

2016

ANNUAL REPORT



**Parkdale United Church
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VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

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

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

OUR VALUES

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

Compassion

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

Respect

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

Working Together

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

Commitment

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

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COORDINATING MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey
2016

“You are whatever you love. You are, at your very essence, not what you think, but what you love. Open up God’s love letter to us – He says we’re all lovers compelled by our loves. We are all compelled not by what we believe is right, but by what we love the most. You are not driven by duties, you are not driven by doctrines; you are driven by what you ultimately desire – and maybe you don’t actually really love whatever you think you love?”

Ann Voskamp
The Broken Way

As a congregation, we celebrated our 85th anniversary this year. There is much in the past and present for which to give God thanks. In this year’s annual report we read testimonies of the mighty movement of God in and through this congregation, and of the congregation’s love of God and others. This was witnessed both in our life and ministry together as well as our outreach and leadership in the community and wider society.

Four Significant 85th Anniversary Events/Initiatives

Anniversary Weekend – Dinner/Dance and Sunday Worship

Over 200 people took part in the 85th Anniversary dinner and dance. The dinner was catered by the Ottawa Mission and an Afro-Caribbean dance instructor taught and led us through some formidable group choreographed dances. On Sunday morning the Rev. Nick Philipps delivered an affirming and challenging message from the book of the Acts of the Apostles. In addition to our own choir we were blessed by the Hallelujah Gospel Chorus’ ministry of music. As well, our local Councillor Jeff Leiper brought greetings during worship service and Mayor Jim Watson spoke and provided an 85th Anniversary Proclamation from City Hall at the post-service reception.

The Halo Project

The Halo Project, led by Dr. Michael Wood Daly in Toronto, seeks to establish an economic index for a congregation's engagement with the surrounding community. In essence what is being asked is: "If a congregation such as Parkdale United Church ceased to exist, how much would it cost the City of Ottawa to replace the services and programs the Parkdale congregation provides." Having been approved by Council as one of our 85th anniversary initiatives, the pastoral staff and Helen Hayes undertook the task of generating completed Program Templates and the Congregational template. On Sunday, October 16th Dr. Wood Daly shared his findings of the study and the economic relationship between our congregation and the surrounding communities. Parkdale United contributes services valued at a little more than 3 million dollars to the Hintonburg and surrounding communities in Ottawa every year. We are hopeful in making use of these findings and this information in discerned future planning and development.

Photo Directory

The Photo Directory 85th anniversary project was a great success. In the introduction to the Directory, I wrote, in part, “... *the photographs of the people of Parkdale United Church found in this directory ...are “inimitable and unforgettable artistic depictions” of beloved and cherished creations of God. Behind each face lies a particular story of life. That story is a mixture of joy, beauty, struggle and sadness; because that is life. However, even truer is the fact that the story of each person’s life is suffused with the presence, love, grace and blessing of God.*

That makes each one of us a sacred work of art crafted and continually attended by God.” I would especially like to offer special thanks to Faye Beaufort, Hazel Bowen, Mary MacLeod and Don Mockett for their leadership and work on this. Together they called and scheduled the people of the congregation. Faye was present for all of the photo sessions over two weeks and Hazel went around to take the pictures of all of our elder saints living in various retirement and nursing care facilities. We give God thanks

Celebrating Parkdale’s Culture - Past, Present, Future

Instead of our annual Celebrating our Cultures event, this year we decided to celebrate the culture of the congregation: past, present and future. On Saturday, October 15, 2016 around 110 guests enjoyed a delicious potluck supper, participated as table groups in friendly competition from Trivia Master Peter Meerburg, and danced to music from the 40s to the 90s. It was a lot of fun and truly a special event commemorating Parkdale's 85th anniversary. The funds raised were donated to Urban Christian Outreach.

The Response to Two Racist Graffiti Attacks on Our Church Building and Congregation

Twice in 2016 our church building was defaced with racist and hate-filled graffiti. However, the response of the congregation, the neighbourhood, the city and even those around the country and beyond is the more compelling story. Visits, cards, emails, letters, money, flowers and material help to clean up the graffiti were palpable and telling indications of the outrage and support rendered to us. Deeper interfaith alliances were formed and initiatives were undertaken together. We also had eight area Muslim Imams come to the church to bring encouragement, solidarity and money. As well, three Jewish Rabbis and members of a Torah school came to a Sunday worship to offer solidarity and posters of support.

After the second incident on November 18, Imam Samy, Rabbi Bulka and I maintained regular contact with one another brainstorming a constructive response to the attacks on our respective congregations. I spoke at the Machzikei Hadas synagogue, and Imam Samy and I visited and spoke to one another’s congregations. Friday Dec. 23, 2016 I addressed the worshippers at the Ottawa Mosque, and at our 10pm Christmas Eve service, Imam Samy addressed worshippers here at Parkdale United. We shared messages of love, peace, unity and solidarity. The three of us also organized a blood drive for our respective congregations, in conjunction with the Blood Services centre on Carling Ave. The three of us spent several hours on Boxing Day (Dec. 26) welcoming members from our respective congregations as well as other donors. The Mosque supplied sweets and pastries that we distributed to the donors.

Following my offer to invite the perpetrator of the graffiti attacks into a restorative justice process, the Imam and Rabbi agreed to join me and the Parkdale congregation in this undertaking. I met with the Crown prosecutor to investigate this possibility. Unfortunately the perpetrator has declined participation in such a process. We continue to pray for him.

Bible Study, Lenten Series and Adult Faith Formation

The winter Tuesday morning Bible Study series engaged experientially and reflectively with the three Epistles of John. In the fall session we explored the profound insights and life applications of the Jesus eating stories in the gospel of Luke. These averaged about 20-25 persons and were well received. As well, the Lenten series on the “I AM” statements of Jesus in the Gospel of John surpassed expectations in terms of resonance with the lives and faith journeys of the participants. In the fall, I partnered with Julee Pauling in offering Adult faith formation sessions based on two books: Being Christian by Rowan Williams and The Challenge of Jesus by N.T. Wright. We were all so grateful for her leadership. After participating in membership preparation classes we received new members on June 12.

Worship and Preaching and Sunday Ministry

Each week, I am privileged and challenged to undertake preparing, studying, praying, curating and offering leadership in our congregational worship service. I enjoy this and consider it a sacred honour. Our communal worship and prayer life is one of the significant ways in which we as a community of faith continue to be formed in our identity and practice as followers of Jesus. Each week I pray and ask for wisdom and the Spirit's empowerment so that my God-given gifts may be deployed to inspire, challenge, uplift and bless all of us gathered in worship, to the glory of God. I am humbled and encouraged by the testimonies of transformation, affirming comments as well as critique. Over the summer months of July and August Melodee, Debbie and I conducted a preaching series on the Fruit of the Spirit which was well received.

I am grateful to all who support and offer leadership in our Sunday gatherings: my ministry colleagues, Debbie (left at the end of September) and Melodee; to Troy (left in February), Carol, Jono, other musicians, soloists and musical groups (e.g. Imani Gospel Singers), the choir, DaleSong and the Dance Movement group who allow the melodies of God to be resonant in their gifts of music and voice and movement. I bless God for those who greet and usher as well as those who extend hospitality after the service with coffee, juice, treats, smiles and conversation. As well, I do not take for granted the ministry of sound amplification undertaken by Richard Hamley, Allan Menzies, Gary Crocker and Zaya Kuyena in our sound booth, without which very little would be heard. I am also thankful for the corps of people who prepare our worship slides each week and those who project them in worship. I bless God for the steadfast and faithful ministry of Joan Bailey who coordinates the nursery, and all of the Sunday School teachers, 'shepherds' and helpers who play such an important role in the faith formation of our children and youth. Joy abounds and all of this is in service to enhancing our congregational life, faith, mutual care and participation in God's mission.

Monthly Chapel Services at Seniors Retirement Residences and Nursing Facilities

I am also blessed to continue conducting monthly chapel communion services at Westwood and Carlingview Manor. I am so grateful for the assistance of Dian Morris, Hazel Bowen, Elaine West and Jane Barbe for their assistance at these sacred times of worship and fellowship. It means so much to the residents and staff who attend, as well as to those of us who offer the service. Some of our Parkdale members are residents in these homes.

Marriage Preparation

Each year I conduct a half-day marriage preparation seminar in January and spend many hours over the subsequent weeks and months meeting with couples and helping to prepare them for their life of marriage. I esteem this an incredible privilege to come alongside couples and be used by God to support the in-depth exploration of their commitment to a life of marriage. I enjoy conducting these weddings. I consider this a sacred privilege.

Pastoral Care and Counselling

We at Parkdale are so very blessed by God with a dedicated team of pastoral care visitors who undertake their ministry diligently and lovingly. Our Parkdale people were well cared for by Debbie and the Pastoral Care team. I conduct pastoral visits in homes and medical care facilities and offer counselling to congregants. We continue to have many demands from vulnerable people in the neighbourhood, including guests from our In From The Cold ministry. As time permits, I respond with pastoral care, counselling and appropriate material and referral help. I continue to conduct funerals and offer care to grieving families. Due to time demands, I limit the number of ongoing counselling cases I take on as well as the number of spiritual care on-call hospital requests that come to me from the General and Civic campuses as a Community clergy

chaplain. We are called to reach out and part of my job description includes local outreach ministry and ministry in the public square.

Ministering in the Public Square

Once again, in January I moderated the annual Martin Luther King Jr. DreamKeepers event at City hall. Also, during Black History Month, I spoke at school assemblies and in classrooms on various topics, including: the contribution of people of African descent to Canadian and World History, Racism, and inter-faith relations. A few other key contributions to ministry in the public square are:

Lecture and Presentation at the South Nepean Muslim Centre (Mosque) (Feb 19) on the subjects of: the contributions of people of African descent to world and Canadian history; interfaith cooperation and issues of racism and discrimination. About 350 remained after Friday prayers for this presentation and there followed a vibrant question and answer period.

Meeting with the Prime Minister of Canada – I was invited with other Black leaders to have a brief conversation with the Rt. Honourable Prime Minister Justin Trudeau regarding issues pertaining to barriers to the access and participation of racialized peoples in high level political, public service, and certain social arenas (Feb. 24). The event held in Centre Block marked the 20th anniversary of the parliament of Canada enacting February as Black History Month in Canada.

Parkdale Food Centre Board – In February I was invited to join the Parkdale Food Centre Board and to serve as the Religious Community Liaison member.

Moderated and Emceed Reconciliation Day – (March 13) this was an Interfaith event at St. Alban's Church in support of Indigenous communities and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to engage with its recommendations. Dr. Cindy Blackstock was the principal speaker. Theme: Reconciliation

City of Ottawa Diversity Training – In April, I was one of five diverse Ottawa community leaders asked to lead a morning training session for the staff of the Ottawa City Hall, as well as some police officers, in the areas of diversity competence, stemming institutional racial discrimination, and unexamined negative bias – particularly in policing. Over 50 staff attended voluntarily and reported receiving new insights, a challenge to do better and suggestions on how to do so.

Response to the Death of Abdirahman Abdi – In late July Abdirahman Abdi, a Canadian of Somali descent, died after a violent arrest by two police officers. This took place in our neighbourhood. I was asked by the family and friends of Mr. Abdi as well as the Canadian Somali Mothers Association, to speak and participate in an event designed to mobilize allies and promote healing. I was also invited to a meeting convened by Mayor Jim Watson and Police Chief Charles Bordeleau for diverse Ottawa Religious leaders, to air concerns about policing racialized communities and to offer wisdom and suggestions for a just and constructive way forward.

It is with enthusiasm that I continue to serve on the Board of the Ottawa Mission, and as Spiritual Advisor for Urban Christian Outreach.

Family Seeking Refuge

After more than two years, we were thrilled to welcome the Saleh Family to Ottawa on June 22. This is the family of refugees that we have sponsored. They are Zuhir (father), Ftmeah (mother) and Mustapha, Tuka (daughter), Mahdi and Mutassem. They are taking English classes and progressing well. We continue to support them financially and socially. A few of us from the congregation visit and eat with the family from time to time and offer vocational guidance and literacy support. We praise God for their safety.

Support for Committees of Council

Presently, I relate to and in some way support the ministry of a number of committees of Council: Mission, Outreach and Justice, Worship, Stewardship and Communications. The dedicated work of these (and other committees) led by Faye Beaufort, Barbara Faught, Samantha Tim and Carolynn Halkett respectively, goes a long way towards advancing our congregational ministry and mission.

Vocational and Professional Formation

I continue to read, research and participate in conferences, seminars and workshops in the areas of preaching and theological reflection, worship arts, stewardship, discernment in leadership and governance, spiritual practices, team ministry and congregational redevelopment. I am eagerly looking forward to my three month sabbatical commencing in May 2017. My main undertaking will be a pilgrimage walk on the 800 km. Camino de Santiago from St. Jean-Pied-du-Port near Biarritz in France to Santiago de Compostelo in Spain.

Council of Elders

I continue to give God thanks for the ministry of our Council Elders as well as all the committed committee members and ad hoc groups who lead and exercise critical ministry through the work of their committees and groups. For the early part of the year we continued to study and engage with the book resource entitled: Pursuing God's Will Together. This was an attempt to continue deepening our spiritual practices and enhancing the Council's competence in discernment. There is still more to be done. I am grateful for our Council chairperson Scott Andrews and all the members of Council for their leadership and commitment.

