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**Parkdale United Church
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VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

OUR VISION

To form followers of Jesus in such a way as to transform our community and our world.

OUR MISSION

Parkdale's congregation will respond to God's call and Jesus' teachings by:

- a) Uniting in joyful worship as an act of praise and gratitude, for inspiration and guidance
- b) Providing learning opportunities for the Christian way of life and to enhance Biblical literacy
- c) Supporting one another through pastoral care and concern
- d) Reaching out to people in need
- e) Promoting justice
- f) Praying for guidance, wisdom, and support.

OUR VALUES

As a community of faith we strive to live out the following values:

Compassion

- a) We are a caring Christian community that supports the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of those participating in our ministries
- b) We help to meet the needs of our local and world communities
- c) We nurture and support our ministry personnel, staff, and lay leaders

Respect

- a) We treat everyone involved in our ministries with fairness, equity, and respect
- b) We strive to involve all participants in our congregation in the decisions that affect them
- c) We seek opportunities to share our common quest for the meaning of life with other Christians and with persons of other faiths
- d) We recognize the goodness of God's creation and will use our environmental resources respectfully

Working Together

- a) We believe that what we achieve together is stronger and has more impact than our individual efforts
- b) We value the talents, experience, and passion of all who participate in our ministries
- c) We recognize the value of collaboration and actively nurturing partnerships

Commitment

- a) We listen and learn, as we endeavour to improve the quality of our ministries
- b) We support our ministries with our time, talents, and financial resources
- c) We provide a safe, secure environment for our ministries
- d) We strive to make everyone welcome in our congregation
- e) We seek to be a blessing to the neighbourhood in which we live

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COORDINATING MINISTER

***“Glorify the Lord with me,
let us exalt God’s name together.” Psalm 34:3***

Dr. Philip Clayton is a professor of Theology at Claremont School of Theology, and has written or edited some fifteen books in theology, philosophy, and the religion-science debate. In his book *Transforming Christian Theology: for Church and Society*, he writes passionately about the importance of supporting ordinary Christians to think theologically about the world, their faith, and important life issues. He wants to help Christians get really clear about what they believe and why.

Many people are doing great stuff in congregations and in social ministries, and we should celebrate their work. But our ‘accounts’ of what we’re doing, and why we do it, often wouldn’t earn a “pass” from my junior high Sunday school teacher, (Okay, she was pretty tough.) Christian action is alive and well in mainline churches, but Christian self-descriptions are in crisis. We have trouble talking about what is ‘uniquely Christian’ about our lifestyles and ministries...Laryngitis has attacked our vocal cords...

Imagine what will happen when pew-sitting Christians and those who have gradually drifted away from the institutional church – together with pastors, denominational leaders, and directors of social justice ministries – begin to share their personal faith stories and talk openly and passionately about their faith journeys. Imagine a church where every member is thinking deeply about the core Christian questions in light of our contemporary world... (p.7)

Unbinding the Gospel Journey

In 2013, I continued to offer leadership in the final phase of our two-year Unbinding Initiative. I am so grateful for the trustworthiness and surprises of God. It is the very reality that Dr. Clayton is describing above that we have been addressing in our Unbinding emphasis; an emphasis I deeply believe was prompted by God’s answer to my prayers, and indeed those of others. As I reported last year, the goal of “Unbinding” is to teach and support the congregation to grow in faith, the practice of prayer, deep congregational relationships, outreach, faith-sharing and invitation of non-churched people to a life of faith and even to join in the life, faith and ministry of Parkdale United. These emphases are very much in keeping with Parkdale’s Vision Statement: ***“To form followers of Jesus in such a way as to transform our community and our world.”***

In the second week of January, 60 adults, young adults and a number of children gathered in the Tape Hall for a potluck supper, prayer and a facilitated conversation on ways in which together we could improve the quality, accessibility, hospitality and faithfulness of our life and witness. This included very concrete things about how we get our message out there, how we welcome and transition people into the life and witness of the congregation, how those of all ages and abilities and interests are reasonable accommodated in the navigation of the building, in worship, in opportunities to serve and experience full welcome and participation in the life and mission of Parkdale. Some very exiting discernment took place, the food was great and the laughter and fun were plentiful. There was a deep sense that God’s Spirit was moving among us.

Commencing in February and continuing into April, eight *Unbinding Your Soul* groups were convened and met to continue formation in prayer and faith sharing, in deepening interpersonal relationships and in courage to share faith stories in respectful, caring ways. Of those who participated, excluding leaders, 30% were new to the Unbinding series and many of

those were new to Parkdale, having been invited to join a group by someone in the congregation. This constituted our congregational Lenten series for this year. How delighted I was to hear testimony of people coming alive to prayer and faith, to new connections with people in the congregation and to an appetite to walk in the way of Jesus.

I am so grateful to Helen Hayes who has provided the logistical coordination for Unbinding and has been an indispensable support to me through the whole initiative. She also continued to accompany me as the Parkdale lay representative on the coaching calls with our Unbinding coach Nancy Wood. As well, Helen, David Odumodu and I led a workshop on our Unbinding experience at the Anglican Diocese Congregation Resource Day in May at St. Paul’s University. And in late November, Helen and I conducted an in depth presentation on our Unbinding experience for the governing body of an Ottawa church, to assist in their discernment regarding ways of renewing their congregation. We give thanks to God for these opportunities to help and coach other congregations. Further, this whole enterprise continues to be undergirded by the prayer team, originally convened by Kerry Lynn Grozinger to pray for the congregation as a whole and all those taking part in the Unbinding journey. This prayer team continued to meet even when Unbinding stopped formally. They continue to pray for the requests posted on the prayer wall in the sanctuary. I am so grateful for this ministry of prayer.

Below, Helen has provided the summary table of statistics for the groups meeting throughout the two-year Unbinding journey.

UNBINDING SERIES	# Groups	Leaders	Total Participants
Pilot Group	1	1	9
Unbinding the Gospel	5	6	44
Unbinding Your Heart	13	20	134
Unbinding Your Soul	8	11	91
TOTAL	27	38	278

In the fall, a number of small group opportunities were offered to continue and extend the wonderful experiences in faith, prayer and community generated by Unbinding. In response to suggestions and interest, the variety of small group sessions included: Rick Warren’s revised 40 Day of Purpose book with spiritual exercises; an evening Bible Study/discussion group on the Book of Job; College and Careers (Young Adults) sessions on Faith and the Book of Acts; and a Healing and Faith through Expressive Arts group. In addition there was the Tuesday morning Bible study on the Gospel of John.

Special Public Commemorative Events at Parkdale

On August 28, 2013, working with a small ad hoc planning group of interested people from around the city of Ottawa, I organized, convened and co-hosted an *Ottawa Community Commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s ‘I Have a Dream’ Speech*. It was a rich and powerful intercultural, diverse, and multi-faith celebration that included music from the genres of Black Gospel, African American Spirituals, Jazz and Classical; there was *Spoken Word* poetry composed for the event; there was a dramatic theatrical tribute to Dr. King; there was eye-

witness testimony from a couple that participated in the March 50 years ago, and there were presentations from Ottawa-based groups working in the areas of affordable housing, poverty reduction and employment. Over 600 people were in attendance.

On December 13, 2013 I partnered with Senator Don Meredith and representatives from the South African Embassy and the South African Rainbow Nation Association to host the Ottawa City-wide Memorial Tribute to Nelson Rohlilahla Madiba Mandela. It was a fitting honouring of a great international statesman and a radical agent of human rights, forgiveness, peace and reconciliation. I also spoke at the City-wide Memorial Tribute for Mandela convened in Montreal on the evening of December 15.

Pilgrimage to Greece

From April 10 – 20, I led a group of nineteen Parkdalers and friends of Parkdale on a tour entitled, *Greece: In the Footsteps of Paul the Apostle*. We remarked that it felt like a traveling Bible study with a lot of fellowship, exotic sights, meaningful worship experiences and fun all rolled in. We traced a good part of Paul's second missionary journey, visiting most of the places where he preached and planted Christian communities in the second half of the first century (CE). Some of the cities and archeological sites we visited included: Athens, Corinth, Thessaloniki, Kavala (Philippi), Ephesus, Patmos (where the book of Revelation was penned), and Mykonos. It proved to be a precious time of inspiration and faith renewal, and a deepening of relationships among those travelling together. Praise God!

In the fall of 2014, a trip is planned to South Africa.

Ongoing Ministry

Over the year I continued my ongoing pastoral and community ministry of: leading worship and preaching, offering Bible study, preparing new members, counselling couples for marriage, conducting weddings, baptisms, funerals, communion chapel services at nursing homes, pastoral counselling, visiting in hospitals, homes and retirement residences, resourcing congregational committees, speaking in schools, at international conferences and at special church events and anniversaries, as well as community and civic events, serving on a Presbytery committee and a couple of not-for-profit boards. I so often feel God's pleasure and the Holy Spirit's empowerment in the varied ministry I am privileged to undertake.

In my times of prayer and meditation I am encouraged in the exercise of my vocation here at Parkdale. I truly love serving God by being in servant leadership among you as pastor. Once again, it has been a gift to serve in leadership with Melodee over the year and to welcome Debbie Roi into the pastoral team as of September. Debbie brings a calm and reassuring pastoral presence to the congregation. The fall staff retreat has helped us (Melodee, Debbie, Troy, Don and me) to better know each other and to become excited about how God will help to unite our varied gifts in service to our ministry here at Parkdale.

We continue to be blessed by Troy's musical leadership including the way he makes space for others to share musical and vocal gifts. God be praised for the dedication of the choir, DaleSong, the Children's Choir, the Dance Movement group and all those who contribute so enthusiastically to our worship services. I continue to give God thanks for the ministry of our Council Elders as well as all the committed committee members who exercise critical ministry

here. I am yet again grateful for the dedicated and able leadership this year of Matt Baker as the chairperson of Council.

Don Mockett has really grown into his role as office manager, with his personable way and his dedication to the considerable and complex tasks involved in managing the church office and all that that entails. Khan continues to be a 'gem' at Parkdale. We all know and experience the superior dedication and attention he renders to the custodial care of our physical plant, but it including all the "intangibles" he provides. I give thanks for the hard work and pleasant disposition of our part-time custodial corps that assists Khan on evenings and weekends: Carole Shaw, Ryan Pascal and now Molly Shinhat. You are all so appreciated.

Once again this year, may I invite you to read attentively and appreciatively - with gratitude to Christ - for the ways in which the following reports bear witness to the many manifestations God's Spirit has been making here among us, within us and through us to the wider community. Over the year I have heard from many people that some things are changing positively here at Parkdale in terms of the readiness and commitment to pray for one another, the deeper closeness growing among Parkdalers, the deepening commitment to outreach and justice work – especially in the area of Aboriginal issues – and a less inhibited commitment to speak about our faith and to share it with family, friends, co-workers, neighbours, and school friends.

Please continue to pray earnestly for our congregational life and ministry and rejoice in the love, blessings and giftedness we receive incessantly and amply from God. Let us celebrate and delight in living and sharing the good news in all sorts of wondrous ways; giving an account for what we are doing and why we are doing it, as Dr. Clayton enjoins.

Praise be to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ

Anthony Bailey

MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE

This past year has been a blessed time of transition entering into Pastoral Care Ministry with you. I want to thank each and every one of you for your gracious welcome. Your warm Parkdale hospitality began with my first response from The Search Committee. Having sat on the other side of the table on various Search Committees, I was impressed with the honesty and strength of The Parkdale Committee. This time of discernment was filled with grace and blessed with surprise! I give God thanks for my arrival at Parkdale United Church.

Transition times are filled with both challenge and gift. There is grief for what is left behind, and there is excitement mixed with some trepidation about what lies ahead. This was true of my experience of transition. I wondered how I would find my place. Having served as sole minister in a two point charge, I wondered how I would let go of my previous expectations of ministry in order to focus on my primary passion of Pastoral Care. I sensed that perhaps I was being reshaped by The Potter. In those many moments of epiphany this past year I was reminded time and time again that we are not alone. God is with us! God sends us those individuals that will help to inspire and guide us. The Pastoral Care Team was heaven sent! The individuals on this team invited me to accompany them, allowing me to meet the many wonderful people they visit.

It is a treasured gift to work with these special folk who bring the light of Christ to those who are often no longer able to attend worship services at Parkdale.

I am thankful to the M&P Committee for their support and for arranging a staff retreat shortly after my arrival. This proved to be a welcome opportunity to spend time with my colleagues and to begin to get to know them. In the past months I have come to recognize Anthony, Melodee, Troy, and Don to be cherished blessings. I am thankful for their welcome, their wisdom, their laughter, support and friendship. I am thankful to Khan for the work he does and for his ability to find whatever it is I am looking for. I am thankful for Richard who gives so much of his time to ensure I have a working computer. I am thankful for the dedication of Council members and all Committee members who respond to God's calling. I am thankful for the presence of each one of you as together we endeavour to serve God. I have discovered that the opportunity to serve as a part of a team has not meant a complete reshaping of myself, rather I sense The Potter expanding my spiritual edges with special attention to the ministry of presence.

Through a shared ministry of presence we come to know one another better, and we come to know God more deeply. It was a pleasure to spend time in the presence of those who attended the Office Open House in the Fall, as well as the Sunday Morning Breakfasts. I continue to welcome the opportunity to speak with folks one to one, or in small groups, with a prayer that we may come to know one another better.

