committee is very grateful for the very generous personal donations

CAPITAL EXPENSES

Total Capital Expenses for 2021	7,192
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Our capital expense was to reimburse the moving expenses for our new minister - Rev. Baek.

SURPLUS

We completed the year 2021 with a surplus:	78,949
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CASH POSITION AND GIC INVESTMENTS

Bank balance as of December 31, 2021	
Operating account	165,656
Capital account	85,441
TOTAL CASH as of DECEMBER 31, 2021	251,097

GIC Investments balance as of December 31, 2021	
Current Value CDN\$ Investments	113,741

TOTAL ASSETS as of DECEMBER 31, 2021	364,838
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LOOKING AHEAD

Our operating budget is based on a return to full-time minister for the entire year. To meet our proposed expense budget of \$177,460, we need to increase our envelope offerings and/or fundraising by \$48,400

We thank everyone who is currently on a Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) plan. To help meet our budget, we encourage you to review your regular givings and to consider going on our PAR plan. This ensures consistent and regular support of the operation of our church, even when you are unable to attend Worship Service in person.

With the restrictions placed upon our worship service due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we need to be especially thankful to our congregation for continuing to support the work of the church.

As last year, It is very important that we return to a strong focus on fundraising. We were unable to have any fundraising activity during 2021 but hope that COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted during 2022 to allow for that.

St. Davids-Queenston United Church

	2021			2022	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Proposed Budget	Increase from 2021 Actual
INCOME					
Bank Transfer credit	183.36	0.00	183.36	0.00	-183.36
Business Donation	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00	0.00
COVID-19 relief	20,000.00	0.00	20,000.00	0.00	-20,000.00
Curtains up ticket rebate	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.00	0.00
Envelope Givings	112,815.73	141,276.20	-28,460.47	161,109.96	48,294.23
HST Recovery	3,088.81	2,300.00	788.81	3,000.00	-88.81
Non-receiptable donation	559.60	0.00	559.60	0.00	-559.60
On-Line Donation (Canada Helps)	1,153.85	0.00	1,153.85	0.00	-1,153.85
Our Daily Bread Book Donations	0.00	40.00	-40.00	0.00	0.00
Pension designation Bell Canada	366.08	300.00	66.08	300.00	-66.08
Personal Donations	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	-50.00
Fundraising Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
Sale of Church Calendars	35.00	50.00	-15.00	50.00	15.00
UCW	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	141,252.43	148,266.20	-7,013.77	177,459.96	36,207.53
EXPENSES					
Advertising	1,151.36	1,490.00	338.64	1,200.00	48.64
Bank Charges	20.39	0.00	-20.39	0.00	-20.39
Children & Youth Ministry	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Christian Education	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Church Salaries Employees	40,444.17	66,337.20	25,893.03	100,823.92	60,379.75
Church Salaries Contractors	19,080.00	23,200.00	4,120.00	19,328.04	248.04
Denominational Dues	5,695.00	5,700.00	5.00	5,901.00	206.00
Fall Luncheon	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Ham Dinner Expenses	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance	7,692.23	6,000.00	-1,692.23	8,000.00	307.77
Internet Service	1,020.68	1,000.00	-20.68	1,200.00	179.32
Kitchen Supplies	0.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
Livestreaming expenses	1,296.60	2,088.00	791.40	1,200.00	-96.60
Minister's reimbursed expenses	247.85	3,074.00	2,826.15	3,093.00	2,845.15
Office	4,882.22	6,005.00	1,122.78	4,990.00	107.78
Our Daily Bread Ministries	0.00	36.00	36.00	0.00	0.00
PAR	150.56	250.00	99.44	0.00	-150.56
Property	9,365.70	9,280.00	-85.70	9,280.00	-85.70
Recoverable HST	2,111.21	0.00	-2,111.21	0.00	-2,111.21
Trustees	6,500.00	5,500.00	-1,000.00	10,000.00	3,500.00
Unforeseen Expenses	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	500.00	500.00
Utilities	5,549.52	6,150.00	600.48	6,350.00	800.48
Worship & Faith Life	10,148.07	7,956.00	-2,192.07	4,694.00	-5,454.07
TOTAL EXPENSES	115,355.56	148,266.20	32,910.64	177,359.96	62,004.40
NET DIFFERENCE	25,896.87	0.00	25,896.87	100.00	-25,796.87

BANK RECONCILIATION**OPERATING**

December 31, 2021

Ledger Balance.....	\$165,655.77
Balance Bank Statement.....	166,226.77
Minus Outstanding Cheques	<u>571.00</u>
Balance	\$165,655.77