Gratitude

Don Mockett, our office manager, continues to be a welcoming and steady 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. In his own way, he is engaged in the ministry of hospitality, outreach and care relative to those who phone as well as come to our building. Khan's contributions continue to be legendary. We bid farewell to Khan this year as he retired after 35 years of service. We have welcomed Norman Reid and are pleased with his commitment to continue the standard of custodial care set by Khan. We are blessed to have evening/part time custodians Carole Shaw, Ryan Pascal and Sung Lim to secure our building and ensure it capably supports all the work and ministry that happens here.

All of the above has been made possible by the grace of God and the strength given us as a congregation to love God and God's Mission.

Respectfully Submitted
Anthony

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTER, MELODEE LOVERING

January brought a wonderful start to the year with the women's retreat, held at the Galilee Centre with the theme "All in Together Girls". We had about 32 women in attendance. Debbie Roi and I led the event.

It is always one of my chief joys in ministry, to preside over a service of Confirmation. On January 31 Parkdale confirmed the following nine youth: Maryam Amisi, Victor Amisi, Emily Bailey, Isaac Barbour, Julia Bell, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Jonah Hamer-Wilson, Joshua Okumu, and Sarah Vidalin. A highlight of the service was Communion, served by the newly confirmed members. Another confirmation class will be held in the fall of 2017.

February brought a new event to Parkdale, in the form of Worshiplude which had previously been held at Dominion Chalmers United Church. We had between four and five hundred youth in our sanctuary for a wonderful time of worship with live bands, a youth bell choir, and other musical guests. Parkdale's youth performed a tableau as well as serving communion and helping with the offering. Additionally, the youth hosted throughout the day, helping with set-up and welcoming the musical guests and assisting in a myriad of ways.

Also during February we hosted a dinner for the visitors from Zeballos and hosts and families. It was a real Ottawa night, at minus 30 degrees but our tacos were hot and the drumming and dancing brought to us by the Zeballos youth kept us warm! In March, our youth did the return end of the exchange, travelling to Vancouver Island. Victor Amisi, Fred Andrews, Isaac Barbour, and James and Julia Bell were part of the team of twenty youth from throughout the presbytery. Thanks to the many who helped support this endeavour through your financial donations.

Second Blessings Coffee Shop was open every month (except during the summer). Our youth learn so much through this ministry of hospitality. One of our best successes was our chicken pot pie Sunday which will be repeated this year!

During March and April, we were all occupied preparing for the big 85th birthday dinner and dance which I missed due to my sabbatical. Also during that time period, I tried to organize things so that they could be handled by volunteers during my absence.

Troy Cross informed us in February that he had taken a new position with the Ovarian Cancer Association. This left a huge hole in our music program. Troy had been the only music director during my time at Parkdale. He was instrumental in helping DaleSong find its place. Because of his leadership, we already had excellent help in Carol Diamond and Jono Hamer-Wilson, who had been filling some roles in music and it was decided that until we have fully explored the future of our programme, that Carol and Jono would be asked to expand their time to cover off Parkdale's needs. In addition to leading DaleSong, Jono plays the organ. Carol leads the senior choir and plays the piano. It has been great to see the blossoming of the junior choir under her leadership.

In April, five members of our Sunday school teaching staff attended a great learning event at The Met Bible Church. We went to a variety of workshops, depending on areas of interest. Our team of dedicated and visionary Sunday school teachers is something I continue to thank God for. Words of encouragement from the congregation really help these sometimes invisible folk (downstairs in the basement) feel that their work is appreciated and understood.

A new phase in Parkdale's worship life began at the end of 2015, with the installation of the projection system which we started to use on a regular basis in January 2016. We began slowly, just putting up hymn slides. At first, this task was mostly done by me. Gradually we introduced more and more of the liturgy, until, by December, virtually everything in the bulletin, except the announcements, is now projected. During my sabbatical, slide-making was carried out by a few different individuals including Jono Hamer-Wilson, Don Mockett, and Johanna Lace. Since my return in August, we have assembled an excellent team of people. Projectionists include; Andrew Barbour, LJ Benoit (occasional help), Jonah Hamer-Wilson, Larry King, and Jill Williams-Priddie (Scott Andrews back-up). Those producing content are; Helen Lovering (starting in Feb), Melodee Lovering (DaleSong Sundays), Julee Pauling, Rosemary Kimberley (who is leaving the team now but who did a tremendous amount over the Christmas season), and Johanna Lace. We are always looking for new people to assist, learn, and bring expertise! Currently I serve as the overall director of the program but I am certainly willing to stand aside for someone else.

I was blessed to enjoy a sabbatical last year. It's hard to believe that it is "last year" already. For three months I enjoyed a time of quiet away from my responsibilities at Parkdale. I read, reflected, and prayed a lot. There was time to be outdoors and soak in the beauty of God's creation. I saw cherry blossoms at Mission Peninsula and Sleeping Bear Dunes, both in Michigan. I went to the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington. I spent some time designing and making a start on a celtic-tree quilt. This time away really filled my creative and spiritual well. Thanks to Parkdale for helping to make this happen. Thanks especially to the hard-working CE Committee members, my team of story-tellers, my fellow ministers, and M & P who helped us by hiring some extra administrative help to keep communication and other tasks going during my absence.

I returned to Parkdale in mid-August, feeling refreshed but immediately having to face the sad news that Rev. Debbie Roi would be leaving us and quite quickly. Debbie had become a valued member of our team and someone I felt able to trust to follow up on any pastoral care issues I referred to her. Additionally, we had worked as a team on a variety of projects, including the women's retreat, anniversary events, student care packages, and so on. Needless to say, this fall has found both Anthony and me struggling to find time to carry out all our tasks and with no third minister whose special role it is to do pastoral care. By the end of September, we were holding a farewell for Debbie.

The presbytery youth minister, Rev. Hilary Merritt, went on sabbatical shortly after I returned and in my role as chair of the Youth and Young Adult Committee of Presbytery, this has meant that I had considerable extra responsibilities from September to December, including helping to prepare for another Experiences Canada exchange. Three of our young people will be participating this year; Deste and Maryam Amisi and Tavian Hamer-Wilson. The exchange will be shared with an aboriginal group from Northwest Territories.

In October, we said a fond farewell to our caretaker of many years, Khan Chao. It was a joyous celebration of his time with us but it was sad too. We miss him. Norman, who has stepped into the big shoes, is growing into the role.

In November, with the help of the junior youth and the pastoral care team, CE organized the assembly of 14 university student care packages. Thanks to everyone who contributed items.

Here are some notes from Facebook messages and texts from the students, thanking us for the boxes:

Hi Melodee! I just got your package in the mail yesterday! Please send my thanks to everyone who helped pack up those amazing boxes at Parkdale! The tissues, hot chocolate, and tea have given me a nice boost as I enter exams with a really bad cold!!

Hey Melodee, just got the care package from you and the youth group! Please give my thanks to everyone who helped put these together. Incredible to see some of these guys looking so old, can't believe how quickly time passes, and I used to be one of those guys! All of these gifts are so wonderful, especially enjoy all of the snacks. Our family will be seeing you guys definitely at Parkdale on Christmas Eve. Once again, thanks for this, thinking about you guys

Hi Melodee, I just received a care package from the church and wanted to express my gratitude. Although I rarely make it to church, I know I can always count on the love and support of my church community and that means so much to me. I picked up my package this morning from the post office downtown but quickly ended up giving away much of the contents to the homeless I encountered on my walk home. Thanks for all the thought and care that went into making these, and it was so special to also get a picture of many of the kids I used to care for in the nursery.

There have been some troubling incidents over the past year that have made the Christian Enrichment committee consider carefully the security of our building and the safety of our children. We are working towards having a full plan in place soon, working with the trustees and other affected groups but some minor changes have occurred already, including the policy that even older children will not be released from classes until parents claim them. The locks on the classroom doors have been changed so that in the event of a lock-down situation, the doors can be locked from the inside. Thanks to David Baird and the trustees for looking after that.

Throughout the year we have had several intergenerational worship services on themes such as; hospitality, and “going with God”. In November one of these services followed immediately upon the graffiti event, so our congregation swelled on that day and included Muslim and Jewish attendees. I was so thankful that I had chosen to speak about Abraham and Sarah, whose story is revered by all three of our faith communities.

I continue to serve with DaleSong, collaborating with Jono about music choices for intergenerational services. In October members of DaleSong and families came to the Lovings to have an evening of informal fellowship and food. This group has a wonderful bond of love and prayerful support. We greatly enjoy the creative and spiritual gifts of our leader, Jono.

The CE committee planned a relaxed evening of games, pizza and carol-singing for the first Sunday evening in December. This was a whole church event and over 60 people attended.

In November I hosted a council retreat at our home in Russell, where we discussed the challenge of filling a short-term position of pastoral care while we search for a long-term replacement.

Advent and Christmas was a very busy time for the ministry team as we worked to plan and carry out all the special services. I found that doing this and prepping for the women’s retreat to be held on January 7 and 8 of 2017 presented me with quite a body of work. Thanks so much to the women who stepped up to serve on the retreat committee. Without them it would not have been possible to carry it out.

We have been fortunate to have Johanna Lace providing some extra administrative help in the office, two mornings a week. One of the tasks that I asked her to undertake was to create a cohesive roster of the various roles that are being filled on a given Sunday morning. There are so many of these lists, some presided over by Don, some by me, some by Anthony, and some with various volunteers. These rosters are for tasks like after-church coffee team, ushers, greeters, Sunday school teachers, projectionists, slide creators, musicians, readers, counting team and so on. It has been fascinating to discover that every Sunday morning there are 30 or more volunteers helping to make our two or more hours of worship, fellowship, and learning, happen.

It would be impossible to thank all of those who stepped in to help in so many capacities as our staff complement has been diminished. I hope that I have made it clear how grateful I am that you have been there to support God's work at Parkdale.

I continue to be grateful to the people I work closely with, members of the CE committee who have the children and youth of our church, constantly in their prayers and their focus. Special thanks to Camille Beaufort, chair of the committee, who went above and beyond while I was away in the summer. I am thankful for all the members of council who give on so many levels and who are supportive of and pray for the staff. Last year we thanked Paul Crabtree for his many years as chair. His dedication continues as a member of the committee and as he works with Rob Hilkes to lead the senior youth group in the ever-popular "cooking with Rob and Paul." Camille and I lead the junior youth.

Don Mockett in the church office always greets everyone with courtesy and good humour and keeps track of one hundred and one details. Thanks to Kathleen Stephenson who keeps our finances running smoothly along with the finance committee. Richard Hamley keeps our computers going and helps out in too many ways to count. Norman, Sung, Carol and Ryan are truly delightful people to know and they take care of our building beautifully. We wish Ryan well as he moves ahead in his new career.

I am blessed to have as gifted an individual as Anthony for a ministry partner. He is so sincere in his desire to do God's work among you all. It is wonderful to work alongside someone who shares this priority.

In looking back over this report, I notice that this has been a deeply transitional time with the loss of staff and joining of new staff. It has been a year of sorrows as we experienced two incidents of racist graffiti smeared on the building, but it has been a time of great joy also as support has poured in from many people. I am reminded that we best know God as we go with Him, not when we stay in one place and get comfortable. We sang this old hymn at the November intergenerational service. It has always been near to my heart. May it comfort and encourage us in the year ahead.

*O God of Bethel by whose hand
Thy people still are fed
Who through this weary pilgrimage
Have all Thy servants led*

*Our vows, our prayers, we now present
Before Thy throne of grace
God of all saints, we long and trust
Our children find this place*

*Through each perplexing path of life
Our wandering footsteps guide
Give us each day our daily bread
And raiment fit provide*

*O spread Thy covering wings around
Till all our wanderings cease
And at our Father's loved abode
Our souls arrive in peace*

COUNCIL

It has been another successful year on the Parkdale United Church Council, full of celebration and challenge. We held a spring retreat, helped arrange anniversary celebrations for our 85th year, participated in the Halo project, and reflected on the future of the United Church as a whole as we considered United Church of Canada Remits. We saw two significant departures with Troy Cross and Rev. Debbie Roi leaving us, but also saw the addition of Jono Hamer-Wilson and Carol Diamond coming on as music co-directors and Barbara Faught returning in February 2017 to her former role as Pastoral Care Minister on an interim basis.

Parkdale Council is the overall governing body of Parkdale United Church and deals with many aspects of the church's functions, including setting policies and procedures, approving the budget, addressing the various needs of Parkdale's committees, and supporting groups, programs and ministries. Council also provides church and program leadership, addresses conflict, and attempts to ensure we honour our Christian mandate to love and serve God and our neighbours, near and far. Council is comprised of the chairs of each committee, the three members of the ministry staff (including Barbara Faught stepping back into the Pastoral Care Minister's role), one member-at-large, one presbytery representative, a chair and a past chair (with the vice-chair role still vacant). We begin each meeting with a devotional time to reflect on our beliefs and remind us of our mission before we begin.

We kicked off our 85th year with a lovely and meaningful retreat at Britannia United Church on March 5, 2016. This was a good opportunity for fellowship and reflection on our mission. Council met 9 times additionally after that, including two special meetings to address the pastoral care needs subsequent to Debbie Roi's departure.

Rev. Debbie Roi was called to serve at a rural pastoral charge, and left in late September on short notice with our blessing. We have been blessed to have Barbara Faught step into this role in February 2017, but continue to strike a Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) for a long term replacement.