Membership on The Prayer Team has become an important part of my ministry. The time spent every other Wednesday morning with others who gather to pray for members of our congregation and beyond is indeed holy time. Gathered in prayer there is a deep sense of God's presence. This time is precious, and I give thanks for the sacred trust of those who place prayers in the prayer-box. Each time we gather these prayers are collected and offered to God.

As you know prayer is an important part of my leadership in worship. I am grateful for the opportunity to offer prayers on behalf of us all. I invite you to contact me with any special prayer requests.

Since my arrival here I have had the opportunity to preach on three occasions. It is always a delight to delve into the scriptures and discern what it is that God is speaking to us today. It is a delight that so many of you are willing to offer your gifts in service through song, word and dance. We are reminded of the many gifts among us each time we gather in worship.

I have had the privilege of presiding at three Memorial Services over the past four months. Through scripture, prayer, stories and songs we celebrated the lives of those who were well loved, and who lived their life as the gift it was meant to be. There is a sense of walking on Holy Ground when grief is acute. This holiness uplifts us and gives us strength to remember and to celebrate all that a life has meant and will continue to mean. I give thanks for the opportunity to witness this reality.

Worship in all its realms is an important part of our life of faith. Recently I have begun to offer monthly Worship Services at Park Place Retirement Home. Gathered together in the small chapel, we sense The Spirit among us as we offer our thanks and praise. I give thanks for Janice Gray who offers her musical leadership on these occasions.

I give thanks for the trust you have placed in me allowing me to accompany you in times of challenge and in times of joy. I give thanks for the phone calls you make inviting me to visit, and informing me of those in need. I pray that we will continue to get to know one another better, and that together we will share in the ministry of Christ.

I will end my report by sharing with you a moment of clarity.

I recently had the privilege of meeting with someone who was seeking a new church home. Initially I had some reservations about the meeting, after all, I have only been here for four months, how could I possibly do justice in offering a description of the ministry that happens here? I suspect God's hand had a part to play in this chance encounter. You see this meeting became a precious gift to me; a turning point of sorts. For the first time I had the opportunity to share all I that I had witnessed in this place. It was a moment of epiphany. It became clear to me as I gave voice to all I had experienced, that I was no longer looking at Parkdale United Church through the eyes of an interloper; I was welcoming another into my home. I felt the blessing of this understanding again later that same day. Upon heading home after leaving an evening meeting of Presbytery, rather than turning West towards Almonte, I automatically turned East towards Parkdale. God does have a sense of humour!

God Bless you all.

Debbie Roi

DESIGNATED LAY MINISTER TO YOUTH AND CHILDREN

What a wonderful year Parkdale United has enjoyed! God's blessings have been so apparent in a beautiful spirit amongst people and the many meaningful, marvellous, and musical events that have peppered each month of the past year.

Our Sunday school welcomed new teachers and students. The number of students registering in our classes from nursery to high school topped out at over 100 in 2013 and our list sits at 158. Numbers themselves don't tell us much. What I see is children learning about God in a fun way and parents who take their children's Christian education seriously. The challenge and blessing of having more children is the need for more Sunday school teachers and, unfortunately, the growth in number of teachers is not keeping pace with the size of our classes. Our faithful and experienced teachers are more than willing to mentor new volunteers into the program.

There were three blocks of time when both junior and senior youth groups met last year. Cooking with Rob and Paul has become a standby for the senior youth and juniors and a parent helper met with Melodee for a variety of activities. Both of these groups participated in worship in various ways, one providing a puppet show and another, drama.

In February we hosted a group of youth from Burlington for Worshiplode. With their help our youth served the pizza I had ordered for 500! Our teens really enjoyed the experience of worshipping with so many of their contemporaries at Dominion Chalmers.

Second Blessings coffee shop continues to be another opportunity for our youth to model hospitality. In addition to baking, we served soup, quesadillas and smoothies and were able to

support Habitat for Humanity as well as other concerns close to our youth's hearts. Additionally we were able to replace some items, like blenders, that had been lost. This year, we plan to make a new quilt to hang on our wall that better represents the youth who are currently attending Faith Forum classes on Sunday morning. This group has soared in size so that we regularly see 14 youth on a Sunday morning and have even peaked at 17 a couple of times. Talk about squished! As a group and individually, our youth have served at IFTC.

It has been my privilege to work with a great confirmation class, who, by the time most people read this report, will have been Confirmed into membership at Parkdale United. Hannah Crabtree, William Fitzgerald, Gabriella Hilkes, and Josée Méla took this process very seriously (not that we didn't laugh lots). I am proud to have been on this journey with them and know that they have and will continue to be assets to our church family and people whom God will use to further His Kingdom.

In October, two members of our youth group, Adrianna McPolin and Sarah Vidalin were selected to be part of an exchange trip to Haida Gwaii (Queen Charlotte Islands). Ottawa Presbytery is organizing this exchange of 32 Ottawa area youth and I will be going as a youth leader. This is a wonderful chance for our youth to experience and learn about an aboriginal culture and to then host some of these youth on the return end of the exchange. The trip will happen during March Break of 2014.

A group of about 70 people of all ages went to Gracefield for a weekend camp last June. Despite the rain, the experience was wonderful and we plan to go again this year. The CE committee and others planned the event and were blessed to have people fully engage in all the activities, boating, swimming, crafts, singing, and prayer. The congregation was very generous in making it possible for everyone who wished to attend, regardless of ability to pay.

I led worship on eight occasions last year. Most of these were intergenerational although I preached for the first time at Parkdale in April. On most of these occasions, DaleSong has led in music with contemporary pieces. DaleSong continues to sing one Sunday a month. This group has grown in heart and voice during the past year and our church is blessed to have such dedicated people. As part of our outreach, we went out to Russell United Church last spring and brought music and I led in worship there. Practices are held on Thursday evenings at 8 pm in the parlour and newcomers are most welcome.

This has been the year of education for me. In addition to my ongoing Princeton program (three and half years) which will culminate in receiving my Certificate in Youth Ministry in early February, I also completed two other courses. From St. Paul's university I took a Hebrew scriptures course. Then in the fall I took Intro to Conflict Management from Algonquin. All of these were valuable learning opportunities and were part of my ongoing study requirement through Ottawa Presbytery which resulted in my formal recognition as Designated Lay Minister at the Presbytery meeting held at Parkdale in November. It was wonderful to have the support of so many of you in providing the dinner and attending my recognition ceremony. I also updated my CPR training this year. I look forward to continuing my education but from now on I am freer to choose my own path.

During the early part of the year, I was again privileged to lead one of the small group studies, using the Unbinding Your Soul book. Each of the groups I led or have been a part of during the

Unbinding series has been a wonderful opportunity to grow in faith with others and to get to know people in a deep way. In June, Troy and I worked together to lead a short study, beginning the book “The Worshiping Artist” with members of DaleSong, the choir and other interested people.

In October we saw the reanimation of our Parents and Tots group. We were in hiatus for some time with parents going back to work following maternity and paternity leaves but we are in the midst of a baby boom right now as evidenced by the baptisms we have recently held. Last week we had five toddlers, four babies in arms and six parents in attendance at our Wednesday morning gathering. We welcome anyone who is at home with small kids. We share the joys and challenges of child-rearing, get to know each other, share snacks, and pray together.

In November and December we held two family events with supper. The first was Luv2Groove where a hip hop workshop for kids was enjoyed followed by a spaghetti supper in support of the June camp. Then in December families were invited for pizza and the dress rehearsal of our Christmas pageant. There were 80 people present for the second event – chaotic but fun! On December 21 members of DaleSong hosted a morning of carols and cookies for kids.

A highlight of this year was the arrival of our new pastoral care minister, Rev. Debbie Roi. She is a great asset to our staff team and I look forward to more opportunities to collaborate. Our staff retreats held in the fall really deepened my appreciation for Anthony and Troy who demonstrate such thoughtful care for the work of God at Parkdale. Don, our church administrator, Khan, Carol, Molly, and Ryan, our caretaking staff are all wonderful, dedicated, and worthy people with whom to work. I feel very blessed.

There are too many volunteers who support our work to mention but I am particularly thankful for our hard-working council, the members of the CE committee, and Kathleen and Richard who are an integral part of the ministry at Parkdale.

We are greatly blessed by the energy and promise of the many children and youth who make their church home with us. My prayer is that we steward well this gift and responsibility that God has granted us.

Respectfully submitted,
Melodee Lovering

COUNCIL

Parkdale's Council is responsible for helping fulfill its mission and vision. The Council develops a budget, sets policies and procedures, assists in finding resources for groups, supports members of the congregation who lead our various groups, programs and ministries, and addresses any conflicts, all the while attempting to ensure that we honour our Christian mandate to love and serve God and our neighbours.

The Council is comprised of about 20 individuals including the chairs of each committee, the three members of the ministry staff, a member-at-large, a presbytery representative, a chair, a vice-chair and a past-chair. Meetings always begin with a time for devotion, to reflect on our beliefs and to center ourselves before we begin our meeting. In 2013, the Council met five times. Members of the congregations are always welcome to attend meetings. Dates and times are published in the bulletin.

The Council spent significant time this year contemplating several issues, including the Memorial Fund Working Group, upgrades to the Tape Hall Kitchen and Memorial Hall Bathroom, the sponsorship of a Syrian Refugee Family, an Environmental Responsibility policy and adoption of the 2014 Budget.

Parkdale started 2013 short one staff member. The December retirement of Barbara Faught meant that Rev Anthony Bailey and Melodee Lovering were filling in wherever possible. The congregation was blessed by their hard work during this period and they both deserve credit for going above and beyond in many instances. In September, Rev Debbie Roi stepped into the role of Pastoral Care Minister and Parkdale was blessed once again to have such a warm and caring staff member join the ranks. The Joint Search Committee should be thanked once again for finding such a wonderful candidate.

After two years as Council Chair, it's time for me to move into a new role. I would like to thank all the Council members for their hard work and dedication. The discussions are not always easy and opinions are varied sometimes, but each of you brings passion and spirit to your roles, always trying to move forward and help this congregation grow and prosper.

Matthew Baker
Chair, Parkdale United Church Council

COMMUNICATIONS

The Communications Committee's mandate is to facilitate open communication between the Council, clergy, congregation and the community. The committee has implemented and maintains a variety of communication tools in order to reach this diverse audience.

The Messenger : The Messenger is a printed, monthly newsletter that contains, among other things, a message from the Minister, articles submitted by members of the congregation, highlights of events that took place during the past month and notices of upcoming events. It has been an integral part of Parkdale's life for many years. The Messenger is also available online through Parkdale's website.

Blaine Pauling, one of the editors, will be stepping down this year and Elise Mennie, who has been a proof reader, will be the co-editor with Danica Rogers. Ellen Andrews will share the proof reader's role with Jaylin Wong. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Blaine for his hard work and dedication to producing a quality product.

Concerns about privacy prompted the creation of a message to be sent to all contributors reminding them that The Messenger is posted on Parkdale's website and therefore accessible to the public. The message suggests that they do not include any personal information or pictures that they don't want the public to see. If The Messenger Team does not hear back from the contributor they will assume it is alright to publish their article.

Parkdale's Website: Richard Hamley continues to do an excellent job managing the website. He has updated Parkdale's governance information including a directory for Council members with a generic email address for each member and Parkdale's new Constitution.

It was decided to redesign the website so that it has a more dynamic look, appeals to a diverse audience and is easily accessible through a variety of mobile devices. To this end, the Communications Committee advertised for an experienced web designer who could help with these changes and was very pleased that Jill Williams, a new member of the Congregation, stepped forward. Jill has extensive experience as a web designer as well as developing free websites for a number of schools, churches, etc. Since then, Jessica Dunkin, who did such a wonderful job developing her website to advertise the Cookie Jam last fall, has also joined the committee.

The objectives of the new website are:

- To provide information and functionality that will satisfy the worship needs of the congregation;
- To introduce and welcome others to a Christian community whose vision is to form followers of Jesus in such a way as to transform our community and our world;
- To provide easy access to a variety of mobile devices: laptops, tablets, phones, etc., in order to satisfy the diverse needs of the congregation and community; and
- To integrate with Social Media software in order to reach a larger, younger audience.

It was decided to use content management software that is free, easy to learn and use, has pre-designed templates and integrates with Social Media. During the fall, meetings were held to discuss requirements, content, design, standards, and to prepare a draft design of the Home Page.

Common Look and Feel: The committee decided that Parkdale would benefit from having a logo, church colours and a motto / tag line that could be used on the website, as well as other promotional products like brochures, mugs and pins. Since these products could be used for a variety of church functions and events, the Communications Committee recommends that a Common Look and Feel Working Group be formed with representatives from different areas of the church to make decisions regarding the logo, colours and motto. We encourage the working group to contract a professional graphic designer to design the logo.

Publicizing Parkdale Events: Jenna Lester did an excellent job publicizing Parkdale's public events in the media, to other churches, in the community, etc. As well as regular events like the Rummage Sales, Yuletide Bazaar and Dessert in the Dark, this year she also advertised several

other events such as the Anniversary Sunday Luncheon with speakers from HFH NCR, the Blanket Exercise, the Southwest Children's Choir and the Cookie Jam.

Social Media: Chris Hinds continued to manage Parkdale's Twitter account and Jenna Lester manages Facebook. In the fall, they held a successful Social Media Workshop after the service one Sunday to explain how to use Twitter and Facebook to members of the Congregation who wanted to be more 'tech savvy'. More recently, our new member, Jessica Dunkin is assisting with the management of the Twitter account.

