



***St. Davids-Queenston United Church
Annual Report
2012***

St. Davids-Queenston United Church
Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 26, 2012
Immediately following the worship service at 11:47 am.

Sixty-one people in attendance.

Rev. James opened the meeting with a prayer.

MOTION: To extend voting privileges to all in attendance.
Moved by Don Slingerland and seconded by Susi Hardaker.
All in favour.

MOTION: To receive all reports as presented except Budget and Nominating.
Add to Session Report: Susi Hardaker made name tags.
Moved by Florence Turner and seconded by Steve Hardaker.
All in favour.

FINANCE

Presented by Howard Lowrey

2011 Reversed direction to 2010

Highlights:

- Attendance givings, fundraising all increased
- Non-budget items – accessibility projects and the extension council loan repayment included in expenses
- Actually underbudget by 5%
- Deficit approximately \$12,000 agrees with changes with balance sheet
- Cashed \$19,000 from reserves
- \$15,000 bequests included in revenue

Budget for 2012

Proposed by Dave Heath

- \$500 for Outreach
- Increase in Property Budget
- Recommend to pay off loan now
- Budget for 2012 \$144,000

MOTION: Proposed Budget be accepted
Moved by Howard Lowrey and seconded by Pat MacDougall
All in favour.

Thank-you to the UCW for paying the insurance.

Expecting a bequest from Leone's estate for \$80,000.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We have some new nominees and many extending their terms. Thanks to all who have accepted.

MOTION: To accept all positions nominated.
Moved by Howard Lowrey and seconded by Pat MacDougall.
All in favour.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: To pay off the Extension Council Loan when moneys are available.
Motion by Howard Lowrey and seconded by Bonnie Boyda.
All in favour.

Marianne McRae reported that 13 has now grown to 25 from Lundy's Lane.

Steve Hardaker is taking over as Official Board Chair.

It was suggested that we look at modernizing the church.

MOTION to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

Thank you to Rev. James for his ministry.

Rev. James gave the blessing for lunch.

Prepared by Christine Earley

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MINISTER'S THOUGHTS

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Dear Friends:

It is annual report time again. Another year past. A good year here at St.Davids - Queenston United Church.

There have been the usual events – weddings, funerals, baptisms, the pie booth, vacation bible school, turkey supper, beef and card nights, to name just a few things. There has also been much laughter and prayer, listening and hugging.

The pages of the Annual report give you some idea of events, but of course not the whole picture. To get a real sense of the congregation people need to be here for the worship and the laughter.

The congregation is strong in numbers, whether you look at people or dollars. The congregation is also strong in the intangibles - faith, hope and love. We, as a congregation, have been deeply blessed by God.

God has blessed us so that we might be a blessing to the world around us. I want to challenge all of us to begin looking, less at ourselves, and more at the world around us.

We need to look outward. There is a world of hurt and need that we, as followers of Jesus, are called to serve. I challenge all of us to look for ways, for “mission projects” that our congregation can support and help with. Wells in Africa? Schools in Afghanistan? Food programs in Haiti? The list is long. Where shall we exercise our discipleship? Think about it – talk about it. Jesus is calling us to live out our discipleship by bringing God’s love and grace to others in a tangible way.

May God continue to bless our lives and our congregation in 2013.

Paul

CONGREGATIONAL AND OFFICIAL BOARD CHAIR'S REMARKS

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2012 will be remembered as a year of renewal for St. Davids-Queenston United Church. Thanks to the generous bequest from the estate of Leone Ostrosser who passed away in 2009, we were able to replace long overdue and outdated critical infrastructure in our church. Many of these upgrades will reduce our operating expenses. We have also been pre-approved for a lighting replacement initiative through Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro that will provide a 50% rebate on the cost of purchasing energy efficient bulbs. Working with the Trustees, we have now established a Capital Reserve from our non-operating GICs to help ensure the sustainability of our church for years to come.

Our congregation numbers are up significantly as we have welcomed a large number of new members. It is a wonderful sight on Sunday mornings to see a full sanctuary of happy faithful people. You are pitching in and helping to deliver our programs, sit on committees, maintain the church and our property and fundraise. Beef-on-Bun Games Nights, the Niagara Star Singers and Titanic fund raisers, the Lions Club Pie Booth, the Annual Bazaar and the Turkey Supper where all tremendous successes. This couldn't have happened without the dedicated and hard-working volunteers from our congregation.

The church is in a very good financial position now. We have paid off the Extension Council Loan from our Accessibility Project, although we continue to welcome your donations to defray the cost of the loan. Givings are up by 28% and we have done a tremendous job with fund raising. For the first time in many years, we have ended the year with a surplus. Congratulations and thank you. We also have a healthy operating reserve through GIC investments.

A wise minister once told me that a church is not the bricks and mortar, the building that houses the pews, the organ, the hall, the choir loft. A church is the people who devote a little bit of their time each week within these walls to worship God's love for us all, to sing his praises, to gather in fellowship and to live our lives as Jesus' disciples. 2013 holds lots of promise. I look forward to it as we continue to work and worship together. Enjoy reading this Annual Report. God bless you all.

Steve Hardaker

MARRIAGES

2012

Shawn Travers & Christina Servos	January 7th.
Stephen Mills & Catherine Lowrey	January 21st.
Timothy Dalseg & Amanda Durdan	February 25th.
Timothy James Lawrence & Tiffany Danielle Haylor	August 18th.
Kyle Timothy Bartel & Belinda Rose Bertoia	October 27th.

BAPTISMS

2012

Madeline Gail Kathleen Moore	March 25th.
Jackson David Mark Travers	November 25th

MEMORIALS

2012

Gordon Robert Buckley	March 5th.
Helen Dobson Sadler	April 9th.
John Wiebe	May 20th.
Linda Elizabeth Stanton	September 6th.
Edwin Albert Kozicki	October 13th.
Lawrence Bernard Stevens	December 28 th

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFER TO ST. DAVIDS-QUEENSTON UNITED CHURCH

2012

TRANSFERRED FROM

Lundy's Lane United Church
Niagara Falls, ON

Margaret Ballantyne, Brook Bruce, Doug Bruce, Dianne Catillo, Norma Coleman, Claire Davidson, John Davidson, Anne Dorland, Joan Dunn, George Dunn, Martha Fleming, Penny Fleming, Jan Jaluvka, Marianne McRae, Larry McRae, Pennie McVicar, Barbara Muisiner, Gloria Sorley, Robert Sorley, Linda Stanton, Lisa Tiller, Matt Tiller, Marie Tredwell, Robert Tredwell, Nancy Utting, Bill Utting, Thelma Utting.