As all United Church congregations, we have been asked to vote on Remits for the United Church of Canada that seek to restructure the national church. We have had thoughtful and prayerful discussions on these proposals as they will have a considerable impact on the future of the national church. We will be required to submit Parkdale's official vote on these proposals this year.

Parkdale participated in the Halo project, which made a measure of the economic impact of Parkdale's many ministries and services. It gave an interesting insight into Parkdale's contribution to the community at large and this report was shared with local governments. Parkdale Council continues to struggle with participation as a number of key posts remain unfilled, including chairs of Finance and Property Trustees and vice-chair of Council.

Volunteers continue to be a challenge in many roles across the church, and this issue is raised frequently at Council.

We were shocked and saddened to see our church again targeted by hateful graffiti. Fortunately, police did make an arrest in this case. A young person was taken into custody. Anthony reached out to attempt restorative justice, but the offer was refused by the accused. Submissions of victim impact statements were invited from Council and taken by Anthony for the crown prosecutor to present in court.

I would like to thank all members of Council for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Together, we can and do make great things happen. I would like to make a special invitation to others to join us in this meaningful and rewarding work. We make Parkdale Church happen!

Thanks again to all and God bless!

Scott Andrews

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.

Publications:

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 on Parkdale's website. Our editors, Danica Rogers and Elise Mennie, and proof readers, Isabelle Duncan and Jaylyn Wong, are committed to producing a quality product.

Newcomer's Brochure: This one page brochure is intended for newcomers and visitors and is distributed throughout the sanctuary. It includes descriptions of Parkdale's Ministries and messages from Parkdale's Ministerial staff.

eNewsletter: Chris Hinds publishes the monthly electronic newsletter highlighting upcoming Parkdale events and news.

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

Advertising: 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 updates Parkdale's Twitter account and Irene Hilkes manages Facebook. Both of these are used to promote Parkdale events and news.

Signage: Banners are designed and purchased to advertise special Parkdale events and services. New banners were purchased this year to advertise Parkdale's 85th Anniversary Year.

Objectives for 2017:

- a. Website Redesign: For a variety of reasons, the Communications Committee was not able to work on the redesign of Parkdale's website last year; however, they plan to continue work on it this year.
- b. Weekly Announcements: Develop standards for publishing weekly announcements in the Bulletin and scrolling them on the screens in the Sanctuary.
- c. Social Media Strategy: Develop a Social Media Strategy that will allow for the integration of Parkdale's Twitter and Facebook so that when Twitter is updated, Facebook will be updated automatically.

The current members of the Communications Committee are:

Richard Hamley	Danica Rogers
Chris Hinds	Jill Williams
Zaya Kuyena	Jenna Lester
Irene Hilkes	

Respectively submitted,
Carolynn Halkett, Chair

FAITH FORMATION AND CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

For this reason, since the day we heard about this, we have not stopped praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the full knowledge of God's will with respect to all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you might live in a manner worthy of the Lord and be fully pleasing to him as you bear fruit while doing all kinds of good things and growing in the full knowledge of God.--Colossians 1:9-10 International Standard Version (ISV)

The Faith Formation and Christian Enrichment Committee (FFCE) encourages and supports the learning programs for children, youth and adults at Parkdale. Our purpose is to encourage all persons in the Congregation to know God's love as it is revealed in Jesus Christ, to grow in their understanding of the Christian faith, and to be involved in the Mission of the Church. Our hope is that children and adults alike, will develop friendships in a supportive Christian community through learning, fellowship, activities and events.

Melodee's sabbatical

The FFCE is blessed to have the Children and Youth ministry lead by Melodee Lovering. From May through September of this past year, she took a well-deserved sabbatical for some rest, creative exploration and spiritual renewal. Thank you to all FFCE committee members and volunteers from the congregation who helped to coordinate and complete the many tasks during this time.

Faith Formation

During service, the nursery continues to provide supervision for our youngest children. Parents share time together or return to the service. The Godly Play method of sharing biblical stories through interactive story-telling is experienced by our children ages 3-6 years. Our children in grades 2 through grade 6 participate in religious instruction with the Gospel Light curriculum, crafts, and games. Juice and snacks are provided, and often a time of free play is shared in Memorial Hall gymnasium after service. During the summer months, children ages 4 to grade 6 participate in our Summer Sunday School program with movies, crafts, activities and snacks.

Our oldest youth, the Senior Youth class, meets in the Friendship Lounge. Students in grades 7 and up, have in-depth discussions about life and faith. Each month, they host a coffee shop for the congregation, cooking desserts, snacks and meals. This group remains with the adults in service during the summer months.

The College and Careers Group has evolved since it was first formed a few years ago. The once group of students are now young professionals or finishing degrees. They meet Monday evenings twice a month for bible study and fellowship.

Thank you to each of the Sunday school teachers, youth leaders and our Young Adult mentor who have volunteered their time to teach the classes. You are devoted and cannot be applauded enough for your prayerful preparations and leadership of your classes.

Fellowship, activities and events

There are many opportunities for fellowship at Parkdale. The past year has been busy with many groups, activities and events:

- Junior Youth: children in grades 4-6 meet on Sunday late afternoon to play games, activities, do crafts and enjoy snacks. In late November, they helped assemble the care packages for the college and university students.
- Senior Youth: Youth grades 7 and up get together to “hang out” and “chill” with friends. They go camping, cook meals together, and watch movies. Each month they work together to open the Second Blessings coffee shop after service, and they serve as a group with the

In From the Cold Ministry.

- College and Careers Group: As mentioned, this group meets twice a month on Monday evening for bible study and fellowship. They get together for coffee, meals, and fellowship.

In addition to faith formation and groups, the FFCE has organized and collaborated with other committees for many initiatives, activities and events. This past year we have enjoyed Family Picnic Day, Women's Retreat, University Care Packages, Rally Sunday and Summer BBQs, and Family Games Night.

It is an honour to serve as the chair of this committee and work with the members of the FFCE and the many volunteers who support us. Thank you to the members of the committee: Dayanti Karunaratne, Ellen Andrews, Joan Bailey, Michelle Bailey, Lauren Barbour, Shannon Cripps, Wendy McHenry, Dave Smith, and our Children and Youth Minister, Melodee Lovering.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a special "thank you" to Paul Crabtree for his guidance and also his dedication as Chair of FFCE so many years.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Beaufort

Chair, Faith Formation and Christian Enrichment Committee 2016

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & ROLLS

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

The Committee encourages all Parkdale members to welcome visitors. In an effort to help us get to know one another the congregation has been encouraged to wear name tags at church activities. Magnetic nametags with the United Church crest were sold for a nominal fee. To date over 250 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 June 12th we hosted a pre-service breakfast for four new members along with their family and friends 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 Church Council and to learn about the roles these people play at Parkdale. The new members were encouraged to consider how their own gifts and talents might play a role in their new church community. After the service the congregation was invited to meet the new members over coffee/ cake.

Members of our Committee include:

Barbara Baird	Deborah Bellware	Liz Cheesbrough
Wenxi Chen	Nicole Greaves	Marilyn Hahn
Lorraine Hanna	John Harewood	Diana Mason
Kathryn Meerburg	Joelle Osterkruger	Shirley Rey
Freda Sutton	Janet Taylor	Daunett Tucker

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Hahn

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

December 31, 2016

Membership	292
Adherents	<u>187</u>
	479

Added by

Affirmation of Faith	0
Confirmation	9
Re-affirmation of Faith	3
Transfer	<u>2</u>

Removed by:

Death	9
Certificate of Transfer	1

Baptisms 13

Marriages 9

Funerals 14, Members 9, Non Parkdale 5

New Members in 2016

Affirmation of Faith:

Confirmation

Victor Amishi
Mariam Amishi
Emily Bailey
Isaac Barbour
Julia Bell

Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Jonah Hamer-Wilson
Joshua Okumu
Sarah Vidalin

Re-Affirmation of Faith

Judy McIntosh
Cynthia Adam
Mona Moorhouse

Transfer In

Laura Dunn
Frank Morton

Removed by transfer

Adeline Colley

Respectfully submitted
Helen Fortune, Clerk of the Rolls

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) 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 Committee members or through the M&P email address MandP@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca

The past year was an active one for the Committee as we said goodbye to four of our staff members and welcomed four new staff members. They include:

Troy Cross

Troy was our Director of Music and Organist for almost nine years. At the end of February, he left Parkdale to pursue his career in Toronto. Thank you Troy and good luck.

Welcome Carol Diamond and Jono Hamer-Wilson, Music Leaders

We were blessed to have two talented musicians step in to help with our music ministry when Troy left.

Carol is the pianist for our Sunday Worship Services and directs both the Senior Choir, which has been growing under her leadership, and the newly formed Children's Choir. Carol has many years of experience as a music educator and church musician.

Jono is a pianist and music teacher who directs and arranges the music for Dalesong, our contemporary musical group who lead Sunday Worship Services once a month. On the other Sundays, he fills the sanctuary with music from the organ.

Debbie Roi

During the September 25th worship service and reception afterwards, our congregation said goodbye to Rev. Debbie Roi. Debbie was much loved for the spiritual care and the love she provided to many over the 3 years she was Pastoral Care Minister. We know Debbie will bless her new ministry at Carp and Dunrobin churches and we wish her well and send our blessing to her.

Johanna Lace

Johanna has been hired on an interim basis to provide additional administrative support to Anthony and Melodee to help alleviate the extra workload that has resulted from Rev. Debbie's departure.

Happy Retirement Khan Chao

On Sunday, October 30th, the Parkdale congregation said goodbye to Khan after 35 years of loyal service as property custodian. Rev. Bailey and Scott Andrews, Chair of Council, presented Khan with a gift from the congregation and plaque honouring his years of service. Many spoke of Khan's determination and diligence in caring for our aging church building and making it welcoming for all. Khan, have a happy retirement and come and see us often!

Welcome Norman Reid

We welcomed Norman Reid as Parkdale's new Property Custodian on Sunday, September 11, 2016. For 2 months he worked side-by-side with Khan to learn the intricacies of our large and complex church home. Norman is certainly settling in and getting to know those who pass through the doors of Parkdale on Sundays and during the week.

Ryan Pascal

At the end of 2016 we said goodbye to Ryan Pascal who provided evening part-time security since 2011 during his university years and most recently in addition to his full-time job. Good luck and best wishes as you continue pursuing your career.

Appreciation of our Staff

At Parkdale we are blessed to be led and served by dedicated Ministry and Lay staff. Our thanks to our wonderful Ministerial Staff: Dr. Anthony Bailey (Coordinating Minister) and Melodee Lovering (Minister of Youth and Children). Our caring lay staff consists of Don Mockett (Office Manager), Carol Diamond and Jono Hamer-Wilson (Music Directors), Norman Reid (Caretaker and Custodian), part-time custodians/security staff Carole Shaw and Sung Lim and interim administrative help from Johanna Lace. We also thank our Treasurer Kathleen Stephenson and our Donations Co-ordinator Richard Hamley for their work in keeping the finances in order.

Sabbatical Plans for Rev. Anthony Bailey

Rev. Bailey plans to take a Sabbatical on May 1, 2017 for 3 months. The United Church of Canada (UCC) encourages Ministerial staff to take a sabbatical, and they are eligible every 5 years. The UCC handbook states that a sabbatical is a period when ministry personnel are able to step back from the regular routines and demands of pastoral ministry and pursue activities that will enhance and expand their ministry. We wish Anthony an opportunity to reflect, revitalize and come back to Parkdale refreshed.

M&P Committee Members

I am grateful to the members of the M&P Committee for their hard work and dedication throughout 2016. Members of the committee are: Pierre Barbeau, Ruth Foster, Rob Maclachlan, Don Macpherson, Peter Meerburg and Wally Prater.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Hamley
Chair of M&P

MISSION, OUTREACH & JUSTICE (MO&J) COMMITTEE

The Mission, Outreach & Justice (MO&J) 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 tries to bring awareness of these issues to the church and promotes opportunities for the congregation to participate actively in outreach and justice initiatives.



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 support 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 developmental projects. We work in partnership with Presbytery on issues concerning our church.

We give financial support to local organizations such as Urban Christian Outreach, Operation 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. This year our \$1000 Discretionary spending went to the Odawa Native Friendship Drop-In Centre and our \$2000 Share the Wealth went to the MultiFaith Housing Initiative called **The Haven** – which is an affordable housing Project in Barrhaven. Internationally, we support North Street United Church, Jamaica, through money collected in money jars at Eastertime.

In From The Cold Ministry

The purpose of our IN FROM THE COLD hospitality ministry is to provide, in the way of Jesus, an opportunity for us, the people of Parkdale, as well as volunteers from the wider community and guests experiencing poverty and other challenges, to come together in relationship while exploring the ministry and privilege of giving and receiving. In March 2016, this ministry completed its fourteenth year.

In 2016, January, February, March, November and December 2,015 nutritious four course meals prepared by our dedicated kitchen volunteers were served. Over 17 Saturdays, the average number of guests was 119 down from an average of 124 the previous year. Over 200 enthusiastic, efficient volunteers from the congregation and community participate in teams of approximately 80 each week. As well as scheduling volunteers, picking up and delivering donated food, shopping, preparing, serving and cleaning up, opportunities are provided for crafts, card and picture making, reading and browsing through books, magazines and newspapers. A variety of excellent musical entertainment continues to be provided by a number of individuals and community groups. Anthony's weekly participation, encouragement and support is appreciated by both guests and volunteers. Our guests continue to express their appreciation for not only the meal but also for the safe, accepting environment they experience.

