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**ANNUAL REPORT**



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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

### 2017

This year, it was the ancient practice of pilgrimage that provided an important lens for my life and ministry. From May 22 to August 15 I undertook a 3-month sabbatical with an additional two weeks' of vacation. Having been planning for this for about a year, and continuing to reflect on the experience since returning to pastoral duties, one may say that pilgrimage has been a key theme this year. I began my physical pilgrimage in St. Jean Pied de Port (France) and walked the 900 kms. across northern Spain to Santiago de Compostella and beyond to the western shore of Spain at Fisterra, arriving there in 30 days. It was physically and spiritually refreshing and challenging. Beyond sore knees and mild physical aches and pains, I was in awe of the country and scenery, but even more so of the sacred and compelling conversations and stories exchanged with so many of the fellow pilgrims I met and with whom I shared accommodation, food, laughter, tears and silent walking. I am still seized in my spirit and memory by some of these experiences. As an aside, I ended up leaving 23 lbs. in Spain returning to Canada the lightest I have been in....well, we won't say how long.

While I was away, I am so grateful and proud of my colleague Melodee, and former colleague Barbara Faught (who actually came out of retirement earlier in the year to offer pastoral ministry in light of the departure of Rev. Debbie Roi months earlier), as well as the lay people of Parkdale United who stepped up big time. We have an awesome cohort of people here at this congregation.

The truth is: we are all pilgrims. Our English word pilgrim comes from the Latin *peregrinus*, which means a traveler (*literally one who has come from afar*) who is on a journey. As human beings, we are pilgrims on this wondrous experience called life. As followers of Jesus, we are 'traveling from afar' seeking to draw nearer and nearer to the God revealed through Jesus. This is a life-long pilgrimage made possible by the power of God's Spirit.

I am coming to understand more and more that my vocation, my God given gifts, and even my shortcomings and weaknesses, can be used by God to support the pilgrimage journey of those in this congregation and beyond.

Some of the ways in which I sought to support our congregational pilgrimaging include: the regular preparation and conduct of weekly and special worship services that celebrate the ways in which God speaks into the lives and faith of those gathered; the conduct of Tuesday morning Bible Studies (the Prayer life of Jesus in the gospels, the Book of Amos), new members preparation sessions (28 new members received this year) and evening Faith Formation sessions, all of which enhance and strengthen our faith, witness and engagement. There were also the regular baptismal seminars, the annual marriage seminar, marriage education process and weddings. As well, I provided counselling, pastoral home and hospital visiting of persons in distress and ill, and conducted funerals supporting bereaved families and their friends. Also, there was my involvement in and support of our Council of Elders (who again have provided solid leadership for our congregation) and various committees (ie. Mission, Outreach and Justice, Stewardship, Worship and Property Redevelopment). I salute the chairpersons and members of all of our committees for their dedication and faithfulness. I would particularly like to thank the Ministry and Personnel Committee which has been very attentive, supportive and responsive to

me and other staff. We feel they are accessible and open to finding better and better ways to ensure a healthy and conducive working environment.

During the season of Lent, I co-led a profoundly meaningful group pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan. My colleague and friend Rev. Don Gibson, from Runnymede United Church in Toronto, and I shepherded pilgrims from our respective congregations. From March 9 – 22 we travelled to well-known biblical and archeological sites in Israel and Jordan, as well as visited and conversed with Palestinian individuals and families in the West Bank towns of Bethlehem and Jericho. All of this helped to deepen our faith, open our eyes to present-day realities of beauty, injustice, resilience and suffering, inform our prayer life and draw us closer to one another and to God.

I am blessed to be able to continue conducting monthly chapel communion services at Westwood and Carlingview Manor, and every three months at the Grace Manor. I so appreciate the assistance of Dian Morris, Hazel Bowen, Elaine West and Jane Barbe who help me at these sacred times of worship and fellowship. It means so much to the residents and staff who attend, as well as to us offer the services. Some of our Parkdale members are residents in these homes. This is yet another way of enhancing the pilgrim journey through the senior years of these persons.

In our immediate neighbourhood and beyond, we come alongside the pilgrim journey of our guests at our In from the Cold supper hospitality ministry. The dedicated commitment of all the volunteers – who are also ‘pilgrimage’ in this service - and the quality of food, the arts table, the welcoming spirit and dignified atmosphere that has been cultivated makes this such a blessed and sacred weekly celebration each Saturday from November to March. I am so privileged to be there nearly every Saturday offering support, guidance, encouragement, and spiritual counsel. In the November I even conducted the funeral service for one of our In from the Cold guests. I am so grateful for this sacred ministry and all the dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers who make it possible by the grace of God.

I also undertook significant contributions to the City of Ottawa’s pilgrimage towards becoming a more just, safe, and welcoming city for all: ministry in the public square. Once again, in January I was the emcee and moderator for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. DreamKeepers event at City hall. Also, during Black History Month, I presented in school assemblies, in classrooms and various organizations on an array of topics, including: the contribution of people of African descent to Canadian and World History, racism, inter-faith relations, ethics and diversity. I also joined Rabbi Bulka and other Ottawa faith leaders to greet arriving travellers at the Ottawa Airport to highlight Kindness Week(February) in Ottawa.