Westminister United Church
St.Catharines, ON

Janet & Colin Mathews

St. Andrews United Church
Niagara Falls, ON

Sandi Salewytsch

Nativity Catholic,
Timmins, ON

Neil Salewytsch

All Saints Anglican
Niagara Falls, ON

Sandra Sinclair
Nancy Wiebe

Faith Reformed
Stevensville, ON

Nell van den Houten

SESSION
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Elders: Alice Page (Chairperson), Norma Jane Harber (Secretary), Pat MacDougall (Treasurer of Memorial and Benevolent Fund), Karen Horbach, Florence Turner, Susi Hardaker, Valerie Zuk, Frank Fraser, Fred Van Nest, Doug McArthur, Wayne Philbrick.

Communion was served six times.

Two Baptisms were held.

Food Drives were held throughout the year and the food donated to project share.

Rev. James held two Bible study groups during the year.

This year we attended the St.Davids Presbyterian church for the Good Friday service.

Bob Johnston led our Easter sunrise service. A breakfast organized by Bonnie Boyda and Karen Horbach followed the service.

Rev. David Pritchard was the guest speaker at our anniversary service. He spoke on the beginning of Methodism in the area. A pot-luck luncheon followed the service.

We began the fall season with a luncheon organized by Monty Slingerland.

In October our congregation was invited to join with St. Saviours Anglican church in Queenston for a special service celebrating the peace between Canada and the United States. Rev. James took part in the service. St. Saviours has expressed an interest in holding more services together.

A Remembrance Day wreath was laid in the sanctuary by Al DesRoches and at the Cenotaph in Queenston by Bob Johnston. Rev. James also took part in the service at the cenotaph.

The sanctuary was decorated by Jill Dill at Thanksgiving and by Sandra MacDonald and Sandra Edgeworth-

Andrews at Christmas. The Christmas tree was decorated by Norma Jane Harber and Pat MacDougall and the mitten, sock and scarf tree was set up by Alice Page. Thank you to all of you. The many donations on the mitten, sock and scarf tree were donated to various charities in the area.

SESSION cont'd...

The choir held a candlelight service in December. We appreciate very much the choir's contribution to the life of our congregation. We thank Lisa Brillon, our organist and choir director and as well Anthony Scaringi our supply organist. Thank you also to all the members of the choir, it is great to see so many of you in the choir loft.

Also in December the Sunday school presented a pageant, directed by Rena Edgley. It was a great pageant and was enjoyed by all. We would like to thank Stephanie Morley for her leadership in the Sunday school.

An adult education group, under the leadership of Bob Johnston met on several Sunday mornings before the worship service. These sessions are well attended.

We welcome everyone who has become part of our congregation. We are pleased to have you with us.

The Elders extend their sympathy to the families whose loved ones have passed away during the year.

Submitted by Alice Page,
Chairperson



SENIOR CHOIR
2012

This has been an outstanding year for the choir! The choir loft is almost full with 18 members who are dedicated and come out regularly to practices on Thursday evenings.

The choir sings an anthem almost weekly at church to a very appreciative congregation. We had our Christmas Candlelight Service on December 23rd singing the cantata "Comfort and Joy" and look forward to presenting the cantata "Risen Indeed" at Easter.

I am proud to be the choir conductor of this wonderful group of singers and would invite anyone who loves to sing to join us on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the choir loft.

Sincerely,
Lisa Brillon
Organist and Choir Director

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)

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2012

The UCW meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month from September to June at 2pm. We have been so blessed to have several ladies join us this year. Welcome Ladies!

From September to April, excluding December, ten dedicated ladies get together the last Friday of the month, under the direction of Verda Smith, to make hundreds of **meat pies**. Thank you to Marilyn & David Beatty and helpers for always having the meat ready.

Our **annual bazaar** in November was once again a great success. Thank you to all who helped make all the tables, coffee hour and lunch such great hits with everyone. These two fundraisers enable the UCW to contribute \$5000.00 to the church to cover the insurance cost and other miscellaneous expenses.

Donations were also made to “Women’s Place” and “Project Share”. The cost of having track lighting installed for the choir loft was also covered by the UCW.

We were so pleased to have been able to help with the planning of the remodeling of the downstairs into what is now known as the “Leone Ostrosser” rooms. A wonderful memorial to an extremely dedicated lady.

We served lunch following the congregational meeting, provided a cake for our Anniversary Sunday and cakes to welcome our new church members.

Six ladies attended the “World Day of Prayer” at McNab Anglican Church on March 2, 2012.

Seven ladies attended the UCW Presbyterial meeting at Morgan’s Point United Church on March 24, 2012.

2012 was the 50th anniversary of the UCW, a very special year for all. We have six founding members. All were recognized with 50 year pins and certificates. The national UCW’s anniversary project was a fundraiser for a women’s clinic in Morogoro, Tanzania, where women are still very oppressed. As of August 30, 2012 there was \$171,195.81 raised nationally with the Niagara Presbytery raising \$7,354.00. In honour of our anniversary the UCW conducted the church service on June 3, 2012. Two new songs were written for this national celebration. One of the two titled “United Church Women” was written by our own Rena Edgley. Well done Rena!

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW) cont'd...

After many years of dedication, Ginny Slingerland decided to enjoy the 80 years and over luncheon instead of being on the working side of the function. Thank you Ginny for all your years of hard work. Thank you to Nancy Utting and Martha Fleming who graciously stepped up to the plate and took over for Ginny. A delicious lunch complete with terrific entertainment was served. A wonderful time was had by all.