We are most grateful for our loyal, generous donors: The Ottawa Food Bank and our local merchants – Art-Is-In Bakery, Bridgehead Coffeehouses, GTxpress, Herb and Spice Shop, Morris Home Hardware, Ottawa Bagel Shop and Deli, The Table Vegetarian Restaurant, Saslove’s Meat Market, Trillium Bakery, The Ottawa Citizen and The Ottawa Sun.

In December, we appreciated the wonderful concert of Christmas Music presented by the Statistics Canada Choir. Two thousand nine hundred dollars was raised and donated to the In From The Cold Ministry from this concert.

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.

The All-About-Food 2.5K Walk-A-Thon was held on October 16, 2016 - “World Food Sunday”. This activity was spearheaded by Hilary McVey of Parkdale in 2016 to raise money to provide food and necessities for people experiencing poverty in our community. There are four agencies organizing and benefiting from this Walk – St. Luke’s (Church) Table, The Parkdale Food Centre, Dalhousie Food Cupboard and Parkdale’s own *In From The Cold*. This year we received roughly \$1700 each.

Living Into Right Relations Group Report 2016:

This group is chaired by Elise Mennie and has a membership of 21 who meet on an ad hoc basis. Parkdale members stood up in solidarity with Indigenous peoples in many ways in 2016. In January, we collected warm winter clothes for Odawa’s Centre 510 Drop-in and its Bannock Bus supporting street people. Throughout the year, four Parkdale members occasionally volunteered to serve breakfast and lunch at Centre 510, which also provides laundry and shower facilities, computers, counselling and cultural activities. In 2017, the recently renovated Centre will begin a new catering business and training in food services. Parkdale’s Mission, Outreach and Justice Committee donated \$1,000 to Centre 510 from its 2016 discretionary fund.

In February and March, Parkdale joined the Kairos campaign to implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s call for changes to school curriculum. About 150 signatures were collected on petitions calling for the residential school legacy, the treaties and indigenous contributions to our country to be a mandatory part of provincial school curriculum.

On June 19th, an Aboriginal Sunday service was co-lead by Elder Denise-Anne Boissonneau and Rev. Anthony Bailey, in worship and thanksgiving for Aboriginal culture and reflecting on reconciliation.

Individual Parkdale members participated in various events: the youth exchange to Zeballos, a First Nations community on Vancouver Island during March break; the Grandmothers’ Walk in support of the Chaudière Falls and Islands sacred site in June; the Kairos Chain-Link conference in October; the Kairos and United Church letter-writing campaign supporting First Nations’ opposition to the Site C hydroelectricity dam in BC flooding their ancestral lands in December; events in solidarity with Indigenous rights being argued at the Supreme Court for the Inuit of Clyde River, Nunavut, who oppose seismic testing in their hunting areas, and the Ojibwa of Thames River near London, Ontario, objecting to an oil pipeline on their territories.

The Right Relations section of Parkdale’s website was updated to include links to the United Church’s Right Relations website and to local indigenous organisations – First Nations, Métis and Inuit. Four articles were submitted to The Messenger.

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 now open our hearts to the Saleh refugee family from Syria.

Refugee Family from Syria: This has been a very slow process but we are thankful that the family of 6 finally arrived on June 22, 2016 from Jordan. We are very fortunate that we held many activities and were able to raise over the \$30,000 stipulated by the federal government. This was due to the persistence and generosity of our many Parkdale members and friends. Thanks also to our congregation and friends of Parkdale for all the household furniture and articles they provided to ensure the Saleh family had a good start. We have also been blessed with members who have given and are giving of their time to visit and to teach the family members the English language to prepare them for jobs. The family is forever grateful to Parkdale for bringing them from Syria. They live in Orleans in close proximity to their family members who are their co-sponsors with Parkdale.

Celebrating our Cultures – International Dinner: For many years, the Mission, Outreach and Justice Committee organized an annual celebration to recognize the different cultures that Parkdale members bring to our church from around the world. However, this year, to commemorate Parkdale's 85th year, we switched that tradition to **Celebrating Parkdale's Past, Present and Future culture.** The event was memorable with The Baird family giving us a taste of Parkdale as the hub of fun and activity in "those days". Ellen Andrews recalled growing up in Parkdale and Zaya Kuyena and Alison Gomes gave us a peak into Parkdale's future. It was an entertaining evening of trivia questions about Parkdale's past 85 years made special by Peter Meerburg our Emcee and Mona Moorhouse who prepared the trivia questions.

Images & Stories - Once again we had an amazing year with between 25 – 45 guests attending these presentations which were coordinated by Janet Taylor. Our committee is delighted to have received the help of Helen Hayes, Lorraine Hanna, and Marilyn Hahn especially as they always brought with them sumptuous desserts. Without doubt, this has been 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 around which we enjoyed amazing evenings of fellowship. The calendar year began in January with Diana and David Mason presenting "Normandy: Beauty, Culture & War; followed in February with Vita Savelieva presenting their "Journey to New Zealand and in March "The Swaziland Project" by Jim Maxwell. The Fall season started in September with Jacqueline Vincent presenting "A Journey in Israel by Footsteps and Wheels". Hazel Bowen and Jim McFarlane presented their Baltic Cruise touring seven ports in seven countries around the Baltic Sea. The year ended with Marilyn Hahn's visit to Vietnam and Angkor Wat in Cambodia.

2016 Church Photo Directory - Five years had passed and, once again, it was time for another church photo directory. It was also Parkdale's 85th anniversary. Each committee chair was asked to take on a project to commemorate the church's 85th anniversary. MO&J partnered with the Pastoral Committee to have the Photo Directories done. The task was completed in August 2016 on the arrival of the photo directories from IPC Canada Photo Services Inc.

Habitat for Humanity- Parkdale has had a long association with *Habitat for Humanity* and over time donates financially and otherwise to this organization. Our committee member Carolynn Halkett (who also chairs Parkdale's Communications Committee) continues to sit on their Faith committee.

MO&J Committee Members: This committee has a chair and 20 members who are supported and shepherded by Rev. Anthony Bailey. He usually leads our devotion as we pray for guidance, wisdom and courage to do God's work. We meet roughly once every six to eight weeks.

MO&J 2016 Committee Members are:

Cynthia Adam	Beth Gutsell	Janet Taylor
Estelle Allen (Past Chair)	Carolynn Halkett	Mary Tsikouras
Gloria Anderson (Past Chair)	Elise Mennie	Daunett Tucker
Rev. Anthony Bailey	Mona Moorhouse	Uchennah Samuel
Faye Beaufort (Chair)	Gerry Myles	Cathy Sandiford
Ike Goodine	Jennifer Payne	Jacqueline Vincent
Nicole Greaves	Carol Ritchie	Elaine West

We continue to lift up prayers for our members who have not been well this year. Special thanks to Don, Khan, Carol, Ryan and Sung for making arrangements, setting up and ensuring things run well before, during and after events. We certainly had mixed feelings about Khan saying goodbye after 35 years of excellent service. We wish him a happy and blessed retirement.

I wish to thank the congregation and friends of our church for supporting our ministry and projects financially and otherwise. We think of the In From The Cold ministry and particularly the support given to our refugee family who arrived on June 22, 2016.

Respectfully submitted
Faye Beaufort
Chair, Mission, Outreach & Justice Committee 2016

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 2016, several members of the team attended two continuing education events also presented by Pastoral Care Ottawa which is an organization that specializes in pastoral care training.

The Caring Kitchens program will continue to provide food or meals on an as needed basis to those who need assistance. The recipients are always grateful for this tangible symbol of Parkdale's support for them.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every second Wednesday morning to crochet prayer shawls and pray. Prayer shawls may be given to anyone who is grieving, ill or has a significant life event. Baptism shawls are also given to the children when they are baptized. It is our prayer that these shawls will be tangible reminders of God's love and the care of the Parkdale congregation.

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 home-baked 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.

The Pastoral Care Team was saddened by the departure of Rev. Debbie Roi. At a farewell luncheon in September, we said goodbye to Debbie and prayed for God's blessings as she answered her call to her new congregation.

In November, the Pastoral Care Team helped out with the wrapping and mailing of the care packages that are sent to students who are at university or college.

At the last meeting of 2016, 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 2017

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.

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

Ken Elder has retired after serving as a trustee for many years and then was chairman for several years also. Thanks to Ken for all his faithful service.

Ward Cosman and Orion Clark have both resigned. Thanks to both for their contributions.

Kahn Chao has retired after 35 years as our custodian.

We are extremely grateful for his dedication and faithful service all these years.

Norman Reid is our new custodian.

1. Two main entrances stairwells have been painted (Parkdale Side)
2. Three main doors to Memorial hall were also painted.
3. North door on Parkdale Main entrance was stripped, stained and sealed.
4. Office and adjoining room were painted, curtains taken down, washed and reinstalled.
New window coverings for the office –All Thanks to Barbara Faught.
5. Roof repairs-Sanderson Roofing,
Flat roof was leaking and repaired. Some shingles were replaced on office roof.
All screws were checked and tightened on metal roof. Metal flashing was installed over main
Doors (Parkdale Side)
6. Bird spikes were installed over two Sanctuary windows –North side. Pigeon droppings were
marking windows and brick.
7. New door was installed at Memorial Hall entrance where Norman brings out lawn mower and
Snow blower. All doors were original.
8. Three additional outdoor security cameras were installed as well as a new monitoring and
recording system.
9. Daycare Children's Play Area:
Large tree branches were cut off and taken away. They were blocking the view of the new
camera in playground area, Thanks to Allan Menzies for helping.
10. Daycare contract was signed for another year.
11. Price for parking was increased as of January 1, 2017.
12. Sunday school: Security door lock handles were installed on three doors.

The members of the Property Trustees Committee of Council are:

Janice Gray (Secretary)

David Baird

Richard Yearwood

Don Mockett

Norman Reid

Respectively submitted, David Baird

RECRUITMENT & SUCCESSION PLANNING

The Committee played an active part in the recruitment and hiring of an individual to fill the position of Property Custodian, after Khan Chao announced his retirement, following 35 years of faithful service.

In cooperation with the Ministry & Personnel Committee, the vacancy was advertised, and we were fortunate to receive a good number of applications. Following interviews with all applicants, Norman Reid was selected for the position, and he commenced employment in September. This gave him an opportunity to work in cooperation and consultation with Khan prior to Khan's official retirement in November.

We also participated in organizing and hosting a retirement luncheon that was held in Memorial Hall at the end of October.

As in previous years, the Committee identified potential candidates for positions on the Church Council for 2017. These names were subsequently presented to the congregation for consideration at the annual general meeting.

The Recruitment & Succession Planning Committee consists of the Chair of Council, the immediate past Chair of Council, the Council Vice-Chair, the Coordinating Minister, and the Committee Chair.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Meerburg

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Introduction

The Stewardship Committee consists of both Parkdale members and adherents who work on a broad array of stewardship issues. Guided by Parkdale's vision and Christ centered principles, the Committee serves to:

- Encourage and help congregants discover and deploy their spiritual gifts in Parkdale's ministries and beyond;
- Nurture stewardship formation;
- Engage the congregation with respect to our spiritual relationship to money and resource consumption; and,
- Challenge the Parkdale community to live with respect in creation.

Summary of 2016 Projects and Activities:

In 2016, the Stewardship committee built on the work of past years - activities included:

1. "Stewardship Thought" reflections: Thought provoking and inspiring ideas for stewardship reflection written in the Sunday bulletin.
2. Financial Stewardship: Provided updates to the congregation on our financial position.

3. Policy development: Contributed to the development of the fundraising policy that was approved by Council in 2016. The policy provides a framework for fundraising activities at Parkdale including:
 - a. Clarifying and defining appropriate events, activities, projects and other approaches for generating funds to support Parkdale's ministries.
 - b. Guidelines to assist individuals and groups in planning events, activities and projects which have raising funds as one of the goals.
 - c. A checklist for submitting fundraising requests to committees and ultimately to Council for a final decision.
4. Guidelines implementation: Worked on ways to implement the recommendations in the "Guidelines on Environmental Responsibility" that was approved by Council in 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);
 - b. More consistently use compostable or reusable containers (not Styrofoam) for food; and,
 - c. Take steps to avoid adding to the burdens we now place on the earth and our natural environment.
5. Collaborating with the minister and participating in some of the stewardship themed services held during October 2016.

Looking Forward to 2017

For 2017, the Stewardship committee plans to continue 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" in the Sunday bulletin.
2. Working with Council on the recommendations in the Memorial Fund Working Group report.
3. Providing 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 regarding use of pre-authorized remittance (PAR) as this 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. Working with the others (e.g., Council, the minister and other committees) on stewardship activities

5. Updating the Stewardship Bulletin Board to creatively share stewardship insights and information.
6. Continue to move forward with the congregation on the recommendations in the approved "Guidelines on Environmental Responsibility" for Parkdale United Church.

Committee Membership

In 2016, the members of the Committee were:

1. Alexandra Stockwell
2. Anthony Bailey
3. David Odumodu
4. Garth McLeod
5. Jennifer Payne (resigned earlier in the year)
6. Samantha Tim
7. Tania Lambert Bosch

Anyone interested in joining the Stewardship committee would be most welcome; look out for our meeting dates in the bulletin. Meetings are normally held every 6 weeks on a Tuesday.

Submitted,

Samantha Tim, Chair

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The role of the Worship Committee is to ensure that greeters, ushers and technical support are in place for Parkdale's Worship Services. In addition, there is a coordinator for the preparation and the conduct of Communion Services.

