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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

“From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view...if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new! All this is from God who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation...so we are ambassadors for Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:16-20)

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12:2

Contemplative Christian Henri Nouwen reminds us that ‘community’ is a place where the person you least want to live with always lives. Too often we want to surround ourselves with people ‘like us’.

“Community is like a large mosaic. Each little piece seems so dull and insignificant. As individual stones, we can do little with them except compare them and judge their beauty and value. When, however, all these little stones are brought together in one big mosaic portraying the face of Christ, who would ever question the importance of any one of them? Together in the one mosaic, each little stone is indispensable and makes a unique contribution to the glory of God. That’s community, a fellowship of little people who together make God visible in the world.” - Henri Nouwen

Further, as Christian author Philip Yancey points out “the Christian church was the first institution in history to bring together on equal footing Jews and Gentiles, men and women, slaves and free...By forming a community out of diverse members, Paul said, we have the opportunity to capture the attention of the world.”

I believe that the manner in which we allow God to direct our growth in faith, our mission, ministry and witness has everything to do with the kind of impact we have on each other, our neighbourhood and our world. In our contemporary reality where more and more people are fleeing religious institutions and subscribing to the cohorts of SBNRs (spiritual but not religious) and NONES (those who indicate they have no religious affiliation at all), Christian communities of faith need to be clear about why we do what we do, and to whom we are functionally and ultimately accountable: God through Jesus Christ. We need to imagine and enact creative, responsive and faithful ways of living and proclaiming the gospel.

How we worship, study scripture, fellowship, form faith, undertake governance, serve, reach out in care, witness and justice will communicate how transformed we really are; and how by God’s Spirit, life and people are impacted in our neighbourhood and wider context.

The quotes above from Paul's second letter to the Corinthian Christians and his letter to the Christians in Rome remind us that we are dependent on God's help to assist us in the respectful, dignified and loving regard of others, in the hard work of reconciliation and unity, and the incessant task of not allowing ourselves to be bent out of shape by the misplaced priorities of our society and world.

Our Vision Statement reads: ***"To form followers of Jesus in such a way as to transform our community and our world."*** This statement implies that our life, witness and advocacy have the power to provoke transformation, in ourselves and others. The assumption is that this kind of transformation is wholesome, loving, just, redemptive and a blessing. However, this is not automatically so. We need to be prayerful and intentional since transformation can also move in a negative direction. Let me refer to an egregious example of this kind of transformation.

One of the highlights of 2014 was the trip I led to South Africa in October. Twenty Parkdalers and friends of Parkdale traveled there. It was a breathtakingly powerful opportunity to experience something of the people, beauty, history, complexity and contemporary challenges and opportunities there. Some important strides have been made since the formal abandonment of apartheid signalled by the 1994 national elections that brought Nelson Mandela to the country's presidency, but there is still a long way to go in addressing the legacy of poverty, oppression, disenfranchisement and racism.

Apartheid, the system that legitimized the separating of peoples and the oppression and brutalization of those designated as Blacks in particular, was orchestrated, developed and 'biblically' supported by the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa. Based at the University of Stellenbosch, east of Cape Town, the ministers, leaders and theologians of this denomination were responsible for transforming the political, legislative, judicial, social, economic and religious life of South Africa in an exceedingly negative way.

Defiantly, however, it was the same Bible and other denominations and expressions of the Christian faith that animated the rejection of the distorted and evil doctrine of apartheid, as well as fueled and gave direction to sustained protest, until it was defeated. God has a way of usurping the wrong.

Although this is an extreme example of what I would call negative transformation, it lifts up the need to be intentional about how as a congregation we are seeking to be transformed by God's grace, and therefore be an instrument of transformation in our contexts of mission, ministry and advocacy.

Following the teaching and example of Jesus and the form of community and witness the early Christians sought to construe, let us be reminded again of the account of Christ-provoked transformation in the mid-second century. Church father Justin the Martyr wrote (~150 CE)

*"We who took most pleasure in amassing wealth and property
...now share with everyone in need; we who hated and killed one
another and would not associate with those of different tribes because*

of their customs, now, after the coming of Christ, live familiarly together and pray for our enemies.”

As we attentively and appreciatively read the reports of the stewardship of our life, ministry, fellowship, governance and outreach this past year at Parkdale United – found on the following pages- perhaps we can keep an eye out for how, by God’s power and grace we are being transformed and are being strengthened to be a more faithful congregation that provokes positive transformation.

Over this past year I continued to delight in my ongoing pastoral, teaching and community ministry by: preaching and conducting worship, journeying with others in Bible study (*the Beatitudes, and the books of Esther and Ruth*), Faith formation (*including co-leading a Lenten series with Debbie on Courage, and leading a fall session on Making Sense of the Faith and the Bible*) preparing new members, preparing and 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 (eg. *speaking at the Stewardship Committee’s Fall workshop*), speaking in schools, at international conferences and at special church events and anniversaries, as well as community and civic events.

In the case of the latter, I offered the prayer and blessing at the July Dedication of the Nelson Mandela Square at City Hall, as well as at the Inauguration Ceremony of the new elected Municipal City Council in December. I continue to serve on the Global Partners Presbytery committee and on the Ottawa Mission Board and the Leadership Circle of the Marion Dewar Scholarship Foundation for new Canadians. I so often feel God’s inspiration and the Holy Spirit’s empowerment in the varied ministry I am privileged to undertake.

I am grateful to God that I continue to experience a deep sense of purpose and joy in my ministry here at Parkdale. As a team, Debbie, Melodee and I continue to grow in our understanding of how to support each other as we shepherd our particular responsibilities. I celebrate the gifts of my colleagues and the mutual blessings offered and received. New and well received initiatives have emerged out of our team and we look forward to continue to learn and to bless one another, the congregation and community with our gifts and leadership.

I continue to be thankful for Troy’s open and supportive way as he seeks to grow the choir, include more musicians and partner with other groups to enhance our music ministry. God be praised for the dedication of the choir, DaleSong, the Children’s singing group, 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 leadership of Blaine Pauling as the chairperson of Council.

Don Mockett, our office manager, continues to be a calming and solid presence. With dedication and attention, and in his own personable way, he is able to handle the considerable and complex tasks involved in managing the church office. Khan continues to be relied upon for so very many things custodial and otherwise. I refer again to the many “intangibles” he provides. Because our building hospitably welcomes and provides space for a number of community partners and groups, the role of our part-time custodial corps that assist Khan on evenings and weekends must not be overlooked. I am yet again grateful for: Carole Shaw, Ryan Pascal and now Sung Lim.

Please continue to pray earnestly for our congregational life, ministry and witness, 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 the living spirit of Christ accompanies us.

Praise be to the God of our Lord Jesus Christ
Anthony Bailey

MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care Minister’s Annual Report 2014

Ecclesiastes 3

3 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

2 a time to be born, and a time to die;

a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;

3 a time to kill, and a time to heal;

a time to break down, and a time to build up;

4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh;

a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;

a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;

6 a time to seek, and a time to lose;

a time to keep, and a time to throw away;

7 a time to tear, and a time to sew;

a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

8 a time to love, and a time to hate;

a time for war, and a time for peace.

For Everything There is a Season

As I look back on 2014 I am acutely aware of these timeless words that bring both comfort and challenge. The seasons pass quickly yet we find within each one blessing from God. It has been a privilege to share in the seasons of individual congregational members this year and in the seasons of the life of Parkdale United Church. As I reflect on the gift of time we have shared I give thanks for each encounter, for each prayer, and for each season of life. I am indeed blessed to serve with you in this ministry.

A time to weep and a time to laugh

In each season of this past year, I have spent many hours visiting individuals. I give thanks for these precious times when we have shared the joy and strength of our faith. One to one encounters offered us an opportunity to explore our faith journeys, to talk about God, and to discern where we find God within the present season of our life. As we have come to know one another better we have shared both tears and laughter. I give thanks for the generosity of so many who have shared their stories and their time with me. I pray that when there is a need for pastoral support a call will be made to our ministerial team without hesitation. I pray that God will continue to bless us with the resources and the strength we need to ensure that no one feels alone in the midst of a difficult season. I give thanks for the members of our Pastoral Care Team who reach out to those members of our congregation who are experiencing challenges. I give thanks for each encounter that extends the hand of Christ.

A time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted

This past year I have offered monthly services of worship at Park Place Retirement Home as well as at The Ravines. I have also presided at worship services at Grace Manor. I give thanks to Janice Gray for the musical ministry she offers at Park Place. Gathering to worship with a small group offers an opportunity for an informal worship style that plants seeds for conversations and space to harvest the sacred wisdom of the years. These sacred times have been an opportunity to deepen relationships and to share the Good News.

A time to seek

Lent provided a time for us to gather together in a time of study to explore facets of courage in our lives. This series which Anthony and I co-led was well attended and fostered an atmosphere of thanksgiving for the strength we receive in difficult times.

Another study group was co-led with Elise Mennie as we explored Joyce Rupp's book *Open Your Heart*. This provided us with an opportunity to utilize intentional listening and to listen to the souls of ourselves and one another.

Both study groups were indeed blessed times.

A time for war and a time for peace

In February I took study leave to explore Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. As a part of this study I attended a play in Toronto entitled: *The Two Lives of Charlie F*. This production is offered by

wounded soldiers who tell the story of war and the return from war. I was pleased to be among trusted colleagues while watching this powerful testimony to what the world is like for soldiers who have been deployed. I give thanks for the ongoing dialogue I have with colleagues discerning ways forward through faith with those suffering with PTSD.

A time to keep silence and a time to speak

In May I began a wonderful new journey of spiritual deepening. I enrolled in a two year Spiritual Director's Program. This began with a week-long stay at Five Oaks where I spent time with others exploring the field of Spiritual Direction. Together we explored new spiritual practices, shared in deep discussions and prayers and felt the wonderful presence of God. We were reminded with the words of our director:

“Not all journeys are pilgrimages, but every spiritual journey is a kind of pilgrimage. And, essentially, what is a pilgrimage? It has been described as a journey to a sacred destination in the expectation of transformation.

Thomas Merton says, “The real journey in life is interior.” Thus one can embark on a sacred journey, a pilgrimage, without even leaving home. In our own homes, in our own settings, in our own places of rootedness, the places where we work and love, we can embark on journeys of transformation.

One goes on pilgrimage, interior or exterior, many times in a lifetime. Each day in fact is a pilgrimage, each phase of life is a pilgrimage, each important relationship can be a pilgrimage, each physical journey can be a pilgrimage, and life itself, life as a whole, can be seen as a pilgrimage.”

I have found time spent experiencing new spiritual practices and re-energizing old ones have offered me a transformative peace. I have enjoyed the written assignments which have been a part of my journey including writings on; Psychology and Spirituality, Sexuality and Spirituality, Justice and Spirituality, as well as exploring the work of the mystics.

Another component of this journey has been to meet with a group of four each month to spend time exploring questions of faith.

In November I completed another leg of the journey entering into a time of silent retreat. For six days I spent half a day in silence while working on creative writing skills. This was an experience that I entered with some trepidation but ended the week feeling refreshed and restored. It is often in times of silence when we hear God's still small voice.

This is a journey of a life-time and I am so pleased to be able to share my deepening faith here at Parkdale.

A time to tear and a time to sew

April marked the beginning of The Prayer Shawl Ministry. I am blessed to share this ministry with a group of dedicated individuals who in prayer create gifts of warmth and love. To date eleven prayer shawls have been gifted to members of our congregation. These gifts are reminders of the love of Christ which we share with one another.

A time to mourn and a time to dance

At the end of November my family experienced a personal loss and we are deeply thankful for the love and support of the Parkdale Family. Though we were mourning, your support reminded us that we would again dance with joy in celebrating the time we have been given.