Signage: Several new banners were designed and purchased this year for Martin Luther King Sunday, Easter and Christmas. Since Richard Hamley also built and installed a second banner frame to be used on the Gladstone side, we now have two versions of every banner. A-frame signs were purchased for the Parkdale and Gladstone parking lots designating the Gladstone lot as a Courtesy Parking Lot. Lot Full signs were also purchased for the two lots.

eNewsletter: Heidi Vincent implemented software called Constant Contact that enabled her to develop an attractive template for Parkdale's eNewsletter and then manage the monthly mailouts. Each month, Chris Hinds develops the content and Heidi imports it to Constant Contact. The eNewsletter has proved to be a very effective way of communicating Parkdale news and events and we have received much positive feedback from the Congregation.

Looking Forward

Objectives for 2014:

- a. Develop a one page Newcomer's Handout that can be distributed to those attending Parkdale for the first time. It will contain key information about Parkdale's ministries and services.
- b. Purchase banners to promote the two Rummage Sales and the Yuletide Bazaar.
- c. Continue work on the redesign of Parkdale's website:
 - i. Obtain, install and learn new software
 - ii. Finalize design
 - iii. Finalize and update content
 - iv. Test
 - v. Develop a Privacy Policy
- d. Continue to advertise and promote Parkdale's public events
- e. Form a Common Look and Feel Working Group.
 - i. The working group would be mandated to make decisions regarding Parkdale's logo, church colours and motto.
 - ii. Committee members would be representatives from different areas of the church.
 - iii. Contract a professional graphic designer to design the logo.

Respectively submitted,
Carolynn Halkett, Chair

FAITH FORMATION & CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT

Your CE committee consists of the following members: Lauren Barbour, Michelle Bailey, Joan Bailey, Ellen Andrews, Melodee Lovering, Camille Beaufort and myself.

We meet periodically to steward the Ministry of Christian teaching and learning of Parkdale's young people.

Our committee members participated in the Unbinding Your Soul in the spring of 2013 and found this to be very enriching. It allowed us time to prayerfully consider our journey with Christ and to spend time with other believers and speak openly about the many blessings that we have here at Parkdale and as well reflect on the challenges that we face together.

In 2013, we have again seen a continued rise in our Sunday School enrollment. Teaching is done by a dedicated group of volunteer teachers who share their faith with Parkdale's children and youth. It is a very rewarding ministry and we are always looking for people who like to be with children and youth to join our team. Should you be interested in helping out in any way with this, feel free to inquire.

The youth remain actively involved in the running of the Second Blessing Coffee Shop. Dedicated youth and parents continue to prepare delectable offerings monthly after church under the guidance of Joanna Hamley. What will they serve next? ... Come check us out! Regular activities are planned for both junior and senior youth groups in 2014. After watching the movie "Jerusalem" senior youth again practiced their cooking skills, preparing gourmet hamburgers on the brand new stoves in the Tape Hall kitchen. We are planning some sessions for senior youth in the new year on living into right relations with our first nations brothers and sisters as we explore the history of the residential schools with the help of Elise Mennie.

Looking Forward

We have again scheduled a family camp in June 2014 at Gracefield camp in Québec and hope that you will join us! All are welcome so please mark your calendars and pray for warm weather!

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Crabtree

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & ROLLS

One of the main objectives of the Membership Development Committee is to welcome visitors to our church services and to inform them about various Parkdale activities and events. This ongoing hospitality role also includes reaching out to our newer members to ensure that they feel part of our Parkdale family.

The Committee encourages all Parkdale members to welcome visitors. In an effort to help us get to know one another the congregation has been encouraged to wear name tags at church

activities. Magnetic nametags with the United Church crest were sold for a nominal fee. To date over 160 of these nametags have been ordered. We will continue to place orders as needed.

During the past year, our Committee welcomed a number of new members:

On April 28th we hosted a pre-service breakfast for eleven new members who joined Parkdale by transfer and re-affirmation of faith.

These breakfasts provide an opportunity to meet ministerial staff, chairs of committees, as well as the Chair of the Official Board and to learn about the roles these people play at Parkdale. The new members were encouraged to consider how their own gifts and talents might play a role in their new church community. After the service the congregation was invited to meet the new members over coffee/ cake.

Members of our Committee include:

Barbara Baird	Deborah Bellware	Liz Cheesbrough
Wenxi Chen	Danielle Gougeon	KerryLynn Grozinger
Janice Gray	Marilyn Hahn	Lorraine Hanna
John Harewood	Diana Mason	Kathryn Meerburg
Joelle Osterkruger	Freda Sutton	Janet Taylor
Daunett Tucker		

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Hahn

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

December 31, 2013

Membership	335
Adherents	<u>178</u>
	513

Added by	
Re-affirmation of Faith	6
Transfer	6

Baptisms	8
Marriages	8
Funerals	14 Members - 8 Non Parkdale

New Members in 2013

Re-affirmation of Faith
Stuart Brown
Tineke Brown
Betty Hope Gittens
John Harewood

Blaine Pauling
Shonna Tuck

Transfer

Pierre Barbeau
Eleanor Creasey
Ruth Foster
David Creasey
Peter Creasey
Shirley Moore

Respectfully submitted
Helen Fortune, Clerk of the Rolls

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Manual of the United Church mandates that every pastoral charge must have a Ministry & Personnel Committee (M&P) that is accountable to the governing body, the Council in the case of Parkdale. The M&P is an on-going, standing Committee with the primary responsibility to oversee the relationships and functions within the ministry personnel and other employees of the Church. Its role is to be both consultative and supportive; it does not have executive powers. The Committee is comprised of seven members.

The past year was an active one for the Committee, with eight formal Committee meetings as well as participating in Council meetings.

Personnel Matters

On September 1, we welcomed Rev. Debbie Roi to the position of Minister of Pastoral Care. We are delighted that Debbie has joined our family here at Parkdale. Debbie jumped right in and got to know the congregation through hosting small group breakfasts on Sundays before church. We are truly blessed with Debbie's meaningful prayers in Sunday worship and her work with the Pastoral Care team in reaching out to shut-ins and those in need of pastoral care. Welcome to Parkdale, Debbie! For those who have not had an opportunity to meet Debbie in person, you can read about her in an article in the September *Messenger* and coverage of Debbie's Covenanting Service is in the November *Messenger*.¹

We said good-bye to our part-time custodian Jeff Clifford at the end of August as he pursued other opportunities. Jeff was always cheerful and I remember his welcoming manner even in the middle of the night when he would be on duty for the Easter Vigil.

In October we welcomed our newest member of the custodial staff, Molly Shinhat. Molly brings great energy to the job and we welcome Molly to Parkdale and look forward to working with her in 2014.

¹ Back issues of the *Messenger* can be found on Parkdale's web-site. See the Events section of the web-site to view all past and the current Messengers.

We congratulate Melodee Lovering who has been officially recognized by the United Church as a *Designated Lay Minister* (DLM). Her appointment was approved during the fall meeting of Ottawa Presbytery held at Parkdale on November 12th. It was a lovely evening with 130 Presbytery members and several members of M&P and Council in attendance to share in Melodee's achievement. Melodee has been working over the last few years to complete the comprehensive program prescribed by the United Church. You can read more about Melodee's recognition in the December *Messenger*.

We also congratulate Anthony Bailey for not only the tremendous work he does at Parkdale in leading our community of faith but also for the recognition which he received in being awarded an Ontario Volunteer Service Award for his work in fostering healthy intercultural relationships and racial reconciliation. This is an award which "recognizes individual volunteers for continuous years of commitment and dedicated service to an organization." Congratulations Anthony!

Appreciation of our Staff

At Parkdale we are blessed to be led and served by dedicated Ministry and Lay staff. Our thanks go out to Dr. Bailey (Coordinating Minister), Melodee Lovering (Minister of Youth and Children), Debbie Roi (Minister of Pastoral Care), Don Mockett (Office Manager), Troy Cross (Organist and Music Director), Khan Chao (Caretaker and Custodian), and part-time custodians/security staff Carole Shaw, Ryan Pascal and Molly Shinhat.

In November, the Committee on behalf of the Congregation hosted an Appreciation Dinner for the entire staff. It was an opportunity to thank the staff while enjoying a meal together and it was a wonderful time of fun and fellowship. The event was captured in pictures which can be found in the December *Messenger*.

Administrative Matters

Annual interviews with all staff are mandated by the United Church of Canada (UCC) Manual and have been regularly conducted at Parkdale. M&P conducts semi-annual interviews in the spring and fall.

The Committee organized a Staff Retreat in late September. The purpose was to conduct a one day team building and planning session for the staff with a professional facilitator. During the session, the topics covered included discussing expectations, Vision and Mission review, directions and goals for the next year with priorities, strengths and weaknesses and work specifics. The session was well received and particularly timely for the Ministerial team as they welcomed the newly appointed Minister of Pastoral Care, Debbie, to the team.

The Committee also put together a welcome package for Debbie to help acquaint her with Parkdale. The package consisted of many reference documents related to Parkdale, its committees, and all the other activities happening on a daily, weekly and monthly basis.

Looking forward, the Committee has been reviewing and updating the Personnel Policies and is expecting to review them with Staff and to present them to Council in 2014 for approval.

Thank you to members of the Committee

Thank you to all the members of the M&P committee for their hard work and dedication in 2013. I look forward to working with you in 2014. Members of the committee are: Pierre Barbeau, Ruth Foster, Rob Maclachlan, Don Macpherson, Peter Meerburg and Wally Prater.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hamley
Chair, M&P

MISSION, OUTREACH AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

As I write, I pray and hope that this report will satisfy the reader's curiosity of what this committee is about and that the reader will be inspired in some way, however small, to move the mission of our church forward.

The Mission, Outreach & Justice committee, shepherded by Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey (Anthony), provides leadership in assisting the congregation to understand and engage in God's mission, particularly beyond the "walls" of our congregation. This mission is one of love and justice for all people and includes a call to live in such a way as to transform our community and our world. The MO&J Committee is concerned with human and social issues existing in our community and abroad. It ensures increased awareness of these issues in the church and promotes opportunities for the congregation to participate actively in outreach and justice initiatives. Opportunities for learning come in the form of workshops, mission trips, educational films, speakers and ad hoc events.

The committee is dedicated to supporting individuals within and outside our church community. As you will see from the report below, our "*In From the Cold*" ministry serves the wider community during the cold months of November to March each year. Through our financial support to the United Church of Canada's (UCC) "Mission & Service Fund", we participate in supporting those in need and those providing missionary work in Canada and overseas. We make recommendations to Council on the use of church funds to advance Parkdale's Christian mission including outreach programmes, justice, peace and development projects. We work in partnership with Presbytery on issues concerning our church.

We give financial support to local organizations such as the Queensway Preschool which is housed in our church building, to Operations Come Home, The Ottawa Mission for Men, Cornerstone Women's Shelter, the Inncity Ministries and Habitat for Humanity among others. Once again the Easter special offerings went to Urban Christian Outreach. The Thanksgiving offerings went to support the breakfast programmes at Cambridge and Connaught schools. The Christmas offerings went to The Ottawa Mission and to Cornerstone Housing for Women.

Outside our community we supported the KitiganZibi School library on the Algonquin Reserve in Maniwaki and the Stephen Lewis Foundation (AIDS relief). Internationally, we supported North Street United Church, Jamaica, through money collected at Easter and, through the UCC Mission & Service Fund, made a donation to the UCC's Philippines' Disaster Relief Fund.

Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund again received \$1000. This donation is given in light of Parkdale's involvement in sponsoring refugees and as we now consider opening our hearts and church to a new refugee family in 2014.

Our **In From the Cold Ministry** continues to be our biggest and a most needed service. The purpose of this hospitality ministry is to provide, in the way of Jesus, an opportunity for us, the people of Parkdale, as well as volunteers from the wider community and guests experiencing poverty and other challenges, to come together in relationship while exploring the privilege of giving and receiving. In March 2013, this ministry completed its eleventh year.

During the past year, January, February, March, November and December, 2,675 nutritious four-course meals prepared by our dedicated kitchen volunteers were served. The kitchen volunteers had an extra joy using our new stoves which were installed in October. Over 19 Saturdays, the average number of guests was 140, up from an average of 132 the previous year. Over 200 enthusiastic, efficient volunteers from the congregation and community participate in teams of approximately 70 each week. As well as scheduling volunteers, picking up and delivering donated food, shopping, preparing, serving and cleaning up, opportunities are provided for crafts, card and picture making, reading and browsing through books, magazines and newspapers. A variety of excellent musical entertainment continues to be provided by a number of individuals and community groups. Anthony's weekly participation, encouragement and support is appreciated by both guests and volunteers. Our guests continue to express their appreciation for not only the meal but also for the safe, accepting environment they experience.

We are most grateful for our loyal, generous donors: The Ottawa Food Bank and our local merchants - Bridgehead Coffeeshouses, GTxpress, Harvest Loaf Bakery, Herb and Spice Shop, Isobel's Cupcakes and Cookies, Morris Home Hardware, Ottawa Bagel Shop and Deli, The Table Vegetarian Restaurant, Saslove's Meat Market, The Ottawa Citizen, The Ottawa Sun and Trillium Bakery.

The congregation's ongoing faithful prayers and financial support for the purchase of supplies and necessary equipment (such as our wonderful new stoves) are very much needed and appreciated. As a congregation, we are most grateful for the opportunity to serve together in this important ministry.

Living Into Right Relations Group (LIRR) This group was formed mid-2012 and within one year and a half has, as you will see from the following report, made tremendous strides under the leadership of Elise Mennie.