A very enjoyable lunch was had at the "Red Rooster Restaurant" in Niagara-on-the-Lake in June with 35 ladies and men attending, and a pot-luck luncheon was held in the CE hall in December with 22 people attending. These two social functions with our "network members" are always so enjoyable.

It was with deepest sadness that we lost one of our newest members, Linda Stanton. She was a very dedicated UCW member for many years. Her love, dedication and knowledge will be greatly missed.

We would like to thank **all** the members of the congregation who are always there to help whenever needed. Without your support and help we would not be able to accomplish all that we do. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted by Florence Turner,
Secretary.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)
Annual Financial Report
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BALANCE FORWARD: **\$9,842.60**

RECEIPTS

Meat Pies.....	\$3,613.00
Bazaar	3,698.50
Sale of Asparagus	400.00
Funerals.....	1,550.00
Cookie Sales.....	285.00
Jam Sales.....	550.00
Miscellaneous Deposit	55.39
TOTAL.....	<u>\$10,151.89</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Meat Pies.....	\$1,384.37
Project Share	100.00
Women's Place	200.00
Guest Speaker	100.00
UCW pins.....	74.20
Special Bulletins	44.09
Over 80 party	167.26
Track lights in Sanctuary	148.54
Presbytery dues	36.00
Insurance	5,000.00
Cakes.....	60.00
Kitchen supplies.....	58.00
2 Carafes	42.00
Advertising.....	24.50
Bank Charges	81.78
TOTAL.....	<u>\$7,520.74</u>

BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2012 **\$12,473.75**

Submitted by Verda Smith (Treasurer)

BENEVOLENT FUND

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Balance Forward January 1, 2012..... \$336.62

RECEIPTS

Candlelight service donation 2011 (transferred from memorial fund) \$454.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Project Share-(from candlelight service donation 2011) \$454.00

Balance December 31, 2012..... \$336.62

Submitted by Pat MacDougall – Treasurer

MEMORIAL FUND

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Balance Forward January 1, 2012..... \$556.20

RECEIPTS

Memorial Donations \$2,927.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Accessibility Fund \$1500.00

Christmas tree for the Sanctuary \$134.32

Misc. Deposit fee \$0.44

Balance December 31, 2012..... \$1,848.44

Submitted by Pat MacDougall – Treasurer

FLOWER COMMITTEE

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Balance on hand January 1, 2012..... \$496.24

Receipts:

Donations for Memorial Poinsettias (Donated by Horbach's Greenhouses)..... +\$425.00

Balance..... **\$921.24**

Expenses:

Flowers, plants and materials for:

Palm Sunday

Easter Sunday

Mother's Day

Anniversary Sunday

Advent Wreath

Sunday Services -\$209.46

Balance December 31, 2012..... \$711.78

Many thanks and much appreciation are extended to the following:

Peter & Karen Horbach, Tim & Sandra Andrews and the Kozicki's for their continued support throughout the year.

Jill Dill for providing the material and decorating the Chancel so beautifully for the Thanksgiving service.

Sandra MacDonald, Sandra Andrews, Greg Smith, Monty Slingerland and Steve Hardaker for their help with the Christmas Decorations.

Darlene Romanowsky for designing and printing the Memorial bulletin insert.

To all those who donated so generously to the Flower Fund.

Respectfully submitted by Ginny Slingerland

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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Stephanie Morley, our Sunday school teacher, continues to enjoy the new classroom, and we thank everyone who made donations of tables and chairs, bookcases and books. Thank you especially to Violet McArthur who made the beautiful curtains for the windows which also help with the acoustics in the room, and to Al DesRoches who donated the television and DVD player, which are also used for the Adult Education group with Pastor Paul. We very much appreciate the availability of this wonderful teaching tool.

We experience an active Sunday school, for which we thank Stephanie! The number of children attending on a Sunday morning fluctuates between two and fourteen, which creates a challenge for Stephanie that she prepares for. Violet McArthur and Jill Dill are 'back-up' Sunday school teachers, and Violet has volunteered to help Stephanie when we have a large group of children. We have also had high school students volunteer for their required volunteer hours.

We had an excellent Vacation Bible School this summer. Although the numbers were a bit down from last year, due to vacation times, we look forward to next year. Thank you to the volunteers who helped make it all work so well.

Stephanie also planned a 'social' for the children and took them to Pizza Hut for supper.

We have had three successful fundraisers, our Easter Sunrise breakfast, Turkey soup luncheon the Sunday after our annual Turkey dinner, and Beef-on-a-bun and trivia night. A total of \$688.75 was raised for Sunday school projects and we thank everyone for their participation and for the opportunity of 'community building' through these events.

We would like to remind everyone that on 'games night' for the adults, there is also 'games night' for the children so that families can come to supper and games together.

Rena Edgley wrote and directed a Christmas nativity play that was presented during the worship service on December 16, and was well received and enjoyed by everyone! Thank you to Rena, the children and their parents, the choir, and all the wonderful volunteers who made this pageant possible.

We thank Stephanie and the various volunteers for their work on behalf of our children through Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Bergsma for the Christian Education Committee, Bonnie Boyda, Karen Den Besten, Violet McArthur, Stephanie Morley, and Pastor Paul James

MISSION & SERVICE OUTREACH

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Committee members: Jill Dill (Chairperson), Isobel Griffiths, Marge Faragher (Treasurer), Paula Yarascavitch, Evelyn Stewart (Secretary).

Envelope Offerings:

The total amount for 2012 was \$14,961.00 as compared to 2011's total of \$12,487.00. Bravo! That is impressive!

Tooney Sunday Projects:

The collections from **January to April** totalled \$370.00 and with the \$75.00 Susie Hardaker had collected from the sale of name tags, a donation of \$445.00 was made to "Niagara Falls Community Outreach" which manages "The Soup Kitchen" and "Out of the Cold", two very important areas helping the needy. Their brochure states that \$20.00 would help provide ten nutritious meals and so our money helped provide 220 meals.

The collections from **May to August** netted \$310.00 which we sent to "Ronald McDonald House" in Hamilton, a very worthwhile charity.