A time for love

I give thanks for my colleagues in ministry. I give thanks for their wisdom and their friendship. I give thanks for our support staff for the care in which they live out their ministry. I give thanks for our Ministry and Personnel Committee for their dedication and encouragement, I give thanks to each one of you who respond to your calling, it is your presence and your ministries that make Parkdale United Church a good place to call home.

A time to build up

I look forward to 2015 with hope and excitement. I anticipate that our relationships will strengthen. I pray that we will continue to explore spiritual depths together, and I know that in all that we do God will be with us providing us with all that we need.

Blessings to All.

Rev. Debbie Roi

DESIGNATED LAY MINISTER TO YOUTH AND CHILDREN

Annual Report 2014 -- Youth and Children's Minister (Submitted by Melodee Lovering)

“Oh how the years go by
Oh how the love brings tears to my eyes
All through the changes the soul never dies
We fight, we laugh, we cry
As the years go by”
(Jennie/Climmie)

I was thinking of this Amy Grant song as I was putting together this report. It is the song my son and I danced to at his wedding which was held mere days before I moved to Ottawa five and half years ago, to take up the ministry to youth and children at Parkdale United. There have been love, changes, laughter and tears during those years but our souls have remained safe in Christ. Baby bumps have grown into Sunday school kids and Confirmands have gone on to be university students.

Early last year, we celebrated Confirmation with these five lovely young people: Hannah Crabtree, Gabriella Hilkes, Josée Méla, Marley Payne-Odumodu and William Fitzgerald. They were welcomed into full members at Parkdale on January 26 during an intergenerational service

with the theme of “Lighthouse”. Each one of them spoke their own personal creed aloud and all were and still are significant contributors to the life and work of our church.

Youth activities this year have been many and varied. Paul Crabtree and Rob Hilkes led the senior youth group which meets for meals and thought-provoking movies regularly. Tom Grozinger, Joanna Hamley and myself are mostly responsible for Sunday morning classes and coffee shop. In February the youth attended the Imax theatre to view Jerusalem. At the start of September they enjoyed a camp/canoe trip.

In March, along with 30 other youth from around the presbytery, Adrianna McPolin, Sarah Vidalin, and I travelled to Haida Gwaii (formerly known as the Queen Charlotte Islands) for a cultural exchange visit. Less than a week after our return 34 youth and leaders from there came to Ottawa, staying in our homes and soaking up all that the capital has to offer. This was part of an overarching emphasis on Aboriginal issues that the youth participated in, including the Blanket Exercise and Project of the Heart. The Haida Gwaii trip and the other events were an excellent learning and growing time for the youth and for me.

Junior youth met for two four-week blocks this year, one in the spring and other in the fall. Activities included some great games of hide and seek in our large mysterious building. We held a scrap-wood puppet making workshop in February, led by the Rag and Bone Theatre Company. We also had a cave-in adventure which resulted in some great fun and lots of yelling and we enjoyed a hay ride and trip to Stanley’s Olde Maple Farm. Our “circus” workshop in October was a blast and we were able to insert some of the skills learned into our Christmas pageant.

Both youth groups served at IFTC last March.

Second Blessings coffee shop continues to thrive and grow. We served a variety of foods and treats last year including smoothies, soup, mac and cheese and other items. Jaclyn and Joanna led in a cookie decorating day for Valentine’s Day. We keep to our Fair Trade mandate and our youth are becoming experts in enacting the Christian practice of hospitality.

Our Sunday school is the centre of our ministry to youth and children. Providing a solid Christian education is close to the hearts of those of us who work with the kids. We have prayed about and worked towards engaging more people in this important endeavour and we feel that the Holy Spirit has moved in the hearts of Parkdale people as this was the first year I have had the delightful experience of being able to schedule the whole 2014-15 Sunday school year with a full complement of teachers even though we have had to add another class. Praise the Lord! Alleluia!

We are most grateful for the dedicated and talented individuals who lend themselves to this important work: Joan Bailey, Jaylyn Wong, Dave Smith, Julie Creasey, Cathy Lees, Wendy Reid, Ellen Andrews, Michelle Bailey, Camille Beaufort, Jocelyn Barden-Underhill, Josée Méla, Sam Tim, Tom Grozinger, Rosemary Kimberly, Holly Williams, Rob Hilkes, Paul Crabtree, and Elaine West. We will miss Heather Clark who has had to move away from Ottawa for work.

Thanks to the Property Trustees who assisted us in putting up our new flat screen TV for use in the orange Sunday school room.

The College and Career study group continues to thrive and grow under the leadership of Lauren Barbour. They have begun a long-term study called “Foundations””. These wonderful young adults contribute so much to the ministries of Parkdale serving in a variety of areas such as IFTC, Sunday school, youth, choir, communications, and on committees. We are blessed to have such a dedicated leader and members in this age group as this is not at all the norm in United churches these days.

In 2014 I was able to do the final piece of my Certificate in Youth Ministry from Princeton Theological College. This last part was the culmination of a three-year program which had many components of study. I travelled to Georgia for the final phase to join with my cohort. It seemed like a wonderful thing to be going south in January, but instead, we experienced a storm of historic proportions which saw Georgians stranded on highways and in buses overnight. Many members of my group were delayed as much as two days and I ended up wearing my parka most of the time. Nevertheless, it was a wonderful learning experience and was also great to finally be in possession of my certificate. I am grateful for Parkdale’s support of my learning goals.

With the help of a great team, especially including Sheila and Orion Clark, we served up a pancake supper last Shrove Tuesday with proceeds going towards our family camping experience. On Maundy Thursday, Debbie, Anthony, and I hosted a Seder meal. Debbie did the majority of the cooking and the meal was excellent and the service meaningful.

I continue to serve as chair of the Youth and Young Adult Committee of Presbytery. Responsibilities include helping to plan Worshiplode, overseeing the work of the Presbytery Youth Minister, interviewing and hiring the staff for Camp Awesome, among many other tasks.

I led in worship on a number of occasions in 2014. In general this was intergenerational: Jan 26 (Confirmation, Lighthouse theme), April 27 (Forgiveness and Resurrection), June 15 (Men of God), June 22 (Camp Worship), Sept 21 (Seeing things God’s Way), Nov 23 (Joy), Dec 14 (Pageant “The Minstrel’s Journey”), Dec 24 (5 pm Christmas Eve -- God’s Messengers). Additionally, I preached and led in regular worship on July 27 (The Unfailing Love of God).

Parents and Tots continue to meet on Wednesday mornings, 10 am till noon. Here parents (both Moms and Dads and sometimes grandparents too) who are at home with small children during the day can bring the kids and enjoy fellowship, food, and prayer. This year the group also organized two clothing and toy swaps.

In June we held our second annual family camping weekend with 51 participants. The weather could not have been better had we picked it from a menu. It was a wonderfully blessed time of games, fun, swimming, boating, and enjoying nature and each other’s company. We participated in prayer walks and campfires (sometimes more than one). The fort in the woods provided hours of play time for the kids. Special thanks to Joanna Lace and LJ Benoit who were a huge help, hardly needing to be asked to take on any task that needed doing.

Committee work takes up a considerable part of my work life at Parkdale. I attend CE, Council, and Worship committees and ad hoc groups that form along the way as well as reporting to M & P twice a year. In September the CE committee had a fellowship meal at my home. Last year I served with Kathleen Stevenson and Blaine Pauling on a group that helped to formulate a plan for long-range planning and visioning for Parkdale and developed and collated the “ministries inventory” that will help provide some data for the visioning group when it is formed. I helped to organize the council retreat in October and enjoyed having the opportunity to host it at our

home in the country. It was good for everyone to get away from the city and be surrounded by natural sounds and corn stalks.

DaleSong is another one of my responsibilities but this year I have been blessed to be able to give over some of the leadership role to Jono Hamer-Wilson who is a gifted musician with a heart for Christ's service. New members in DaleSong this year are Kristina Bradley and Elaine West. We continue to appreciate the guidance, support and encouragement of Troy Cross. In July my husband and I hosted a potluck picnic for members of DaleSong and their families.

In the fall I led and enjoyed a study group called "The Artist's Way" based on a book by the same name. I also included material from "The Worshipping Artist" and the scriptures. Although it was a fun study with lots of hands on arts and crafts, it also required a dedicated response in the weeks between our Wednesday gatherings so it was quite intense although well worth it for those who persevered.

In November we began work on our Christmas Pageant, "The Minstrel's Journey" which I wrote this year because I wanted to incorporate some of the specific gifts and skills which our kids wanted to offer up. Also, I was able to write it specifically so that only four people spoke in each scene as that is the number of hands-free microphones we have. Thanks to Patrick Hall and Jill Hamer-Wilson who anchored the cast and provided much of the music.

Each year I grow more in awe of the gifts that my colleagues in ministry, Anthony, Debbie, and Troy, have to offer. I am blessed to be part of this team. We are supported by Don and Khan, Carol, Sung, and Ryan who are so clearly committed to make Parkdale a good place to be. Thanks to Kathleen Stephenson and Richard Hamley for their capable handling of financial and technical matters. Members of council and committees are such supportive and positive people. Thanks to all of them! As I look back over what I have written, I am amazed and filled with gratitude to the many people who give of their time to support ministry to youth and children in our congregation.

I am also grateful for the young people themselves who, far from just soaking up what is provided, are always eager to find ways in which they can serve God and our community, whether it is little Theo helping to set up chairs for one of the barbecues, Jayde playing her violin in the Christmas pageant, or James spontaneously organizing a game for younger kids in the gym. Incidents like these are always happening. Ministry to youth and children is so life-giving and joyful! You will never regret getting involved.

COUNCIL

The Parkdale United Church Council is responsible for helping and supporting the church to 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 people, including the chairs of each committee, the three members of the ministry staff, two members-at-large, a presbytery representative, a chair, and a vice or past

chair. Meetings always begin with a time for devotion, to reflect on our beliefs and to centre ourselves before we begin our meeting.

The Council has met 8 times since the 2014 Annual General Meeting. We have dealt with a range of initiatives and issues in the past year, such as the creation of a Health and Safety Policy, starting the process for creating a fund raising policy, guidelines for environmental responsibility, website improvement, the completion of the Memorial Fund Working Group's report, and a myriad of other details.

At the 2014 Annual General Meeting members suggested that Parkdale needed a long-term strategic plan with phased objectives, to help with the wise investment of scarce resources. As such, we began the process in the summer of 2014. The first task was to take a 'ministries inventory' of all of the activities performed by people at Parkdale, no matter how small, in order to get a more precise sense of exactly what is required to run the Church and its programs, essential to planning for the future. A small working group then met to identify the general objectives of the long term plan for presentation to the future strategic planning committee.

The Council Retreat in October, for which we gathered at Melodee's house in the country, served as the next step in the long term planning process. The retreat centred on visioning Parkdale's future and was an extremely positive experience that also succeeded in bringing everyone together in a special way. In small groups and in general discussion, we identified challenges, opportunities, priorities and dreams for Parkdale for the next 20 years. The results of our discussions will play a role in the strategic plan.

The next step is recruitment for a strategic planning committee. To facilitate this, we are developing a general framework based on our general objectives and the fruits of our council retreat; this will be presented to the future planning committee by the spring so participants will have a clear understanding of what is expected of them and just how long the commitment will last. We look forward to this exercise, not just in how it will help prepare Parkdale for the future, but in how it will help us fulfill our mission in the best ways possible.

I would like to thank all the Council members for their dedication and discernment, their time and work, and their patience in adapting to a new chair. Our discussions involve the life of the Church, with each member bringing their own perspective, experience and wisdom. While we strive for agreement, dissent is a crucial aspect of our decision-making process and I hope to help normalize it – I cannot help but think that we must be missing something when everyone agrees! Thank you all for the exercise of your faith and reason, always a delicate balancing act. Let us continue to seek the growth and prosperity of this congregation and the community we serve.

Blaine Pauling
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.

Our editors, Danica Rogers and Elise Mennie, and proof readers, Isabelle Duncan and Jaylin Wong, are committed to producing a quality product.