In March I was one of several Ottawa citizens presenting a deputation at City Hall to the Community and Protection Services Committee regarding the rationale for making Ottawa a Sanctuary City. I was also called upon on several occasions to speak on radio and television on our congregation’s position on and commitment to a loving, restorative, prayerful, collaborative response to the young man who perpetrated the November 2016 racist graffiti attack on Parkdale and other houses of worship. We received many appreciative communications from the wider Ottawa community for the way in which we were offering leadership in a healing response to the heinous acts. As well, I attended the young man’s last two court appearances. He has now concluded his custodial sentence. Melodee Lovering, Zaya Kuyena, Camille Beaufort, Alexandra Stockwell and I are Parkdale United Church’s representatives in the Collaborative Justice process that is ongoing with mediators based at the Court House. The young man has made transformative strides and is willingly participating in this mediated process. We have heard that

he is working in construction now and is in the first of his two year parole sentence. We give God thanks for the role our congregation has played and is playing in his pilgrimage of rehabilitation.

In terms of our wider United Church, I wrote an article for the Observer entitled “A Black and White Problem”. As well, I co-facilitated an online Mandatory Anti-Racism Training session for clergy and laity. I also contributed two articles to the Lenten Devotional (for 2018) resource entitled “Why I Believe”. There was also my participation in the national gathering for United Church Black Clergy.

Some of my study leave and speaking engagements included: Emceeding and preaching at the annual international Festival of Homiletics conference in San Antonio, TX; attending the Leadership Seminar stewardship gathering in Nashville, Tn; and preaching at the Anglican Cathedral of St. James in Toronto for the 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Barbados Independence and diplomatic relationship with Canada.

My work on the Board of the Ottawa Mission, the Leadership Circle of the Marion Dewar Scholarship Foundation (providing College and University scholarships for new Canadians and refugees), the Parkdale Food Centre, and Crime Prevention Ottawa, joins with that of my colleagues in these organizations, to afford concrete and impactful contributions to the well-being of our city.

This ministry of pilgrimaging here at Parkdale United would not be possible were it not for the competent, faithful and enthusiastic ministry and support of my pastoral colleagues Melodee Lovering and Rev. Alcris Limongi. What a blessed addition Alcris has been to Parkdale United; we give God thanks for her and her gifts and personality. The three of us were able to undertake a very helpful and meaningful facilitated retreat in the fall at Galilee Centre in Arnprior, that enabled us to better know each other and to negotiate honouring and supportive ways of sharing the ministry here at Parkdale United. This pastoral collegiality is another kind of pilgrimage we are undertaking. It is wonderful. As well, we as a congregation are so well served by the competent, enthusiastic and dedicated ministry of music co-led by Carol Diamond and Jono Hamer-Wilson. Our choirs and DaleSong add so much to our worship life. Carol and Jono are great colleagues with whom to work and are always looking for ways to include and engage congregants and others in the ministry of music to the glory of God.

My gratitude to God is also offered for other staff –full time and part-time – as well. Don Mockett, our dedicated and attentive office manager, continues to be a personable, welcoming and steadying presence for those who phone as well as those who come to our building. The addition of Johanna Lace as the part time administrative assistant to the three pastoral ministers has been such a Godsend. Johanna is competent, pleasant, organized and initiating. Our custodian Norman is knowledgeable and keeps our building in good shape in concert with the Trustees. His is a personable and helpful presence here. We are also grateful for evening/part time custodians Carole Shaw and Sung Lim who do light cleaning, liaise with groups using our space and secure our building ensuring it capably supports all the work and ministry that happens here.

I would like to offer a particular word of gratitude for Richard Hamley. In late August I witnessed our Church building being hit by a huge lighting strike. Immediately all the power went out. Significant damage was sustained and over the following weeks and months, Richard, in collaboration with Don Mockett, worked tirelessly restoring and purchasing new computers,

liaising with the insurance company and various technical and electronic services. We owe him, Don and the Trustees and huge debt of gratitude. The restorative process is still ongoing; for example the organ's electronic components are presently being re-made and in some cases restored.

I commend all the reports that follow in this Annual Report to your attentive reading. For by so doing you will more deeply appreciate the names and work of all the people here at Parkdale United, who have responded to God's call to serve and minister. Let us by God's grace and power take bold and faithful steps in 2018, towards enhancing all the pilgrimages we undertake and support in service to Christ Jesus.

Respectfully Submitted  
Anthony

# Minister of Pastoral Care Report

## Rev. Alcris Limongi

### BEGINNING

My sincere apologies for the length of my report. As Anthony would say: “I am full of words”... words of appreciation, of praise and joy when I recall all that has happened in this corner of Parkdale’s building...

Six months have passed already, and I feel like if I have been many years among you... In a broad way my part of my position as the Minister of Pastoral Care calls for *addressing the pastoral care needs of the whole congregation, providing leadership in expanding faith formation and small groups ministry to build relationships and foster a pastoral care culture*. In my first six months at Parkdale United Church the foundational ground of my work has been getting to know the congregation, developing a ministerial relationship with my colleagues, and learning the congregational culture of Parkdale.

In order to achieve these, I have focused on three primary tasks: intentional listening, relationship building and identifying gaps and needs for pastoral care both in a one-on-one basis and through small ministries.

### INTENTIONAL LISTENING

I established some intentional practices, such as: creating spaces for one-on-one conversations by inviting people to my office, having coffee/tea with others and keeping in touch via email and phone. I have been using the times before and after the worship service to get to know Parkdalers individually, and having *Listening Circles –informal small groups having a conversation about their personal story within Parkdale’s story, and what were their dreams and visions for Parkdale*.

In my conversations, I have been attentive to identifying the gifts and passions of people. I have also familiarized myself with the Halo Project report and the “Glad Gifts/Needs” cards as a valuable tool to identify patterns of needs, gifts and interests. This information also allows me to make connections at a deeper level and invite people to participate in the life and work of the church based on the information they had provided on the Gifts and Needs cards. In my intention of learning about the congregation I also wanted to listen to stories about the Unbinding experience; so I have been approaching participants and leaders to ask about their experiences and to learn about the process that brought such a transformative experience to Parkdale.

### RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

The Congregational Directory has been my main tool to learn names and identify people. In the times before and after the service I have met visitors, newcomers and members; also this time allows me to initiate relationships that otherwise I would not be able to during the week. During this time I usually have made appointments for one-on-one conversations, heard needs for prayer, followed up and made connections about potential ministry areas. Two other events that were pivotal for me to get more familiar with segments of the congregation happened before my official starting date. They were: the invitation from Melodee Lovering to attend the **SUMMER FAMILY CAMP** which allowed me to meet younger families in a more relaxed setting. The second one, was a **LUNCHEON** graciously hosted by Barbara Faught at her home to introduce me to the Pastoral Care Team (PCT). Soon after I started on July 15<sup>th</sup> I paired up with members of the PCT to get to know the elder saints they visit regularly. Besides I have visited Parkdale members, adherents and relatives in hospitals, at retirement homes and visited at family homes. I have met with others for coffee or tea, and/or received individuals or groups in my office.

I have to mention here the invitation from the Committee to be the speaker on **IMAGES AND STORIES** in the month of September. It happened to be on my birthday! I gladly accepted, and it

was the best birthday gift ever! Around 60 people attended on that evening. It was an informal, fun and warm sharing. Attendees could ask me questions, we got to know each other better, I had the privilege of sharing about my life, call, family and country of origin... and even to teach a Spanish Express class. Thank you to Faye Beaufort and Janet Taylor for the invitation.

### **PASTORAL CARE THROUGH SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES AND DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF PASTORAL CARE**

Part of the job description of my position is to cultivate a culture of pastoral care in the congregation and extending the ministry to all ages and stages. The framework of the small groups' ministry provides opportunities for discipleship, spiritual growth and practices, skills acquisition, leadership development, Christian fellowship and community life.

After a process of attentive observation and listening along with prayerful discernment, each small group's initiative develops and takes shape from identified emerging needs or pastoral care gaps. For each small groups program there is a specific purpose, target group, a structure, evaluation and follow up. The aim is to offer group pastoral care, to foster a culture of pastoral care among the congregation (one-to-another), to help integrate new people in the life of Parkdale and to provide an outreach outlet for the community by targeting specific groups of interest. *It is important to mention that in every small group ministry we have welcomed members from the community who were invited by members of Parkdale.* Cultivating this culture of pastoral care in the congregation and extending the ministry to all ages and stages is effectively achieved by this because the framework of small groups' ministries provides opportunities for spiritual growth/discipleship, acquisition of specific skills, leadership development, Christian fellowship and community life. Following is a brief summary of them:

### **DINNER FOR EIGHT... ISH**

We had eleven Dinners for Eight-ish in total with an average of more than eight at each table. On the weekend of the 13 -15 of October, nine dinners were held at different venues with a total of 70 people participating. One of the Saturday night tables was for young families and their children; three dinners were held by newer Parkdalers who found in this an opportunity to serve, to meet people from the congregation and to get more involved in the life of the church. At a later date, another dinner took place and in November I hosted the hosts to reciprocate their hospitality, to get their feedback, insights and evaluate the weekend. The program had a very positive outcome: great participation, a good mix of newer people and older members, diversity of hosts and guests, lots of fun, new friendships were formed, surprises at who were at the table, and a growing enthusiasm to continue doing this. There will be a next round of dinners soon to be announced.

### **WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH OUR LOSS**

Even though loss is a common experience for all of us, the process of grieving and adapting to the new reality is different for everyone. The loss of a loved one impacts life in multiple ways and it is marked by emotional pain, many questions, unexpected physical, mental, emotional reactions and usually isolation. It is a time of forced change, of adaptation and transitions in all aspects of the individual's life. It sometimes could be compared to a maze. So this group met for two hours each Sunday for four weeks and ended with the traditional Reflective Service. We made the commitment of mutual companionship to support and encourage one another as we reflected, prayed, shared, learned, searched Scriptures and explored the maze of grieving together

## **PARKDALE'S MEN**

A group of 20 men responded to the first invitation for a Men's Breakfast back in September. I am happy to report that they have met three times already as they continue to shape their vision for the men's group at Parkdale. They have the spiritual leadership of Rev. Anthony, a convening team, a rotating leadership for each session, a group of breakfast cooks and the facilitation skills of John Butcher for the process and reporting.

## **THE CUP OF LIFE**

30 women registered and faithfully met every Wednesday for six sessions. There was an average of 25-26 per week, while some of them participated at distance. We used the book *The Cup of Our Life* by Joyce Rupp. It was a deep, fun, rich experience that not only set the tone for developing a stronger sense of community and friendship among participants in the every week sharing of experiences, personal stories and insights; but also strengthened the habit of daily spiritual practices, and the consistency of praying with a partner during the week. It also opened for me a way to connect on a one-on-one for more personal conversations, opportunities for counseling and spiritual companionship, prayers and spiritual support.

## **MOM AND DAD DATE NIGHT**

Three couples used the opportunity to have a time for themselves on a Friday evening. The children stayed at the church under the supervision and care of four adults, and mom and dad went on a date. Thank you so much for the volunteers! This was a very much appreciated initiative but even when several couples with younger children were interested, they could not participate due to conflicting schedules.

## **About to begin:**

## **OUR CAMINO. JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN REFLECTION AND PRAYER THROUGH LENT.**

### ***PARKDALE'S VERY OWN LENTEN 2018 DEVOTIONAL RESOURCE.***

Easter is not far away, but before we reach that landmark, we must journey through Lent... a special time of discernment and reflection. This year, the congregation accepted the invitation to participate in the production of *Our Camino*, our very own Lenten devotional resource. 39 Parkdalers volunteered to write a devotional for one of the days of Lent –there is even a waiting list! We all will be journeying together by reading, reflecting and praying day-by-day a devotion, each day being led by a different voice reflecting the richness of diversity with which God has gifted us at Parkdale. I cannot wait for such a blessing!