The collections from **September to December** totalled \$275.00. Paula purchased 18 Christmas stockings with books, crayons, little toys, etc. to which she added some more interesting items for a total of \$125.00, leaving \$150.00 for a money order. Both the stockings and the money order were donated to the "Salvation Army". We also donated \$300.00 from our annual budget of \$500.00 to the "Salvation Army". They were thrilled with the children's stockings and the money donation, and a letter of thanks with a receipt for the \$450.00 was received from them.

Penny Piggy Bank Project:

The total for 2012 was \$400.00 which we donated to "Mark Preece Family House" in Hamilton. This is a friendly & kind place for out-of-town family members to stay while their loved ones are confined in hospital. It is much less expensive than staying at a hotel and members of our congregation have stayed there and experienced their caring and compassionate concern. Throughout the year Jack Cecckin kindly helped the committee to roll pennies and he exchanged them at the bank for us (they were indeed heavy!) and we wish to thank him very much for his assistance.

MISSION & SERVICE OUTREACH cont'd...

Isobel, Marge, Paula and Evelyn as of the present will no longer be on the M&S committee. We have all enjoyed our years of service and we wish the incoming members continuing, outstanding co-operation from the congregation, both as to envelope offerings and other varied projects that they may endeavour. We would encourage the collecting of pennies as long as they are available. They do help!

Thank you for your generous support on behalf of the Mission & Service Outreach Committee.

Submitted by Evelyn Stewart
Secretary.



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Pastoral Charge contributions to the Mission & Service fund of the United Church of Canada:
\$14,961.00

We exceeded our 2012 budgeted commitment of \$10,000.00 by \$4,961.00

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky, Bookkeeper

PROPERTY
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Members of the Property Committee for 2012 are Tim Andrews, Jack Cecckin, Steve Hardaker, Don Slingerland, Monty Slingerland, Greg Smith and Bill Utting.

2012 has been a busy time for church infrastructure renewal. The Board approved a number of capital projects that were funded from the Leone Ostrosser bequest including major church basement renovations, the application of tar and chip to our main parking lot, a number of items to reduce the risk of future basement flooding and improved drainage and foundation deterioration remediation for the Christian Education Hall. Seven original windows in the church basement and the window on the stage have been replaced with vinyl double-glazed windows and all the exterior doors were replaced with new no maintenance steel doors. Finally, the original forced air gas furnace and electric hot water tank for the Christian Education Hall were replaced with high efficiency gas appliances. The benefit from many of these projects is to better sustain our church and lower our operating costs through reduced utility charges.

The Property Committee met on a regular basis before each Board meeting throughout 2012 to discuss and report on church property issues. Routine maintenance completed in 2012 included boiler repairs and servicing, sanctuary air conditioning repairs, sanctuary light bulb replacements, the addition of cup hooks on the back of pews for visitor envelopes, reprogramming of thermostats, rearranging a number of light switches and installation of shelving in the furnace room for the Scouts. Thanks to a donation from the UCW, new track lighting with narrow flood lights were installed to better light the front of the Alter and counter the glare from the stain-glass window. A Green Audit completed in the spring led us to add rain barrels to capture rainwater as an alternative to using tap water for watering plants in the cemetery and the introduction of a green bin program to reduce waste in our kitchen.

2013 will be another busy year for church upkeep. We have received approval from Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro to replace old lighting with energy efficient lighting under the Save On Energy Program, which will provide for a 50% rebate on our upfront costs. Funding in the budget will be requested to replace the paving on the church foundation. There are a number of capital infrastructure projects up for funding consideration by the Official Board including kitchen window replacements, parking lot expansion, addition and air conditioning for the Christian Education Hall, installation of automatic doors openers to the Christian Education Hall to improve accessibility and a new church sign on York Road.

I'd like to thank all the members of the Property Committee for their continued dedication to maintaining the church. The Property Committee is always seeking new members who are handy and have an interest in the maintenance of our church.

Submitted by: Steve Hardaker

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

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The Ministry and Personnel ran smoothly this year. It is now six years since Paul was called to this congregation and we have gone from strength to strength. There is strong dynamic leadership in all departments of the church and we all notice the increase in membership, the increased givings, and the things getting done to the physical structure. We are also looking to the future with long term planning. The music continues to entrance us with a much bigger choir providing us with wonderful music every Sunday and outstanding special concerts on special occasions. The number of activities has risen and are well organized and fed by loyal volunteers.

The church continues to be a warm welcoming place and we all look forward to the spiritual guidance and the vibrant social contact it provides.

Submitted by Bob Johnston
Chair of Ministry & Personnel



THE FRIENDLY VISITORS

The Friendly Visitors Group consists of about nine to ten members of our church who visit either by phone or in person those who are unable to come out to church, are hospitalized or recently bereaved. The group meets only once a year and contact between the group is carried out on an informal basis at other times.

Communication between Rev. Paul James, the congregation and the visitors group is essential in order that required visits may be carried out. We ask all members of our congregation to help keep Rev. James informed of the needs of our church family. Additional to our Visitors Group, members are encouraged to “keep track” of this segment of our congregation by making your own calls, visits or sending cards and letters. Many who are in this group would greatly appreciate it.

In the new year, we are planning a meeting in order to revisit the Friendly Visitor’s group. Given the increase in the congregational numbers and perhaps some new and interested members joining this group, a fresh look and possibly new ideas would be welcomed. This meeting could possibly be a more open forum of interested people. All will be welcome.

Submitted by Christine Lancaster

FAITH & CULTURE CLASSES

2012

This year we looked at the times, lives and writings of the Church Fathers. At the time of the reformation, the mantra of Luther was “Scripture Alone”, but did not refer to that period before there was scripture in a final form. The Old Testament was not finalized until about 100 C.E. and the New Testament until about 367 C.E. This gives about a three hundred year period when there was no Canon and the New Testament was a work in progress.

Those who follow the reformed tradition normally have not been well schooled in the Fathers of the Church, but we look to the Roman Catholic, the Orthodox Churches and the Coptic Church who have remembered them as part of their tradition. These Fathers did not write Scriptures but were very influential in the final form of the early Church and the form that the Scriptures took. They have much to teach us and were well worth examining, after all the human condition has not changed in the intervening years.