Parkdale's Website: Richard Hamley continues to do an excellent job maintaining the current website.

Website Redesign – With guidance from Jill Williams, one of our members and an experienced web designer, we have selected a template for the website redesign.

Content – We have determined what content will be posted on the website. Our criteria is that it should satisfy the worship needs of the congregation while at the same time introduce and welcome others to a Christian community whose vision is to form followers of Jesus who will transform our community and our world.

Parkdale Ministries - The Communications Committee, in consultation with Council, has finalized the list of Parkdale's Ministries. The committee is now working with committee chairs to develop appropriate content for each Ministry that can be posted on the website.

Publicizing Events: Jenna Lester is responsible for advertising Parkdale's public events in the media, to other churches, in the community, etc. This includes the Rummage Sales, Yuletide Bazaar and any special events throughout the year.

Social Media: Chris Hinds continues to manage Parkdale's Twitter account and Jenna Lester manages Facebook. Both are used to promote Parkdale events.

Signage: New banners were purchased to advertise the spring and fall Rummage Sales and the Yuletide Bazaar.

Bulletin Boards: Our new committee member, Jill Hamer-Wilson, has kindly offered to manage the bulletin boards at the two Parkdale doors leading into the Sanctuary. They will be updated monthly and will focus on newcomers and visitors who tend to use these doors.

eNewsletter: Heidi Vincent, who implemented Parkdale's eNewsletter, has had to step down because of other commitments and Chris Hinds has now taken over the preparation and circulation of the eNewsletter. This past year, we have been featuring a different Council member each month in order to familiarize the congregation with the roles of Council members. We have also implemented a sign up feature to the eNewsletter on the home page of Parkdale's website.

Parkdale Logo: With input from Council, the Communications Committee has designed a logo for Parkdale to be used on the website, as well as other promotional products, such as brochures, mugs, pins, etc. Rev. Dr. Bailey suggested the tagline: “Come and See, Stay and Grow, Go and Serve” which we have shortened to Come.Grow.Serve. The logo will be ready for use this spring.

Objectives for 2015:

- a. Now that the list of Parkdale’s Ministries has been finalized and a logo has been designed, the Communications Committee will develop a one page Newcomer’s Brochure that can be distributed to those attending Parkdale for the first time.
- b. The Communications Committee will continue to work on the redesign of Parkdale’s website by:
 - i. Implementing a test site using the new template and appropriate software;
 - ii. Designing the home page;
 - iii. Populating content;
 - iv. Obtaining feedback and updating accordingly;
 - v. Testing the new site; and
 - vi. Converting the test site to a production site.
- c. The United Church of Canada has published a set of guidelines and forms for obtaining permission from individuals in order to publish their photographs in print, on the website and on various forms of social media. The Communications Committee will review these guidelines to determine how they can be implemented for Parkdale.
- d. The Communications Committee will continue to advertise and promote Parkdale’s public events.

The current members of the Communications Committee are:

Jill Hamer-Wilson
Richard Hamley
Chris Hinds

Jenna Lester
Danica Rogers
Jill Williams

Respectfully submitted,
Carolynn Halkett, Chair

Faith formation and 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 at Parkdale.

In 2014 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. After petitioning the congregation in the spring we had a good number of new teachers step forward to assist with Sunday morning teaching in 2014-2015. It is a very rewarding ministry and we continue to look for people who enjoy exploring their faith with the children and youth. Should you be interested in joining our team, feel free to inquire.

On January 26, 2014 five Parkdale youth were confirmed and they remain active in youth programming.

The youth are involved in the running of the Second Blessings Coffee Shop where they serve delectable offerings monthly after church under the guidance of Joanna Hamley.

Senior and junior youth had a block of activities in March 2014 with senior youth having some sessions on living into right relations with our first nations brothers and sisters. Special thank you to Elise Mennie and Mary-Lou Iatail. Junior youth had a "caving expedition" in the church and went to Stanley's Old Maple Farm.

In June we organized the Parkdale Family Camp at beautiful Gracefield Camp. We had amazing weather and tremendous participation. I fondly recall a memorable service out of doors by the lake on the warm Sunday morning. Plans are underway for the 2015 Family Camp on the weekend of June 20th. Mark your calendars!

CE hosted the inaugural youth camping and canoeing retreat at Lac Philippe in early September. Twelve youth attended and the high point of the trip had to be spelunking in the Luskville caves.

During the fall of 2014 senior youth continued to meet every other Sunday evening, often watching a thought-provoking movie or enjoying a meal together. One night everyone brought their favorite game and we had a "games night".

Junior youth met for a block of four-weeks in the fall also and enjoyed a circus workshop, tricks from which were incorporated into our Christmas pageant.

College and Careers have begun a long-term study based on the study guide "Foundations".

A special thank you to Joan Bailey who coordinates care in the nursery.

Respectfully submitted- Paul Crabtree, January 27, 2015

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 about 200 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 January 26th we hosted a pre-service breakfast for four Confirmands, their families and other guests.

On May 4th we hosted a pre-service breakfast for thirteen 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
Wenxi Chen
Janice Gray
John Harewood
Joelle Osterkruger
Janet Taylor

Deborah Bellware
Danielle Gougeon
Marilyn Hahn
Diana Mason
Shirley Rey
Daunett Tucker

Liz Cheesbrough
KerryLynn Grozinger
Lorraine Hanna
Kathryn Meerburg
Freda Sutton

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Hahn

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

December 31, 2014

Membership	317
Adherents	<u>175</u>
	492

Added by

Affirmation of Faith	1
Confirmation	4
Re-affirmation of Faith	6
Transfer	<u>6</u>
	17

Removed by:

Death	10
Certificate of Transfer	5
Otherwise	<u>20</u>
	35

Baptisms 16

Marriages 5

Funerals 23, Members 7 Non Parkdale 16

New Members in 2014

Affirmation of Faith

John Edward King

Confirmation

Hannah Crabtree

William Fitzgerald

Gabriella Hilkes

Joseé Méla

Re-Affirmation of Faith

Kevin Bosch

Tania Lambert Bosch

Christine King

Frank Lawrence (Larry) King

Hugh Spencer Nelson

Cynthia (CI CI) Waugh

Transfer

George Henry Bush

Ruth Ann Bush

Esther Hermosa

Patricia Louise Slight

Elaine West

Catherine Younger-Lewis

Respectfully submitted

Helen Fortune, Clerk of the Rolls

Ministry & Personnel Committee

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee actively works with the staff members at Parkdale. Each staff member has a dedicated representative from the M&P Committee. The Committee provides a consultative and supportive role for the staff and the congregation. It also provides a human relations role to support communication between the congregation and staff members to ensure constructive and encouraging feedback can be offered and received in a positive way. Questions or constructive feedback or encouragement can be provided to any of the M&P members or through the M&P email address: MandP@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

The past year was an active one for the Committee, with nine M&P meetings held throughout the year.

Appreciation of our Staff

At Parkdale we are blessed to be led and served by dedicated Ministry and Lay staff. Our thanks to Dr. Anthony 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 Sung Lim.

In November the Committee 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.

Annual interviews

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

Health and Safety Policy

In 2014, M&P worked with Council and Trustees on a Health and Safety Policy, which is required by Ontario Ministry of Labour. We now have an approved Health and Safety Policy. As well, staff has undertaken safety training provided by the Ontario Ministry of Labour and a safety checklist will be used for routine inspections of the building inside and outside.

The main premise of the requirement by the Ministry of Labour is that workers have three rights:

- to know how to work safely
- to refuse unsafe work
- to participate in creating a safe workplace

The United Church of Canada states that Leaders (council members and clergy) must be committed to health and safety principles and processes and lead by example at all times. Employers and workers must learn and understand their respective health and safety duties and that they have a right to a safe and healthy workplace.

Personnel Policy

The Committee worked hard in 2014 to produce a thorough Personnel Policy document. This has been circulated to the staff for comments and is expected to be presented to Council in 2015 for approval once feedback from the staff has been received and reviewed and the document revised as necessary.

M&P Committee Members

I want to thank all the members of the M&P committee for their hard work and dedication throughout 2014. I look forward to working with you all in 2015. Members of the committee¹ are: Pierre Barbeau, Ruth Foster, Rob Maclachlan, Don Macpherson, Peter Meerburg and Wally Prater.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hamley
Chair of M&P

¹ The M&P members are pictured in the December issue of the 2014 *Messenger*. The picture was taken at the Staff Appreciation Dinner. All issues of the *Messenger* can be found on Parkdale's web-site, www.parkdaleunitedchurch.ca under the Events section.

MISSION, OUTREACH AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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 are 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 also 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, Bethany Hope Centre, the Innerscity 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 Stephen Lewis Foundation (AIDS relief). Internationally, we supported North Street United Church, Jamaica, through money collected at Easter.

Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund again received \$1000. This donation is given in light of Parkdale's involvement in sponsoring refugees over the years and as we are now in the process of opening our hearts in 2015 to the Basalamah refugee family from Syria. This has been a very slow process but we continue to be hopeful that they will arrive in 2015.

In From the Cold Ministry. This 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, for guests experiencing poverty and other challenges, to come together in relationships while exploring the privilege of giving and receiving. In March 2014, this ministry completed its twelfth year. During the past year, January, February, March, November and December 2,543 nutritious four-course meals prepared by our dedicated kitchen volunteers were served. Over 19 Saturdays, the average number of guests was 127 down from an average of 140 the previous year. Over 200 enthusiastic, efficient volunteers from the congregation, our community and from as far as Kazabazua, Quebec, about 100 kilometers away, participate in teams of approximately 90 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.

The ongoing faithful prayers and financial support of the congregation make possible the purchase of necessary equipment and supplies and is 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)

The Living into Right Relations Group has 21 Parkdale members. Elise Mennie emails them news of Indigenous solidarity and educational events, the United Church Right Relations digest, and news of the Ottawa Right Relations Network, to which she belongs. In February, Parkdale hosted a meeting of the Right Relations Network, which is made up of various church denominations and community members. Our congregation is also kept informed through items posted on the Right Relations Bulletin Board in Memorial Hallway and articles in the Messenger.

Educational activities were offered to Parkdale's Senior Youth Group on three Sunday evenings in February and March, organised by Elise Mennie, Paul Crabtree and Melodee Lovering. This series focused on Aboriginal history and reconciliation was assisted by Cree Elder Mary-Lou Iatail. The first evening was the 'Blanket Exercise', attended by a group of 20 youth and parents who experienced Canada's colonial history from the point of view of Indigenous peoples. At the second meeting, a smaller group of 6 youth and 2 parents learned about the history of the residential school system and decorated small wooden tiles to commemorate the children who were forced away from their families and communities. The last evening, the group shared a First Nations' meal and watched the film 'Hi-Ho Mistahey' about Shannon Koostachin's dream 'for safe and comfy schools for all First Nations children', starting with her community of Attawapiskat in Northern Ontario, which is also the home town of Elder Mary-Lou.

Mary-Lou Iatail came back to Parkdale in October to open in prayer the 'Celebrating our Cultures' evening, accompanied by the Indigenous drumming and singing group 'Spirit Sisters'.

Plans for 2015: This year, we plan to respond to the United Church's call to support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report to the government on June 2, 2015, and to participate in the Reconciliation Walk in Ottawa on May 31st. We would like our congregation to embrace justice for Indigenous peoples and commit to a reconciliation plan appropriate for our community. To engage our members in this conversation, all are invited to a presentation and dialogue on April 19th immediately following our church service: 'What does reconciliation mean?' with guest speaker Viola Thomas of Reconciliation Canada. We will also help promote the May 31st Reconciliation Walk by printing bookmarks to distribute to our members, relations and local community.