## **JESUS CALLS**

A small group study for all genders, ages, life stages on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm (Ladies - and gentlemen- Parlour) throughout Lent. We will use the Book **Jesus Calls** by Dr. Justo Gonzalez to explore and “rediscover God's continuous call through Jesus Christ and the ways that responding to this call can revitalize faith and inspire witness and service to others in today's world”. There will be 8 self-contained sessions combining Bible inquiry, personal and small group work and, of course, community building. Dr. Justo Gonzales is a renowned and prolific author of over 90 theological books: a historian, a minister of the United Methodist Church in the US, and a retired professor at Candler School of Theology. We will begin on Ash Wednesday after the service.

### **PASTORAL CARE TEAM.**

I work closely with the Pastoral Care Committee Chair and in collaboration and support of the caring and transformative ministry of the Pastoral Care Team. I participated in the meaningful Special Communion Service and witnessed the excellent planning, organization and execution of the PCT. As traditionally, it was very well put together: transportation by the team of relatives, the tea/reception, and the communion setting were beautifully arranged by them. It was well attended, I had the chance to meet new elder saints and some family members. They also received a book mark from Parkdale (made by Vita Savelieva) and a devotional book or a Gospel of John CD. It was another of *my first times* at Parkdale, which was one of my favourites. I have been visiting with the PCT, and getting to know each one of them and learning about needs for training and ways to support their ministry. Some of us attended a continuing education lecture on the topic of suicide. We delivered a very special homemade (by the team) cookie plate to the elder saints and to Abbyfield House and to some of the bereaved families with children. As a congregation we have this pillar. We are truly blessed with the ministry of these faithful and dedicated group of women. The thoughtfulness, hard work, consistency and prayerful companionship that they provide to shut-ins and the elderly is invaluable. Thanks be to God for their ministry! It is a privilege for me to minister with them!

The Prayer Shawls Team continues to knit and pray faithfully coordinated by Mary McLeod, as we continue to produce and deliver prayer shawls. The impact of this ministry on those going through difficult times, especially illness is very moving. We continue to meet with the Prayer Group twice a month. There is a prayer list that we build every week, including prayer requests from the Prayer Box. We give thanks to God for his abundant mercy and grace, we are grateful for the many answers we have received and wait in faith for the next to come!

### **PASTORAL CARE THROUGH VISITS AND PERSONAL CONTACT**

I visited congregants, senior elders and adherents and relatives in Hospital, and Nursing Homes or in their homes. I have delivered four prayer shawls for people in hospitals and for ones who are receiving treatment. During the week, I do counselling, coaching, spiritual companionship and connect with people on the phone, via emails and send personalized greeting cards following news about their lives or to affirm a previous visit or conversation.

### **WORSHIP AND LEADERSHIP**

I have led worship every Sunday since July 15th. I preached for the World Communion Day, for the Special Communion Service, Advent 4, the All Saints Day, January 21<sup>st</sup>, and on two other occasions. I have served communion with Rev. Anthony at all times and with Melodee at the Women's Retreat this year. Since July 15<sup>th</sup> I have participated every Sunday in worship, leading the Pastoral Prayer and different parts of the service, working in coordination with the Pastoral Team. This experience is very special in my heart. I feel blessed and honoured to share leadership with Anthony and Melodee and worship together with you all.

### **PARKDALE WOMEN'S RETREAT.**

Sharing this program with Melodee and this year's planning team, I experienced a very exciting and spirit filled Women's Retreat. It was my first one in Parkdale, a very rewarding and special experience. The theme was "*Get your Groove Back*" inspired by the seventies and focused in women in the Bible who experienced the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in their life stories, getting inspired, encouraged, led by God towards the fulfillment of God's amazing plan for them. Our central story was the one of Ruth and Naomi.

Over the weekend, we had a full house of very committed women who worked hard in small groups, actively participated in bible studies, watched the movie "Wonder Woman", and played

Family Feud and Hollywood Squares. We had nine small groups of four named after women in the Bible who as part of our worship each offered a presentation (drama, reading, etc.) on the women they had chosen. Together we laughed, cried, prayed, shared about our lives, played, danced, reflected, ate, exercised, did Tai Chi, and had Communion. We also dyed a t-shirt and made a special bracelet as we exchanged beads of thanks and friendship with one another. We had icebreakers and games, and different opportunities to build community and friendship. Also we had very special vespers before going to bed. As in last year we had Wendy Morrell to lead us in sacred dance. Under her leadership we produced a liturgical dance on a song based on the courageous and faithful story of Ruth and Naomi. A group of the retreat participants offered the dance during our worship service on January 21<sup>st</sup> as an offering to God and our congregation. This was a memorable and growing experience for me. I want to acknowledge Melodee's hard work and inspiring leadership for the retreat!

### **CARE BOXES FOR STUDENTS**

It was my first time to collaborate with Melodee in this already existing program. It was a collaborative effort. We collected items from the congregation, received complementary donations from CE and PC Committees and sent care packages to university students who are part of the congregation or referred by their relatives. The impact on them in the midst of exam time and winter was very positive. This is an initiative worth continuing.

### **SHARED MINISTRY AND A WORD ON ADMINISTRATION**

Besides participating in weekly staff meetings and monthly Council and Presbytery meetings, Melodee, Anthony and I maintain a fluid communication to support each other's ministries and to seek ways of collaboration on pastoral care issues, worship and programs. As a team we maintain a joyful and effective team work relationship.