We had a faithful group of about a dozen people and had some good discussions. One of the themes we developed was the emergence of the doctrine of the soul and the differences between Iranaeus, Tertullion, Origin and Jerome in their interpretation. We also discussed, Clement of Rome, Barnabas, Ignatious of Antioch, Polycarp of Smyra, The Shepherd of Hermas, Justyn Martyr, The Didache, Eusebious and Jerome.

This was a rather heavy topic and will be followed next year by a more laid back book club.

Submitted by Bob Johnston

TITANIC NIGHT

April 14, 2012

On the 100th anniversary of the R.M.S. "Titanic" disaster, Bob Johnston gave a talk on the building, and sinking of this famous ship. Bob served his apprenticeship in the shipyard of Harland & Wolff and knew many of the men who worked on her. There also was a display of plans and photos of the vessel under construction and a selection of shipwright tools, some of which were used in her construction. The first half of the talk was about the construction of the ship and the second half about the voyage and sinking. In between was coffee and cupcakes in the White Star livery. After the talk was a question and answer period which was extensive. There was a turnout of 90 people with a large contingent from the local shipping community including some from the Canadian Coast Guard and Lloyds register of Shipping. This was a timely talk as it was on the actual night of disaster, and also the Costa "Concordia" was still in the news. This brought many people to the Church who normally would not attend, and enabled us to raise about \$1,800.00.

Submitted by Bob Johnston

LION'S CARNIVAL PIE BOOTH

2012

It was an average year for pie sales at the Lion's Club Carnival. The weather was good and we had lots of pies and helpers, but the buying public has not been turning out in the numbers we used to get. We were left with quite a few pies over but managed to sell them in a couple of days. Our main problem this year was getting cherries, the harvest was very light and early and by the time of the carnival they were selling at \$7.99/lb. We luckily managed to get some frozen ones from last year's harvest which help us out. To balance this bad news, peaches were early and cheap so we baked quite a few peach pies instead of cherry pies. A large percentage of the congregation took part in the baking and sales and we managed to raise \$3,000.00.

Submitted by Bob Johnston

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Financial Report
2012

CREDITS:

Balance Brought Forward Jan. 1, 2012.....	\$8547.93
Public Trustee Interest	1,824.05
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake	700.00
Sale of Lots	<u>6,922.50</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$17,994.48</u>

DEBITS:

Maintenance and Upkeep.....	\$5,334.75
Public Trustee	<u>2,362.50</u>
TOTAL.....	<u>\$7,697.25</u>

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012 **\$10,297.23**

Interments in 2012: 8

Plots Sold: 8

Submitted by Howard Lowrey

CAVE SPRINGS CAMP

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2012

Niagara Presbytery, Hamilton Conference and the United Church of Canada along with hundreds of children, youth and young adults have been blessed by the ministry of Cave Springs Camp during 2012. Our Director Team of Alex and Carly Bryson-Sillett and a great team of Spring and Summer staff cared for, loved and inspired over 3000 children and youth in the Spring, Summer and Fall Programs. We are very pleased and proud of their accomplishments on our behalf. Alex's role as year-round part-time Director has allowed us to extend the camp use into the winter and fall and has raised our profile in area churches. We wish Alex the best of luck as he leaves the role of Year Round Director at Cave Springs to pursue his teaching career.

Congregations, UCWs and individuals in Niagara Churches donated to our Capital Fund; General Fund; Bursary Fund and our Special Project Appeal. Many generous donors also contributed to our Capital Campaign, raising money for a new year-round LEGACY hall and upgraded septic system.

Niagara Presbytery continued to provide financial support and we received a grant from the Port Robinson Fund for our Capital expenses. We continued our work of painting and improving the buildings of camp and this year.

We continue to move forward with the plans of building a new year-round lodge to replace the old (very old) Craft Hall. The new year-round facility will be named 'LEGACY' hall. This facility will be able to sleep 32 people in heated rooms. It will also provide large spaces for meetings and gatherings. We continue to work with Lou Marcantonio of 2m Architects to finalize the building plans. A dedicated team launched a capital campaign which will continue in the coming months.

We have been blessed by many dedicated board members who have ensured our finances, programming, buildings and property are well looked after. This year we have worked with Lance Wright to bring our website up to date and make it more appealing to potential users of Cave Springs. Check out our updated website at www.cavespringscamp.on.ca

In the coming year we will be continuing a major capital appeal to fund the new building and will seek assistance from all our partners in funding our project. Please expect to hear more from us and be ready to respond, as you have in the past, generously and prayerfully.

With our thanks and our prayers for blessing;

Karen Francis
President, Cave Springs Camp
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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Annual Report

2012

It is with great delight and thankfulness that your finance committee is able to present to you reports that signify a strong and healthy financial position for our church. We feel very blessed that we have many wonderful new congregation members who have undeniably played a large part in enabling our deficit to become a surplus in one year. 2012 was a very active and successful year for fundraising which we owe a great deal of thanks to those who worked so hard organizing and bringing the fundraisers to reality and to all our loyal volunteers who humbly stepped up to plate to help however they could and of course to our minister and the whole congregation, who, if not working at the fundraisers, still made every effort to come out and support the fundraisers.

We cannot forget to thank the UCW who continue to generously donate \$5,000.00 to the operating income to help defray the cost of the church insurance and other miscellaneous expenses. To everyone-a job well done!

The finance committee, for reporting purposes only, has separated the **Operating** Income/Expenses from the **Capital** Income/Expenses. Although they have been reported as separate entities all the monies listed are under the umbrella of one bank account number.

Operating Income: Highlights

Our major source of income is from envelope givings which totalled **\$122,240.25** in 2012, an increase from 2011 of 28%.

Fundraising projects resulted in the total funds raised increasing from **\$9,452.50** in 2011 to **\$12,253.05** in 2012. This total for 2012 includes the funds raised with the beef-on-a-bun/games night, a fundraiser designated specifically for installing an air-conditioner in the CE hall. The total raised with this fundraiser has therefore been recorded in the Capital Income/Expense statement.