Celebrating our Cultures – International Dinner: On Saturday, October 18, 2014, we had a wonderful celebration of the Scottish and Nigerian cultures represented here at Parkdale. The audience of over one hundred, consisted of many of the other cultures that we are blessed to have as members and visitors to our church. We were very privileged to have Aboriginal Elder – Mary-Lou Iatail lead off with an Aboriginal prayer and she brought along The Spirit Flower Sisters who were wonderful singers. David Odumodu and Ini Akpan, acting as ambassadors from Nigeria, focused on the courtship and a wedding ceremony as is done in Nigeria. Much focus was on Scotland as, with much fanfare, Piper Orrin Kerr piped in the entry of Elaine West with the "Haggis" which is the main dish of Scotland. Don MacPherson, with much pomp and style, read the "address to the Haggis" in English and Orrin accompanied him in the Gaelic language. A good time was had by all as Emcee Rev. Debbie Roi held the evening together. The evening ended with the Royal Scottish Country Dancers led by Eileen Black demonstrating a few dances and had the audience up trying to learn some rather intricate steps.

Images & Stories - Once again we had an amazing year with between 25 – 45 guests attending these presentations, which were coordinated by Janet Taylor. In January 2014 John Butcher presented "Rafting the Firth River" located in the remote north-western corner of Canada's Yukon. David Odumodu and Jennifer Payne presented on their trip to Southern Africa. In March 2014 we ended the season with Kathleen Stephenson's experiences in "Brazil". We then started off in September with Anthony, Ken Elder and Faye Beaufort recounting the "Parkdalers' trip to Greece in April 2013 in which they retraced the steps of the Apostle Paul's second missionary journey. Vita Savelieva followed in October with her nostalgic "Altai, Baikal and the Far East of Russia" trip which was truly an unforgettable Summer 1983. Then Ann Tompkins amazed us with her presentation of her trip to the Serengeti in Tanzania on her once-in-a-life-time trip to see the great migration of animals. Again, undoubtedly, an exciting and rewarding series of Images & Stories. Thanks to the team and the presenters for orchestrating this series. We are grateful to all who took on the role of reporter for the Messenger as well as those who supplied scrumptious baked goods.

Habitat for Humanity- Parkdale has had a long association with *Habitat for Humanity* and donates financially and otherwise to this organization. Our committee member Carolynn Halkett (who also chairs Parkdale's Communications Committee) sits on their Faith committee. On **September 10, 2014, seven Parkdalers met in Orleans** to roll up their sleeves, put on their hard hats and contribute as they could to that Habitat build. Anthony started the day with devotions.

5K Run/Walk for Parkdale's In From The Cold: The 5K Run/Walk for Parkdale United was on again this year raising money for In From The Cold. It was not only another fundraiser for our "In From The Cold" ministry but 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 yet another example of our church coming together with the community to live out, to reach out and bear witness in the community.

Hintonburg BBQ – The event gave us an opportunity, once again, to partner with our community raising funds for our In From the Cold ministry. Many Parkdalers, at very short notice, came out to the Parkdale Market grounds to flip hamburgers, prepare hot dogs, sell drinks and enjoy serving the community in which we worship.

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.

MO&J 2014 Committee Members are:

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

Special thanks to Don, Khan, Carol, & Ryan for making arrangements, setting up and ensuring things run well before, during and after events.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2015

- *Sponsoring the Syrian Refugee family – 2015*
 - *April 26th – “Murder Mystery” Event Evening*
 - *Concert at Parkdale*
- *Living Into Right Relations – Truth & Reconciliation Commission Ending June 2nd*
 - *April 19th – 12:00 – 2:00 Tape Hall – Viola Thomas from Reconciliation Canada.*
 - *May 31st – Reconciliation Walk in Ottawa – Parkdale’s participation*
 - *October 17th Celebrating Our Cultures*
 - *Images and Stories*

Respectfully submitted by
Faye Beaufort
A/Chair, Mission, Outreach & Justice Committee 2014

PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care Team has eleven 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 40 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 2014 several members of our Pastoral Care Team attended two seminars presented by Pastoral Care Ottawa.

In April, the Pastoral Care Team hosted a forgiveness workshop, facilitated by Darlene Garner. Approximately 30 people attended this event. Comments indicated that it was much needed and worthwhile.

The Caring Kitchens program is continuing to provide food or meals to those who need assistance. We continue to provide food to a small number of families in need or those who otherwise need assistance. The recipients are always grateful for this tangible symbol of Parkdale's support for them.

Two Special Communion services were held for seniors who cannot come to church on a regular basis. The services were held the week after Easter and the week after Thanksgiving. A time of fellowship was held after each service where the seniors had an opportunity to chat with their friends and enjoy some homebaked treats.

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 May, the team visited the Embassy West Retirement Centre. All levels of care are available here, from minimal assistance to palliative care.

At the last meeting of 2014, 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 2015

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
Freda Sutton
Gail Thain

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McLeod, Chair,
Pastoral Care Team

PROPERTY TRUSTEES

The Property Trustees met 6 times in 2014; February 4, April 8, May 13, June 17, October 7 and December 2. Thanks to the dedicated Committee members, the following projects were successfully completed:

1. The radiator on the north wall of the chapel, which has not been operable for several years, was removed, cleaned and reconnected to piping in the ceiling of the Sunday School room below.
2. The vents on most of the 80 or so convection unit heaters throughout the Church were replaced.
3. The oak moulding on the top of the pews in the Sanctuary was sanded and re-sealed with a water-based varathane.
4. The wood sign on Parkdale Avenue was refurbished and a new United Church crest installed.
5. The asphalt and gravel base in the Gladstone parking lot was taken up and replaced. At the same time the drainage away from the walls of the Church and the transition at the base of the wheelchair ramp was addressed. New lines and H/C symbols were painted on both the Parkdale and Gladstone parking lots.
6. A television was mounted on the east wall of the Senior Sunday School room.
7. The Memorial Hall floor was re-sanded and given 3 coats of varnish.
8. The wood windows of the Tape Hall kitchen, damaged by mis-directed heads of the irrigation system, were replaced.

9. The defective timer in the dishwasher in the Ladies Parlour has been replaced.
10. A new carpet cleaner has been purchased for Khan's use.
11. New thermostats have been installed in the fan coil units at the Gladstone entrance and in the Sanctuary.
12. New automatic controls have now been installed on the 2 water tube boilers.
13. Maintenance was carried out on the snow blower used by Khan and a new carburetor and cable installed. A problem has since developed with the plastic retainer spacers which hold the shaft together, but this has been addressed at no additional cost.
14. The defective W/C in the Men's Washroom in Tape Hall has been replaced.

Future Projects. The focus of the Committee in 2015 will be repainting the interior of the North Tower, installing air-conditioning in the Church Office, repairs to the concrete steps at the exterior of the South Tower, and those projects deferred in 2014 such as repairs to the counter in the Ladies Parlour kitchen and masonry repointing/repairs to north tower.

The members of the Property Trustees Committee of Council are:

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

Respectively submitted,
Ken Elder,
Chair

RECRUITMENT AND SUCCESSION PLANNING

The Committee again this year assisted Council in identifying and recruiting members of the congregation for regular and special responsibilities.

A number of individuals were approached to become part of a working group that will be a component of a long-range planning exercise in 2015. Potential candidates for nomination to positions on the 2015 Council were also identified, and subsequently considered for recommendation at the 2014 annual congregational meeting.

Members of this committee are the Council Chair, the Past Council Chair, the Council Vice-Chair, the Co-ordinating Minister, and the Committee Chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Meerburg

STEWARDSHIP

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: 2014

Towards the fulfillment of the above purpose, key activities that occurred in 2014 were as follows:

1. "Stewardship Thought" - thought provoking and inspiring ideas continued to appear in the Sunday worship bulletin.
2. Congregational update provided as part of a joint initiative of the finance and stewardship committees to provide regular updates on matters related to Finance.
 - a. The first update was given to the congregation as part of the annual general meeting titled "Reflections on Whole Life Stewardship" and also appeared in the Messenger.
 - b. The Finance, Stewardship and Communication committees, along with the donation's coordinator worked together on highlighting financial stewardship at Parkdale:
 - i. "Financial Support for Parkdale Ministries" articles in the Bulletin and Messenger.
 - ii. Informational summary on "Financial Giving at Parkdale" on the main sources of funding for Parkdale's ministries and information on the Preauthorized Remittance (PAR) Program.
3. Presentation on the "Debt Management Center" program on June 2013 by David van Noppen on ways to help individuals manage debt and make better and sound financial decisions. After final discussions in March 2014, the committee decided that no further action was to be taken.
4. The "Draft Guidelines on Environmental Responsibility" was presented to Council in December 2013 and an article on the guideline appeared in the November messenger. Following input and feedback from Council updates were made and the guidelines approved by Council on 10 June 2014. In practical terms, the guidelines aim to help users of Parkdale facilities and resources:
 - a. Reduce the ecological footprint (to the extent possible and practicable); and,

- b. Take steps to avoid adding to the burdens we now place on the earth and our natural environment.
5. On September 20 there was a Financial Stewardship workshop focusing on estate planning and debt management that was led by Anthony Bailey and Paul Sales. There were about 15 attendees.
6. In October the committee took part in consultations, led by the Memorial Fund Working Group, regarding the current and future scope and mandate of Parkdale's Memorial Fund.
7. In December a member attended the Ecumenical Stewardship Center's Leadership Seminar in Ft. Lauderdale. Helpful insights were received from the main speakers that could be leveraged for Parkdale.

Looking Forward : 2015

For 2015, the Stewardship committee will committ to build on the work of past years and explore / initiate new activities that could enable deeper and stronger Stewardship at Parkdale, this includes:

1. Continuation of "Stewardship Thought" on the third page of the Sunday bulletin.
2. Working with Council on a " multi-faceted Stewardship Campaign" as recommended in the report from the Memorial Fund Working Group.
3. Providing ongoing updates and information to the congregation on financial and other Stewardship 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.
 - a. Updates and information on the use of pre-authorized remittance (PAR) as it ensures steady, predictable revenue to support the church ministries and programs.
 - b. Updates and information to be presented in multiple format / ways, e.g., articles in the Sunday worship bulletin and the Messenger, "Minute for Stewardship" during Sunday worship.
4. Delivering Stewardship themed workshops and events, if there is sufficient interest from the congregation, such as :
 - a. Spirit Given Gifts workshop - interest in this workshop seems to occur in 2 year cycles and the last workshop was held in 2013.
 - b. Financial / debt management workshop.
5. Updating the Stewardship Bulletin Board to creatively share stewardship insights and information.
6. Moving forward on the recommendations in the approved "Guidelines on Environmental Responsibility" for Parkdale United Church.
7. The development of a fundraising strategy / plan.

Committee Membership

In 2014, the members of the Committee were:

1. Alexandra Stockwell

2. Anthony Bailey
3. David Odumodu
4. Garth McLeod
5. Jennifer Payne
6. Lisa Stringer
7. Samantha Tim
8. Scott Andrews (resigned earlier in the year)
9. Tania Lambert Bosch

Anyone interested in joining the Stewardship committee would be most welcome. Meetings are normally held every 6 weeks on a Tuesday.

Submitted, Samantha Tim, Chair

Worship Committee

Responsibility for the content and the conduct of Parkdale's Worship Services belongs to our three Ministers and the Music Director. The Worship Committee's role is to ensure that greeters, ushers and technical support are in place to enable the services to proceed as planned. There is a Coordinator for the preparation and conduct of Communion Services (please note a separate report) but we select the individuals to fill the role of Presiding Elder.

In regard to these responsibilities, Hugh Nelson accepted the position of Coordinating Usher after the resignation of Jenni Troup, who left a substantial and well trained group of ushers in place. Don MacPherson became the partner of Liz Harrison as Presiding Elder, a role that Garth McLeod had filled faithfully for four years.

The Committee has oversight of Music and Worship Arts. We negotiate the Music Director's contract and are responsible for approving the remuneration of additional accompanists and the summer organist. Under the heading of Worship Arts are the following: Choir, DaleSong, Liturgical Dance, Drama, guest musicians and the Meditation Group. Troy Cross, our Music Director has filed a separate report.