The Sunday morning greeters are individuals from the Membership and Development Committee. Hugh Nelson coordinates, recruits and mentors the ushers. Richard Hamley and team members Gary Crocker, Allan Menzies and Zaya Kuyena provide the audio support needed each week for regular Sunday Worship as well as other occasions. Helen Hayes is the Communion coordinator and Liz Harrison and Don MacPherson are the presiding elders.

The Committee has oversight of music and Worship Arts. Under the heading of Worship Arts are choir, Dalesong, liturgical dance, drama and guest musicians. We were surprised when our Music Director, Troy Cross, resigned in February due to a move to Toronto. We were very fortunate to have two fine musicians already contributing to Worship at Parkdale. Carol Diamond had been playing the piano for congregational singing and assisting Troy with the choir. Jono Hamer-Wilson had been musical director and pianist for Dalesong. In April, both these individuals were given contracts for one year and share the title of Music

Director. Carol continues on piano and directs the senior choir and a new children's choir. Jono continues with Dalesong and plays the organ, which is a new instrument for him.

The Committee approves the remuneration of additional accompanists and guest musicians as well as the costs associated with repairs and tuning of the pianos and organ. Our approval is required also for the use of the sanctuary by outside groups or individuals.

It is the Committee's responsibility to see that the sanctuary is appropriately decorated for the seasons of the Church Year - Advent/Christmas, Lent, Easter and Thanksgiving. For several years now, Muriel and Ted Bellman have purchased, delivered to the church, and distributed the Easter lilies which become a gift to those in hospital or on the Pastoral Care Team's list.

2016 marked the beginning of the regular use of our projection equipment and the three screens in the sanctuary for Sunday Worship. The prayers, hymns and responsive Psalm are always projected and on occasions of Intergenerational Worship and other special services, more of the liturgy is available. Melodee Lovering has provided much of the leadership in coordinating other volunteers and crafting slides. The following people have helped or are continuing to: Jonah Hamer-Wilson, Jill Williams Priddie, Larry King, Andrew Barbour, Julie Pauling, Johanna Lace, Rosemary Kimberly (2016), Jono Hamer-Wilson (2016), Scott Andrews (alternate), LJ Benoit (occasional).

Current members of the Worship Committee:

Anthony Bailey
Richard Hamley
Julie Pauling
Jill Hamer-Wilson
Melodee Lovering
Alexandra Stockwell
Barbara Faught

I am certain that, with me, you give thanks with grateful hearts for all the opportunities we have week by week to participate in the spiritually uplifting Worship Services so thoughtfully and prayerfully prepared for us to experience.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Faught (chair)

Music Co-Leader Report (Carol Diamond)

It has been my pleasure to have joined the ministry team as Music Co-Leader. For the past few years, I have had the privilege of accompanying the Senior choir under Troy's leadership. I am grateful to the Worship Committee for the opportunity to continue to work with the choir and provide music for the services in a greater capacity since May, 2016.

If I could encapsulate what I value most highly in this position, it would be building relationships. We are very fortunate at Parkdale to have such an amazing Ministerial team. Both Jono and I are working together to provide quality musical leadership during the services, with our ensembles, as well as inviting guests and musical congregants to share their gifts.

It has been a joy to work with the Senior and Junior Choirs. Both groups are growing in number and I continue to be impressed by, and grateful for the commitment from the choir members to attend rehearsals, work diligently and offer their musical gifts each Sunday. As our repertoire increases, I look forward to having the children singing more regularly.

One of the highlights this past Fall was our Choir Retreat and Workshop with visiting choral director Rachel Grantham (Whitehorse, Yukon). The weekend was filled with music, laughter, sharing stories and bonding as a group. We were pleased to have non-choir members from the congregation join us for the experience. The congregation was treated to an exuberant offering from the choir on Sunday morning! We plan to make the Choir Retreat an annual event.

I continue to collaborate with members of the Parkdale Orchestra. Both the ensemble as a whole and smaller groups have blessed us with their contributions. One that comes to mind is the Horn Quartet that added so much to our Remembrance Day service in November.

There were many highlights for me this past year. The impromptu singing of O Holy Night on Christmas eve, the Junior Choir singing for the residents at Grace Manor and Rachel conducting on the organ bench in her heels! Music is my worship and I am honoured to work with such fine people to bring you our best offering for worship week after week. Thank you so much for this blessing and privilege.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Diamond

Music Co-Leader Report (Jono Hamer-Wilson)

It's with much gratitude that I'm pleased to submit my first annual report to Parkdale, in the role of Music Co-Leader. I have been functioning in this role since around Easter; though my contract took effect in May. My responsibilities are to provide musical accompaniment for regular and special seasonal services, in conjunction with Carol Diamond; and to give musical leadership to Dalesong, our contemporary praise team. The role is designated as an interim one, as there is a process envisaged to determine long-term needs in music and worship arts.

Prior to Troy's departure, I had a role in leading **Dalesong** for almost two years. This wonderful group of people is not only gifted with musicianship and great talent, but - even more importantly - hearts of sincere worship, and a desire to bless the congregation and our visitors with music. Our rehearsals are not only concerned with preparation for leading services; there is also genuine concern for the lives, families and circumstances of others, including times of heartfelt prayer. I'm grateful to Melodee for her partnership in co-leading this team; especially for her pastoral wisdom, hospitality, no-nonsense practicality, and gifts in planning services and choosing songs. And to the regular team members (and their families!): Pat, Scott, Perry, Elise, Wendy, Camille, Marianne, Jill and Tavian - thank you for the ways you enrich and encourage me and others. We are blessed to have Anthony and Tania join us occasionally. And with much appreciation for your contributions, we said thanks and farewell this year to June Cole and Elaine West. Anyone is welcome to join us on our Thursday evening rehearsals three times/month.

I would also like to note in the context of Dalesong my appreciation to Richard Hamley and the others on the sound team (Gary, Allan and Zaya). We really appreciate the way you come in early and go the extra mile when Dalesong is leading the music.

The other main component of my role is providing **musical leadership and accompaniment** - primarily as the organist - for regular and special services, in conjunction with Carol Diamond. I cannot express how much I appreciate Carol's many and substantial gifts of musicianship, leadership and co-ordination. She is a great team-player, an encourager, and a person of vision and action. Because of our different schedules, I often have more freedom to attend staff meetings; so I to some extent have a role in being the link between the music ministry and the staff. However, much communication takes place by email; so my inadequacies in this respect thankfully don't prove too detrimental(!). We work out from week to week who will take the lead in the various musical components of the service; and in co-coordinating with others involved (choir, special music, etc. - with the senior and junior choirs being Carol's primary charge, obviously).

I think it would be fair to characterise our efforts this year as finding our way: not only in leading the music ministry through the seasons for the first time; but also in working together, and co-ordinating with the pastoral leadership in planning services, etc. Our vision is to have as many people as possible - within reasonable and practical bounds, of course! - involved in the music and worship arts ministries. Since the New Year we have been making greater efforts in planning and communicating about opportunities to be involved, and this has borne fruit in the services. We expect this will increasingly be so. I'm very grateful to each individual who has contributed to our musical life together over the past year. (Carol has taken on the role of liaison between the church and the Parkdale Orchestra; I will leave it to her to speak of that aspect of the music ministry.)

A minor aspect of my role is ensuring care and maintenance of the church's **instruments**. For a variety of reasons - including a major breakdown of the organ last winter, and a major tuning that turned out to be scheduled for 2016 (like the 50 000 km oil change on your car!) - the costs involved in stewarding our instrumental resources turned out to be much greater than what was allocated in the budget. This is being addressed by requesting an increased allocation for the coming fiscal year. (For example, part of the reason the sanctuary piano has needed more frequent tunings recently is that it is in need of a process called *regulation*; we are hoping to schedule this in the coming months.) We were blessed by the donation of a fine Heintzman upright piano from one of our church families this past year; it is now in the chapel, replacing the less than adequate instrument which was there previously. I am grateful to our piano technician David Anderson and organ tech Robert Smit for the expert care they provide. I'd also like to thank Richard Hamley for - among his many gifts! - his expertise and insights in regard to the technical aspects of maintaining the organ; and for his patience in guiding me through some of those!

Finally, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Worship Committee for extending me the opportunity to be involved in music at Parkdale; and to the pastoral leadership for the vision and fellowship entailed in planning out the musical aspects of our worship together. (I also should thank my long-suffering family, who consent to be dragged out early to church on a regular basis; and who have each made various contributions to music at Parkdale this past year.) I cherish the culture of encouragement, and celebration of congregational giftings, that mark our corporate times together. I am glad to be part of that celebration; and hope to be part of nurturing and furthering it, as long as I have the privilege of serving in this role.

Humbly submitted, to the glory of God,

jono hamer-wilson - january 2017

COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS



A very warm thank you to all who helped with communion arrangements during 2016. 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:

	2014	2015	2016
March	200	190	181
June	202	183	150
October	200	193	185
December	192	212	254
TOTAL	794	778	770

Presiding Elders:

North Side: Liz Harrison

South Side: Don Macpherson

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

2016 OTTAWA PRESBYTERY REPORT

Within the United Church of Canada, the primary role of Ottawa Presbytery is to support and encourage the spiritual wellbeing of the pastoral charges (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 pastoral charges and the Montreal & Ottawa Conference and the General Council of the United Church of Canada in Toronto.

The membership of Ottawa Presbytery includes clergy (order of ministry) and lay representatives from each pastoral charge. Both lay and clergy presbyters serve on a number of Presbytery ministries which facilitate the work of the Presbytery. These include Archives, Chaplaincy, Christian Development, Church Extension, Diversity, Faith & Arts Ottawa, Education and Students, Finance, Global Partners, Inter-Church Faith Network, Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, Living into Right Relations Network, Ministries in French, Mission Strategy, Mission Support, Nominations, Pastoral Care & Oversight, Pastoral Relations, Pensions, Property, Staff, Stewardship, W. H. (Bill) Scrivens Memorial Trust Fund for Youth Ministry, Youth & Young Adult Ministry.

Ottawa Presbytery held ten meetings in 2016 with various congregations hosting these meetings. Parkdale United Church hosted the May 2016 meeting. During 2016, in addition to the regular business of Presbytery, two meetings were devoted to the discussion of and voting on a series of remits required by the United Church of Canada as a result of decisions made on motions relating to the recommendations of the Comprehensive Review Task Group Report at the 42nd General Council in August 2015. Another meeting resulted in Presbytery's decision to support the work of the Multifaith Housing Initiative by encouraging local pastoral charges to join the MHI and in establishing a fundraising target of \$100,000.

In 2016, Parkdale's Presbytery representatives were the Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey, the Rev. Debbie Roi, Melodee Lovering and Beth Gutsell, Parkdale's lay representative.

REMITTS AND THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW REPORT

As related in Parkdale's 2015 Annual Report, the United Church of Canada is faced with revenue challenges as a result of declining membership. The current governance structure is not sustainable. In all, the 42nd General Council approved eight motions which affect the Basis of Union and which require presbyteries and local church councils to study, discuss and then vote either to accept or reject these motions through a series of remits. These remits are classed in two categories: Category 3 which involve decision making by presbyteries and their member pastoral charges; Category 4 remits which involve voting at the presbytery level only.

Category 3 Remits:

- a) Remit 1: three council model
- b) Remit 2: elimination of transfer and settlement
- c) Remit 3: office of vocations
- d) Remit 4: funding a new model
- e) Remit 6: one order of ministry

Category 4 Remits:

- a) Remit 5: ministry partners with mutual recognition agreements
- b) Remit 7: candidacy pathway
- c) Remit 8: a step towards a new model of membership

The Ottawa Presbytery voted on Category 4 remits 5, 7 and 8 at the June 2016 meeting and on Category 3 Remits 1 and 2 at its December 2016 meeting.

Members of Parkdale are encouraged to become informed of these proposed changes to the governance structures of the United Church of Canada and their relationship to the Basis of Union. Your church council is asked to vote on these remits on your behalf. A number of these changes will have a direct effect on local congregations. For further information, please consult the United Church of Canada website at www.gc42.ca/remits.

MULTIFAITH HOUSING INITIATIVE:

Ottawa Presbytery is a member on the Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) as are a number of local United Church congregations including Parkdale which joined in 2016. The MHI was formed in 2001 when a small group of Christians, Jews and Muslims decided to form a non-profit charity to develop affordable housing in the Ottawa area.

Since then over 60 faith communities have become involved in providing affordable housing to 41 low income families. With support from the City of Ottawa, federal and provincial grants, the MHI has been building a 98 unit development in Barrhaven known as the Haven which is to be completed by the spring of 2017. The Ottawa Presbytery is encouraging all pastoral charges to consider joining the MHI and engaging in fundraising activities to support the \$100,000 goal set by Presbytery to help the MHI achieve its \$1.5 million goal.

2016 BUDGET

In 2016, revenues to Presbytery amounted to \$451,150 with 87% coming from congregational assessments. Parkdale's assessment in 2016 was \$21,771. Total expenditures for Ottawa Presbytery were \$460,000. The principal expenditures were personnel costs of \$225,000 and the Montreal & Ottawa Conference assessment of \$136,600. (Please note that these are preliminary figures only. The financial review statement for 2016 will not be received by Presbytery until later in 2017.)