The UCW donated **\$5000.00** to help defray the cost of insurance and other miscellaneous expenses.

Operating Expenses: Highlights

Operating expenses for 2012 totalled **\$137,159.52** which was less than the approved budget of **\$144,195.81**. This was due to the decision to pay the extension council loan in full in April 2012 from monies received by a bequest. This reduced what would have had to be paid out for the rest of the year by **\$9,375.36**.

There were expenses included in 2012 that were not part of the approved budget for 2012.

FINANCE COMMITTEE cont'd...

Operating Surplus:

Our total operating income for 2012 was **\$147,954.14** while our operating expenses were **\$137,159.52** resulting in a **surplus** of **\$10,794.62**.

Included in the operating income is a remaining donation from the memorial fund for the accessibility project.

Capital Income and Expense:

2012 was a very busy year concerning both revenues designated for capital projects and as well capital expenses. In order to keep these items easily accessible for viewing it was decided that they would be pulled from the Operating Income and Expense report and be recorded and reported as a separate financial entity, realizing that all monies except the GIC's from this account still remain and are included in the balance of the Operating bank account.

GIC investments

As of December 31, 2012 we have **\$57,159.09** in GIC's designated as Operating Reserves, and **\$45,023.83** in GIC's designated as Capital Reserves.

Budget for 2013: Highlights

The budget for 2013 was developed based on our expenditures in 2012 with adjustments made for salary increases as well as small increases in some areas and small decreases in other areas of general operating expenses.

There have been a number of new expenses added to the budget for 2013.

The proposed budget for 2013 is showing less than the budget for 2012, due only to the elimination of having to budget for loan payments. When the extension council loan is excluded from the calculation the results show an actual increase of **\$8,873.99** proposed for the general operating budget for 2013.

The total proposed budget for 2013 is **\$140,569.32**

Financial Outlook:

We were very fortunate in 2012 to have been able to report an Operating Income Surplus. This was for the most part due to increased envelope givings and increased fundraising revenue. If we can keep up this momentum throughout 2013 we should be able to look forward to another deficit free year.

This and all following financial statements submitted by:
Al DesRoches, Chair of finance and Darlene Romanowsky, Bookkeeper.

St. Davids Queenston United Church
Operating Income and Expense Statement
Jan.1- Dec, 31, 2012

OPERATING INCOME:

Accessibility Fund	
From Memorial Fund	\$1,500.00
Adult Education Book Fee	\$260.00
Credit memo	0.02
Envelope Givings	122,240.25
Memorial Fund	100.00
GST,HST Recovery	3,270.46
Insurance claim	
Roof Repair	1,162.05
Tree Removal	1,663.04
Interest	1,261.67
Mission Fund (deposit in operating in error)	110.00
Projects:	
Easter Sunrise Breakfast	150.00
Niagara Star Singers	710.00
Pie Booth (Lion's Carnival)	2,925.00
Talk on Titanic	1,640.00
Trivia Night, Sunday School	161.75
Turkey Dinner	4,352.00
Turkey Soup Luncheon	377.00
Refund on Purchases	50.74
Sale of Church Calendars	120.00
Tax Refund from ADP	55.16
UCW donation for insurance/etc.	5,000.00
Weddings & Rentals	845.00

Total Operating Income**\$147,954.14****OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Adult Education	\$257.34
Advertising	1,074.81
Carry over Charges pre ADP	1,610.36
Christian Education:	
Sunday School Instruction	3,225.00
Sunday School Supplies	12.22
Vacation Bible School	281.49
Extension Council Loan Payment	3,125.12
Fall BBQ	106.20
Insurance	3,348.00
Internet Service	932.64
License	
Platform lift	105.00
Stairlift	100.00
Minister's Employee Benefits	12,001.06

St. Davids-Queenston United Church
Operating Income and Expenses Statement
Jan.1- Dec. 31, 2012 cont'd.....

OPERATING EXPENSES: cont'd...

Minister's Salary	60,490.08
Minister's Travel Expenses	3,355.85
Missions (donation to Salvation Army)	300.00
Office:	
Administrative Assistant	5,200.00
Cheque reorder 1998935	131.18
Tech Support annual for "donation"	41.58
Norton Anti Virus renewal	79.09
Supplies	3,194.25
Yearbook	29.00
Organist Salary	9,000.00
PAR Expense	41.50
Presbytery Dues	3,638.21
Property :	
General Expenses	1,312.70
Grass cutting & snow removal	900.12
HST remaining from Ins. Claim	551.64
Janitor	3,120.00
Periodic inspection-elevators	371.59
Preventative Maintenance	895.00
Repair ductless split unit (AC)	345.08
Recoverable HST	
federal portion	1,751.17
provincial portion	4,595.08
Service Charge ADP	239.29
Session:	
Aniversary Speaker	150.00
Choir	547.71
Supplies	964.40
Supply Minister	1,139.00
Supply Organist	1,500.00
Memorial Fund	100.00
Transfer to Mission Fund	110.00
Telephone	885.92
Turkey Supper Expense	660.92
Utilities	
Gas	2,406.04
Hydro	2,328.28
Water	605.60

Total Operating Expenses**\$137,159.52****Year to Date Surplus****\$10,794.62**

St. Davids Queenston United Church
Capital Income and Expense Statement
Jan.1- Dec, 31, 2012

CAPITAL INCOME:

Bequests	\$88,101.67	
Donation towards A/C for CE hall	1,000.00	
Projects:		
Beef-on-a-bun/games night	1,937.30	
Rebate from heating & cooling incentive	250.00	
Total Capital Income		\$91,288.97

CAPITAL EXPENSES:

Basement Windows	\$2,051.57	
Door replacement	6,690.20	
Extension Council Loan Payment in full	34,912.74	
Insurance Claim deductible	2,500.00	
New Furnace (June 2102)	5,145.03	
New Water Heater (June 2012)	1,683.83	
Renovation costs over ins. Coverage	9,337.68	
Stage window replacement	232.25	
Sump pump replacement	137.83	
Sump,backup pump,waterproofing	6,560.36	
Tar & Chip parking lot	12,472.80	
Total Capital Expenses		\$81,724.29