I have to say that I finally met Rev. Anthony Bailey in person when he returned from his Sabbatical. This closed the cycle for me; God's confirmation to be in the right place at the right time; His time and place for me. It has been a great privilege to share in ministry with Anthony. We connected since the very first time and I am so grateful for the way in which he and Melodee have embraced me into the team.

As a Pastoral Team we participated in a Retreat organized by M&P facilitated by Revs. Butler and McDougall. We reflected on our own personalities, gifts, and needs when stress is high. We talked about strategies for conflict resolution, ways for mutual collaboration, overlaps, communication and how to support the different areas of work we cover. As a bonus we got to know each other better. I think it was a very positive and enjoyable experience and I look forward to continue to learn, grow and serve together to the best of our abilities as we are strengthened and led by the Holy Spirit.

As the Pastoral Team we are blessed by the administrative support of Don Mockett, the technical assistance of Richard Hamley, the financial expertise of Kathleen Stephenson, the support of Johanna Lace and the impeccable work of Norman Reid, the warmth and work of Sung and Carol. We are supported by the Ministry and Personnel Team. Peter Meerburg is my contact person to whom I am also grateful. We have talented and spirit gifted music leaders and musicians, an amazing variety of choirs and groups, a liturgical dance group and a congregation that sings their hearts out every Sunday. We are truly blessed! Praise be to God!

## **WIDER UNITED CHURCH INVOLVEMENT:**

- ✓ Co-facilitated an Online Antiracism Mandatory Training session for United Church Ministers. There were 69 participants from across the country. This was done through United In Learning, GCO.
- ✓ Participated in the Evaluation and Strategy Racial Justice at the General Council Office of the UCC in February,
- ✓ Wrote a liturgy to be posted on the United Church of Canada website for the International Day for the Elimination of Racism.
- ✓ Guest speaker for the UCW Presbyterian Fellowship Day in November.
- ✓ Interviewed for an article in Mandate about the UCW 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- ✓ Explored possibilities of ministry and support with caregivers/parents of young adults with developmental disabilities, an initiative from the YAYA Presbytery young ministries.
- ✓ United Way Headquarters for an interfaith initiative to design a program for seniors in situations of vulnerability.

## **OUR COVENANTING SERVICE**

It was held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, I had the blessing of having my first two ministers at the UCC: Rev Linda Butler and Rev. Warren McDougall –former team ministry from Bloor Street United Church. I invited Revs. Robert Merrit and Dianne Cardin who were Presbytery reps for the Joint Search Committee to be the worship leaders, the Parkdale Choir and the Moving in Spirit participated with the hymn I had for my ordination and the one I chose for Toronto Conference. I am grateful and in awe for the care of the congregation, the beautiful reception organized by the Pastoral care team and the Joint Search Committee led by John Butcher and Mary McLeod. I thank my Pastoral Team colleagues, and everyone who attended the service, and all those who collaborated in one way or another to make this, again, a very special moment for me, as Parkdale United Church and I covenanted together.

## **SETTLING IN**

I moved to Ottawa on July 6<sup>th</sup>. I have been settling in faster than I expected due to the generosity of members of the congregation. My special gratitude to Barbara Faught and to members of the Pastoral Care Team in helping me to swiftly move from a dozen boxes to a warm home. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Living always in downtown Toronto, I never felt the need of a car but here it is a different story. Winter is so much Winter in Ottawa! I have been taking driving classes with the hopes of doing my road test to get the G2 license at the end of February and get a car. Thank you to those who have offered rides and useful advice to get to navigate the city.

Thanks to the Pastoral Care Team for a wonderful Covenanting Service Reception, to the OMJ for my birthday, to the Ministry and Personnel Team for all the attentiveness and individual support I have received and to Parkdale United Church for welcoming me with warmth, openness and enthusiasm to serve God together!

I would like to offer this prayer to end my report...

## **A Step Along the Way: Archbishop Oscar Romero Prayer**

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view. The kingdom of God is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us: No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the Church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about: We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own... Amen

A song of praise to our God and a heartfelt word of thank you for the way in which I have been welcomed into Parkdale's family!

Respectfully and gratefully submitted,  
Rev. Alcris Limongi. Minister of Pastoral Care

## **Youth and Children's Minister Melodee Lovering**

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

January 2017 began with the wonderful Parkdale women's retreat where we were "Steeped in God's Love". With the departure of Rev. Debbie Roi in September 2016, I found myself without a ministry partner to help carry out the retreat. A talented group of women stepped forward to help and together we pulled it off! We were so happy with the result that we decided to book two nights for the next time.

### **MINISTRY TRANSITIONS**

In the early part of the year, Anthony and I were very grateful to welcome Barbara Faught back to the ministry team to help carry out pastoral care in the absence of a Pastoral Care Minister and to help with worship and preaching support when Anthony went on sabbatical.

Two thousand seventeen can be considered a year when the laity of the church really showed their abilities as we pulled guest preachers from among the congregation and many individuals took on extra responsibilities to supplement the work that the two full-time ministers were able to carry out. Even with all this help for which I am extremely grateful, it was a year that required quite a bit of extra effort on my part. I am thankful for the prayer and kindness of the congregation during this transition year.

In July, the hard work of the Joint Search Committee resulted in Parkdale calling Rev. Alcris Limongi to our staff team in a full time capacity. Alcris is a talented, fun, and gifted addition to our ministerial staff. I look forward to knowing her better.

## **YOUTH**

The winter brought a number of youth activities as we hosted youth from all over Ontario and Quebec for Worshiplude. Parkdale has become the church of choice for this massive youth worship event and our own youth play an integral role in helping to set up the church for the bands and groups that are coming as well as serving communion and taking up the offering at the actual event. Also in February our teens served at IFTC.