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT (YAYA) MINISTRY

The Youth and Young Adult Committee's work in Ottawa Presbytery is supported financially by the W.H. (Bill) Scrivens Memorial Youth Fund. This includes funding for the Youth and Young Adult Youth Minister, the Rev. Hilary Merritt, Camp Awesome, and other YAYA programming such as the youth trip to Zeballos on Vancouver Island and the young adult partnership trip to the Chipembi Mission in Zambia. The Ottawa Presbytery and YAYA also hosted Worshiplude during Winterlude for youth from across Ontario and Quebec with Parkdale hosting the Worshiplude celebration on February 6, 2016. YAYA also supports other initiatives such as Café Church Ottawa and the Open Table Ecumenical Young Adult Ministry for college and university students.

EGLISE UNIE DE LA GRACE UNITED CHURCH

In October 2016, Ottawa Presbytery received the detailed report from the task group requesting the approval of Presbytery for the formation of a new pastoral charge, Eglise Unie de la Grace United Church which involves the integration and amalgamation of the five United Church communities of Rupert, Cantley, Wakefield, Gatineau and Chelsea. The new pastoral charge was approved by Ottawa Presbytery.

REGENERATION OF COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

While Presbytery and local pastoral charges are involved in voting on remits from the United Church of Canada in 2016 and 2017, there has been a recognition, that given the number of United Church pastoral charges which are closing and/or amalgamating, of the need to examine the challenges facing faith communities in our secular world. To this end, the incoming chairperson of Ottawa Presbytery, Phyllis MacRae, has chosen the theme for the 2016 - 2017 year of “regeneration of communities of faith.” At the November 2016 meeting, Randall Goodfellow, national chair of Faith and the Common Good Foundation, Bob Richards of the United Church’s EDGE Network, and Larry Seguin of Eglise Unie de la Grace United Church were involved in a panel discussion on the theme of regeneration. Presbyters were then involved in small group discussions on the topics presented. A presentation from the Bethel - St. Andrews, Fitzroy Harbour Pastoral Charge further illustrated some of the positive initiatives which have come out of the amalgamation of and visioning of two pastoral charges in west rural area of the City of Ottawa which are collaborating with the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre at the Fitzroy Harbour Hub Site. In addition, a Men’s Ministry at Bethel - St. Andrew’s has attracted over 50 members, many of whom belong to other denominations who work together in this ministry to support each other and isolated seniors in the rural area.

Parkdale members are encouraged to learn about the ministries of the Ottawa Presbytery, and to consider getting involved. As a large congregation, we can have up to four lay representatives on Ottawa Presbytery. It is an opportunity to learn about the mission and ministries not only of the Ottawa Presbytery but also of the initiatives of our neighbouring United Church congregations.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Gutsell, Lay Representative of Parkdale United Church to Ottawa Presbytery

PARKDALE ORCHESTRA

We are pleased to report that 2016 was another successful year for the Parkdale United Church Orchestra. Each year attendance at our concerts increases and once again, we had a near-capacity crowd at the November concert which featured NACO musicians Karen Donnelly and Anna Peterson. We number about 70 musicians, ranging in age from 15 to 85 – a good representation of the city’s amateur musicians, many of whom perform with other orchestras. Our conductor and music director Angus Armstrong led us again this year, demonstrating yet again his deep commitment and enthusiasm for the orchestra and our endeavours. Angus works hard to draw the best from our players and inspires us all to achieve and improve, challenging us with repertoire requiring ever higher levels of technical and musical proficiency. Our Concert Master Natasha MacDonald, who stepped in for the last concert of 2014, stayed on in that leadership role until April 2016 when she left the country to pursue other interests. An excellent musician and leader we were sorry to see Natasha go. However, in September we happily welcomed Adam Nelson as our new Concert Master. Adam brings a wealth of experience to the orchestra. He received his undergrad from Wilfrid Laurier University and his Masters of Music Performance, as well as a supplementary orchestra diploma, from the University of Ottawa. He regularly performs with the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra and the National Arts Centre Orchestra and has a busy teaching studio.

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 eleven orchestra members, the experience and advice from former board members and of course the drive and wisdom of our music director Angus. This year saw a number of changes in the board, with a new President, Vice President, and Treasurer, amongst others. A complete list of board members is available on our website <http://www.parkdaleorchestra.ca/>.

Our annual budget is equal to our needs, 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. With a grant from the “Bader Philanthropies” we received in 2015 we were able to purchase a beautiful set of chimes.

Our first concert of 2016, the second of our 2015-16 series, titled “An American in Ottawa”, showcased a young soloist, the talented and exciting pianist Risa Tonita making her orchestral debut with Gershwin’s immensely challenging *Piano Concerto in F*. And, in April 2016, Jethro Marks, Principal Violist with the NACO joined us as soloist. Jethro has performed as soloist and chamber musician throughout the United States, China, Mexico, Europe, and Canada, and is a frequent collaborator with many artists and ensembles and we were thrilled to perform with him.

We are preparing for an exciting year in 2017, with two of the three concerts programmed. The first of 2017 titled “Hot Music for a Cold Night” features award winning steelpan soloist, Jean-Sebastien Lacombe. It will be an exciting evening of Latin music!!!

Once again, we are pleased that the orchestra continues an excellent and valued relationship with Parkdale United Church. The orchestra is grateful for the significant advantages this affords our ensemble. The church space provides a terrific array of locations allowing for weekly rehearsals in Tape Hall, 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 church 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 early April the winds and brass performed a selection of the Bach pieces which were later performed at our April 2016 concert and, in November, the brass performed with the church’s choir.

Looking ahead to 2017 the Orchestra will be performing at the Parkdale United Church’s 86th anniversary celebration on May 7th, an event we look forward to celebrating with the congregation.

Liane Luton
President, Parkdale United Church Orchestra

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2016

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 for approval by the Church Council and by the Congregation at the Annual General Meeting.
- Overseeing the work of the Treasurer and monitoring administration of the annual Budget.
- Preparation of reports for Church Council.
- Coordinating the counting and security of weekly givings and other financial contributions.
- Preparing annual charitable tax receipts.
- Overseeing the investment of Memorial Fund assets in keeping with our Investment Policy.
- Preparation of official financial reports for CRA and the United Church of Canada.
- Establishing financial policy and internal control procedures.

The Story behind Parkdale's Annual Report 2016 and Budget 2017

Parkdale allocates funds to support our ministries according to an annual budget – Worship, Christian Enrichment, Pastoral Care, Membership and Fellowship, Mission Outreach Justice, to name just a few. The 2016 Annual Report is respectfully submitted to the Congregation along with a Budget projecting receipts and expenditures in 2017.

All in all, it was a good year. Please refer to the spreadsheets for details. Here are some highlights:

We experienced a significant increase in givings this year. Givings through envelopes and Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) for the General Fund, the largest part of the budget, increased by 7% over last year. Based on the congregation's remarkable and continuing generosity, we have budgeted for a further 4% increase for 2017. Givings for Mission Outreach Justice (MOJ) experienced a similar increase; for example, donations for the Benevolent Fund increased by 24% as set out elsewhere in this Annual Report. These increases have allowed Parkdale to continue and strengthen our ministries.

As is customary, disbursements exceeded receipts again this year. However, after the customary application of investment income, we emerged with a surplus this year. At the AGM, the Congregation will be asked to approve returning this surplus to the Memorial Fund for investment and future use.

These were only highlights – for details and the full picture, please consult the spreadsheets included in this report.

The following members served on the Finance Committee in 2016:

Richard Hamley (Donations Coordinator), Beth Gutsell (Counting Team Coordinator and official minute taker), Blaine Pauling (Vice-Chair of Council) and Kathleen Stephenson (Treasurer).

We also welcomed the return of David Mason who has served as member and Chair of Finance some years ago. Thank you all for your dedicated service.

The Finance Committee currently does not have a Chair. We have been rotating the Chair position while our committee is so small.

This is an important committee which benefits from the different perspectives and opinions of members who work well together. Please speak to a member of the Finance Committee or plan to attend a meeting if you are interested in more information or have questions about the budget. We get a bird's eye view of everything that is happening - it is more interesting than you may think and we are always happy to welcome visitors – or new members!

Respectfully submitted
Blaine Pauling
Finance Committee



BENEVOLENT FUND

"Love your neighbour as you love yourself." Mark 12:31

**"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 Church, upholding one of the foundational covenants 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, bus passes, etc.

An average of 50 - 55 individuals per month were given direct financial or other tangible support. This year, due to the rise in food prices we increased the amount of our Giant Tiger vouchers by 100%. This was much appreciated by our neighbours in need. In 2016 approximately 150 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, 2016

Opening Balance, January 1, 2016			4573
Receipts	Congregational Givings	17,011	
	Special Donations	0	
	Total Receipts	17,011	21,584
Disbursements	Support to individuals	3,283	
	Support to aid organizations	3,150	
	Petty Cash Disbursements	500	
	**Cash, vouchers, food cards, bus tickets	10415	
	Bank Charges	32	
	Total Disbursements	17,350	17348
Petty Cash on Hand			195
Total on hand			195
Balance at Year end			4,203

Note: There are 12 gift cards on hand at \$10.each given by Parkdale Food Bank. +
6x\$10 & 5 x\$25 cards purchased for Benevolent Fund,

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey

**PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 28,
2016 .**

1. Opening Remarks:

Council Chair, Blaine Pauling, 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 2015. The names of 12 people were read aloud, after which there followed a time of reflection and remembrance.

4. Approval of Minutes of 2014 Annual Meeting held on February 22, 2015

An error was noted; the amount of the deficit write-off via transfer from the Memorial fund in 2014 was revised from \$23,220 to \$2,584. With this revision, Richard Hamley moved and Harry Allen seconded acceptance of the minutes of the February 22, 2014 AGM. Carried.

5. Reflection and Discussion

Anthony invited participants to organize themselves into small groups and distributed four questions for discussion. There was no discussion in plenary of the responses but highlights of the group discussion appear below.

1. What do you most look forward to in our Sunday morning worship services, and why?
2. In what ways are we assisting one another within the congregation on our individual faith journey?
3. How are we as a congregation continuing to welcome the gifts as well as meet the needs of our wider community relating to pastoral care, faith formation, practical help and justice?
4. If you agree that God wants this congregation to thrive, what suggestions do you have for how we can increase regular attendance, financial contributions, participation in the work of committees and congregational life, and our care for one another?

6. Music Update

Blaine provided a quick update on the status of the Music Director position, further to the departure of Troy Cross, who has moved to Toronto. Carol Diamond has agreed to lead the choir pending a decision with respect to permanent staffing of the contract position; Jono Hamer-Wilson will continue to lead DaleSong. Council will discuss next steps at its March 15 meeting and the congregation will be consulted about future decisions.

It was noted that Parkdale is truly blessed in having talented people who are willing to serve and share the responsibility of music leadership.

7. Presentation of Financial Reports for 2015

Kathleen Stephenson provided a comprehensive overview of the financial reports for 2015. Highlights were: decrease in envelope givings; decrease in revenue from use of the premises; and a decrease in the market value of our investments. It was noted that there was a transfer of \$11,474 from the Memorial Fund to the Capital Fund to cover the shortfall in the fundraising effort for the new projection system; ongoing contributions to the technology fund were encouraged. The bottom line, after considering the transfer of \$59,231 of investment income from the Memorial Fund, was a deficit of \$22,744 for 2015.

Motion: Kathleen Stephenson moved that we write off the deficit of \$22,744 via a transfer from the Memorial Fund; John Butcher seconded.

Considerable and wide-ranging discussion ensued. One member made a heartfelt plea for the congregation to think about all the things that we buy that we don't need and then to consider all of the blessings that God has bestowed on us, and to prayerfully think about giving back to God and making a conscious effort to cover the deficit. We need to consider upcoming capital expenditures, such as a new roof, painting the sanctuary, an accessible washroom in the counting room, etc. These things are important, and may require significant draws on the Memorial Fund. There were questions about the history of using the interest from the Memorial Fund to offset the deficit. This is a fairly recent practice, implemented a few years ago in the interest of clarity and transparency. In response to a comment related to the need for better communication about the financial situation, it was noted that a letter was included with the tax receipts, drawing attention to the deficit situation and encouraging increased givings. There was also recognition given to the significant \$900K gift from Louise Cameron a few years ago, that comprises the majority of our Memorial Fund, and how fortunate we are to have this. In recognition of and in gratitude for the openness and frankness of the discussion, Anthony asked what might be some of the impediments to giving. In response to a comment that there are many worthy causes clamouring for our support and that many of us may be tithing in total to a variety of causes, but not all of it goes to the church, Anthony opined that these causes have access to the entire population for support; the onus is therefore on churchgoers to support the church as their priority. Education is also required for newcomers to the church, as well as for youth and young people, and ways of augmenting revenues from special events such as the bazaar should be explored. There were also comments about the mixed blessing of the Memorial Fund; some may see that we have \$1.2 million in investments and think that they don't need to worry about giving to the church. We were reminded that our investments have been used to finance many projects over the years, in excess of \$1 million has been spent. We should be thankful that we are not in a position where we have to talk about expenditure reduction and rejoice in the fact that Parkdale is a place where outreach is ongoing and important; the building is not the totality of the church.

A vote was held. The motion to write off the deficit of \$22,744 via a transfer from the Memorial Fund passed, with two opposed.

Motion: Harry Allen moved and John Butcher seconded the approval of the Financial Statements in the Annual Report for 2015. Carried, with none opposed.