REGISTER BALANCE

December 31, 2021

Register Ending Balance 2020	\$139,969.88
Plus Income	<u>232,557.26</u>
Total Income.....	372,527.14
Less Expenses.....	<u>206,871.37</u>
Register Balance.....	\$165,655.77

BANK RECONCILIATION**CAPITAL**

December 31, 2021

Ledger Balance.....	\$85,441.22
Balance Bank Statement.....	85,441.22
Minus Outstanding Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Balance	\$85,441.22

REGISTER BALANCE

December 31, 2021

Register Ending Balance 2020	\$6,618.97
Plus Income	<u>170,317.33</u>
Total Income.....	176,936.30
Less Expenses.....	<u>91,495.08</u>
Register Balance.....	\$85,441.22

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky
Bookkeeper

DONATION STATISTICS

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS BY CATEGORY (Envelope Offerings)
Between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021

Category	Amount (\$)	# Donations	# Donors
Anniversary	921.00	7	7
Christmas	1,050.00	10	10
Christmas Eve	100.00	1	1
Easter	375.00	8	8
Envelopes	126.00	11	11
In memory	200.00	1	1
Mission-PAR	3,574.80	115	11
Mission	5,530.00	56	15
Regular	71,477.89	466	62
Regular-PAR	38,245.84	286	26
Thanksgiving	320.00	6	6
TOTAL	\$121,920.50	967	
Total Distinct Donors Across All Categories: 82			

GIVING ANALYSIS (envelope offerings)
2021

Over \$2,000.00	17
\$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00	27
\$500.00 to \$999.00	15
\$100.00 to \$499.00	19
\$20.00-\$99.00	3
Less than \$20.00	1
TOTAL DONORS	82

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS BY CATEGORY (non-envelope)
Between January 1, 2021 and December 31, 2021

Category	Amount (\$)	# Donations	# Donors
Capital – livestreaming	1,362.78	1	1
TOTAL	1,362.78	1	1

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky
 Bookkeeper

HORSESHOE FALLS REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

October 14-16 (Meeting on Zoom)

The first session opened on Thursday October 14th at 6:30 pm with 104 in attendance. Once again there was a Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, Meditation, renewal of the Holy Manners and the Affirm Statement. In this segment the message from the President of Council, Rev Robert Lawson, centred on keeping a brave face lest we become hollowed out spiritually. We were encouraged to be ready to both talk about and actually be, brave. After the lighting of the Christ Candle we sang, at home on mute, Hymn 567 in VU, "Will you come and follow me."

The meeting then dealt with Proposal #1 concerning the Opening and Procedural Motions, including the Consent Docket. The motion Carried.

The section on Community Building with the topic "Be Bold, Be Brave" was then opened with a reading from Esther 4, v10-17, after which we went into breakout rooms to discuss the names of brave people either from the Bible or in real life. The second part of the exercise was to describe the action of the person mentioned, eg Job = perseverance. The time allotted for this whole discussion was about thirty-five minutes.

There was a presentation from the United Property Resource Corporation (UPRC) from the CEO, Tim Blair. He gave an explanation of the reason and the goal of the corporation. He said that UC property should be treated as an asset that could be used for a different purpose, eg from a church into affordable housing. The UPRC would be the developer and the church would remain viable as a part of the development. It is a country wide organization and is currently talking and working with forty churches in Ontario.

The session then moved on to Proposal #2 the Review of the YTD Financials. Some concern was expressed that the reports for 2019 and 2020 had not yet been finished and received. This was explained by the movement to the new Council system as well as new auditors who had not previously dealt with the United Church. However, at the end of the current six months we are on track to finish the year very close to the budgeted target. The Council would try not to use any unrestricted funds to cover any shortfalls.

This was then followed by Proposal #3, the appointment of PWC as auditors for 2021. After a brief discussion, the motion Carried.

At this point we had reached the Order of the Day and voted to extend the meeting time by 15 minutes to finish the business at hand.

Proposal #4 the Operating Budget for 2022 was presented. The motion Carried.

The President of Council gave a closing prayer talking about the breastplate of Saint Patrick, which starts "Christ with me, ..."

The session adjourned at 8:40 pm.

The morning session on Saturday the 16th started at 9:30 am with 101 present.

After the Welcome and Acknowledgement, the President expanded his thoughts about his message regarding feeling hollow at times. He also introduced a recorded message from some LLWLs about their decision to take on that role in the Church. We then sang the Hymn, Spirit God.

The next presentation was a report on the highlights of the Human Resources Commission. This included a video from Janice Pow, a Candidate for DLM.