Three of our youth, Destin and Mariam Amisi and Tavian Hamer-Wilson, went to Fort Resolution for an Exchanges Canada experience in March. Then in May, the youth from there came to Ottawa. These events are led by Hilary Merritt, Presbytery youth minister and are co-ordinated through the Youth and Young Adult committee of Ottawa presbytery. They really help to foster our teens' understanding of First Nations cultures.

Our youth coffee shop was open except during the summer. We served up a variety of delicious foods including soups, smoothies, and baked goods. Over the years, some of the money that the congregation donates when they support the coffee shop is put aside for refurbishment and equipment and in 2017 we splashed out and bought two new couches and two chairs from Ikea. Additionally, the youth used some of their earnings to mitigate youth homelessness in Ottawa.

Our youth class has grown to such a size now, that we are no longer able to use the coffee shop for our Sunday morning classes. We regularly have 16-20 youth on any given Sunday with the possibility that if everyone came at once we could have as many as 25 or more. This is a good problem to have but presents some logistical challenges. Currently we meet in the parlour unless we are opening the coffee shop.

Last spring, in Anthony's absence, I went to court with some members of our congregation to observe the sentencing of the young offender who carried out the racist graffiti on our building in November 2016. What we heard was difficult and disturbing and we supported each other in prayer at that time.

In June we were contacted by Collaborative Justice Ottawa and asked whether we would embark on a path of reconciliation with the young man. We discussed it at council and immediately agreed that we would like to try as we felt this was the response our faith calls for. Four of us met with the team from CJO and have been moving forward with this endeavour. Anthony joined us when he returned from sabbatical. We are encouraged by the results so far and as much as we are able, considering confidentiality issues, I am sure that members of the group would be happy to discuss the process with anyone who is interested. Group members are Camille Beaufort, Zaya Kuyena, Alexandra Stockwell, Anthony and me.

## **SECURITY**

The graffiti incidents crystallized some concerns that the Sunday school had been having about the security of our building. Once we began to talk about these issues, more and more stories came to light from and about people in the congregation who had experienced troubling interactions with strangers in our building. It became apparent that these discussions were happening separately in various committees such as Property Trustees, Christian Enrichment, and at council level as David Odumodu brought a possible grant opportunity for communities at risk to receive funding for security cameras and so on.

It seemed like a good idea for all of the groups to be working together so council agreed to support an ad hoc working group to be formed with representation from all these groups. I invited members from the ushering team, trustees, CE, and council to form the group and we met several times last year resulting in a number of proposals being brought to council for approval. We also wanted to help with and support the grant application for funding. This was submitted in the summer due to the diligence of David and we were gratified to find out that we were successful!

The Sunday school, with the help of trustees, has enacted some changes to create a safer environment on Sunday mornings. These include, sign-in and out sheets for each classroom; a lockable push-bar door at the east end of the Sunday school hallway so that we can control access during class time; Michael Bailey watches the west access to that hallway; Sunday school room doors may now be locked from the inside; more interior security cameras will be installed in the building. The CE committee is really appreciative of the work the trustees have done to make these things possible.

Another action of the security working group has been the first ever Sunday morning fire drill that was carried out with the help of the ushering team and our caretaker, Norman. It was held at the end of May and the complete evacuation of the building was accomplished in under five minutes. Good for you, Parkdale!

## **TECH**

Since the installation of our projectors in the sanctuary, we have gradually been adding to our tech team. It seemed like a good idea for these people, some of whom have never met each other, to get together from time to time to share ideas and concerns and to learn together. I invited the sound team to also be a part of it. We meet quarterly and it is good for the group from teen members to seniors to talk together and think about our purpose to support worship and also practical matters such as equipment needs. We really appreciate the hard work of Johanna Lace who schedules the slide makers and projectionists. Currently there are about 14 members of the group and we are always willing to train new people.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Our dedicated teachers continue to make a difference in the spiritual lives of our young people. They are seldom-seen unless you venture below but these men and women are making a lasting impression on our kids' lives. In the fall we made a change in curriculum in the grade 2-6 age group. We are now using Whirl, created by Sparkhouse, a Lutheran publisher. So far we are finding the material user friendly, interesting, and it has a solid, Biblical base. Those three years old and to grade one continue with Godly Play which is based on a Montessori model and was created by Jerome Barrymore. In youth class we use SpiceRack created by Mark Devries who is a well-known writer in youth worker circles. He is with the Presbyterian church.

In January 2017 I saw a couple of youtube videos that sparked my imagination for the Christmas pageant. What could be done on video, I thought, could be done live by our talented kids and teens! In order to bring these ideas to fruition, though, I was going to need a team of sewers as puppets had to be made and costumes too. My request was met with enthusiasm by the following team: Jane Barbe, Wenxi Chen, Barbara Faught, Hannie Fitzgerald, and Johanna Lace. You all saw the results in December with the production of Bethlehemian Rhapsody and

the Silent Monks sing the Hallelujah Chorus. Our youngest kids provided the traditional elements of Mary, Joseph, sheep, shepherds etc.

Thanks to our Sunday school teachers and parents who helped make it all happen.

## **FAMILY CAMP**

About 60 of us enjoyed a wonderful family camp at Gracefield in June. A new component of this was the youth canoeing that was led by Paul Crabtree on Saturday afternoon. We all enjoyed a wonderful time of games, campfires and singing, swimming and boating. A highlight for me is always the worship by the lake on Sunday morning.

In September we were back to a full complement of ministry personnel as Anthony was back from sabbatical. We were blessed to enjoy a facilitated day-long ministry retreat at the Galilee centre in October. This was a great opportunity to find out more about each other and to start developing some good ways to work as a team.