The year's activities began when some of our group's members attended the Lenten series called "**Right Relations: Daring to Know More Deeply**". We learned about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the history of treaties, the Idle no More movement and the laws and policies that govern our relationship with Indigenous peoples. This culminated in a bus trip of about 50 people to Montreal on April 26th for a day of hearings of the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) in which 13 members of Parkdale**, including Anthony, participated. The courageous testimonies of former residential school students helped us understand the enormity of the loss and abuse that was caused by the assimilationist policies of our government and churches. As a follow-up, an **inter-denominational Right Relations Network** was started up in Ottawa in the Fall. Elise Mennie represents Parkdale's Right Relations Group on this

network. One of its projects was to fundraise for the **school library in KitiganZibi**, the Algonquin reserve in Maniwaki, so that they could purchase new books identified by the teachers. Parkdale **contributed \$500** of its 2013 Mission, Outreach and Justice budget to this project.

At the June 9th Sunday service, Parkdale joined in the **KAIROS Day for Action for Water**. (KAIROS is a group of 11 Canadian churches and religious organizations working together for human rights, ecological and other justice issues.) Anthony blessed water collected from our watershed, the Ottawa river, which was then sent to KAIROS, where waters from communities around the country were dedicated in solidarity with Indigenous People's call to protect our environment.

On June 16, after the **Aboriginal Day service at Parkdale**, about 50 people had lunch together, then participated in ***The Blanket Exercise***, a re-enactment of 400 years of history from the perspective of Aboriginal Peoples. The one-and-a-half-hour long workshop was opened and closed in prayer by Aboriginal Elder Annie Smith-St. George and was led by Ed Bianchi, Manager of Dignity & Rights and Communications at KAIROS. Participants found the experience moving, thought-provoking and one that revealed a hidden part of our Canadian history.

Parkdale's Stewardship Committee as well as the Book Club collaborated in educational events on Aboriginal issues. On **Earth Day, March 23rd**, the **Stewardship Committee** invited Algonquin Elder and poet, Albert Dumont, to speak at their "**Dessert in the Dark**" event. On May 26th, the **Book Club** discussed "***Speaking my Truth: Reflections on Reconciliation and Residential School***", and on September 15, "***The Inconvenient Indian***" by Thomas King.

In the Fall, the congregation was invited to sign two petitions endorsed by the United Church of Canada. About 50 people signed the **petition calling for a national enquiry on missing and murdered Aboriginal women** and about 25 signed the one calling for the regulation of **Canadian mining companies operating abroad to respect the human rights of Indigenous peoples**.

On October 18-19, Lauren Barbour and Bev Sunday attended the **Fourth Covenant Chain Link event** organised by KAIROS, which promotes understanding between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

Elise also met with Parkdale's Education Committee and Council to discuss organizing the ***Project of Heart*** for the Sunday school. This involves research on a particular Indian residential school, an art project decorating small tiles to commemorate children who died at the school and meeting an Elder for a gesture of reconciliation. There was interest in the project and plans are underway to incorporate it into the Senior Youth Group's activities in the Spring of 2014.

Cookie Jam 2013 was the first of its kind at Parkdale. Thanks to Anthony for inviting Jessica Dunkin to one of our meetings to launch the idea. Held on Saturday, October 5, 2013, Memorial Hall was filled with people gathered to share the love of cookies and to raise money for our ***In From the Cold*** ministry. There were bakers with their mouth-watering cookies, tasters and judges. This joyful event raised \$1189.23 for our ministry. All this was made possible and done

almost single-handedly by Jessica Dunkin with some help from our committee members. We look forward to a repeat in 2014.

5K Run/Walk for Parkdale's In From The Cold: Like "Cookie Jam" the 5K Run/Walk for Parkdale United was a first. It was also another fundraiser for our "In From The Cold" ministry as well as for Parkdale's initiative to make the building more accessible to people living with disabilities. Wally Prater, as Parkdale's contact person, joined organizers and hosts Matt and Christine Stacey with many from Parkdale United and from the community at the starting point at Regina Street Public School. This was indeed another example of our church coming together with the community to live out what we learned in the "Unbinding" series: reach out and bear witness in the community. The event raised \$1276.11 for our church ministry. We look forward to a rerun in 2014.

Celebrating our Cultures – International Dinner had not been held in 2012 in order to allow people to concentrate on Parkdale's "Unbinding the Gospel" series. We were back this year with renewed enthusiasm. As "ambassadors" from the Philippines, Danielien and Daniel Vidal presented on their customs and demonstrated their unique dance, and, as one brought up in the Mennonite faith, Lauren Barbour presented a learning experience for the over one hundred guests. Once again, we were blessed with much music and an amazing variety of different cuisine. Funds from this event were donated to Parkdale's "God – Positioning our Souls" retreat for families to be held again in Gracefield, Quebec in 2014.

Images & Stories - We had an amazing year with between 25 – 45 guests attending these presentations, which were coordinated by Janet Taylor. In January 2013 we started off with a moving presentation "Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus – a Biblical/historical tour of Israel" by Tom Grozinger, followed in February by Janice Gray on her trip to Australia. In March John and Elaine Butcher did a rerun of their "Delights of India" and this time Mother Nature cooperated with good weather. September was kicked off with an enlightening presentation by Jim & Pamela Gemmell on The Caminos, then Jim & Diane Maxwell on Vietnam, Laos & Cambodia. Our appreciation to our beloved Khan Chao for being there to remind us of the stark reality of his own past in Cambodia before coming to us as a refugee some 30-odd years ago. We ended the year with a very interesting educational presentation by Hannie Fitzgerald on her life in "Labrador in Those Days". A most rewarding series of Images & Stories.

Habitat for Humanity- Parkdale has had a long association with *Habitat for Humanity* and this year was particularly active. Our committee member Carolyn Halkett (who also chairs Parkdale's Communications Committee) sits on their Faith committee. On Sunday, **May 5th**, **Parkdale celebrated 82 years of Ministry.** This year the **focus was on the faithful support Parkdale has offered to Habitat.** We were blessed to have Rev. Jocelyn Richard-Livingstone from Habitat as our guest preacher. Following the service, over 60 members of the congregation attended a delicious lunch complete with anniversary cake. After lunch we heard from three presenters: Donna Hicks, CEO of *Habitat for Humanity* NCR, Ida Kakekagumick – an aboriginal grandmother who was purchasing one of the homes in an Orleans build for herself and her three grandchildren, and Parkdale's Cathy Lees who shared her experiences in local and international builds. Flyers and coin-collection kits were placed at the four Sanctuary doors and in October, during a church service, Anthony presented Rev. Richard-Livingstone with a **cheque in the amount of \$1000.** On **September 11th**, **a group of 12 Parkdalers met in Orleans** to roll up their sleeves and contribute what they could to Habitat's latest build. Anthony started the day

with devotions. Four of our church members **prepared as well as delivered food for about 20 persons** working that day and did so again on September 24th. All in all, a satisfying year working with *Habitat for Humanity* for the good of others.

Sunday/Sayer Family: Beverley Sunday and Joseph Sayer were both critically injured in a tragic car accident on February 19, 2010 in which they both suffered very serious head injuries. They both still have many challenges; however, we are very thankful to God and pleased to see Beverley wheeling into church since November 2012 and throughout this year. On Sunday, **February 10, 2013 Anthony held a special prayer** in which friends and Elders of our church joined at the altar to bless Bev who has shown tremendous courage and strength in spite of her injuries. Joe continues his treatment and has been able to attend church service a few times this year.

MO&J Committee Members: This committee has a chair and 17 members who are supported and shepherded by Anthony. He usually leads our devotion as we pray for guidance, wisdom and courage to do God's work. We meet roughly once every six weeks. In the latter half of the year Jim and Cynthia Currie tendered their resignation. We want to express our gratitude to them for their work and suggestions in moving the committee along and particularly for their help in securing the evening in 2011 with the Honourable James Bartleman (who spoke on Aboriginal issues.) We hold them in our prayers as well as our committee members who have not been well. In March we welcomed Jacqueline Vincent and Lenore Rayner and later in the year Johanna Lace.

MO&J 2013 Committee Members are:

Estelle Allen (Past-Chair)	Beth Gutsell	Carol Ritchie
Gloria Anderson (Past-Chair)	Carolynn Halkett	Janet Taylor
Rev. Anthony Bailey	Johanna Lace	Mary Tsikouras
Faye Beaufort (Chair)	Elise Mennie	Daunett Tucker
Ike Goodine	Jennifer Payne	Uchannah Samuel
Nicole Greaves	Lenore Rayner	Jacqueline Vincent

I continue to be humbled and encouraged by the support, guidance, ideas, and enthusiasm of committee members. We felt a sense of comradery with so much help from members of other committees – we again felt a sense of everyone pulling together for the good of our church. Our thanks to all who supply us with special baking for our *Images & Stories* evenings and to John Harewood for being our part-time reporter. Special thanks to Don, Khan, Carol, Ryan & Molly for making arrangements, setting up and ensuring things run well before, during and after events.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2014

- *Sponsoring a Syrian Refugee family*
- *Living Into Right Relations Group – “Project of Heart”*
- *Health Information Sessions*
- *Celebrating our Cultures – International Dinner 2014*
- *Images & Stories*
- *Sunday Bag-Lunch Sessions*

Finally, **as I step down as Chair** of the Mission, Outreach & Justice committee, I wish to thank each and every member of this committee, the congregation and Council for affording me the privilege to serve at Parkdale in this regard. I am most grateful for this life-changing opportunity. I will continue to sit as a member of the committee. I wish you all God's blessings and much Peace.

Respectfully submitted by
Faye Beaufort
Chair, Mission, Outreach & Justice Committee 2013

PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care Team has ten members all of whom visit regularly with the people who live in seniors' residences and nursing homes as well as those who still live on their own but have difficulty attending church on a regular basis. Currently there are approximately 45 people on our list.

The team meets bi-monthly to share news regarding their visits and information about any changes in the circumstances of the people in our care.

Continuing education is always an important aspect of Pastoral Care at Parkdale. It enables the team to better serve those in our care. In 2013 several members of our Pastoral Care Team attended two seminars presented by Pastoral Care Ottawa. One seminar dealt with practical solutions for stress relief for pastoral care workers and caregivers; another about what constitutes healthy grieving.

In February, we invited Jeannette Ozlez-Rooney, the Parish Nurse at Carleton Memorial United Church to come and tell us about her work. Jeannette spoke about the type of work she does and a question and answer period followed. The Pastoral Care Team learned that the work of a parish nurse encompasses many aspects of life in addition to health care. Current services are stretched to the limit and more cooperation is needed between retirement residences and nursing homes.

The Caring Kitchens program is continuing to provide food or meals to those who need assistance. In 2012 the focus of the program shifted somewhat in that we are now providing a

small number of families in need with supplementary food. Those who receive food from Caring Kitchens are very grateful for the assistance.

Two Special Communion services were held for seniors who cannot come to church on a regular basis. Dr. Bailey conducted the post Easter service and Dr. Bailey and Rev. Debbie Roi conducted the service in October. A time of fellowship was held after each service where the seniors had an opportunity to chat with their friends.

Muriel Bellman once again organized the distribution of lilies, a Parkdale Easter tradition and many members of the congregation assisted with the delivery. Many thanks to Muriel for undertaking this each year. Everyone who receives a lily is pleased that Parkdale remembered them.

In September, the Pastoral Care Team welcomed Rev. Debbie Roi at a potluck lunch. We feel blessed to have Rev. Roi as our pastoral care minister and appreciate her dedication and warmth.

At the last meeting of 2012, the team prepared plates of cookies which were distributed to the seniors on our list. This treat is always very much appreciated by the recipients.

Objectives for 2014

We will continue to provide the same care and concern for our seniors and other vulnerable people in our congregation as we have in the past. This includes, but is not limited to, visiting, phoning, providing food.

We will continue to expand our knowledge and become more familiar with areas beyond the care of seniors by attending seminars, inviting speakers and reading relevant books.

We will organize at least one event to which the congregation at large will be invited.

Members of the Pastoral Care Team

Gloria Anderson

Faye Beaufort

Muriel Bellman

Hazel Bowen

Marilyn Hahn

Helen Hayes

Kathryn Meerburg

Dian Morris

Mary McLeod

Gail Thain

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McLeod, Chair,
Pastoral Care Team

PROPERTY TRUSTEES

The Property Trustees met 5 times in 2013; January 15, March 12, May 7, June 10 and November 19. Thanks to the dedicated Committee members, the following projects were successfully completed:

1. Installation of a stackable washer and dryer in the Queensway Preschool office and electrical mechanical hookups.
2. Replacement of two circulating pumps for the heating system.
3. Preparation of the Property Trustee minutes for examination by the Archives Committee of Ottawa Presbytery on March 7, 2013. No necessary improvements were identified.
4. An energy assessment of the lighting and electrical water heating systems was carried out by Hydro Ottawa and suggested retrofits implemented.
5. Installation of a new fire alarm control panel.
6. Opening of the boilers for inspection, which passed. One door was repaired. The squirrel cage blower fan on Boiler No. 1 was replaced.
7. Re-arrangement of pews on north side of Sanctuary to accommodate a wheelchair and seating for an attendant.
8. Installation of two new gas ranges, a stainless steel exhaust hood, a fire suppression system, wall fan and upgraded lighting in the Tape Hall kitchen. Gas piping, ductwork, and electrical hookups. Supplying two new stainless steel serving tables. A backdraft damper was later added in the ductwork.
9. Hiring (with assistance of M&P) a new evening security custodian.
10. Retrofit of Memorial Hall washroom as a barrier-free Individual Toilet Room with a wider door opening, power-assisted swinging door, push pad, new fixtures and fittings. The terrazzo floor and cove base damaged by the relocation of the WC and excavation for the waste pipe were repaired.
11. An extension was made to the roof of the Gladstone entrance, on the Parkdale Avenue side, to reduce the water damage to the brick wall.
12. An annual inspection of the Sanctuary roof was made and loose screws tightened and sealed. At the same time the flashing on the roof over the Gladstone entrance door was caulked and repaired.
13. An inspection was made of the radiators in the Chapel. The covers were removed and the heating coils taken out. The covers will need to be revamped to suit their location and the covers and coils re-installed. The air vent bleeders on all radiators in the building are being systematically replaced.