Year to Date Surplus/Deficit	\$9,564.68
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Capital Reserve Forward (GIC's)	45,023.83	
Plus Capital Income	91,288.97	
Total Capital Income	136,312.80	
Less Capital Expenses	81,724.29	
Capital Reserve Balance		\$54,588.51

Capital Projects for Consideration (in no order or priority)

(capital projects are church infrastructure replacement projects that require a source of funding and Board approval before they can proceed)

Replace church roof over Vestibule and Kitchen	\$7,500.00
Addition of Air conditioning to Christian Education Hall	5,000.00
Replacement of Church Sign	1,500.00
Rear Parking Lot Expansion	8,000.00
Awnings for Stain Glass Windows	to be determined
Auto Door Opener to Christian Education Hall (Accessibility)	to be determined
Replacement of Kitchen Gas Range	5,000.00
Replacement of Hood and Exhaust	25,000.00
Addition of Fire Suppression System	2,500.00
TOTAL (excluding awnings and auto door opener)	\$54,500.00

St.Davids-Queenston United Church
Bank Reconciliation
December 31, 2012

BANK RECONCILIATION (includes both operating and capital funds except GIC's)	
Ledger balance in Operating/Capital Account	\$43,117.88
Balance as per bank statement	\$44,151.94
Less O/S cheques	
#3194	107.35
#3200	573.47
#3201	125.00
#3202	228.24
TOTAL	
L	\$1,034.06
Balance	\$43,117.88

General Ledger Balance from 2011	\$22,758.58
Plus Operating/Capital Income	239,243.11
Total Operating/Capital Income	262,001.69
Less Operating/Capital Expenses	218,883.81
General Ledger Balance Dec. 31, 2012	\$43,117.88

Cash position and GIC investments

Operating and Capital
St. Davids-Queenston United
church

December 31, 2012

Ledger Balance in Operating/Capital account **\$43,117.88**

Operating GIC'S

Number	Principal	Value December 31,2012
8016705-15	\$9,726.32	\$9,803.06
8016705-26	\$8,400.00	\$8,578.90
8016705-27	\$8,971.12	\$9,162.67
8016705-29	\$8,484.46	\$8,494.50
8016705-30	\$5,616.37	\$5,616.55
8016691-23	\$5,000.00	\$5,001.10
8016691-24	\$5,500.00	\$5,501.21
8016691-25	\$5,000.00	<u>\$5,001.10</u>
Total Operating GICs		\$57,159.09

Capital GIC'S

8016705-23	\$15,000.00	\$15,009.04
8016705-24	\$30,000.00	<u>\$30,014.79</u>
Total Capital GIC's		\$45,023.83

Total Assets **\$145,300.80**

DONATION STATISTICS

2012

SUMMARY OF DONATIONS BY CATEGORY

Between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2012

Category	Amount (\$)	# Donations	# Donors
Anniversary	1,455.00	32	32
Christmas	1,955.00	41	41
Christmas Eve	1,577.00	40	38
Easter	1,420.00	49	48
Envelopes	318.00	34	34
Missions	14,961.00	764	47
Regular	114,557.25	2,491	125
Thanksgiving	958.00	31	31
TOTALS	\$137,201.25	3,482	
Total Distinct Donors Across All Categories: 126			

GIVING ANALYSIS

2012

Over \$2,000.00	21
\$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00	22
\$500.00 to \$999.00	27
\$100.00 to \$499.00	38
\$20.00-\$99.00	16
Less than \$20.00	2
TOTAL GIVERS	126

Submitted by Darlene Romanowsky
Envelope Steward

Proposed Operating Budget for 2013
St. Davids-Queenston United Church

	2012			2013	
	Budget	Actual Expenses	Variance	Proposed Budget	Change from 2012 to 2013
Advertising/Promotion (External)	\$1,000.00	\$1,074.81	-\$74.81	\$1,100.00	100.00
Adult Education	250.00	257.34	-7.34	250.00	0.00
Insurance	2,800.00	3,348.00	-548.00	3,500.00	700.00
Internet Service	950.00	932.64	17.36	950.00	0.00
BBQ Fall Luncheon	100.00	106.20	-6.20	110.00	10.00
Turkey supper expenses	900.00	660.92	-239.08	900.00	0.00
Christian Education					
Sunday School Supplies	250.00	12.22	237.78	100.00	-150.00
Sunday School Instruction	3,900.00	3,225.00	675.00	3,900.00	0.00
Vacation Bible School	500.00	281.49	218.51	400.00	-100.00
Office:					
Administrative Assistant	5,200.00	5,200.00	0.00	6,500.00	\$1,300.00
Supplies	1,564.76	2,319.19	-754.43	2,400.00	835.24
CIT financial (photocopier lease)	1,035.24	1,035.24	0.00	1,035.24	0.00
Mission & Service	500.00	300.00	200.00	500.00	0.00
PAR Expense	50.00	41.50	8.50	50.00	0.00
Presbytery Dues	3,638.21	3,638.21	0.00	4,368.37	730.16
Session					
Anniversary Speaker	150.00	150.00	0.00	150.00	0.00
Choir	750.00	547.71	202.29	750.00	0.00
Supplies	900.00	964.40	-64.40	950.00	50.00
Supply Minister	1,500.00	1,139.00	361.00	1,500.00	0.00
Supply Organist	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00
Property					
Janitor	3,300.00	3,120.00	180.00	3,640.00	340.00
General Expenses (property renewal)	5,250.00	1,657.78	3,592.22	5,300.00	50.00
Grass Cutting and Snow Removal	2,200.00	900.12	1,299.88	2,000.00	-200.00
Preventative Maintenance (both lifts)	995.00	895.00	100.00	1,000.00	5.00
Minister's Employee Benefits	12,371.04	12,001.06	369.98	12,371.04	0.00
Minister's Salary	60,491.08	60,490.08	1.00	63,890.00	3,398.92
Minister's Travel	3,500.00	3,355.85	144.15	3,500.00	0.00
Service Charge ADP	250.00	239.29	10.71	250.00	0.00
Organist Salary	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	9,600.00	600.00
Telephone	900.00	885.92	14.08	900.00	0.00
Utilities	6,000.00	5,339.92	660.08	6,000.00	0.00
Extension Council Loan Payment	12,500.48	3,125.12	9,375.36	0.00	-12,500.48
TOTAL	\$144,195.81	\$127,744.01	\$16,451.80	\$139,364.65	-\$4,831.16
Expenses not in Budget for 2012					
Technical Support (Donation program)	0.00	41.58	*	41.58	41.58
Norton Antivirus (renewal)	0.00	79.09	*	79.09	79.09
Web Launch & Support	0.00	0.00		500.00	500.00
License (Platform Lift)	0.00	105.00	*	105.00	105.00
License (Stair Lift)	0.00	100.00	*	100.00	100.00
Periodic Inspection (Both Lifts)	0.00	371.59	*	379.00	379.00
Recoverable HST	0.00	6,346.25	**	0	0
Carry over charge pre ADP	0.00	1,610.36	***	0	0
Memorial Fund	0.00	100.00	***	0	0
Transfer to Mission Account	0.00	110.00	***	0	0
HST remaining from insurance claim	0.00	551.64	***	0	0
TOTAL	0.00	\$9,415.51		\$1,204.67	\$1,204.67
TOTAL	\$144,195.81	\$137,159.52		\$140,569.32	-\$3,626.49