## **WORSHIP**

I led a number of intergenerational worship services during the year as well as taking some extra preaching responsibilities during Anthony's absence. Between Barbara and myself, we shared the responsibility of helping the guest speakers liaise with the office, musicians, technicians etc. and to prepare the liturgy for those Sundays.

I continue to work with DaleSong in a supporting capacity while Jono Hamer-Wilson leads capably and with great talent. This group is a joy to work with in their sincerity of faith and commitment to pray and fellowship together. In the summer we gathered at our house for a picnic and campfire, spouses, kids, friends, and dogs were all invited.

## **PRESBYTERY**

The year was punctuated by voting on remits that will change the governance and construction of the United Church of Canada and will result in the dissolution of Ottawa presbytery. A new entity will form but we don't know exactly what it will look like. Since I chair the Youth and Young Adult Committee of presbytery and relate directly to Hilary Merritt who is the current presbytery youth minister, I have been concerned with these outcomes directly. I was asked to help with the re-organization of the presbytery office space. Due to being the only non-retired Designated Lay Minister serving in the presbytery, I was asked to help present two workshops on Remit 6 (One Order of Ministry).

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

In February I took a week to catch up on some of my work-related reading, then in May I attended a meaningful Cruxifusion conference.

## **PERSONAL**

In May our daughter, Helen was married to Kevin Conway in Leamington. We were able to take a week's holiday at that time and really enjoy the preparations and festivities. It was a wonderful day despite the downpour in the middle of picture-taking time.

Last year Jack and I joined Toastmasters in Russell and have been experiencing the joys and terrors of speaking in front of a small group of people who are writing formal, albeit, supportive evaluations. It is a chance to get outside our role as ministers and we are enjoying it.

## **GRATITUDE**

I want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to all of the lay people chairing and serving on committees and in groups. Many serve in the background and their work is known by only a few and, of course, to God. Thanks especially to the JNAC and Search committees for bringing us Alcris. Blessings on Camille Beaufort with whom I work very closely on Christian Enrichment. Camille is such a source of strength, good will, and pure hard work on behalf of the young people in our congregation.

We have a wonderful support staff at Parkdale who fulfill their roles with such grace, warmth, and kindness: Don Mockett, Johanna Lace, Norman Reid, Carol Shaw, Sung Lim, Kathleen Stephenson, and Richard Hamley.

Our ministry staff is top notch. I couldn't hope to work with more gifted musicians than Carol Diamond and Jono Hamer-Wilson. I have been blessed to work with a Godly and talented ministry partner in Anthony Bailey for over eight years now and I look forward to a fruitful time with Alcris Limongi. All of these people are creative, fun, and most importantly, are striving to do God's will and lead our community in fulfilling God's purposes on the corner of Gladstone and Parkdale and in the homes and lives of our congregation.

## **COUNCIL**

It has been another successful year on Parkdale United Church Council. Our greatest triumph was the recruitment and hiring of our new staff minister Alcris Limongi! We also completed Parkdale's participation in the United Church remit votes for the National United Church, and kicked off a comprehensive overview of our church property.

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 our ministries. Council also provides church and program leadership 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, one member at large, one presbytery representative, a chair, a past chair and our new vice-chair. Each committee meeting begins with a devotional time to reflect and remind us of our mission.

The Joint Search Committee's successful work bringing Alcris Limongi to our church was an answered prayer. We are delighted to have Alcris joining us as our pastoral minister, and are very pleased with her many new small group initiatives. We are blessed to have Alcris as a part of our ministry team!

Anthony took a sabbatical last year and came back to us rejuvenated and inspired. We were very happy to grant this opportunity of rest and reflection to Anthony, and also grateful to Melodee and Barbara who held the fort so well in his absence.

Last year we reported that the young man who defaced our church property with hateful graffiti had rebuffed Parkdale's offer of restorative justice. We are happy to report he has had a change

of heart and he has taken us up on this offer. He is also now seeking to have his racist tattoos removed, and we are humbled to be instruments of God's transformative grace in this young man's life.

Parkdale finally concluded a series of remit votes required by the national church. I would like to make a special note of thank-you to Beth Gutsell for all her time and effort dealing with this issue.

Our church has had numerous occasions to deal with issues of accessibility and security, and we have taken on a comprehensive effort to address all of these issues together in a long term vision of our church property. This is still in early days but we seek to come up with the best design and use of property that can meet everyone's needs.

Finally, I would like to say I have been honoured to serve as your Chair of Council. Parkdale is a wonderful church and I am well pleased to serve you. My term of chair passes at the AGM as I pass the baton onto Garth Macleod.

Thank you and blessings to all,

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.

**MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2017:**

Starting in Sept., 2017, members of the Communications Committee worked with two teams of students and their professors from the Interactive Media Design Program at Algonquin College to redesign Parkdale’s website. This is something they do free of charge for charitable organizations.

One team developed a three minute video about Parkdale with the theme: Come. Grow. Serve. It consists of brief interviews with Parkdale’s Ministers, as well as, several Parkdale members. It conveys a very warm, welcoming, multi-cultural community.

The second team worked on a redesign for our website to make it more user friendly and “modern”, including the ability to resize automatically on various devices. Unfortunately, because of the loss of time during the 5 week strike at Algonquin last the fall, they were not able to follow through with the implementation. As a result, another team will implement their design in early 2018.

**OBJECTIVES FOR 2018:**

- a. Website Redesign: Continue to work with the Algonquin students to implement Parkdale’s new website.
  
- b. Weekly Announcements: Develop standards for publishing weekly announcements in the Bulletin and scrolling them on the screens in the Sanctuary.