Looking Forward

The focus of the Committee in 2014 will be repairs to the counter in the Ladies Parlour kitchen, masonry repointing/repairs to north tower, sanding and refinishing the Memorial Hall floor and re-paving the Gladstone parking lot.

The members of the Property Trustees Committee of Council are:

David Baird
Khan Chao
Warren Creighton
Rick Cunliffe
Ken Elder (Chair)
Janice Gray (Secretary)
Don Mockett
Richard Yearwood

Respectively submitted,
Ken Elder,
Chair

RECRUITMENT AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

Participating in the process to recruit and select a new Minister of Pastoral Care was the committee's main activity during the past year. The Joint Search Committee was successful in its recruitment of Debbie Roi, and the search committee's recommendation to engage her was supported unanimously at a congregational meeting. Debbie officially commenced her employment with Parkdale at the beginning of September.

The R&SP committee also compiled a list of potential candidates for nomination to positions on the 2014 church Council, which were subsequently considered by the Council, and then prepared for approval by the congregation at the 2013 annual general meeting.

Members of the R&SP Committee are the Council Chair, the Past Council Chair, the Council Vice-Chair, the Co-ordinating Minister, and the Committee Chair.

If you are interested in participating in any of Parkdale's programs or activities, either through membership on the Council, or through helping with one of the committees or small groups, please contact one of the R&SP members.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Meerburg

STEWARDSHIP

The purpose of the Stewardship Committee is as follows:

- The Stewardship Committee recognizes that everything we have (our time, talents and treasures) belongs to God and that we are called to use these resources for God's purposes in the world. We also recognize that we are called to share these God-given gifts - we give generously because we have received abundantly.
- The Stewardship Committee helps ensure that stewardship education is accorded proper emphasis in the work of the Council and in the life of the Congregation. In this capacity, the Committee serves to encourage and help congregants discover and deploy their spiritual gifts in Parkdale's ministries and beyond; to nurture stewardship formation; to engage the congregation with respect to our spiritual relationship to money and resource consumption; and to challenge the Parkdale community to live with respect in creation.

Projects/Activities: 2013

Towards the fulfillment of the above purpose, multiple activities occurred in 2013 as follows:

1. "Stewardship Thoughts" - though provoking and / or inspiring ideas continue to appear in the weekly worship bulletin.
2. Some members attended the "Spirit of Stewardship" workshop in February facilitated by the United Church Presbytery. Attendees benefited from:
 - a. The themed address on the teachings of some Native Americans regarding the stewarding of the Earth and its resources.
 - b. Break out workshops on areas like specific fundraising activities and faith and the arts (i.e., ways to incorporate art into the faith journey).
3. In March, Parkdalers and friends observed the eight annual Earth Hour which focused on 'stewarding' our environment through the powerful stories and poetry of Algonquin Poet, Storyteller and Traditional Teacher, Albert Dumont, "South Wind". Attendees also experienced the drum, rattle, chanting and dance forms of communication with the Creator used by the Algonquin - the event was co-organized with the Mission, Outreach and Justice committee.
4. The "Spirit Giving Gifts" workshop was offered in May . The Bible speaks about certain "gifts" that are given to us by God's Spirit to equip us to do the work of God in the world. Thus by way of some Biblical reflection, a user-friendly questionnaire, discussion, and a presentation, participants were lead through ways of discovering, developing and deploying their Spirit Given Gifts.
5. Presentation on the "Debt Management Center" program on June. This program offers ways to help individuals manage debt and make better and sound financial decisions. Follow-up to learn more about this program will continue in 2014.
6. The "Draft Guidelines on Environmental Responsibility" was presented to Council in December and an article on the guideline appeared in the November messenger. Following input and feedback from Council updates were made and the guidelines will go back to Council in 2014. In practical terms, the guidelines aims to help users of

Parkdale facilities / respires, reduce the ecological footprint (to the extent possible and practicable) and take steps to avoid adding to the burdens we now place on the earth and our natural environment.

7. In October the committee took part in consultations, led by the Memorial Fund Working Group, regarding the current and future scope and mandate of the Parkdale's Memorial Fund.
8. In December two members attended the Ecumenical Stewardship Center's Leadership Seminar in Ft. Lauderdale. It addressed the main themes of Caring for Creation and Maintaining the physical buildings of churches. Helpful insights were received from the main speakers including Steven Scharper of the Toronto Star on the many ways one can better use and take care of the Earth's resources.

Looking Forward : 2014

1. Continuation of Stewardship Thoughts for the weekly bulletin.
2. Presentation of a Spirit Given Gifts Workshop in Spring 2014 , if there is sufficient interest from the congregation.
3. Present a financial / debt management Workshop in 2014 , if there is sufficient interest from the congregation.
4. Regularly provide the congregation with information on the financial and other needs of our ministries/operations, to help members/adherents to discern the God-given gifts that they can make to Parkdale in order to sustain or expand our ministries and facilities.
5. Update the Stewardship Bulletin Board to creatively share stewardship insights and information.
6. Finalize the "Guidelines on Environmental Responsibility" for Parkdale United Church.
7. Pursue the development of a fundraising strategy / plan.

Committee Membership

In 2013, the members of the Committee were:

Alexandra Stockwell
Anthony Bailey
David Odumodu
Garth McLeod
Jennifer Doubt (resigned earlier in the year)
Jennifer Payne
Samantha Tim
Scott Andrews
Tania Lambert Bosch

Submitted,
Samantha Tim, Chair

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Who we are/What we do	What we did in 2013
<p>Purpose:</p> <p>The Worship Committee is responsible for the Ministry of Worship, including the Ministry of Music, for all ages of the Congregation and those we seek to draw into our congregation.</p> <p>Membership:</p> <p>Chair Coordinating Minister Music Director Choir Representative Members and adherents of the Congregation</p> <p>Duties and Responsibilities:</p> <p><u>Worship</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supporting the Ministry Personnel, the Music Director and others who give leadership in Worship. 2. Planning and visioning regarding Worship in collaboration with the Ministry Personnel. 3. Keeping a pulse on the congregations' ideas and concerns regarding Worship and the Ministry of Music. 4. Overseeing, in cooperation with Ministry Personnel, the policy on baptisms and confirmations of children and adults. <p><u>Participants in Worship</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recruiting and supporting participants for the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Ushering and greeting for Sunday morning service, b. Lay readers c. Communion servers and element preparation d. Audio/Visual technical support e. Meditation Group 2. Supporting of substitutes in the event of absence (regular or emergency) in the pulpit. (Arrangement done by ministerial staff) 	<p>Members of the Worship Committee for 2013:</p> <p><i>Chair :</i> David C. Odumodu <i>Coordinating Minister:</i> Anthony Bailey <i>Minister of Children and Youth:</i> Melodee Lovering <i>Music Director –</i> Troy Cross <i>Choir Representative:</i> Alexandre Stockwell <i>Members and adherents of the Congregation –</i> Richard Hamley; Camille Beaufort; Carolyn Faught; Julee Pauling</p> <p>We continued to support the music ministry, the Music Director and the Choir. The contract for the Music Director was successfully negotiated – this being the first time the Committee had been given that responsibility.</p> <p>We continued our efforts with regard to the implementation of the Worship Arts Vision, which was presented to the Council and shared with the congregation in 2012. Some parts of the vision have been implemented and we look forward to members of the congregation adopting and actualizing others. Worship arts incorporated into PUC's worship in 2013 included Choir, DaleSong, sacred movement/liturgical dance, poetry, drama and the welcoming of guest contributors and musicians. We continued work on how best to demonstrate what has been accomplished and what still needs to be done.</p> <p>Another part of our work which we reviewed is how best to listen to the congregation and ensure that we understand the congregation's pulse with</p>

Who we are/What we do	What we did in 2013
<p><u>Sanctuary and Worship Spaces</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Managing materials used in Worship including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Flowers, banners, symbols and decorations in the Sanctuary ii. Miscellaneous liturgical items 2. Approving alternate uses of the Sanctuary and Worship spaces. The church office follows the <i>Policy for Church Facility Use</i>. <p><u>Ministry of Music</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Negotiating and administering the contract with the Music Director. 2. Supporting the Choir, DaleSong and other groups and individuals participating in the Ministry of Music. 3. Planning and visioning regarding the Ministry of Music along with the Ministry Personnel and the Music Director. <p><u>Other</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Developing and managing the Committee's budget 	<p>regard to worship. Hopefully, the Committee will recommend an approach in the near future. In the meantime, congregants are encouraged to provide comments and suggestions regarding worship to the Chair of the Worship Committee.</p> <p>Jenni Troup continued her excellent work in co-ordinating ushers so that ushers know what to do and when they will be called upon to do so.</p> <p>Richard Hamley and his team members, Allan Menzies and Gary Crocker, continued to provide excellent audiovisual support not only during Sunday services, but at many other Parkdale events.</p> <p>The Worship Committee's responsibilities necessarily interface with some of the Ministers' responsibilities and other aspects of worship such as Communion. Therefore, separate reports have been provided by the Ministers and Coordinator for Communion on their work.</p> <p>The Committee would like to encourage more members of the congregation to become members of the Committee and join its important work.</p> <p>I thank all Committee members and pray for God's continued Blessings on Parkdale and all who worship here.</p>

Respectfully submitted,
David Odumodu

COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS



A very warm thank you to all who helped with communion arrangements during 2013. Communion is served on four Sundays a year, in March, June, October and December, as well as on Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes and the contribution of those who are always so willing to help with the preparation of the elements, to assist the presiding elders with serving, and to help with clean up is greatly appreciated. Communion dates and number of people who received communion over the past three years appear below:

	2011	2012	2013
March	138	222	223
June	165	198	160
October	206	218	176
December	231	248	223
TOTAL	740	886	782

Presiding Elders:

North Side: Liz Harrison

South side: Garth McLeod

Thank you again to all who give so willingly of their time to assist with the delivery of this holy sacrament.

PRESBYTERY REPORT

Within the United Church of Canada, the primary role of Ottawa Presbytery is to support and encourage the spiritual well being of the congregations within its bounds. In addition, it provides practical support for the smooth functioning of congregational life. It also acts as a liaison between the local congregations and the Montreal & Ottawa Conference and the General Council of the United Church of Canada.

Overview

Ottawa Presbytery includes 59 pastoral charges and 72 preaching points. Presbytery membership includes 82 serving ministry personnel and 124 serving lay presbyters elected by their local congregations. In 2013, Parkdale's presbytery representatives include our ministry personnel – the Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey, Melodee Lovering, and the Rev. Debbie Roi- as well as one lay representative, Beth Gutsell. The Presbytery held nine regular meetings in 2013 with various congregations hosting these meetings as well as one extraordinary meeting held at Riverside United Church in June to make the decision to become an Affirming Presbytery. In November 2013, Parkdale United Church hosted the Presbytery meeting, providing dinner and meeting space. At that time, Melodee Lovering, our Minister of Youth & Young Families, was formally recognized as a Designated Lay Minister.

In its supporting role to local congregations, the Presbytery supports the Youth & Young Adult Ministry (YAYA) including its full time youth minister, The Rev. Hilary Merritt, explores with congregations new models of ministry such as the West Quebec Collective, assists congregations through the amalgamation process, connects with congregations through oversight visits, provides workshops and resources for congregational leaders (Church Treasurers, Finance Committees, Ministry & Personnel Committees, Christian Education, leadership training for youth leaders, and workshops to ensure awareness of the responsibilities of congregations to provide safe environments for vulnerable members), and sponsors new initiatives such as Faith & Arts Ottawa.

Presbytery Budget and Assessments

The ministry of Presbytery is primarily supported through the assessments paid by the pastoral charges. In 2013, this amounted to \$283,800. The total budget for 2013 was set at \$480,000 with \$129,242 passed along to support the Montreal & Ottawa Conference. The Presbytery Budget for 2013 includes \$210,619 for the support of personnel and office administration costs. About \$26,000 was designated to support outreach and campus ministries, hospital chaplaincies and other mission support ministries and committee work. Like the 2012 Budget, the 2013 budget passed by Presbytery is a deficit budget with the shortfall covered by retained earnings from the past few years.

The assessment for each pastoral charge is based on the revenue generation of a pastoral charge for its own ministry. This is averaged over a 3-year period. Pastoral charges generating higher revenues will see their assessment rise while pastoral charges with declining revenues or stable revenues will see a decline or little change. Parkdale's assessment for 2013 was \$18,522.00. The Treasurer of the pastoral charge receives a letter outlining the formula and the assessment for the year.