* These are new expenses in 2012

** This is an unforeseen expense and it is an expense that is rebated back to the church.

***These are extraneous expenses and therefore have not been budgeted for in 2013

"NB" Excluding the extension council loan payment from the calculation, the proposed operating budget for 2013 has actually increased by **\$8,873.99**.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Annual Report

2012

We present the following names for your acceptance.

MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD

SESSION:

1ST THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Susi Hardaker</u>	-ends 2014
<u>Ann Dorland</u>	-ends 2016
<u>Marilyn Beatty</u>	-ends 2016

2ND THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Doug McArthur</u>	-ends 2016
<u>Wayne Philbrick</u>	-ends 2016
<u>Valerie Zuk</u>	-ends 2016

3RD THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Karen Horbach</u>	-ends 2014
<u>Fred Van Nest</u>	-ends 2014

4TH THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Norma Jane Harber</u>	-ends 2014
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5TH THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Pat MacDougall</u>	-ends 2016
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PROPERTY:

1ST THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Steve Hardaker</u>	-ends 2014
<u>Bill Utting</u>	-ends 2016
<u>Neil Salewytch</u>	-ends 2016

2ND THREE YEAR TERM

<u>Tim Andrews</u>	-ends 2015
<u>Jack Cecckin</u>	-ends 2016

PROPERTY: Cont'd...

4TH THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Greg Smith</u>	<u>-ends 2014</u>
<u>Don Slingerland</u>	<u>AD HOC</u>
<u>Monty Slingerland</u>	<u>AD HOC</u>

FINANCE:

1ST THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Al DesRoches</u>	<u>-ends 2014</u>
<u>Dave Hutt</u>	<u>-ends 2015</u>
<u>Marianne McRae</u>	<u>-ends 2016</u>

2ND THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Sheila DeMarsh</u>	<u>-ends 2015</u>
<u>Darlene Romanowsky</u>	<u>-ends 2016</u>

3RD THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Sandra Edgeworth Andrews</u>	<u>-ends 2016</u>
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4TH THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Howard Lowrey</u>	<u>-ends 2014</u>
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MINISTRY & PERSONNEL:

3RD THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Bob Johnston</u>	<u>-ends 2016</u>
<u>Tim Andrews</u>	<u>-ends 2016</u>

4TH THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Bonnie Boyda</u>	<u>-ends 2014</u>
<u>Esther Binning</u>	<u>-ends 2016</u>

5TH THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Ginny Slingerland</u>	<u>-ends 2016</u>
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Nominating Committee 2012 cont'd...

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

1ST THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Rena Edgley</u>	-ends 2016
<u>Lisa Tiller</u>	-ends 2016
<u>Christine Earley</u>	-ends2016
<u>Nancy Lang</u>	-ends2016

2ND THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Dianne Bergsma</u>	-ends 2015
<u>Violet McArthur</u>	-ends 2015

4TH THREE YEAR TERM

<u>Bonnie Boyda</u>	-ends 2015
<u>Karen DenBesten</u>	-ends 2015
<u>Stephanie Morley</u>	-ends 2016

MISSION & SERVICE:

1ST THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Joan Dunn</u>	-ends 2016
<u>Martha Fleming</u>	-ends 2016

5TH THREE YEAR TERM:

<u>Jill Dill</u>	-ends 2015
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COMMITTEES OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD

FLOWER COMMITTEE:

No Term:

Ginny Slingerland
Esther Binning
Jill Dill

Nominating Committee 2012 cont'd...

COMMITTEES OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD *cont'd...*

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE:

No Term:

Doug McArthur

Betty McIlroy

Alice Page

Sandi Salewytsch

Nancy Lang

FRIENDLY VISITORS

No term

Bob Johnston

Marge Faragher

Florence Turner

Verda Smith

Alice Page

Christine Lancaster

Esther Binning

Don & Ginny Slingerland

Rena Edgley

CONGREGATIONAL AND OFFICIAL BOARD CHAIRPERSON:

No Term:

Steve Hardaker

CONGREGATIONAL SECRETARY:

No Term:

Christine Earley

OFFICIAL BOARD SECRETARY:

No term:

Darlene Romanowsky

Nominating Committee 2012 cont'd...

PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVES:

No term:

Larry McRae

Bob Johnston (Alternate)

TRUSTEES:

NoTerm:

Florence Turner

Al DesRoches

Roberta Chevers

HelenGlendenning

Howard Lowrey

Wayne Mayers

John Walker

Fred Van Nest

Bob Johnston

Clair Boyda

Submitted by Rev. Paul James