It is the Committee's task to see that the sanctuary is appropriately decorated for the seasons of the Church Year – Advent, Lent and Thanksgiving. We have added several new banners in 2014 with more to come for the Lenten Season. We are grateful to Alan Menzies who constructed a new board for posting prayer requests.

Richard Hamley and sound and recording team members, Gary Crocker and Alan Menzies and occasionally Ryan Pascal provide the audiovisual support required each and every week for regular Sunday Worship as well as other occasions. Toward the end of the year, our committee in conjunction with the Communications Committee invited those with an interest in technology to join a conversation about the possibility of enhancing our worship experiences through the addition and use of some of the new developments in technology that have been widely adopted by other churches, large and small, old and new in recent years. In 2015 we hope to have some news in this regard.

Current Members of the Worship Committee:

Anthony Bailey
Laura Jean Benoit
Troy Cross
Barbara Faught
Jill Hamer-Wilson
Richard Hamley
Kathrine Lagrandeur
Melodee Lovering
Alexandra Stockwell

I am sure that with me, you give thanks with grateful hearts for all the opportunities we have week in and week out to participate in the spiritually uplifting worship services so thoughtfully and prayerfully prepared for us to experience. The Worship Committee is grateful to play our small part behind the scenes, so to speak.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Faught (chair)

WORSHIP ARTS

It all started with a simple anthem *Father, We Worship You* by Victor C. Johnson that portrayed a personal grateful reverence for God in our lives and in our hearts. Much to my surprise, this one piece of music stood out as the most requested anthem in 2014 by members of our congregation. Now, while I'm not accustomed to keeping a "Top 40" list of choir anthems how is it that this particular piece of music rose to the top of the list and spoke to so many in our congregation?

I recently returned to listen to a recording of this piece and found that while it's message is not new, for there are numerous references throughout the psalms in terms of offering music to God in worship, it does have a gentle, peaceful and penetrating melody that haunts our conscience in such a way as to move us closer to offering ourselves more fully and completely to God.

"We lift our voice to honour you as we sing your praise."

Upon further reflection, this line summarizes well why we came together to support worship. It's through our individual journeys and our commitment to follow Jesus that we as members of the Choir, DaleSong, Sacred Dancers, youth singers, actors, poets and instrumentalists continue to sing praises and encourage others to join us.

In speaking of journeys, the Worship Arts program made great strides to reach beyond the doors of Parkdale. We were fortunate to host a variety of guest musicians. The Imani Gospel Singers, Fumbling Fingers, one of the handbell choirs from Rideau Park United Church, a brass ensemble from the Parkdale Orchestra, numerous choral musicians and bass soloists from the University of Ottawa Music Department were all interested in what we were doing and wanted to learn more about how we supported the congregation. Additionally, DaleSong and the Choir had the privilege to participate in worship at other churches throughout the region, including Russell United and Knox United.

As the year moved forward, both the Choir and DaleSong attracted new members. A sense of community developed and aided in the formation of new friendships. By the time Advent approached there were more than twenty-five singers in the Choir preparing special music for the December 21st service.

As we look forward to 2015, I give thanks for all the worship artists, sound technicians and supporters who share their time and talents. Their dedication does not go unnoticed for they are doing more than simply singing, playing, dancing to, or recording a hymn. I know for certain that their artistic expression through Christ touches people in times of joy, excitement, sadness, grief and loneliness.

Troy Cross
Director of Music & Organist

COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS



A very warm thank you to all who helped with communion arrangements during 2014. 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:

	2012	2013	2014
March	222	223	200
June	198	160	202
October	218	176	200
December	248	223	192
TOTAL	886	782	794

Presiding Elders:

North Side: Liz Harrison

South side: Garth McLeod and Don Macpherson

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 wellbeing 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 local congregations and the Montreal & Ottawa Conference and the General Council of the United Church of Canada.

Overview:

In 2014 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 meetings in 2014 with various congregations hosting these meetings. In its role of supporting local congregations, the Presbytery supported the Youth & Young Adult Ministry (YAYA), introduced new ministry support initiatives such as EDGE, assists

congregations through the amalgamation process, the JNAC process and provides workshops and resources for congregational leaders.

Budget:

In 2014 revenues were \$513,861.00, 76% of which came from congregational assessments. Parkdale's assessment for 2014 was \$19,494.00. Total expenditures for 2014 were \$515,168 leaving a deficit of \$1,307.00 which was covered by reserve funds. The principal expenditures were personnel expenses of \$211,014.00 and the assessment of \$131,895.00 to the Montreal & Ottawa Conference.

YAYA Ministry:

The Youth & Young Adult Committee and Youth Minister, the Rev. Hilary Merritt, continue to provide leadership and support within Presbytery to local congregations as well as to local ecumenical youth initiatives. During Ottawa's Winterlude festival, YAYA sponsored Worshiplude which attracted over 500 youth from across the province.

In March 2014, over 20 youth and their leaders were involved in a youth exchange with young people from Haida Gwaii. Presbyters in the fall had an opportunity to hear about their experiences on Haida Gwaii during this cultural exchange. Camp Awesome was well attended in the summer.

EDGE:

The March Presbytery meeting focused on the resources of EDGE, a United Church network for ministry. Led by Executive Director of EDGE, the Rev. Rob Dalgleish, the services offered to local congregations were outlined which included webinars offering instruction and discernment opportunities in many aspects of church life and leadership.

As well, twenty-two consultants across the country are available to work directly with congregations and develop learning circles that create support and best practice sharing on ministry personnel.

Scriven's Memorial Fund:

The Annual General Meeting of the Scriven's Memorial Fund was held in conjunction with the April Presbytery meeting. Established in 1922, the fund provides financial support for youth ministry within Presbytery, including funding for the Youth & Young Adult Minister position.

General Council Comprehensive Review:

The General Council of the United Church of Canada is in the midst of a major review of the organizational structure of the church. The present "court" structure is a hierarchical one with local church councils at the base, followed by the Presbytery level, then the Conference level and finally the General Council. The April Presbytery meeting focused on the General Council Comprehensive Review Working Group's discussion paper, "Fishing on the Other Side." Presbyters were divided into four groups to examine four areas of concern: property, oversight of faith communities, oversight of ministry personnel, and connectional space. There was considerable discussion by the groups but a consensus developed that the Working Group had not provided sufficient detail for presbyters to make considered judgments.

General Council Remits:

Remits involve decision making regarding the polity and policies of the United Church of Canada. Remits can involve both the congregational level and the Presbytery level. The remits considered at the January 2014 Presbytery meeting involved items which will be considered at the 42nd General Council to be held in August 2015. The Presbytery examined the first six remits which were approved, the decisions being forwarded to General Council in Toronto. In September, the Presbytery was asked to consider Remits 7 and 8 which were approved. Remit 9 proved to be contentious and was not supported. A letter expressing Presbytery's concerns was forwarded to General Council.

Change Happens:

The theme of "Change Happens" was the focus of Rev. Trish Elliott's tenure as Chair of Presbytery for the first part of 2014, and changes did happen. The first involved the restructuring of the Presbytery Executive to streamline its functions. At the October meeting, Presbytery said goodbye to the Presbytery Minister, the Rev. Lillian Roberts who was leaving November 1, 2014 to assume her new role as Personnel Minister with Manitou Conference. Lillian addressed the Presbyters with a reflection entitled, "Passing the mantle of leadership." A de-covenanting ceremony was held with leadership from Rev. Rosemary Lambie, Executive Secretary of the Montreal & Ottawa Conference, Isobel Eastman, Rev. Grant Dillenbeck and Barbara Reynolds. All expressed deep appreciation for the gifts of ministry which Lillian has shared for many years with Ottawa Presbytery. Other changes in the life of Presbytery involved recognition of the contributions of those retiring from ministry: the Rev. Jan Loughheed DM, the Rev. Neil

Wallace, the Rev. Gordon Roberts and longtime lay Presbyter Isobel Eastman. In December, the Rev. David Sherman was welcomed as the Provisional Presbytery Minister.

Respectfully submitted.

Beth Gutsell, Lay Presbytery Representative Parkdale United Church

PARKDALE ORCHESTRA

We are pleased to report that 2014 was another successful and fulfilling year for the Parkdale United Church Orchestra. Our three concerts in 2014 were well attended and we are encouraged that our audience numbers seem to be increasing steadily year over year. We number about 70 musicians, each concert engaging 60-65 of us depending on the repertoire. Our conductor and music director Angus Armstrong led us again this year, and as always demonstrates an amazing commitment and enthusiasm for the orchestra and its endeavours that inspires us all to achieve and improve. Our ranks are supplemented at times by strong amateur and professional musicians substituting for regular members who must be absent for a particular concert, and we appreciate the strength they bring to our music making. For example, Margaret Tobolowska, formerly of the NAC Orchestra joined our cello section for the last concert of 2014. Our concert master for many years, Tim Yaychuk, was forced to step down due to an injury that curtailed his violin playing, and we thank him for his many years leading us from the "first chair". We are very pleased to have Natasha MacDonald take on that important role for us starting with the last concert of 2014. Natasha received her Bachelor of Music at the University of Ottawa, and is now pursuing an Education degree there as well.

The management of the Orchestra continues to be stable, and the affairs of the orchestra run smoothly thanks to strong commitment of many volunteers from the members of the orchestra and friends, a board currently comprising nine orchestra members, the experience and advice from former board members and of course the drive and wisdom of our music director Angus. Gary Hayes, who served as president until our Annual General Meeting in June 2014 has moved to Florida, and Bruce Townsend was elected by the members to that post. Bruce is a member of the cello section of the orchestra. 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.

Our first concert of 2014 was the second of our 2013-14 series, titled *Music with a Story*. The large work on the program was the monumental Brahms *Piano Concerto No. 1*, given a thrilling performance by guest soloist Pierre-Richard Aubin, getting the most out of the Parkdale Church's Yamaha Grand piano. Prokofiev's *Lieutenant Kije* suite was also on the program, telling the rather odd story of a fictitious officer accidentally created by a bureaucrat who then must maintain the career to comply with orders from on high for the new Lieutenant. Birth, romance, a wedding, sickness, death and burial are conjured up to give substance to the invented man.

Our spring concert, *Local Heroes*, gave opportunity to some of the more advanced musicians amongst us to play as soloists, and for the rest of us and our audience to hear them shine in the solo spotlight. Paul Caron played a movement from a Pleyel clarinet concerto, a Vivaldi concerto for three violins was presented, and a spectacular performance by Nadia Lemaire of Lowell Lieberman's challenging Piccolo Concerto brought the audience to their feet. This program also featured that best known of all symphonies, Beethoven's masterful Fifth.

The closing concert of the year was extra special one, said by many of the players and audience to be among our very best. Entitled *Remembrance*, the repertoire called to mind through music the great wars of the last century and the men and women who laid down their lives in those conflicts. We dedicated that concert especially to the memories of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent and Cpl. Nathan Cirillo whose deaths just a few weeks before had touched the entire country. Some of the pieces in this concert were previewed when the orchestra participated in the Sunday service at the Parkdale Church on November 2nd. The concert also featured the world premiere of another of Angus' creations: an arrangement of *Amazing Grace* for trombone and orchestra. As is our practice, we record all our concerts and make CDs available for sale to our members. For this concert, Angus did us one better – he edited productions combining video with the audio and published most of our last concert on YouTube. It is searchable by entering "Angus Armstrong Parkdale".

We are preparing for an exciting year in 2015, with two of the three concerts programmed and scheduled. We're also extremely pleased that the Wakefield Centre where we played in 2013 has invited us back to present our April concert there, the day before we present it at our Parkdale home venue.