Faith and Arts Ottawa

Faith and Arts Ottawa is an experimental ministry which has almost completed two years of ministry. It continues to build relationships with art groups and has entered into a partnership with All Saints' Anglican Sandy Hill which has turned its former chapel into a fully equipped art studio to create the SpiritArt studio and SpiritArt programme. The 9th Hour Theatre Company is partnering with Faith & Arts Ottawa to create a piece of original theatre called "Grain of Salt."

West Quebec Collective

After two years of exploring ministry options, five West Quebec congregations have undertaken a common ministry. In 2013, five congregations, St. Andrew's Gatineau, Rupert United, St. Andrew's Wakefield, Cantley United and Chelsea United moved into ministry as a collective. Following congregational votes in March and Presbytery approval in June, a joint Church Council was formed and has been shaping the common life of the shared ministry. It has just begun a search for a ministry team to help move them to the future. The collective's new name is Eglise Unie de la Grace United Church.

Becoming an Affirming Presbytery

After a number of years of discernment, the decision taken in June 2013 to become an Affirming Ministry also marked a change in the life of Ottawa Presbytery, and a commitment to be a diverse and safe community for all. The Presbytery has now sought certification from Affirm United to receive Affirming status.

A letter was sent to all congregations within the Presbytery clarifying this decision, its implications and limits. What follows is a summary of that statement.

Becoming an Affirming Presbytery includes making an explicit statement about welcoming those of all sexual orientations and gender identities, but it goes beyond issues of gender diversity and sexual orientation. It means that the Presbytery will commit to challenge bias and discrimination based on appearance, culture, class and age, work to end racism, promote economic justice and care for the planet. To that end, the Presbytery is forming a “diversity” committee to develop an action plan for living out these values and commitments.

Although the Presbytery itself has voted to become Affirming, individual congregations have autonomy to decide whether or not to do the same. *The decision of Presbytery does not implicate or mandate that congregations within the Presbytery must be Affirming ministries.* The relationship of Presbytery to all congregations continues to be one of supporting the religious life of all congregations.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry (YAYA)

The Youth & Young Adult Committee and Youth Minister, the Rev. Hilary Merritt, continues to provide leadership and support within Presbytery to local congregations as well as to local ecumenical youth initiatives. YAYA hosted youth from London Conference, St. Catharines, Sherbrooke and Sudbury at Worshiplude in early February with the participation of special guest, the Right Reverend Gary Paterson, Moderator of the United Church of Canada. Over the summer, Camp Awesome welcomed 600 children to Bible stories, crafts, games and drama under the leadership of 50 youth and young adults. YAYA also sponsored a Global Partnership visit of 7 young adults and the Rev. Hilary Merritt to Zambia where they engaged in projects, partnering with Chipembi Girls’ School. Opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship for young people across the Presbytery were available through The Point at Rideau Park in October, and the ecumenical ministry of Open Table.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Gutsell, Lay Presbytery Representative

PARKDALE ORCHESTRA

We are pleased to report that 2013 was another year of excellence for the Parkdale United Church Orchestra, with another three concerts at Parkdale United church as well as a highly successful run-out concert in Chelsea, Quebec. We continue to draw a large audience to our concerts, who seem to greatly appreciate our events and follow us with loyalty.

We have grown in numbers, now encompassing a core group of around 55 players, growing to as many as 66 depending on musical requirements for a particular program. Our conductor, Angus Armstrong, continues to provide us with wonderful leadership, and programming not only appropriate to the capabilities of the members, but also highly entertaining and wide ranging of musical styles and eras. We are very pleased that he is still so strongly committed to our orchestra, and is well appreciated by all of our members as well as our audience.

The management of the orchestra is also very stable, with a commitment from twelve members in Board positions and the rest providing help in a variety of areas needed to keep such an organization running smoothly. Our annual budget is equal to our needs, and met through strong ticket sales and annual dues from our members that is comparable to or less than most other similar groups in the Eastern Ontario region.

The 2013 year began with the second of our concerts of last season, titled *A Musical Tapestry*. It featured our own Angus Armstrong as not only conductor but as a soloist as well in a concerto by the lesser-known composer Launy Grøndahl. For that piece, we also brought in a very promising young student from the University of Ottawa as a guest conductor, which was an excellent opportunity for both orchestra and conductor. The other works were by Verdi and Tchaikowski.

Our spring concert was a recreation of the popular British tradition of the *Last Night of the Proms* concerts, that included such toe-tapping numbers as the Pirates of Penzance Overture by Sir Arthur Sullivan, Walton's Crown Imperial March, and medleys on music from Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera, themes from the James Bond movies and music by The Beatles. In Proms tradition, the orchestra members came out bedecked in colourful clothing and hats to a stage decorated with flags and ribbons for the second half. An enlarged audience loved the experience, and called for an encore performance of the closing Pomp & Circumstance March, with waving flags and the audience singing along!

We were delighted to be asked to bring this concert out to the town of Chelsea, Quebec for a repeat performance, which was greeted with as much enthusiasm there as it had been at Parkdale United Church. So happy were they with the experience that they promised to bring us back again whenever we wanted to come! Organized as a cooperative venture by the orchestra and the Chelsea Community Centre, it not only paid for the costs of putting on the event but brought a small profit to both the orchestra and the Chelsea centre.

We began the 2013/14 season with another programmatic concert on November 9th, titled *Music to Die For*. It included a variety of works that have thematic references to the macabre, ranging from the achingly beautiful Pavane pour une infante defunte by Ravel and Samuel Barber's moving Adagio for Strings, to Berlioz's March to the Scaffold and Saint-Saens' Danse Macabre. As well, we played a specially written arrangement of Dem Bones by our music director Angus Armstrong, which closed the concert and, once again, drew an encore performance by our audience.

Once again, we are pleased that the orchestra has continued its excellent relationship with Parkdale United Church, which is certainly of great advantage to our ensemble as a permanent location for our rehearsals and concerts. The church space provides us with a terrific array of locations that allows for rehearsals weekly in Tape Hall, occasional break-outs to other rooms for sectional rehearsals, and of course, the sanctuary where we present our concerts. In return, besides an annual donation to the church, we are pleased to present live music for certain

services when they can be arranged. In the case of this past season, we managed quite a lot, with performances of a wind ensemble, a string quartet, a string octet, and the full orchestra. We are pleased that the congregation appreciates our appearances, and plan to continue with them as occasions arise.

Our dedicated space just off of Tape Hall, where we store our music library and orchestra equipment was among the areas damaged by the fire that affected Parkdale in 2012. Last spring, we made some improvements to this space, improving the humidity in the room and general set-up.

Although there were a couple of issues last year that caused minor friction between the orchestra and the church, we feel that the relationship between us continues to be very good. We hope that continued communication between us will maintain this good association, and that the mutual benefits and respect that exist between us is valued equally by church as it certainly is by Parkdale Orchestra.

Gary Hayes

President

FINANCIAL TRUSTEES

The mandate of the Finance Committee is to oversee the administration of Parkdale's financial resources. The Committee is accountable to the Church Council and ultimately to the Congregation.

Specifically, our responsibilities include the following:

- Preparation of the annual budget, in consultation with the Church Council, for presentation to the Congregation and approval at the Annual General Meeting.
- Monitoring monthly receipts and expenditures against the approved budget.
- Preparation of reports for presentation at Church Council meetings.
- Organization of counting teams, recording and depositing weekly givings and reconciling to the Envelope Steward's records
- Generation of periodic givings statements during the year, as well as official tax receipts annually.
- Overseeing the investment of Memorial Fund assets and monitoring against the approved Investment Policy Statement.
- Preparation of financial reports for government bodies and the United Church of Canada, as necessary.
- Recommendation of financial policy and internal control procedures to Church Council.

The Chair opened a recent meeting quoting from a prayer of the Presbyterian Association of Homes and Services for the Aging, “Gracious Lord, help us to keep in mind our Christian values as we make decisions about finance, governance and operations. We are both a business and a mission. We only succeed with our mission if our business is successful; and there is no point to our business if we forget our mission. Help us to meet the needs of both” .

The story behind Parkdale's Actual 2013 and Budgeted 2014 Numbers:

Parkdale has numerous active ministries funded by its annual budget , the financial results of which are respectfully submitted to the Congregation in this report for the 2013 year end, as well as the projection for our ministries in 2014.

The General (operating) Fund of the church represents 81% of 2013 actual expenditures. Mission and Outreach disbursements of donations represent about 10% of 2013 actual expenditures. Capital maintenance/upgrades and other expenses to efficiently operate our building throughout the year take up the remaining 9% of 2013 expenditures.

The compensation of ministry and administrative personnel at Parkdale (salaried positions plus part-time contract positions) represents about 74% of the 2013 General (operating) fund expenditures of \$501,942 (and 75% of the 2014 General Fund budget of \$560,250).

Our annual budget is almost entirely self-funded (except for approximately \$66,000 rental income) through givings by the congregation. Thus we truly depend upon the disciplined generosity of each of our members to support the many ministries herein. Also we would be remiss not to mention the generous donations of time and talents by so many dedicated people.

We report a deficit of about \$64,155 in the accounts for 2013. Consistent with previous years we transferred the dividends and interest (\$54,647) from the investments in the Memorial Fund to the operating funds to offset some of this deficit, leaving us with an overall annual deficit of \$9,508.

The 2014 Operating and Capital Budgets which were recently approved by Church Council project a 2014 deficit in the amount of \$114,250.

Our Finance Committee is comprised of the following hard-working members: Kathleen Stephenson (Treasurer), Richard Hamley (Donations Coordinator), Beth Gutsell (Counting Team Coordinator and official minute taker), Ken Elder (Chair of Property Trustees), Marg Eades and Scott Andrews. Thank you one and all for your dedicated service.

Respectfully submitted

Harry Allen
Chair, Finance Committee



BENEVOLENT FUND

**"...there need be no poor people among you...
if only you fully obey the Lord your God and are
careful to follow all these commands." Deuteronomy 15:4**

From the Jewish Torah, to the Prophets, to John the Baptizer, to Jesus, there comes a strong and unmistakable command and summons regarding the commitment to make concrete our love and assistance to individuals and families in need and distress. We continue to rejoice that Parkdale United, in the vein of the Christian community down through the centuries has made it a priority to deploy its Benevolent Fund to be an instrument of God's love and rescue by responding to the needs of those in material and other kinds of distress. Members of the congregation and others, contribute faithfully and regularly to the Fund, and these are disbursed at the discretion of the pastoral staff, with appropriate and confidential consultation when needed.

The fund contributes to established organizations that provide food, shelter, clothing, respite and hospice care, refugee and new immigrant support, life-skills training and spiritual counselling, camping for at risk children and families, but is more often used to give direct support and assistance to individuals and families in need.

The direct support and assistance takes the form of food vouchers, meal tickets, medication expenses, clothing, furniture, counselling fees, emergency transportation, assistance with funeral expenses, job searches, paying medical expenses, rent support, help reversing utility terminations, immigration issues, baby care needs, etc.

An average of 25 individuals per month were given direct financial or other tangible support. In 2013 approximately 130 different individuals/families, many more than once, were helped through the Benevolent Fund. We praise God for our enduring commitment to care for, encourage and pray for those in need of support. Please continue to give generously to the Benevolent Fund.

Benevolent Fund, 2013

Opening Balance, January 1, 2013		4,334
Receipts	Congregational givings	9,172
	Interest	0
	Total Receipts	9,172
Disbursements	Support to individuals	-2,525
	Support to aid organizations	-1,710
	Cash, vouchers, food cards, bus tickets	-5,627
	Counselling services	-640
	Total Disbursements	-10,501
Balance December 31,2013		3,015
Bank		2,332
Cash on hand		683
		3,015
Balance December 31, 2013		

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey

MINUTES OF 2013 ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2013

1. Opening Remarks:

Council Chair, Matt Baker, welcomed those present and noted that an addendum to the Annual Report, the Presbytery Report, was available and should be included as part of the Report, as it had inadvertently been overlooked in compiling all the input. Matt thanked Marilyn Hahn and the Membership Development team for the lunch and offered a retroactive thanks to God for the food.

2. Opening Prayer:

Melodee Lovering led those assembled in an opening prayer.

3. Remembrance and Silent Reflection

The Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey led us in a short ceremony of remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives and contributions of Parkdale members and affiliates who had passed away during 2012. After a time of silent reflection, the names of 11 people were read aloud.

4. Approval of Minutes of 2012 Annual Meeting held on February 26, 2012

The minutes of the 2012 Annual meeting were approved on a motion by Harry Allen, seconded by Pamela Gemmell. Carried.

5. Presentation of Revised Governance Documents

Matt thanked Ellen Andres for her faithful work on the revisions to Parkdale's governance documents over the past year and asked Ellen to come forward to present the document and accept questions from the floor.

6. Motion to Adopt Governance Documents

There being no questions, Don Macpherson moved the adoption of the revised documents; Faye Beaufort seconded. Carried.

Matt clarified that this document is 'a living document' and that there will be revisions in future, which will be brought to the AGM for approval. He also drew our attention to the Committee Reports and asked people to review these carefully and if there are areas where they feel called to serve, to identify themselves to committee chairs.