8. Presentation of 2016 Budget

Kathleen Stephenson provided an overview of the budget for 2016, noting that envelope givings were projecting a 4% increase, and that revenue from use of premises is down by 3%, but that another tenant may be found to help offset the departure of Spirit of Math, who needed more space. The General Fund is budgeting a deficit of \$120,975, before a budgeted transfer of investment income of \$58,000 and an expected surplus in the Capital Fund of \$39,400, reducing the total budgeted deficit for 2016 to \$23,575.

Motion: Paul Crabtree moved and Judy Hamley seconded acceptance of the 2016 budget with a budgeted deficit of \$23,575.

Some discussion of why we budget a deficit ensued. It was reported that we used to budget a nil deficit but this was very artificial. In an attempt to be more realistic and transparent, we now attempt to portray the actual expectations for the coming year. It was emphasized that Parkdale is in a truly blessed situation. We have never owed money to the bank; we borrow from ourselves. We were reminded that a few years ago, the Memorial Fund held about \$250K and at the rate of using that fund to write off the deficit, it was projected that the church would have to close in about five years.

A vote was held; the motion carried with none opposed.

John Butcher thanked Kathleen Stephenson and Richard Hamley for all of the work that they do as Treasurer and Envelope Steward respectively. Kathleen offered a gracious thank you to Marg Eades for her 20 plus years as a member of the Finance Committee and for the work on Bazaar accounting and requested that a thank you letter be sent.

9. Motion to Adopt 2015 Annual Report

Sheila Clark moved and Judy Hamley seconded the adoption of the 2015 Annual Report. Carried.

A sincere thank you was offered to Don Mockett for the work that was done to compile the Annual Report, which was done entirely in-house this year.

10. Appointment of Presbytery Representative

John Butcher moved and Faye Beaufort seconded the appointment of Beth Gutsell as our representative on Presbytery. Carried. It was noted that there is room for an additional three Presbytery representatives.

11. Appointment of Trustees

Helen Fortune moved and John Butcher seconded the appointment of the Property and Financial Trustees as listed on page 46 of the Annual Report. Carried.

The importance of filling the vacant positions of Chairs of Financial and Property Trustees in order to be in compliance with UCC requirements was noted.

12. Nominating Council Report and Filling of Vacant Positions

Blaine noted an amendment to the slate of officers as outlined on page 47 of the Annual Report, to include Camille Beaufort as Chair of Faith Formation and Christian Development. John Butcher moved and Ken Elder seconded the acceptance of nominations for Council as listed, with the amendment as noted. Carried.

John Butcher moved and Garth McLeod seconded a motion to allow Council to fill vacant positions during the year without convening a meeting of the congregation.
Carried.

13. Thank You to Council Members

Kathleen Stephenson offered a gracious thank you to Harry Allen, departing Chair of Finance, as well as to his wife Marjorie.

Blaine Pauling offered a gracious thank you to other departing members of Council: Paul Crabtree from Faith Formation and Christian Development, Matt Baker as Past Chair; and Ken Elder as Chair of Property Trustees. Blaine also thanked all members of Council for their support during his tenure as Chair and welcomed Scott Andrews, incoming Chair of Council

14. Moment of Appreciation of Staff

Blaine Pauling thanked the staff, ministerial (Anthony, Debbie and Melodee), for all of their advice and support; we are truly grateful for the blessing of leadership that we have at Parkdale. He also extended a special vote of thanks to Troy Cross (in absentia) for the music, both contemporary and traditional, that he provided each week, and to Kathleen Stephenson and Richard Hamley for their stewardship of our financial resources. Blaine also thanked the office staff (Don Mockett) and custodial staff (Khan Chao, Carole Shaw, Ryan Pascal and Sung Lim) for all their hard work and cheerful support during the year. Scott Andrews thanked Blaine for his work as Council Chair, playing such an important role in the support of the life of Parkdale.

Anthony Bailey thanked Helen Hayes for her role as Council secretary.

15. Closing Prayer

Blaine Pauling closed the meeting with prayer.
The meeting adjourned.

In Memoriam

Kathleen 'Kay' Badgley

Margaret Lois Boyd

Kathleen May Cardillo

**Lorine Elizabeth Clement

*Eunice Vivian Fee

Orpha Phyllis Fenton

Coral Flegg

**Beatrice Clara Olson

Winifred Lorraine Pearce

**Kara Quann

**Beverley Alexander Thomas Watson

June Barbara Watson

**Melony Whatley

Pauline E. Weidmark

*Funeral not conducted by Parkdale

**Non-Members

TRUSTEES - 2017

Property Trustees:

David Baird

Vacant (Chairperson)

Janice Gray

Don Mockett

Norman Reid

Richard Yearwood

Financial Trustees

Vacant

Richard Hamley

PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL
Nominations for 2017

Chair	Scott Andrews
Vice-Chair	Vacant
Secretary	Helen Hayes
Treasurer	Kathleen Stephenson
Members-at-Large	Don Macpherson
	David Odumodu
Past Chair	Blaine Pauling
<i>Committees</i>	
Communications	Carolyn Halkett
Faith Formation & Christian Development	Camille Beaufort
Finance	Vacant
Membership Development & Rolls	Marilyn Hahn
Ministry & Personnel	Judy Hamley
Mission, Outreach & Justice	Faye Beaufort
Pastoral Care	Mary McLeod
Representative to Presbytery	Beth Gutsell
Property Trustees	Vacant
Recruitment & Succession Planning	Peter Meerburg
Stewardship	Samantha Tim
Worship	Barbara Faught
<i>Clergy (ex-officio Council members)</i>	
Coordinating Minister	Anthony Bailey
Minister of Youth & Children	Melodee Lovering
Minister of Pastoral Care	Vacant

FINANCIAL SUMMARY
December 31, 2016

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		2016	2015	Variance	2016	2017	2017 Budget/ 2016 YTD
2		YTD	YTD		Budget	Budget	
3	Receipts						
4							
5	General	492,592	447,663	44,929	469,130	486,350	-1.3%
6	Mission, Outreach and Justice	74,419	67,383	7,036	67,250	72,900	-2.0%
7	Capital	62,407	91,584	-29,177	71,000	62,000	-0.7%
8							
9	Total Receipts	629,417	606,630	22,787	607,380	621,250	-1.3%
10							
11	Disbursements						
12							
13	General	565,917	559,236	6,681	590,105	575,334	1.7%
14	Mission, Outreach and Justice	74,419	67,384	7,035	67,250	72,900	-2.0%
15	Capital	15,860	70,369	-54,509	31,600	52,150	228.8%
16							
17	Total Disbursements	656,196	696,989	-40,793	688,955	700,384	6.7%
18							
19	Receipts Less Disbursements						
20							
21	General	-73,325	-111,573	38,248	-120,975	-88,984	21.4%
22	Mission, Outreach and Justice	0	-1	1	0	0	
23	Capital	46,547	21,215	25,332	39,400	9,850	-78.8%
24							
25	Gross Deficit	-26,779	-90,359	63,580	-81,575	-79,134	195.5%
26							
27	Investment Income from Mem. Fund	63,804	59,231	4,573	54,000	68,000	6.6%
28	Transfer IFTC funds to Mem. Fund	-825	-871				
29	Transfer George Eades funds to Mem. Fund	-5,750	-856				
30	Transfer Youth Coffee shop to Mem. Fund	-610	-1,364				
31	Transfer from Pastoral Care to Mem. Fund	-9,246	11,474				
32	Transfer from Remembrance to Capital						
33							
34	Net Surplus/Deficit	20,594	-22,745	68,153	-27,575	-11,134	

A	B	C	D	E	F
1	SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS Annual Report 2016				
2					
3		<u>Investments/</u>			
4		<u>Cash</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
5	General &		825	Payable	
6	Mission and		2,164		
7	Outreach			-28,942	-25,953
8					
9	Capital	46,547			
10					46,547
11					
12	Memorial				
13		6,049			
14		27,884			
15		4,000			
16	Fixed income				
17					
18					
19		95,000			
20					
21		82,085			
22		91,170			
23		42,790			
24		26,736			
25		81,624			
26		100,298			
27		17,836			
28		93,837			
29		66,823			
30		64,873			
31		171,912			
32		94,116			
33		151,056			
34		639			
35		69,580			
36		81,783			
37		74,568			
38		566			
39		45			
40			28,942		1,474,212
41	Totals	1,491,816	31,931	-28,942	1,494,806

General
December 31, 2016

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1		2016	2015	Year over year	2016	Year end/	2017	% 2017 Budget
2		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget	2016 YTD
3	Receipts							
4								
5	Envelopes	360,783	336,598	7%	350,000	3%	375,000	4%
6	Loose Collection	18,412	15,581	18%	16,000	15%	18,500	0%
7	Anniversary Receipts	2,541			5,500	-54%	0	-100%
8	Camp Awesome/Family Camp	390	4,223	-91%	1,500	-74%	4,100	951%
9	Christian Enrichment receipts	3,680	1,954	88%	1,000	268%	3,500	-5%
10	Donations for Bulletins	140	200	-30%	200	-30%	200	43%
11	Donations for Coffee	90	163	-45%	165	-45%	150	66%
12	Donations for Easter Flowers	1,065	935	14%	800	33%	1,000	-6%
13	Donations for Gifts	0	0				0	
14	Donations for Membership Dev.	0	290	-100%	300	-100%	300	
15	Donations for Messenger	400	165		165	142%	400	0%
16	Donations for Observer Plan	550	601	-8%	600	-8%	600	9%
17	Donations for Pastoral Care	9,427	1,350	598%	1,400	573%	1,500	-84%
18	Donations for Worship	0	4	-100%				
19	George Eades Youth Fund	9,088	2,440	272%	4,500	102%	2,500	-72%
20	In From The Cold	12,636	13,822	-9%	14,000	-10%	10,000	-21%
21	Men's Events	0			1,000	-100%	1,000	
22	Miscellaneous	1,988	0				0	-100%
23	Sunday School	1,298	1,311	-1%	1,500	-13%	1,300	0%
24	Training funds from MF	0			2,500	-100%	2,500	
25	Use of Premises	54,810	58,472	-6%	57,000	-4%	50,000	-9%
26	Weddings and Funerals	4,200	2,923	44%	3,000	40%	4,000	-5%
27	Women's Retreat	10,135	4,820	110%	6,000	69%	8,000	-21%
28	Youth Coffee Shop	958	1,811	-47%	2,000	-52%	1,800	88%
29								
30	Total Receipts	492,592	447,663	10%	469,130	5%	486,350	-1%
31								
32	Disbursements							
33								
34	Salaries & Benefits + Allowances	360,354	363,799	-1%	370,000	-3%	353,500	-2%
35	Contracts and Honoraria	42,269	39,226	8%	40,000	6%	34,000	-20%
36	Anniversary Celebrations	8,873			5,000	77%	0	-100%
37	Books and Resources	130	411	-68%			200	54%
38	Camp Awesome/Family Camp	0	4,037	-100%	1,500	-100%	4,100	
39	Christian Enrichment	4,522	4,010	13%	7,000	-35%	4,500	0%
40	Church Bulletins	547	262	109%	300	82%	500	-9%
41	Communications and newsletter	784	1,031	-24%	3,890	-80%	3,120	298%
42	Easter Flowers	249	248	0%	300	-17%	300	21%
43	Envelopes	1,101	1,039	6%	1,100	0%	1,100	0%
44	Evening Security	16,440	17,021	-3%	17,500	-6%	16,600	1%
45	Financial Charges & Review Internal Contro	1,471	962	53%	1,050	40%	4,900	233%
46	Gas Heat	11,162	14,483	-23%	15,000	-26%	13,000	16%
47	Gifts and Recognitions	536	0				300	-44%
48	In From The Cold	5,811	6,951	-16%	6,500	-11%	6,000	3%
49	Insurances	13,150	13,150	0%	13,150	0%	13,150	0%
50	Light and Power	12,282	11,869	3%	12,500	-2%	12,500	2%
51	Membership Development	561	319	76%	500	12%	600	7%
52	Men's Events	0			1,000	-100%	1,000	
53	Miscellaneous	560	190	194%	200	180%	500	-11%
54	Mission Outreach Justice Committee	0	24	-100%	0			
55	Music, Licenses	1,355	629	115%	2,150	-37%	2,050	51%
56	Observer Plan	2,675	2,060	30%	2,060	30%	2,700	1%
57	Office and Supplies	2,420	2,288	6%	2,500	-3%	2,500	3%
58	Organ and other Musicians	1,303	5,908	-78%	5,600	-77%	2,850	119%
59	Pastoral Care	181	317	-43%	500	-64%	500	177%