Once again, we are pleased that the orchestra continues its excellent relationship with Parkdale United Church, which certainly confers significant advantages to our ensemble, not the least of which is an ideal 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. We are gratified that the congregation appreciates our appearances, and plan to continue with them as occasions arise. In addition to the orchestra's participation Nov 2nd in 2014, there are plans to play in the April 19th Sunday service, and likely others later in the year. We feel that the relationship between the orchestra and church administrations continues to be very good, with open dialogue and readiness to present and resolve any issues that may arise. We hope that continued communication between us will maintain this good association, and that the mutual benefits and respect that exist between us continues and grows.

Bruce Townsend
President

FINANCIAL TRUSTEES

The Finance Committee oversees the administration of Parkdale's finances. The Committee is accountable to the Church Council and ultimately to the Congregation. Specifically, the Committee's 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.
- Overseeing the work of the Treasurer including approving monthly financial statements and monitoring 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 Donation Coordinator's records.
- Preparing periodic givings statements as well as official annual tax receipts.
- Overseeing the investment of Memorial Fund assets in keeping with 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 Story behind Parkdale's 2014 Financial Statements and Budget 2015

Parkdale allocates funds to numerous active ministries according to its annual budget - Worship, Christian Enrichment, Pastoral Care, Membership and Fellowship, Mission and Outreach, In From The Cold, and Youth Ministry, to name just a few. The 2014 Financial Statements are respectfully submitted to the Congregation in this report along with a Budget for 2015 with projections for receipts and expenditures in that year.

The General (operating) statement includes over 80% (\$548,200) of 2014 total expenditures for Christian Enrichment, Pastoral Care, Sunday School and Youth ministries among other ministries as well as salaries and benefits, office administration, heating and electricity and other overhead costs.

Our total annual expenses in 2014 were \$670,350. Compensation of our staff – salaried, contract and part-time personnel – represents about 75% of the 2014 General expenditures.

Capital maintenance/upgrades and other expenses to efficiently operate our building throughout the year make up about 5% of 2014 expenditures.

Over 65% of our total annual expenditure is covered by tithes and offerings. Other sources of revenue included \$67,390 in rental income, \$14,800 in parking fees, and \$60,000 in interest and dividend income from our investments. Our rummage sales and annual bazaar contributed \$20,750 in 2014.

Mission Outreach and Justice receipts of just over \$80,000 in 2014 are about 13% of our 2014 total offerings. These funds are disbursed to other organizations and churches including the United Church of Canada.

Thus we truly depend upon the disciplined offerings of each member of our church family to support the many ministries herein and we would be remiss not to mention the essential generous donations of time and talents by so many dedicated people.

We report a deficit of about \$62,600 in the accounts for 2014. Consistent with previous years, the decision to transfer interest and dividends of about \$60,000 from our Memorial Fund investments to offset this deficit leaves us with an overall annual deficit of \$2,575.

The 2015 Budget included in this report projects a 2015 deficit in the amount of almost \$19,500 after the transfer of investment income.

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, Scott Andrews and new members in 2014, Andrew Macdonell and Sara Chen-Wing. Thank you one and all for your dedicated service.

Respectfully submitted

Harry Allen
Chair, Finance Committee



BENEVOLENT FUND

**“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink...
I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and
you looked after me.” Matthew 25:35-36**

**"...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 to make concrete our love and assistance to individuals and families in need and distress. We continue to rejoice that Parkdale United, standing in the practice of the Christian community down through the centuries, has made it a priority to grow and deploy its Benevolent Fund as 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 and psychological counseling, and camping for at risk children and families. However, it is most 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 - 30 individuals per month were given direct financial or other tangible support. In 2014 approximately 130 different individuals/families, many more than once, were helped through the Benevolent Fund. We praise God for our enduring commitment to encourage, care and pray for those in need of support. Please continue to give generously to the Benevolent Fund.

Benevolent Fund, 2014

**Opening Balance, January 1,
2014**

3,015

Receipts	Congregational givings	12,122	
	Special Donations	3,400	
	Interest	0	
	Total Receipts		15,522

Disbursements	Support to individuals	-8,219	
	Support to aid organizations	-500	
	**Cash, vouchers, food cards, bus tickets	-4,032	
	Counselling services	-934	
	Bank Charges	-20	
	Total Disbursements		-13,704

Balance December 31, 2014

4,833

Bank		4,575
Unused vouchers, food cards		26
Cash on hand		232

Balance December 31, 2014

4,833

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey

PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 23, 2014

1. Opening Remarks:

Council Chair, Matt Baker, called the meeting to order and welcomed those present.

2. Opening Prayer:

The Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey led those assembled in an opening prayer.

3. Remembrance and Silent Reflection

The Rev. Debbie Roi led a short ceremony of remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives and contributions of Parkdale members and affiliates who had passed away during 2013. After a time of silent reflection, the names of 14 people were read aloud.

4. Approval of Minutes of 2013 Annual Meeting held on February 24, 2013

The minutes of the 2013 Annual meeting were approved on a motion by Harry Allen, seconded by Don Macpherson. Carried.

5. Small Group Discussion

Anthony provided instruction for a small group reflection and discussion. Participants met in groups of four, spent a few minutes in time of silent prayer and reflection and then entered into conversation based on the following questions:

- i) What are you passionate about in the life and ministry of Parkdale?
- ii) In what ways are we supporting one another within the congregation and encouraging our growth in prayer, faith and service?
- iii) Are there new initiatives that have been undertaken – or need to be undertaken – to remain faithful to our call as a congregation in this neighbourhood and beyond? Are there things that we might be called to let go at this time?
- iv) Are we being faithful in our use of resources: gifts/talents (people); financial; spiritual (prayer); building/physical space? If so, in what ways; if not, what are we being called to do differently?

Highlights of the small group conversations were then provided in plenary. The insights/issues reported included the following: the need for a long-term strategic plan for Parkdale with phased objectives, to help with the wise investment of scarce resource; call for a group to increase awareness of the use and advantage of social media among non-users; a program of some sort to keep 18 to 30 year olds engaged, perhaps some kind of mentoring program with seniors, possibly linked to the request for increased appreciation of social media; more follow-up to the new members' survey and improved outreach from the congregation to new members; a 'mix and mingle' event, perhaps with

associated health-specific discussions; more involvement with the pre-school; closer linkages with other churches/community organizations in the neighbourhood for shared events; promotion of legacy gifts to the Memorial Fund; sharing of lessons learned/best practices from In From The Cold with other churches/ organizations interested in starting a similar program; need for a concentrated effort to address accessibility issues; a group for couples; increased support for the needs of young families; need for more people to support children's ministry; exploration of ways to support the growth of Parkdale's choirs; making a quiet space available for prayer/meditation that is accessible at any time; etc.

Anthony thanked participants for sharing many good ideas and asked that notes from the discussion be provided to Helen.

6. Memorial Fund Working Group Update

Matt introduced Peter Schamerhorn , who provided a brief update on the work of the Memorial Fund Working Group, composed of Samantha Tim, Kathleen Stephenson, Scott Andrews, Dave Smith, Pierre Barbeau and Peter Schamerhorn. The objective of the group is to create a framework and to provide policy for the use of the Memorial Fund. The group has consulted with council, the finance committee and has extended an invitation to meet with any other interested group or committee. The feedback/input to date reveals a wide variety of views. An initial report to Council is anticipated by March 31, 2014.

7. Presentation of Financial Reports for 2013

Debbie McGregor presented the financial summary for 2013 on behalf of Kathleen Stephenson, who was suffering from bronchitis. Debbie pointed out that the presentation is a little different this year. Further to a request from Council, the transfer of the investment income from the Memorial Fund is shown as a separate line, so that the operating deficit is more visible.

The year-end deficit of \$9,508 was significantly less than that budgeted of \$49,914; this is largely a result of lower than anticipated expenditures on contracts and honoraria, music and Council, and higher than expected revenue from rental of the premises, notably parking spaces. Debbie also highlighted that Mission and outreach statement, where disbursements are divided into three sections: budgeted/fixed amount givings, budgeted expected givings and special offerings. Trustees held the line on the Capital Fund; as bathroom renovations were more expensive than anticipated, some projects, e.g. foundation repair, planned for 2013, were deferred to 2014. The Capital Fund Budget is based on a three-year plan developed by the property trustees.

Questions were raised about the Share the Wealth Fund of \$2000 which was not used in 2013. In the past this fund, which responds to requests to Presbytery from needy churches, has provided Ministerial support for audio-visual materials and Sunday School curriculum. Anthony advised that a request is pending from a Quebec consortium of

churches. The Observer Fund was also questioned. It was clarified that some people receive the Observer and pay for it, while others don't still others may be totally unaware of the Observer and how to subscribe. It was suggested that an item, providing information on the Observer, be included in a future e-newsletter

Debbie McGregor moved acceptance of the 2013 financial statements; Beth Gutsell seconded. Carried.

8. Presentation of 2014 Budget

Debbie McGregor moved and Harry Allen seconded adoption of the 2014 Budget. Discussion ensued.

The budgeted deficit of \$114,250 (\$60,250 after the proposed transfer of interest from the Memorial Fund) is a significant concern. The primary contributor to the increased expenditures is an increase of approximately 15% to the salary base; this reflects the addition of a three-quarter time Minister of Pastoral Care as well as an increase to the housing allowance, which was increased for the first time in six years. It was noted that, given that our major source of revenue is envelope givings, a balanced budget would require a 20% increase to this line item. The possibility of promoting increased parking rentals was raised, but this is not an option as there are potential charitable status/ tax implications that must be considered, as well as the need to provide parking for our ongoing ministries, funerals, etc.

The \$24,000 generated by bi-annual Rummage sales and the Bazaar was highlighted; congregational support of these events is an important contributor to our ministries.

The \$30,000 budgeted for Refugee Fund will be subject to fundraising, but it was noted that this expenditure may not be required for 2014 as the Syrian family may not arrive this year.

There was some discussion about the decision-making related to Memorial Fund investments. Members were assured that, although a financial advisor is consulted for advice, the decisions are made independently by Finance Committee members. Parkdale has an investment policy, which was extended for one year in 2013, and which will be reviewed in 2014. Investment in municipal funds is a possibility. Members were advised that caution has to be exercised with respect to investment decisions, their impact on interest income and our ability to use interest. Capital gains are not interest.

The Presbytery charge is based on a formula that includes an average of three years' income; this is a non-discretionary budget obligation.

Several members expressed serious concern about the serious financial situation and the potential need to eat into the capital of the Memorial Fund to finance our operations. A review of our medium-to-long-term financial plan, coupled with a review of programs, as well as an in-depth assessment of options for increasing revenue, should be undertaken in the short term. Positive comments were made about the presentation that Samantha Tim

(Chair, Stewardship Committee) had made during the service prior to the AGM, and it was suggested that this type of message be communicated to the congregation several times per year.

A strategic planning exercise was recommended by several members. A long-term (10-year) plan that relates Parkdale's programs to our mission is required, as well as an assessment of whether objectives are being achieved. The long-term plan should include a financial plan, including committee plans and other projected expenditures for at least three years, so that a three-year budget can be developed, with the objective of making our programs sustainable. A group of people with expertise/interest in strategic planning should be put in place to undertake this effort as soon as possible. It was agreed that Council would discuss the need for a strategic plan at its next meeting.

A vote was held; all were in favour. There were no abstentions. The Budget for 2014 was adopted.

Debbie McGregor then moved a third motion: that the accumulated debt to the Memorial Fund of \$3,063 be forgiven, so that 2014 starts with a clean slate. Harry Allen seconded. A vote was held; one was opposed. The motion carried.

Harry Allen, Chair of Parkdale's Finance Committee read us a prayer that is worth including here as it very aptly captures the challenge before us: "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."

9. Adoption of the 2012 Annual Report

Matt Baker moved and Beth Gutsell seconded adoption of the 2012 Annual Report. Carried.

10. Appointment of Presbytery Representatives

Beth Gutsell has agreed to continue as Presytery representative. There is room for three additional Presbytery representatives.