7. Presentation of Financial Reports for 2012

Debbie McGregor presented the financial summary for 2012, noting the deficit in the General Fund of approximately \$13K, the surplus in the Capital fund of about \$19K, and the resulting overall surplus of approximately \$6K. Debbie commented that the positive end result was largely a result of certain staff allowances that had not been used during 2012, combined with an increase in parking revenues. Some attention was paid to the Mission and outreach budget, which saw lower revenues than in 2011, largely because of donations to the refugee family and to the Sunday/Sayer family in 2011. Debbie noted

that givings to Mission and Outreach appear to be declining and that this may be an area that receives more priority in future. With respect to the Capital fund, Debbie noted that a decision had been made to put all Bazaar and Rummage Sale receipts in the Capital Fund, and that building improvement campaigns had often been the object of successful fundraising efforts in the past. Expenses related to the fire that destroyed the south doors in May 2012 and receipts related to rental of parking spaces were also highlighted. With respect to parking, it was noted that the rental of spaces will be closely monitored as there are municipal by-laws related to rental of parking spaces with which we will have to maintain compliance.

With respect to the Memorial Fund, investment income of \$51K was transferred to the General Fund, without which we would have seen a significant deficit. The In From The Cold (IFTC) Account was also highlighted, noting that a reserve of \$15K has been set aside in the event of unforeseen circumstances. As requested at last year's AGM, an assessment of operating expenditures, e.g. heat, light, etc. directly attributable to IFTC was undertaken and were estimated to be approximately \$7K. It was clarified that disbursements from the Memorial fund are tracked; Council and/or individual donors are consulted when purchases from the Fund are contemplated.

The congregation was informed that, after three years of trying, BMO Mastercards have been obtained for staff, accompanied by a service charge of \$200 per year. Members expressed some concern about this service charge.

The \$6932 write-off (line 22) was questioned, and the huge loss on Yellow Media (line 37) and the gains on pipelines (lines 33 and 34) were noted. The 'ethical' nature of the pipeline investment was the subject of some discussion. This is a judgment issue, but we were reassured that our investment policy still stands and our financial advisor does consider the ethical nature of our investments. It was noted that our investment advisor is not paid but he does receive a percentage at the time of sale or reinvestment of funds; as a result the amount he is paid is almost invisible. It was suggested that, for stewardship purposes, we should check how much he takes.

We were reminded that Council had asked that a small working group be formed to look at the objectives of the Memorial Fund and to make some recommendations on its use. A couple of people have indicated some interest in this already and Matt asked others who might be interested in joining the group to let him know.

Kathleen Stephenson highlighted the report on the Benevolent Fund on page 39 and suggested that, given the significant drawings on it, the profile given to this fund should be increased.

We were reminded that Council had also expressed concern about the amalgamation of the General and Capital Funds, in that we are not meeting our operational expenses. This matter has been referred to Trustees for consideration during 2013, after which a recommendation will be presented to Council and the next AGM.

Anthony asked for some feedback from the congregation about whether we are sufficiently diligent about talking about giving to the life and ministry of the church.

Chris Halstead commented that giving is a great thing as we remember Christ in doing this. Roger Coady commented that he had been quite vocal in raising questions at Council about the purpose and objectives of the Memorial fund and the is and in questioning the practice of 'hiding' the deficit by combining the General Fund and the Capital Fund, and stated that he believes that we are no doing enough as a church to be clear about the cost of doing business. We need to be more clear about what we need money for or what we will do with it and to be open about the fact that we are not raising enough revenue to cover our expenses, a problem that will only worsen as investments are renewed at a lower interest rate. It would appear that, since our expenses are reasonable and possibilities for reducing these are minimal, we need to increase our revenues, so that we no longer budget a deficit.

Kerry Lynn Grozinger offered an alternative perspective, stating that the Memorial Fund is in fact a capital reserve fund, although not a true 'capital fund' from a tax perspective. Since we cover repairs from the Capital Fund rather than adding something brand new to the building, and the transfer of investment income from the Memorial Fund therefore covers some of our annual repair and maintenance costs. It is not unreasonable to cover some of these expenses from the Memorial Fund.

Pamela Gemmell cautioned that there is a fine line to walk with respect to stewardship communication, as you can make people feel that they are not contributing enough financially, when other aspects, e.g. time, count as stewardship.

Don Macpherson noted that there are ways to remind people about the stewardship responsibilities without badgering the, e.g. to encourage contributions through PAR, and suggested that some people could donate more than they do currently.

Jennifer Payne suggested that it would be beneficial for people on PAR to have something to put in the plate when it is passed on Sunday, as others notice that many are not putting anything in the plate and they think this is acceptable. Jennifer also suggested that Parkdale needs to clarify its position on 'appropriate' fundraising, and to come up with some ideas on how to raise money in creative ways.

Anthony responded that he and Barbara had raised the question of stewardship several times over the years in sermons and in new member orientation sessions, etc. Tithes and offerings are a spiritual offering, not to be confused with 'fundraising'. Giving is a way of living out our faith; it is not either/or; it is both. In response to a question of whether it is appropriate to make suggestions about what is an appropriate level of giving, Anthony responded that the United Church of Canada has guidelines, ranging from 1% to 10% or even 15%.

Paul Crabtree commented that our Memorial Fund is both a blessing and a curse and that it shouldn't always be the Ministerial staff who are left with the responsibility of talking about giving; he suggested that it might be useful to have someone from council talk to the congregation about money and how the operations of the church are financed. Matt suggested that a workshop on church business might be useful; there appeared to be general support for this idea.

Pierre Barbeau suggested that a long-term strategy for increasing our donor base should be developed.

Debbie McGregor moved acceptance of the 2012 financial statements; Roger Coady seconded. Carried.

8. Presentation of 2013 Budget

Debbie McGregor then presented the Budget for 2013. She noted that the Budget has declined over 2012, largely because only half a year is projected for the Minister of Pastoral Care, although the number of hours per week have increased from 20 to 30. Debbie McGregor moved and Harry Allen seconded adoption of the 2013 Budget. Discussion ensued.

Several members indicated their concern with the projected budget and opined that this should not be the situation in a church where we have so much to be thankful for. We need to prayerfully consider increasing our givings and address the deficit head-on. We were informed that the budgeting committee is meticulous about the process, and we were reassured that both revenues and expenditures are reasonable.

A vote was held; three members were opposed. There were no abstentions. The motion carried.

9. Adoption of the 2012 Annual Report

Matt Baker moved and Ellen Andrews seconded adoption of the 2012 Annual Report. Carried.

10. Appointment of Presbytery Representatives

Beth Gutsell has agreed to continue as Presytery representative. After many years of faithful service, Derek Fortune is stepping down, so there is room for three additional Presbytery representatives.

Derek Fortune moved and Faye Beaufort seconded the appointment of Beth as Parkdale's Presbytery representative. Carried.

11. Appointment of Trustees

Matt referred us to page 46 of the Annual Report for a list of property and financial trustees. Matt commended Ken elder for the work of the trustees, capably managing the day-to- day challenges as well as the significant issues related to accessibility and other concerns, and noted that the trustees would welcome additional committee members. Ellen Andrews moved and Chris Halstead seconded the appointment of the trustees listed on page 46. Carried.

12. Nominating Council Report

Matt Baker referred us to page 47 of the Annual Report and noted that the heading on this page should read 'Nominations for 2013'.

Jennifer Payne moved and Don Macpherson seconded the nominations for Council 2013. Carried.

13. Filling of Vacant Positions

Matt advised that the governance documents provide for vacancies to be filled during the year without requiring the approval of the congregation but noted that the congregation would be informed of any changes to the roster through The Messenger or through other means of communication.

14. Thank You to Retiring Council Members

Matt thanked Debbie McGregor, Don Macpherson, Derek Fortune and Jennifer Payne for their work on council over the past year or in some cases, years. He noted that some retiring chairpersons are carrying on with committee work and expressed his appreciation for this.

15. Moment of Appreciation of Staff

Matt Baker thanked the staff, ministerial (Anthony, Barbara and Melodee), office staff (Don Mockett) and custodial staff (Khan Chao, Carole Shaw, Jeff Clifford and Ryan Pascal) for all their hard work and cheerful support during the year.

16. Closing Prayer

Matt offered a very meaningful closing prayer, noting that the investment we make in Parkdale now will pay off in future years, when the children who were so well behaved during our annual meeting are of an age to participate in the work of the church.

Matthew Baker, Chair

Helen Hayes, Secretary

IN MEMORIAM

Helen Marion Dale

Barbara Minnie Hills

Charles Kenneth Hurst

Erma May Hymers

Audrey Isabel MacDonald

Sheldon Ross Munro

Marilyn Evelyn Margaret Noble

Arthur Pigott

Shirley Ritchie

Mary Barbara Robertson

Patricia Aline Robertson

John Denis Valberg

Betty Joan Valberg

Leslie Armon Wilson

TRUSTEES - 2014

Property Trustees:

Warren Creighton

David Baird

Khan Chao

Rick Cunliffe

Ken Elder (Chairperson)

Janice Gray

Richard Yearwood

Don Mockett

Financial Trustees:

Harry Allen

Richard Hamley

PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH

COUNCIL

Nominations for 2014

Chair:	Blaine Pauling
Vice-Chair:	Vacant
Secretary:	Helen Hayes
Treasurer:	Kathleen Stephenson
Members at Large:	David Odumodu Faye Beaufort
Past Chair:	Matthew Baker

Committees

Communications	Carolynn Halkett
Faith Formation & Christian Enrichment	Paul Crabtree
Finance	Harry Allen
Membership Development & Rolls	Marilyn Hahn
Ministry & Personnel	Judy Hamley
Mission, Outreach & Justice	Vacant
Pastoral Care	Mary McLeod
Presbytery Representatives	Beth Gutsell (one) Vacant (two)
Property Trustees	Ken Elder
Recruitment & Succession Planning	Peter Meerburg
Stewardship	Samantha Tim
Worship	Barbara Faught

Clergy

Coordinating Minister	Anthony Bailey
Minister of Youth & Children	Melodee Lovering
Minister of Pastoral Care	Debbie Roi

FINANCIAL SUMMARY
December 31, 2013

	YTD 2013	YTD 2012	Budget for 2013	Budget for 2014
<u>Receipts</u>				
General Fund	433,626	427,601	421,900	444,500
Mission and Outreach	63,428	59,266	62,250	93,000
Capital Fund	60,772	57,084	69,740	66,000
Total	557,826	543,951	553,890	603,500
<u>Disbursements</u>				
General Fund	501,942	489,102	535,154	560,250
Mission and Outreach	63,428	59,266	62,250	93,000
Capital Fund	56,611	37,555	56,400	64,500
Total	621,981	585,923	653,804	717,750
<u>Receipts Less Disbursements</u>	-64,155	-41,972	-99,914	-114,250
Investment Income from Mem. Fund	54,647	51,309	50,000	54,000
Total after transfer of investment income from Memorial Fund	-9,508	9,337	-49,914	-60,250
	<u>General Fund</u>		<u>Capital Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
2013 Deficit/Surplus	-68,316		4,161	-64,155
Investment Income from Memorial Fund	54,647			54,647
Carry over from December 31, 2012	-13,085		19,530	6,445
Total Deficit/Surplus	-26,754		23,691	-3,063

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	SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS				
	December 31, 2013				
1					
2					
3	Fund				
4		<u>Investments/ Cash</u>	<u>Accounts Receivable</u>	<u>Payable to other funds</u>	<u>Balance</u>
5	General Fund &				
6	Mission and				
7	Outreach				
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9	Capital Fund				
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11	Memorial Fund				
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43	Totals	1,307,056	41,303	-34,028	1,314,332

General Fund Statement
December 31, 2013

	A	B	C	D	E
1		Year to date	Year to date	Budget for	Budget for
2	Receipts	2013	2012	2013	2014
3					
4	Envelopes	318,121	306,880	320,000	330,000
5	Loose Collection	15,654	15,027	15,000	16,000
6	Anniversary Receipts	0			
7	Camp Awesome/Family Camp	5,449	2,690	3,000	6,000
8	Donations for Bulletins	225	175	350	250
9	Donations for Christian Enrichment	2,523	5,780	3,300	2,000
10	Donations for Coffee	145	126	150	150
11	Donations for Gifts	0	7,267		
12	Donations for Library Books	0		300	300
13	Donations for Membership Development	797			
14	Donations for Pastoral Care	265	307	300	300
15	Donations for Worship	270			100
16	Easter Flowers	1,060	790	850	1,000
17	George Eades Youth Fund	2,835	5,485	5,500	3,000
18	In From The Cold	9,857	15,059	12,000	10,000
19	Miscellaneous	1,558	25		
20	Newsletter	240	15		
21	Observer Plan	385	451	450	400
22	PST refund		8,047		
23	Sunday School	1,371	1,964	1,500	1,300
24	Training funds from MF			4,000	1,500
25	Use of Premises	66,800	50,937	50,000	66,000
26	Weddings and Funerals	4,730	4,240	4,000	5,000
27	Youth Coffee Shop	1,340	1,270	1,200	1,200
28					
29	Total	433,626	426,535	421,900	444,500
30					
31	Disbursements	Year to date	Year to date	Budget for	Budget for
32		2013	2012	2013	2014
33					
34	Salaries/Benefits/Allowances/Employer Benefits	316,192	305,165	316,000	365,000
35	Contracts and Honoraria	38,063	37,904	45,000	38,000
36	Anniversary Celebrations	40		500	500
37	Books and Resources	311	643	1,000	700
38	Camp Awesome/Family Camp	5,688	2,667	3,000	6,000
39	Christian Enrichment	4,905	9,674	7,700	6,500
40	Church Bulletins	444	125	300	300
41	Communications and Newsletter	4,922	4,092	6,900	7,610
42	Council Costs			3,000	
43	Easter Flowers	248	435	500	500
44	Envelopes	931	925	1,000	1,000
45	Evening Security/Summer	15,975	17,048	18,000	16,000
46	Financial Charges	810	1,245	1,000	1,000
47	Financial Review	3,118		5,000	0
48	Gas Heat	10,404	9,511	11,000	11,000
49	Gifts and Recognitions	0	7,436		
50	In From The Cold	4,299	4,182	5,000	5,000
51	Insurances	11,532	11,039	11,532	11,906
52	Library Books	223	179	300	300
53	Light and Power	9,725	8,995	10,000	11,000
54	Membership Development	685	-121	300	300
55	Miscellaneous	1,185	710	1,000	1,000
56	Mission, Outreach and Justice Committee	122	-189	300	300
57	Music (Inc. Licenses Musicians Soloists)	805	1,767	9,500	2,500
58	Observer Plan	2,612	2,487	2,500	2,700
59	Office and Supplies	3,159	3,429	3,500	3,500
60	Organ and Pulpit Supply	2,300	1,650	2,500	2,000
61	Pastoral Care	315		300	600
62	Payroll service charges	285	383	400	300
63	Personnel Committee	4,722	3,884	7,000	5,650
64	Personnel Committee/Hiring (Search process)	620		2,500	
65	Photocopying	3,030	2,647	2,500	3,000
66	Piano/Organ Maintenance	264	972	1,500	1,000