General
December 31, 2016

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
60	Payroll service charges	530	330	61%	350	51%	500	-6%
61	Personnel Committee	1,904	5,357	-64%	6,350	-70%	6,200	226%
62	Photocopying	5,578	3,168	76%	3,200	74%	6,200	11%
63	Piano/Organ Maintenance	3,626	676	436%	1,500	142%	2,500	-31%
64	Postage	1,118	1,079	4%	1,200	-7%	1,200	7%
65	Presbytery	21,771	20,791	5%	21,771	0%	23,180	6%
66	Repairs and Maintenance	8,713	11,319	-23%	10,500	-17%	10,500	21%
67	Snow Clearing	6,773	4,469	52%	7,284	-7%	7,284	8%
68	Stewardship Committee	0			0		250	
69	Telecommunications	5,468	5,978	-9%	6,200	-12%	6,000	10%
70	Training (Lay)	0	564	-100%	2,500	-100%	2,500	
71	Water and Sewer	5,691	4,907	16%	5,200	9%	6,000	5%
72	Weddings and Funerals	3,400	2,053	66%	2,000	70%	3,000	-12%
73	Women's Retreat	6,602	5,285	25%	6,000	10%	8,000	21%
74	Worship arts	0	0		1,500	-100%	850	
75	Worship Committee/Sanctuary	2,322	995	133%	750	210%	3,000	29%
76	Youth Coffee shop expenses	348	447	-22%	500	-30%	500	44%
77	Youth Ministry	3,338	1,584	111%	4,000	-17%	7,200	116%
78								
79	Total Disbursements	565,917	559,236	1%	590,105	-4.1%	575,334	2%
80								
81	Gross Surplus (Deficit)	-73,325	-111,573	-34%	-120,975	-39.4%	-\$88,984	21%
82								
83	Investment Income from Mem. Fund	63,804	59,231	8%	54,000	18.2%	68,000	7%
84	Transfer IFTC funds to Mem. Fund	-826	-871					
85	Transfer George Eades funds to Mem. Fund	-5,750	-856					
86	Transfer Youth Coffee shop to Mem. Fund	-610	-1,364					
87	Transfer Pastoral Care to Mem. Fund	-9,246						
88								
89	Net Surplus (Deficit)	-25,953	-55,433		-66,975	-61.2%	-\$20,984	-19%
90								
91	Balance December 31, 2016							
92								
93	M&O Payable	0						
94	GST Receivable	825						
95	PST Receivable	2,164						
96	Accounts Payable	-28,942						
97	Balance (deficit)	-25,953						

Mission Outreach Justice
December 31, 2016

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		2016	2015	Year over	2016	Year end/	2,017
2		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget
3	Receipts						
4							
5	Mission and Outreach	41,751	36,361	15%	42,250	-1%	42,000
6	Investment income from MF Share the Wealth	2,000	2,000		2,000	0%	2,000
7	Benevolent Fund	16,306	13,174	24%	12,000	36%	16,500
8	Bethany	1,069	1,446	-26%	500	114%	900
9	Christmas Offering	2,485	3,599	-31%	3,500	-29%	3,500
10	Easter Offering	2,175	2,565	-15%	2,000	9%	2,000
11	Thanksgiving Offering	1,195	985	21%	1,500	-20%	1,200
12	Food Bank	3,663	3,568	3%	2,500	47%	2,500
13	Habitat for Humanity	0	0				
14	International dinner	0			500		
15	Mission and Service Fund United Church of Canada	940	430	119%			
16	North St. Project, Jamaica	1,035	1,455	-29%	500	107%	500
17	Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,800	1,800	0%			1,800
18							
19	Total Receipts	74,419	67,383	10%	67,250	11%	72,900
20							
21	Disbursements						
22							
23	Non-Designated by Donor						
24	Camp Kalalla	250	250	0%	250	0%	250
25	Habitat For Humanity	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	0%	1,000
26	Interval House	250	250	0%	250	0%	250
27	Mission and Outreach Discretionary (Odawa Native Friendship Centre)	1,000	900		1,000	0%	1,000
28	Multifaith Housing Initiative	200	100		200	0%	200
29	Operation Come Home	250	250	0%	250	0%	250
30	Ottawa Christian Counselling	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	0%	1,000
31	Ottawa West Community Support	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	0%	1,000
32	Queensway Preschool	0	1,000	-100%			
33	Share the Wealth (MFI Haven Project)	2,000	2,000	0%	2,000	0%	2,000
34	Stephen Lewis Foundation	0	500	-100%			
35	Marian Dewar Scholarship Fund	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	0%	1,000
36	Urban Christian Outreach	1,550			1,550	0%	1,550
37							
38	Designated by Donor						
39	Benevolent Fund	16,306	13,174	24%	12,000	36%	16,500
40	Bethany	1,069	1,446	-26%	500	114%	900
41	Food Bank	3,663	3,568	3%	2,500	47%	2,500
42	Mission and Service Fund United Church of Canada	35,191	29,541	19%	35,250	0%	34,200
43	North St. Project, Jamaica	1,035	1,455	-29%	500	107%	500
44	Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,800	1,800	0%			1,800
45							
46	Special Offerings						
47	<i>Christmas Offering</i>						
48	The Mission	1,243	1,800	-31%	1,750	-29%	1,750
49	Cornerstone Women's Shelter	1,243	1,800	-31%	1,750	-29%	1,750
50	<i>Easter Offering</i>						
51	Urban Christian Outreach	2,175	2,565	-15%	2,000	9%	2,000
52	<i>Thanksgiving Offering</i>						
53	Cambridge Breakfast Program	598	495	21%	750	-20%	750
54	Connaught Breakfast Program	598	490	22%	750	-20%	750
55							
56	Total Disbursements	74,419	67,384	10%	67,250	11%	72,900
57	Net Surplus (Deficit)	0	-1		0		0
58							

Capital Fund
December 31, 2016

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		2016	2015	Year over year	2016	Year end/	2,017
2		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget
3	Receipts						
4							
5	Envelopes	17,778	17,688	1%	22,000	-19%	18,000
6	Bazaar	15,395	14,462	6%	13,000	18%	15,000
7	Building Improvement Campaign (Technology)	2,742	23,023		10,000	-73%	2,000
8	Disbursement from Emmanuel church		10,000				
9	Parking Donations	16,038	16,010	0%	17,000	-6%	17,000
10	Rummage Sales	10,454	10,401	1%	9,000	16%	10,000
11							
12	Total	62,407	91,584	-31.9%	71,000	-12%	62,000
13							
14	Disbursements						
15							
16	Bathroom Upgrades	0	0				
17	Chair Lift Expenses	3,194	1,078	196%	750	326%	3,500
18	Computer Hardware (TV Bulletin Boards)	287	980		1,000	-71%	3,000
19	Computer Software	485	179		1,000	-52%	1,000
20	Equipment	2,821	416	578%	3,000	-6%	3,000
21	Foundation/Masonry	0	0		9,000	-100%	6,000
22	Garden	892	312	186%	700	27%	1,000
23	Kitchen Upgrades	0	5,331	-100%			
24	Air Conditioning (Misc code)	0			3,500	-100%	18,000
25	Nursery and Sunday School Renovations	0			2,000	-100%	2,000
26	Paving walkways and lots	0	0				
27	Repairs and Upgrades	7,465	2,441		7,650	-2%	7,650
28	Roof, Eaves, Soffits and Ceilings	0	0		1,000	-100%	2,000
29	Security Cameras	0	2,135	-100%			
30	Signage	0	0				
31	Video, Sound Equipment	717	57,497	-99%	2,000	-64%	2,000
32	Window Replacement						3,000
33							
34	Total	15,860	70,369	-77.5%	31,600	-50%	52,150
35							
36	Receipts less expenses	46,547	21,215		39,400		9,850
37	Transfer from Remembrance Fund						
38	for Technology		11,474				
39							
40	Total Deficit/Surplus	46,547	32,689				
41							
42	Balance December 31, 2016						
43							
44	BMO	46,547					
45							
46	Balance	46,547					

Memorial Fund
December 31, 2016

	A	B
1	Receipts	Year to date
2		
3	Bequests	54,402
4	Capital Gains (loss)	154,119
5	Dividends	32,782
6	Donation of stock	0
7	Operating funds surplus paid to MF	0
8	George Eades Youth Fund	5,750
9	In From the Cold Funds to be held for future use	825
10	Interest	8,140
11	Martin Luther King Sunday donation for future use	0
12	MissionTrips Funds to be held for future use	0
13	Other investment income	22,873
14	Refugee Funds to be held for future use	2,049
15	Remembrance Fund	10,710
16	Youth Coffee Shop Funds to be held for future use	610
17		
18	Total	292,260
19		
20	Disbursements	
21		
22	T/fer Interest/Dividends to Gen Fund	63,804
23	Refugee Fund	11,810
24	George Eades transfer to Gen.Fund	0
25	Training	245
26	Write off operating funds deficit 2014-15	22,744
27	Remembrance to Capital Fund	
28	Accumulated Mission funds to MOJ Share the Wealth	2,000
29	Accumulated IFTC funds to General fund	0
30	Accumulated Youth Coffee Shop funds to General fund	0
31	Accumulated MLK Sunday funds to General fund	0
32	Total	100,604
33		
34	Receipts less expenses	191,657
35	Balance 31-Dec-15	1,282,555
36		
37	Balance December 31, 2016	1,474,212
38		
39	Cash or cash equivalents	
40	CIBC cash	6,049
41	BMO GIC (Mastercard security)	4,000
42	BMO cash	27,884
43		
44	Fixed income	
45		
46		
47	National Bank of Canada (Due Jan 16, 2017)	95,000
48		
49		
50	Equities (Market value December 2016)	
51	Bank of Montreal	82,085
52	Brompton Split Bank Corp Preferred shares	91,170
53	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd	42,790
54	DH Corporation Com	26,736
55	Dividend 15 Split Corp Class A	81,624
56	Dividend 15 Split Corp Preferred	100,298
57	Enerplus Corporation Inc	17,836
58	Financial 15 Split Corp (CHIX)	93,837
59	Great-West Lifeco Inc	66,823

Memorial Fund
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	A	B
60	H&R Real Estate Investment Trust	64,873
61	Inter pipeline fund CL A Ltd Partnership Units	171,912
62	Life & Banc Split Corp	94,116
63	Pembina Pipeline Income Fund Trust	151,056
64	Prairiesky Royalty	639
65	Partners Split	69,580
66	Royal Bank	81,783
67	Transalta Renewables	74,568
68	Yellow Media Inc	566
69	WTS Yellow Media Ltd	45
70		
71		
72	Accounts Receivable	28,942
73		
74	Balance	1,474,212
75		
76	*Includes funds held for future use:	
77		
78	In from the Cold	20,218
79	Remembrance	43,882
80	Youth Coffee Shop	5,216
81	George Eades	28,501
82	Refugee Support	29,754
83	Pastoral Care Bequest (included in Remembrance Fund)	9,246

Market value of investments
December 31, 2016

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	December 2009	December 2010	December 2011	December 2012	December 2013	December 2014	December 2015	December 2016	
MARKET VALUE									
1 Cash		113,518	105,301	138,447	67,024	3,767	3,230	35,170	6,049
2 CIBC			105,301	138,447	67,024	3,767	3,230	35,170	6,049
3 Total Cash			105,301	138,447	67,024	3,767	3,230	35,170	6,049
4 Fixed Income									
5 CIBC Mortgages Investment Cert A (Due Jan 29, 2014)	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500			
6 CIBC Trust Corp GIC (Due Jan 29, 2014)	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500	77,500			
7 ICI/CI Bank Canada (Due: Dec 19, 2012)	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000			
8 CIBC Full Service GTD Investment Cert (Due June 19, 2013)	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000			
9 Montreal Trust (Due June 18, 2015)	95,000	5,000	5,283	5,477	5,677	5,884			
10 Laurentian Bank of Canada (Due June 22, 2015)		35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000			
11 National Bank of Canada GTD (Due Jan 25, 2016)			95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000			
12 National Bank of Canada GTD (Due Jan 16, 2017)			95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000			
13 National Trust Company		95,000	95,000						
14 Total Fixed Income		515,000	460,000	460,283	460,477	385,677	230,884	190,000	95,000
15 Equities (Share/unit numbers in brackets at Dec 31, 2016)									
16 Atlantic Power Corp			14,432.88	21,527	7,049				
17 Bank of Montreal			18,968.40	15,702	18,269				
18 Bell Alliant Regional			51,980.00	52,640	53,460				
19 Bromption Split Bank Corp Preferred shares (9,000)			44,350.00	30,870	90,540				
20 Canadian Natural Resources Ltd (1,000)			43,344	28,640	35,940				
21 Capital Power									
22 CML Healthcare Inc.				12,616					
23 DH Corporation Com (1,200)			22,200		22,080				
24 Dividend 15 Split Corp CL-A-SHS (7,600)			24,180.00	19,500	46,371				
25 Dividend 15 Split Corp PFD SHS (9,700)			25,725.00	25,600	97,194				
26 Enplus Corporation (1,400)									
27 Financial 15 Split Corp (9,300)									
28 Great-West LifeCo Inc (1,900)			51,072	50,160.00	62,225				
29 H&R Real Estate Investment Trust (2,900)			44,805	56,347.00	62,060				
30 Inter pipeline fund CL A Ltd Partnership Units (5,800)			70,265	96,980.00	167,895				
31 Life & Banc Split Corp (9,300)									
32 Partners Value Split Corp PFD SHS Ser 6 (2,800)			63,072	77,760.00	102,456				
33 Pembina Pipeline Income Fund Trust (3,600)									
34 PrairieSky Royalty Ltd Com (20)			39,480	36,624.00	49,987				
35 Royal Bank (900)			31,787	27,671.00	29,960				
36 Transalta Renewables Inc. Com (5,200)			34,432	39,680.00	658				
37 Yellow Media (32)					210				
38 WTS Yellow Media Ltd (18)					114				
39 Total Equities		494,517	550,425	556,656	650,569	842,916	1,068,819	932,408	1,312,337
40 Grand Total		1,009,517	1,115,727	1,155,386	1,178,070	1,232,360	1,302,933	1,157,578	1,413,386
41			10.5%	3.6%	2.0%	4.6%	5.7%	-11.2%	22.1%