Matt Baker moved and Julee Pauling seconded the appointment of Beth as Parkdale's Presbytery representative. Carried.

11. Appointment of Trustees

Matt referred us to page 45 of the Annual Report for a list of property and financial trustees. Richard Yearwood moved that an amended list of Property Trustees including Orion Clark, be accepted. Paul Crabtree seconded. Carried..

12. Nominating Council Report and Filling of Vacant Positions

Matt Baker referred us to page 46 - 'Nominations for 2014'.

Don Macpherson moved and Richard Yearwood seconded the nominations for Council 2014. Carried.

13. Thank You to Retiring Council Members

Matt thanked Faye Beaufort and David Odumodu for their dedicated contribution to the work of Council as Chairs of Mission, Outreach and Justice and Worship, respectively. Both Faye and David will continue to support Council as Members-at-Large. Matt also recognized the incredible commitment and support of Ellen Andrews who has occupied various positions on Council, including Chair, over the past ten years, and wished her a peaceful 'retirement'.

14. Moment of Appreciation of Staff

Matt Baker thanked the staff, ministerial (Anthony, Debbie and Melodee), noting that because of the incredible commitment of these hard-working people, Parkdale's reputation has increased and the church is recognized as an incredibly positive support in the community. We are truly blessed to have these people leading us, not only on Sunday, but seven days a week. Their work goes above and beyond any job description and we are truly grateful. Matt also thanked the office staff (Don Mockett) and custodial staff (Khan Chao, Carole Shaw, Ryan Pascal and Molly Shinhat) for all their hard work and cheerful support during the year.

Matt then introduced Blaine Pauling, the incoming Chair of Council, and passed him the gavel.

A thank you was extended to Debbie McGregor for filling in for Kathleen Stephenson and to the Membership Development committee for the lovely lunch.

Melodee Lovering then thanked Matt for his unfailing support of the staff and his commitment to the well-being of Parkdale during his tenure as Chair.

15. Closing Prayer

Matt offered a very meaningful closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned.

In Memoriam

Lois Shouldice(2013)

Amy Ross Cogswell Abell

Louise Bond

Elena Gertrude Dent

Eleanor Dyck

Grace Graham

Arnold Karl Heimann

Helen Hill

Andrew Stephen Matthews

Margaret Dorcas Stinson

Hazel Elizabeth Stewart

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Property Trustees:

Warren Creighton

David Baird

Khan Chao

Orion Clark

Ken Elder (Chairperson)

Janice Gray

Richard Yearwood

Ward Cosman

Don Mockett

Financial Trustees

Harry Allen

Richard Hamley

PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH

COUNCIL

Nominations for 2015

Chair:	Blaine Pauling
Vice-Chair:	Scott Andrews
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, 2014

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	YE 2014	YE 2013	Year to Year Difference	Budget for 2014	Budget for 2015	Budget YE 2014
1						
2						
3	Receipts					
4						
5	General	471,244	6.7%	444,500	493,375	4.7%
6	Mission Outreach Justice	80,708	27.2%	93,000	86,122	6.7%
7	Capital	55,810	-9.2%	66,000	57,500	3.0%
8						
9	Total	607,762	9.0%	603,500	636,997	4.8%
10						
11	Disbursements					
12						
13	General	554,475	10.5%	560,250	572,606	3.5%
14	Mission Outreach Justice	80,708	27.2%	93,000	86,122	6.7%
15	Capital	35,168	-37.9%	64,500	55,600	58.1%
16						
17	Total	670,350	7.8%	717,750	714,328	6.6%
18						
19						
20	Receipts Less Disbursements	-62,588	-2.4%	-114,250	-77,331	23.6%
21						
22						
23	Investment Income from Memorial	60,011	9.8%	54,000	57,852	-3.6%
24	Total after transfer of Investment Income	-2,577	-9.507	-60,250	-19,479	
25						
26						
27	<u>General</u>					
28						
29						
30	2014 Deficits/urplus	-83,231		20,643	-62,588	
31	Investment Income from Memorial Fund	60,011			60,011	
32						
33	Total Deficit/Surplus	-23,220		20,643	-2,577	

A	B	C	D	E	F
	SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS				
	December 31, 2014				
		Investments/ Cash	Accounts Receivable	Payable to other funds	Balance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5	General &		4,742		
6	MOU		12,135		
7				-40,097	-23,220
8					
9	Capital	20,643			20,643
10					
11	Memorial				
12					
13		50,063			
14		3,230			
15		4,000			
16					
17					
18		35,000			
19		5,884			
20		95,000			
21					
22					
23		36,981			
24		91,980			
25		35,920			
26		44,004			
27		46,371			
28		98,552			
29		15,866			
30		63,821			
31		63,017			
32		208,452			
33		95,046			
34		152,424			
35		56,168			
36		59,696			
37		627			
38		95			
39			73,504		1,430,500
40	Totals	1,377,639	90,381	-40,097	1,427,923

General
December 31, 2014

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		YE 2014	YE 2013	Year over Year	Budget for	Budget for	Budget/
2	Receipts			Difference	2014	2015	YE 2014
3							
4	Envelopes	352,869	318,121	10.9%	330,000	375,000	6.3%
5	Loose Collection	14,124	15,654	-9.8%	16,000	16,000	13.3%
6	Anniversary Receipts	0					
7	Bulletins	160	225	-28.9%	250	200	25.0%
8	Camp Awesome/Family Camp	4,410	5,449	-19.1%	6000	6,000	36.1%
9	Christian Enrichment	2,384	2,523	-5.5%	2000	2,600	9.1%
10	Coffee	71	145	-50.9%	150	150	110.5%
11	Easter Flowers	760	1,060	-28.3%	1000	800	5.3%
12	George Eades Youth Fund	2,640	2,835	-6.9%	3000	3,000	13.6%
13	Gifts	4,212				0	-100.0%
14	In From The Cold	14,080	9,857	42.8%	10000	12,000	-14.8%
15	Library Books	0	0		300	0	
16	Membership Development	365	797	-54.2%	0	400	9.6%
17	Miscellaneous	5	1,558	-99.7%			
18	Newsletter	0	240	-100.0%		0	
19	Observer Plan	415	385	7.8%	400	400	-3.6%
20	Pastoral Care	395	265	49.1%	300	50	-87.3%
21	Sunday School	1,584	1,371	15.5%	1300	1,500	-5.3%
22	Training funds from MF				1500	2,500	
23	Use of Premises	67,387	66,800	0.9%	66000	66,000	-2.1%
24	Weddings and Funerals	3,736	4,730	-21.0%	5000	5,000	33.8%
25	Worship	267	270	-1.1%	100	275	3.0%
26	Youth Coffee Shop	1,380	1,340	3.0%	1200	1,500	8.7%
27							
28	Total	471,244	433,625	8.7%	444,500	493,375	4.7%
29							
30	Disbursements	YE 2014	YE 2013	Year over Year	Budget for	Budget for	Budget/
31				Difference	2014	2015	YE 2014
32							
33	Salaries/Benefits/Employer Benefits	360,436	316,192	14.0%	365,000	370,350	2.8%
34	Contracts and Honoraria	34,923	38,063	-8.2%	38,000	36,000	3.1%
35	Anniversary Celebrations	0	40	-100.0%	500		
36	Books and Resources	539	311	73.4%	700	600	11.2%
37	Camp Awesome/Family Camp	4,178	5,688	-26.5%	6,000	6,000	43.6%
38	Christian Enrichment	5,393	4,905	9.9%	6,500	7,300	35.4%
39	Church Bulletins	375	444	-15.4%	300	300	-20.1%
40	Communications and Newsletter	4,172	4,922	-15.2%	7,610	7,290	74.7%
41	Easter Flowers	248	248	0.1%	500	300	20.9%
42	Envelopes	765	931	-17.8%	1,000	1,000	30.7%
43	Evening Security/Summer	17,104	15,975	7.1%	16,000	17,500	2.3%
44	Financial Charges	1,279	810	57.9%	1,000	800	-37.4%
45	Financial review		3,118	-100.0%			
46	Gas Heat	13,682	10,404	31.5%	11,000	13,000	-5.0%
47	Gifts and Recognitions	4,919				0	-100.0%
48	In From The Cold	4,558	4,299	6.0%	5,000	5,000	9.7%
49	Insurances	11,906	11,532	3.2%	11,906	13,150	10.4%
50	Library Books	0	223	-100.0%	300	0	
51	Light and Power	11,751	9,725	20.8%	11,000	13,000	10.6%
52	Membership Development	591	685	-13.8%	300	600	1.6%
53	Miscellaneous	190	1,185	-84.0%	1,000	200	5.3%
54	Mission, Outreach and Justice Committee	0	122	-100.0%	300	300	
55	Music (Inc. Licenses Musicians Soloists)	1,258	805	56.3%	2,500	3,300	162.3%
56	Observer Plan	2,226	2,612	-14.8%	2,700	2,500	12.3%
57	Office and Supplies	3,086	3,159	-2.3%	3,500	3,500	13.4%
58	Organ and Pulpit Supply	1,200	2,300	-47.8%	2,000	2,500	108.3%
59	Pastoral Care	89	315	-71.6%	600	500	459.7%
60	Payroll service charges	557	285	95.3%	300	300	-46.1%
61	Personnel Committee	269	4,722	-94.3%	5,650	5,650	1998.7%
62	Personnel Committee/Hiring (Search process)		620	-100.0%			
63	Photocopying	2,324	3,030	-23.3%	3,000	3,000	29.1%
64	Piano/Organ Maintenance	894	264	238.5%	1,000	1,500	67.8%
65	Postage	1,690	1,136	48.8%	1,500	1,500	-11.2%
66	Presbytery	19,494	18,522	5.2%	19,494	20,566	5.5%

General
December 31, 2014

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
67	Repairs and Maintenance	12,816	9,482	35.2%	7,000	7,000	-45.4%
68	Snow Clearing	6,704	6,704	0.0%	6,700	7,200	7.4%
69	Stewardship Committee	0	254	-100.0%	250	250	
70	Telecommunications	4,852	5,779	-16.0%	6,000	5,500	13.4%
71	Training (Lay)	0	0		1,500	2,500	
72	Water and Sewer	4,019	3,971	1.2%	4,300	4,300	7.0%
73	Weddings and Funerals	3,507	3,200	9.6%	4,000	4,000	14.1%
74	Worship Arts	2,875	1,260	128.2%	1,300	600	-79.1%
75	Worship Committee/Sanctuary	2,061	1,310	57.3%	1,000	1,500	-27.2%
76	Youth Coffee shop expenses	185	568	-67.4%	540	250	34.8%
77	Youth Ministry	1,069	1,820	-41.3%	1,500	2,000	87.1%
78							
79	Total	548,187	501,940	9.2%	560,250	572,606	4.5%
80							
81	Receipts less expenses	-76,943	-68,315	12.6%	-115,750	-79,231	3.0%
82							
83	Transfer to MF Youth Ministry (George Eades) reserve funds	-1,571					
84	Transfer to MF Youth Coffee shop reserve funds	-1,195					
85	Transfer to MF of IFTC reserve funds	-3,522					
86							
87	Total Deficit/Surplus	-83,231	-68,315	21.8%	-115,750	-79,231	
88							
89	Investment Income from Mem. Fund	60,011	51,309	17.0%	50,000	54,000	
90							
91	Balance December 31, 2014	-23,220					
92							
93	GST Receivable	4,742					
94	PST Receivable	12,135					
95	Accounts Payable	-40,097					
96							
97	Balance (deficit)	-23,220					