A report was then given by Rev Dianne Everitt on the activities of the Covenant Commission, including the reading of the In Memoriam list.

HORSESHOE FALLS REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT *Cont'd*

The Mission and Discipleship Commission then gave a written report and an impromptu presentation by the Commission members present on what it is like to be on the Commission.

That was followed by a talk from Dave Jagger from General Council Mission and Service department. He stated that the Gifts with Vision catalogue can also include vaccinations for \$25.

He went on to say that there are two modules of "Call to be the Church" available for use in Sunday morning worship. There is also a Stewardship series that covers five weeks around Christmas, but can be adapted for use at any time.

We had a break time from 10:50 to 11:10 am.

When the session reconvened, we were sent into breakout rooms with the general topic "Connecting and Engaging in the Wider Church". The first question was "what has been lost in the last three years?" The general consensus was the lost contact with other churches in the area; no connection with other churches and the loss of church meals and personal interactions. The second session of breakout asked the question, "how is God calling you to go forward and build relationships with Regional Council?" Again, the consensus is that there is no clue on how to fix the loss of connection with other churches, but maybe sending out the minutes of the Covenanting Commission meetings would help with knowing more of the monthly operations of the Church.

At this time, according to the Agenda, there were no proposals to forward to General Council.

Proposal #5 Closing Motions was then presented. This gives the power of the Regional Council to the Executive until the next regular meeting in the Spring. It will be held May 27-29, 2022. It may be held in person in Fonthill, but that will be announced at a later time. The motion Carried.

The President then gave closing thanks, a closing prayer and a Blessing as well more of the quote attributed to St Patrick. We sang the Hymn "We Shall Go Out". Adjournment was at 12:25 pm.

Larry McRae,

St. Davids-Queenston United Church Representative to Horseshoe Falls Regional Council.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee was made up of the 2021 Chairs of the Committees: Jill Dill, Susan Dobson, Lyndsay Gazzard, Steve Hardaker, Nancy Lang, Sandra Macdonald, Doug McArthur, Marianne McRae, Wayne Philbrick and Bill Utting. We present the following names for your acceptance. **Bold type** used to identify new members.

MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

WORSHIP AND FAITH LIFE:

Rev. YongSeok Baek (Minister)

Marilyn Beatty

Lisa Brillon (ex officio)

Norma Jane Harber

Karen Horbach

Melanie Kelch

Doug McArthur

Wayne Philbrick (Chair)

Nancy Utting

Valerie Zuk

FINANCE:

Nikole Amato

Howard Lowrey

Linda Hardaker (Treasurer)

Larry McRae

Marianne McRae (Chair)

Darlene Romanowsky (Bookkeeper)

PROPERTY:

Ron Chapman

Allan Cobham

Steven Hardaker

Bob Kerr

John Krawiec

Monty Slingerland

Bill Utting (Chair)

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL:

Bonnie Boyda

Susan Cote (Special Advisor)

Anne Dorland

Lyndsay Gazzard (Chair)

Marianne McRae

NOMINATING COMMITTEE *cont'd...*

MEMBERS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Gaye Benner
Bonnie Boyda
Nancy Lang (Chair)
Stephanie Morley

MISSION & OUTREACH:

Jeff Dill
Jill Dill (Chair)
Jennifer McCarthy

FLOWER COMMITTEE:

Martha Fleming
Judy Kerr
Sandra Macdonald (Chair)

ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE:

Bonnie Boyda
Claire Boyda
Bob Kerr
Judy Kerr
Nancy Lang
Doug McArthur (Chair)
Fred Van Nest

FRIENDLY VISITORS:

Esther Binning
Donna Cardinal
Susan Dobson (Chair)
George Dunn
Joan Dunn
Linda Hardaker

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT *cont'd...*

CONGREGATIONAL CHAIR:

Marianne McRae

CONGREGATIONAL SECRETARY:

Marie Vahrmeier

CHURCH BOARD CHAIR:

Vacant

CHURCH BOARD SECRETARY:

Darlene Romanowsky

CHURCH BOARD TREASURER:

Linda Hardaker

CHURCH BOARD AT LARGE MEMBERS:

Melanie Kelch

Marie Vahrmeier

REGIONAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

Larry McRae

CAVE SPRINGS CORPORATION REPRESENTATIVE

Gaye Benner

EXTENSION COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

Marianne McRae

TRUSTEES:

Tim Andrews

Clair Boyda

Rev. Doug Jones (Chair)

Howard Lowrey

Wayne Mayers

Florence Turner

Jim Vahrmeier

Fred Van Nest

Submitted by Steve Hardaker