General Fund Statement
December 31, 2013

	A	B	C	D	E
67	Postage	1,136	1,042	1,000	1,500
68	Presbytery	18,522	17,971	18,522	19,494
69	Repairs and Maintenance	9,482	6,948	7,000	7,000
70	Snow Clearing	6,704	5,587	7,500	6,700
71	Stewardship Committee	254	200	300	250
72	Telecommunications	5,779	5,025	5,500	6,000
73	Training (Lay)	0	331	4,000	1,500
74	Water and Sewer	3,971	3,127	3,500	4,300
75	Weddings and Funerals	3,200	3,200	3,000	4,000
76	Worship Arts	1,260	4,350	1,300	1,300
77	Worship Committee/Sanctuary	1,310	892	1,000	1,000
78	Youth Coffee shop expenses	568	622	500	540
79	Youth Ministry	1,820	923	1,500	1,500
80					
81	Total	501,942	489,102	535,154	560,250
82					
83	Receipts less expenses	-68,316	-62,567	-113,254	-115,750
84					
85	Transfer from MF Youth Ministry (George Eades) reserve funds		5,000		
86	Transfer from MF Youth Coffee shop reserve funds		14		
87	Transfer from MF Lay training funds		378		
88	Transfer to MF of IFTC surplus		-4,326		
89					
90	Total Deficit/Surplus	-68,316	-61,501	-113,254	-115,750
91					
92	Investment Income from Mem. Fund	54,647	51,309	50,000	54,000
93					
94	Carryover deficit December 31, 2012	-13,085			
95					
96	Balance December 31, 2013	-26,753			
97					
98	GST Receivable	2,093			
99	PST Receivable	5,182			
100	Accounts Payable	-34,028			
101	Balance (deficit)	-26,753			

Mission and Outreach
December 31, 2013

	A	B	C	D	E
1		Year to date	Year to date	Budget for	Budget for
2		2013	2012	2013	2014
3	Receipts				
4					
5	Mission and Outreach	38,576	38,646	40,750	42,000
6	Benevolent Fund	9,172	7,530	5,500	8,000
7	Bethany	255	525	500	500
8	Christmas Offering	3,600	2,585	3,000	3,500
9	Easter Offering	2,004	2,787	2,500	2,000
10	Food Bank	4,879	2,347	1,500	2,500
11	Habitat for Humanity	360			
12	International dinner			2,500	500
13	Investment income from MF Share the Wealth			2,000	2,000
14	Mission and Service Fund United Church of Canada	180			
15	North St. Project, Jamaica	1,176	1,908	2,500	500
16	Ottawa West Penny Drive	21	85		
17	Philippines relief	100			
18	Refugee Fund	0	120		30,000
19	Thanksgiving Offering	1,305	932	1,500	1,500
20	The Mission (Designated)				
21	Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,800	1,800		
22					
23	Total	63,428	59,266	62,250	93,000
24					
25	Disbursements	Year to date	Year to date	Budget for	Budget for
26		2013	2012	2013	2014
27					
28	<i>Budgeted Fixed Amount Givings</i>				
29	Camp Kallala	250	250	250	250
30	Habitat For Humanity	1,452	1,000	1,000	1,000
31	Interval House	250	250	250	250
32	Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
33	Mission and Outreach Discretionary (Kitigan School, Philip	1,326	1,000	1,000	1,000
34	Operation Come Home	250	250	250	250
35	Ottawa Christian Counselling	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
36	Ottawa West Community Support	1,021	1,085	1,000	1,000
37	Queensway Preschool	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
38	Share the Wealth			2,000	2,000
39	Stephen Lewis Foundation (AIDS relief)	500	500	500	500
40					
41	<i>Budgeted Expected Givings</i>				
42	Benevolent Fund	9,172	7,530	5,500	8,000
43	Bethany	255	525	500	500
44	Food Bank	4,879	2,347		2,500
45	Haiti		10		
46	International Dinner Disbursement			2,500	
47	Mission and Service Fund United Church of Canada	31,088	31,386	35,000	35,250
48	Mission Trips				
49	North St. Project, Jamaica	1,176	1,908	2,500	500
50	Philippines Relief	100			
51	Refugee Fund	0	120		30,000
52	The Mission (designated)	0			
53	Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,800	1,800		
54					
55	Special Offerings				
56	Christmas Offering				
57	The Mission	1,800	1,293	1,500	1,750
58	Cornerstone Women's Shelter	1,800	1,293	1,500	1,750
59	Easter Offering				

Mission and Outreach
December 31, 2013

	A	B	C	D	E
60	Urban Christian Outreach	2,004	2,787	2,500	2,000
61	<i>Thanksgiving Offering</i>				
62	Cambridge Breakfast Program	653	466	750	750
63	Connaught Breakfast Program	653	466	750	750
64					
65	Total	63,428	59,266	62,250	93,000
66					
67	Receipts less expenses	-0	0	0	0

CAPITAL FUND
December 31, 2013

	A	B	C	D	E
1		Year to date	Year to date	Budget for	Budget for
2		2013	2012	2013	2014
3	Receipts				
4					
5	Envelopes	18,642	21,288	25,000	20,000
6	Bathroom improvements	500			
7	Bazaar	14,770	12,364	12,000	13,500
8	Building Improvement Campaign		355	15,000	10,000
9	Fire Relief Donations		2,806		
10	Garden	230	220	240	
11	Kitchen improvements	2,763			
12	Miscellaneous	8			
13	Parking Donations	14,713	12,155	10,000	15,000
14	Rummage Sales	9,146	7,896	7,500	7,500
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16					
17	Total	60,772	57,084	69,740	66,000
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19					
20	Disbursements	Year to date	Year to date	Budget for	Budget for
21		2013	2012	2013	2014
22	Bathroom Upgrades	22,971		15,000	
23	Chair Lift Expenses	2,130	3,738	4,000	3,000
24	Computer Hardware	0	452	1,000	1,000
25	Computer Software	0	91	1,000	600
26	Dishwasher		4,299		
27	Equipment	3,017	1,475		4,400
28	Fire repairs and insurance deduction		7,151		
29	Foundation/Masonry	0		11,000	11,000
30	Garden	270	544	500	700
31	Kitchen Upgrades	23,824		8,000	5,000
32	Miscellaneous	0			1,500
33	Nursery and Sunday School renovations	0	14,898		
34	Paving walkways and lots	0			10,000
35	Repairs and Upgrades	2,978	3,753	12,600	25,500
36	Roofs, Eaves, Soffits and Ceilings	650		2,500	1,000
37	Signage	115	716		
38	Sound system	655	438	800	800
39					
40	Total	56,611	37,555	56,400	64,500
41					
42	Receipts less expenses	4,161	19,529	13,340	1,500
43	Transfer of funds from MF Remembrance Fund		26,540		
44	Carryover of December 31, 2012 surplus	19,530			
45					
46	Total Deficit/Surplus	23,691	46,069		
47					
48	Balance December 31, 2013				
49	Bank of Montreal	23,691			
50					

MEMORIAL FUND
December 31, 2013

	A	B
1	Receipts	
2		
3	Bequests	
4	Capital Gains (loss)	74,375
5	Dividends	19,670
6	Interest	18,030
7	Other investment income	16,947
8	Remembrance Fund	1,995
9		
10	Total	131,017
11		
12	Disbursements	
13		
14	T/fer Interest/Dividends to Gen Fund	54,647
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16	Total	54,647
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18	Receipts less expenses	76,370
19	Balance Dec 31, 2012	1,241,024
20	Total	1,317,394
21		
22	Investments	
23		
24	Cash or cash equivalents	
25	CIBC cash	3,767.32
26	BMO Cash	47,005.20
27	BMO GIC (Mastercard security)	4,000.00
28		
29	Fixed income	
30		
31	CIBC Mortgages Investment Cert A Due Jan 29, 2014	77,500.00
32	CIBC Trust Corp GIC Due Jan 29, 2014	77,500.00
33	Laurentian Bank of Canada GTD Investment Cert. A (Due June 22, 2015)	35,000.00
34	Montreal Trust GTD Investment Cert CA (Due June 18, 2015)	5,676.51
35	National Bank of Canada (Due Jan 25, 2016)	95,000.00
36	National Bank of Canada (Due Jan 16, 2017)	95,000.00
37		
38	Equities (Market value December 2013)	
39	Atlantic Power Corp	7,049.00
40	Bank of Montreal	18,268.98
41	Bell Aliant Regional	53,460.00
42	Brompton Split Bank Corp Preferred shares	90,540.00
43	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd	35,940.00
44	Dividend 15 Split Corp Class A	22,080.00
45	Dividend 15 Split Corp Preferred	97,194.00
46	Great-West Lifeco Inc	62,225.00
47	H&R Real Estate Investment Trust	62,060.00
48	Inter pipeline fund CL A Ltd Partnership Units	167,895.00
49	Pembina Pipeline Income Fund Trust	134,712.00
50	Royal Bank	49,987.00
51	Shoppers Drug Mart	40,733.00
52	Yellow Media Inc	657.92
53	WTS Yellow Media Ltd	114.30
54		
55	Accounts Receivable	34,028
56		
57	Balance	1,317,394
58		

MEMORIAL FUND
December 31, 2013

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60	*Includes funds held for:	
61	In from the Cold	15,000
62	Remembrance	37,479
63	Youth Coffee Shop	2,033
64	George Eades	19,407

Market value of investments
December 31, 2013

	A	B	C	D	E	F
		December 2009	December 2010	December 2011	December 2012	December 2013
1	MARKET VALUE					
2						
3	Cash					
4	CIBC	113,518	105,301	138,447	67,024	3,767
5						
6	Total Cash		105,301	138,447	67,024	3,767
7						
8	Fixed income					
9	CIBC Mortgages Investment Cert A (Due Jan 29, 2014)	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500
10	CIBC Trust Corp GIC (Due Jan 29, 2014)	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500
11	ICICI Bank Canada (Due: Dec 19, 2012)	95,000	95,000	95,000		
12	CIBC Full Service GTD Investment Cert (Due June 19, 2013)	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	
13	Montreal Trust (Due June 18, 2015)		5,000	5,283	5,477	5,677
14	Laurentian Bank of Canada	95,000				
15	Laurentian Bank of Canada (Due June 22, 2015)		35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000
16	National Bank of Canada GTD (Due Jan 25, 2016)			95,000	95,000	95,000
17	National Bank of Canada GTD (Due Jan 16, 2017)				95,000	95,000
18	National Trust Company	95,000	95,000			
19	Total Fixed Income	515,000	460,000	460,283	460,477	385,677
20						
21	Equities (share/unit numbers in brackets at Dec 31, 2013)					
22	Atlantic Power Corp (1900)			14,432.88	21,527	7,049
23	Bank of Montreal (258)		18,968.40		15,702	18,269
24	Bell Aliant Regional (2000)	56,060	51,980.00	57,180.00	52,640	53,460
25	Brompton Split Bank Corp Preferred shares (9,000)				30,870	90,540
26	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd (1,000)	38,000	44,350.00	38,150.00	28,640	35,940
27	Capital Power	43,344				
28	CML Healthcare Inc.				12,616	
29	Dividend 15 Split Corp CL-A SHS (2,000)	22,200	24,180.00	20,640.00	19,500	22,080
30	Dividend 15 Split Corp PFD SHS (9,700)		25,725.00	25,800.00	25,600	97,194
31	Great-West Lifeco Inc (1,900)	51,072	50,160.00	38,760.00	46,265	62,225
32	H&R Real Estate Investment Trust (2,900)	44,805	56,347.00	67,454.00	69,890	62,060
33	Inter pipeline fund CL A Ltd Partnership Units (6,500)	70,265	96,980.00	121,095.00	152,750	167,895
34	Pembina Pipeline Income Fund Trust (3,600)	63,072	77,760.00	106,776.00	102,456	134,712
35	Royal Bank (700)	39,480	36,624.00	36,386.00	41,916	49,987
36	Shoppers Drug Mart (700)	31,787	27,671.00	28,798.00	29,960	40,733
37	Yellow Media (32)	34,432	39,680.00	1,184.00	210	658
38	WTS Yellow Media Ltd (18)				26	114
39	Total Equities	494,517	550,425	556,656	650,569	842,916
40						
41	Grand Total	1,009,517	1,115,727	1,155,386	1,178,070	1,232,360