Mission Outreach Justice
December 31, 2014

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		YE	YE	Year to Year	Budget	Budget	Budget/
2		2014	2013	Difference	2014	2015	YE 2014
3	Receipts						
4							
5	MOJ offerings	38,979	38,576	1.0%	42,000	42,000	7.8%
6	Benevolent Fund	12,122	9,172	32.2%	8,000	10,000	-17.5%
7	Bethany	1,237	255	385.2%	500	500	-59.6%
8	Christmas Offering	2,950	3,600	-18.1%	3,500	3,500	18.6%
9	Easter Offering	2,545	2,004	27.0%	2,000	2,000	-21.4%
10	Food Bank	6,278	4,879	28.7%	2,500	5,000	-20.4%
11	Habitat for Humanity	90	360	-75.0%			
12	International dinner	0			500	500	
13	Investment income from MF Share the We	0	0		2,000	2,000	
14	Mission and Service Fund United Church of	440	180	144.4%			
15	North St. Project, Jamaica	1,669	1,176	41.9%	500	500	-70.0%
16	Ottawa West Penny Drive	0	21	-100.0%			
17	Phillipines relief		100	-100.0%			
18	Refugee Fund	11,378			30,000	18,622	63.7%
19	Thanksgiving Offering	1,220	1,305	-6.5%	1,500	1,500	23.0%
20	Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,800	1,800	0.0%			
21							
22	Total	80,708	63,428	27.2%	93,000	86,122	
23							
24	Disbursements	YE 2014	YE 2013	Year to Year	Budget for	Budget for	Budget/
25				Change	2014	2015	YE 2014
26							
27	Non-designated by donor						
28	Camp Kallala	250	250	0.0%	250	250	0.0%
29	Habitat For Humanity	1,000	1,452	-31.1%	1,000	1,000	0.0%
30	Interval House	250	250	0.0%	250	250	0.0%
31	Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	1,000	0.0%
32	Mission and Outreach Discretionary	0	1,326	-100.0%	1,000	1,000	
33	Operation Come Home	250	250	0.0%	250	250	0.0%
34	Ottawa Christian Counselling	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	1,000	0.0%
35	Ottawa West Community Support	1,000	1,021	-2.1%	1,000	1,000	0.0%
36	Queensway Preschool	1,000	1,000	0.0%	1,000	1,000	0.0%
37	Share the Wealth	0	0		2,000	2,000	
38	Stephen Lewis Foundation (AIDS relief)	500	500	0.0%	500	500	0.0%
39							
40	Designated by donor						
41	Benevolent Fund	12,122	9,172	32.2%	8,000	10,000	-17.5%
42	Bethany	1,237	255	385.2%	500	500	-59.6%
43	Food Bank	6,278	4,879	28.7%	2,500	5,000	-20.4%
44	International Dinner Disbursement	0					
45	Mission & Service United Church Canada	33,259	31,088	7.0%	35,250	35,250	6.0%
46	North St. Project, Jamaica	1,669	1,176	41.9%	500	500	-70.0%
47	Phillipines relief	0	100	-100.0%			
48	Refugee Fund	0			30,000	18,622	
49	Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,800	1,800	0.0%			-100.0%
50							
51	Special Offerings						
52	Christmas Offering						
53	The Mission	1,475	1,800	-18.1%	1,750	1,750	18.6%
54	Cornerstone Women's Shelter	1,475	1,800	-18.1%	1,750	1,750	18.6%
55	Easter Offering						
56	Urban Christian Outreach	2,545	2,004	27.0%	2,000	2,000	-21.4%
57	Thanksgiving Offering						
58	Cambridge Breakfast Program	610	653	-6.6%	750	750	23.0%
59	Connaught Breakfast Program	610	653	-6.6%	750	750	23.0%
60							
61	Total	69,330	63,429	9.3%	93,000	86,122	24.2%
62							
63	Refugee funds transferred to MF for future	11,378					
64							
65	Receipts less expenses	-0	-1		0	0	

CAPITAL
December 31, 2014

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		YE 2014	YE 2013	Year to Year	Budget	Budget	Budget/
2				Difference	2014	2015	YE 2014
3	Receipts						
4							
5	Envelopes	20,272	18,642	8.7%	20,000	22,000	8.5%
6	Bathroom improvements		500	-100.0%			
7	Bazaar	13,205	14,770	-10.6%	13,500	13,000	-1.6%
8	Building Improvement Campaign				10,000		
9	Garden	0	230	-100.0%			
10	Kitchen improvements		2,763	-100.0%			
11	Miscellaneous		8	-100.0%			
12	Parking Donations	14,787	14,713	0.5%	15,000	15,000	1.4%
13	Rummage Sales	7,547	9,146	-17.5%	7,500	7,500	-0.6%
14							
15							
16	Total	55,810	60,772	-8.2%	66,000	57,500	3.0%
17							
18							
19	Disbursements	YE 2014	YE 2013	Year to Year	Budget	Budget	Budget/
20				Difference	2014	2015	YE 2014
21	Bathroom Upgrades	0	22,971	-100.0%		0	
22	Chair Lift Expenses	2,098	2,130	-1.5%	3,000	2,000	-4.7%
23	Computer Hardware	0			1,000	1,000	
24	Computer Software	0			600	1,000	
25	Equipment	6,035	3,017	100.0%	4,400	1,000	-83.4%
26	Foundation/Masonry	712			11,000	9,000	1164.1%
27	Garden	368	270	36.4%	700	700	90.1%
28	Kitchen Upgrades	384	23,824	-98.4%	5,000	5,000	1201.0%
29	Miscellaneous	0			1,500		
30	Paving walkways and lots	22,539			10,000	6,500	-71.2%
31	Repairs and Upgrades	0	2,978	-100.0%	25,500	15,400	
32	Roofs, Eaves, Soffits and Ceilings	1,455	650	123.9%	1,000	1,000	-31.3%
33	Sanctuary video system					12,000	
34	Security Cameras	87					-100.0%
35	Signage	1,258	115	993.7%			-100.0%
36	Sound system	231	655	-64.8%	800	1,000	333.3%
37							
38	Total	35,168	56,610	-37.9%	64,500	55,600	58.1%
39							
40	Receipts less expenses	20,643	4,162	396.0%	1,500	1,900	-90.8%
41							
42							
43	Balance December 31, 2014						
44	Bank of Montreal	20,643					
45							

MEMORIAL FUND
December 31, 2014

	A	B
1	Receipts	
2		
3	Bequests	3,004
4	Capital Gains (loss)	90,892
5	Dividends	34,817
6	George Eades Youth Fund	1,571
7	In From the Cold Funds to be held for future use	3,522
8	Interest	13,432
9	Other investment income	11,761
10	Refugee Funds to be held for future use	11,378
11	Remembrance Fund	4,607
12	Youth Coffee Shop Funds to be held for future use	1,195
13		
14	Total	176,180
15		
16	Disbursements	
17		
18	T/fer Interest/Dividends to Gen Fund	60,011
19	Write off operating funds deficit 2012-13	3,062.34
20		
21	Total	63,073
22		
23	Receipts less expenses	113,106
24	Balance Dec 31, 2013	1,317,394
25	Total	1,430,500
26		
27	Investments	
28		
29	Cash or cash equivalents	
30	CIBC cash	3,230
31	BMO Cash	50,063
32	BMO GIC (Mastercard security)	4,000
33		
34	Fixed income	
35	Laurentian Bank of Canada GTD Investment Cert. A (Due June 22, 2015)	35,000
36	Montreal Trust GTD Investment Cert CA (Due June 18, 2015)	5,884
37	National Bank of Canada (Due Jan 25, 2016)	95,000
38	National Bank of Canada (Due Jan 16, 2017)	95,000
39		
40		
41	Equities (Market value December 2014)	
42	Bank of Montreal	36,981
43	Brompton Split Bank Corp Preferred shares	91,980
44	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd	35,920
45	DH Corporation Com	44,004
46	Dividend 15 Split Corp Class A	46,371
47	Dividend 15 Split Corp Preferred	98,552
48	Enerplus Corporation Inc	15,666
49	Great-West Lifeco Inc	63,821
50	H&R Real Estate Investment Trust	63,017
51	Inter pipeline fund CL A Ltd Partnership Units	208,452
52	Life & Banc Split Corp	95,046
53	Pembina Pipeline Income Fund Trust	152,424
54	Royal Bank	56,168
55	Transalta Renewables	59,696
56	Yellow Media Inc	627
57	WTS Yellow Media Ltd	95
58		
59	Accounts Receivable	73,504
60		
61		
62	Balance	1,430,500
63	Includes funds held for:	
64		
65	In from the Cold	18,522
66	Remembrance	42,086
67	Youth Coffee Shop	3,228
68	George Eades	20,978
69	Refugee support	11,378

Market value of investments
December 31, 2014

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1 MARKET VALUE	December 2009	December 2010	December 2011	December 2012	December 2013	December 2014	
2 Cash							
3							
4 CIBC	113,518	105,301	138,447	67,024	3,767	3,230	
5							
6 Total Cash		105,301	138,447	67,024	3,767	3,230	
7 Fixed Income							
8 CIBC Montages Investment Cert A (Due Jan 29, 2014)	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500	
9 CIBC Trust Corp GIC (Due Jan 29, 2014)	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500	
10 ICI Bank Canada (Due: Dec 19, 2012)	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	
11 CIBC Full Service GTD Investment Cert (Due June 19, 2013)	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	
12 Montreal Trust (Due June 18, 2015)		5,000	5,283	5,477	5,677	5,884	
13 Laurentian Bank of Canada	95,000						
14 Laurentian Bank of Canada (Due June 22, 2015)		35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	
15 National Bank of Canada GTD (Due Jan 25, 2016)			95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	
16 National Bank of Canada GTD (Due Jan 16, 2017)				95,000	95,000	95,000	
17 National Trust Company	95,000	95,000					
18 Total Fixed Income		515,000	460,000	460,283	460,477	385,677	230,884
19							
20 Equities (Share/unit numbers in brackets at Dec 31, 2014)							
21 Atlantic Power Corp (1900)			14,432.88	21,527	7,049		
22 Bank of Montreal (450)		18,968.40		15,702	18,269	35,981	
23 Bank of Montreal (450)							
24 Bell Alliant Regional (2000)	56,060	51,980.00	57,180.00	52,640	53,460	91,980	
25 Brompton Spill Bank Corp Preferred shares (9,000)	38,000	44,350.00	38,150.00	30,870	35,940	35,920	
26 Canadian Natural Resources Ltd (1,000)	43,344			28,640			
27 Capital Power				12,616			
28 CNL Healthcare Inc.						44,004	
29 DH Corporation Com							46,371
30 Dividend 15 Spill Corp CL-A-SHS (2,000)	22,200	24,180.00	20,640.00	19,500	22,080	98,552	
31 Dividend 15 Spill Corp PFD-SHS (9,700)		25,725.00	25,800.00	25,600	97,194	15,666	
32 Emerplus Corporation (1400)							63,821
33 Great-West Lifeco Inc (1,900)	51,072	50,160.00	38,760.00	46,265	62,225	63,017	
34 H&R Real Estate Investment Trust (2,900)	44,805	56,347.00	67,454.00	69,890	62,060	208,452	
35 Inter Pipeline fund CL A Ltd Partnership Units (5,800)	70,265	96,980.00	121,095.00	152,750	167,895	95,046	
36 Life & Banc Spill Corp (9300)							152,424
37 Pembina Pipeline Income Fund Trust (3,600)	63,072	77,760.00	106,776.00	102,456	134,712	56,168	
38 Royal Bank (700)	39,480	36,624.00	36,386.00	41,916	49,987	59,696	
39 Shoppers Drug Mart (700)	31,787	27,671.00	28,798.00	29,960	40,733	627	
40 Transalta Renewables Inc. Com							26
41 Yellow Media (32)	34,432	39,680.00	1,184.00	210	658	114	
42 WTS Yellow Media Ltd (18)	484,517	550,425	556,656	650,569	842,916	1,068,819	
43 Total Equities		1,009,517	1,115,727	1,155,386	1,178,070	1,232,360	1,302,933
44							
45 Grand Total							