The current members of the Communications Committee are:

Richard Hamley	Danica Rogers
Chris Hinds	Jill Williams
Jenna Lester	Irene Hilkes
Heidi Vincent	

Respectively submitted,  
Carolynn Halkett, Chair

## **FAITH FORMATION AND CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE**

*People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.--*

*Mark 10:13-16 New International Version (NIV)*

The Faith Formation and Christian Enrichment Committee (FFCE) encourages and supports learning programs for people of all ages. The purpose of this Committee is to help all persons in our 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.

### **FAITH FORMATION**

Parkdale has a dynamic children and youth ministry led by Melodee Lovering. On Sundays, after the children's story and message, children head downstairs to their Sunday school programs. The nursery welcomes children under three and their parents for fellowship and play. For ages 3-6, teachers use *The Godly Play*, a Montessori-based approach which encourages children to "explore their faith through story, to gain religious language and to enhance their spiritual experience through wonder and play". Our children in grades 2 through grade 6 are using the *Whirl* curriculum, a scripture-based program with fun animations that bring the Bible to life.

Students in grades 7 and up are part of our Senior Youth program. Blessed with an increase in the large number of youth, the class meets upstairs in the Ladies' Parlour. This group engages in lively in-depth discussions about faith and its impact on their daily lives. Once a month they host a "coffee shop" for the congregation where they prepare meals, soups, snacks or just desserts.

During the summer months, a slightly different program is offered to accommodate the lazy hazy days of summer vacations. Children ages 4 through grade 6 participate in our Summer Sunday School program with movies, crafts, activities and snacks. Senior youth remain with the congregation in the sanctuary for the service.

On behalf of the FFCE Committee and the young adults of Parkdale, a big thank you to Lauren Barbour for her many years of the leadership she has given to the College and Careers Group. Lauren has guided this one group of students as they moved through university into their flourishing careers as young professionals. Now called *Ignite*, this group continues to meet regularly for scripture study and social activities.

Thank you to each and every one of the Sunday school teachers, youth leaders and mentors who have dedicated many hours of their time as volunteers. Your devotion is so very much appreciated because we know that you must juggle your hectic family and work life to prepare for your Parkdale classes, groups and activities.

## **FELLOWSHIP, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

We are delighted to have had many opportunities for fellowship with our children, youth and their families. In addition to faith formation, FFCE organizes and hosts activities and events. These include the Senior Youth and *Ignite* groups, hosting *Worshiplude*, Women's Retreat in January, creation of university care packages for students studying for Christmas exams, Rally Sunday and Summer BBQs, and Family Games Night. In the last weekend of June, we had a fantastic time as we saw the return of the *Gracefield Camping Weekend*.

## **NEEDS OF THE FAITH FORMATION AND CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE**

Please consider volunteering your spiritual gifts to the FFCE Committee. This has been a very challenging year for many of the members of our committee and we have found ourselves stretched in some areas. In addition to Sunday school teachers, we need assistance with some "one-time" tasks and events such as:

- Painting, moving some furniture, set up of storage;
- Organizing small group activities (like carol singing, games nights);
- Microsoft Excel enthusiasts (to help with registration)
- Planning a craft hour for adults and/or kids
- Playing guitar or ukulele
- Volunteers for the Rally Sunday and June BBQs (serving, setup, cleanup)

Thank you to all parents and youth who help and support Parkdale's Sunday school program and activities for Children and Youth. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank the teachers, leaders and members of the committee: Ellen Andrews, Joan Bailey, Michelle Bailey, Lauren Barbour, Julie Creasey, Shannon Cripps, Marianne Dos Santos, Tom Grozinger, Rob Hilkes, Dayanti Karunaratne, Zaya Kuyena, Wendy McHenry, Jaylyn and Dave Smith, and our Children and Youth Minister, Melodee Lovering.

Respectfully submitted,

Camille Beaufort

Chair, Faith Formation and Christian Enrichment Committee 2017

## **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 name tags with the United Church crest were sold for a nominal fee. To date over 275 of these name tags have been ordered. We will continue to place orders as needed.

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

We hosted pre-service breakfasts on February 26th, 2017 for 13 new members and on December 17th, 2017 for another 13 new members along with their families and friends who joined Parkdale by transfer, affirmation and re-affirmation of faith.

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

On January 28th six confirmands joined Parkdale and we hosted them and their families at a pre-service breakfast...always a joyous occasion.

Members of our Committee include:

Barbara Baird	Deborah Bellware	Wenxi Che
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, 2017

Membership	306
Adherents	<u>197</u>
	503

Added by

Affirmation of Faith & Baptism	2
Re-affirmation of Faith	15
Transfer	11

Removed by:

Death	9
Certificate of Transfer	2
Other	3

Baptisms	16
Marriages	4
Funerals 21, Members 9, Non Parkdale 12	

New Members in 2017

*Affirmation of Faith:*

*Confirmation*

Jane Barbe	Judy Reid
Rita Cleroux	Sarah Noelle Shepherd
Edward Ellis	Kate Thompson
Anne Emond	Jill Williams
John Kennedy	Norma Williams
Mylcha Kerr-Faucher	Gloria Wright
Christina Lamothe	
Trevor Priddie	

*Re-Affirmation of Faith & Baptism*

Wayne Daniels  
Ruth Kennedy

*Transfer In*

Doreen Bullied	Barry Hobin
Alfred Crawley	Nancy Hobin
Paul Goyette	Gerry Myles
Jill Hamer-Wilson	Frederick Nzeyimana
Catherine Hanson	William Sizoo

*Removed by transfer*

Rita Cleroux  
William Sizoo

Respectfully submitted  
Helen Fortune, Clerk of the Rolls

## MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committees' role is to provide resources and support for the staff and the congregation with respect to any issue affecting staff or our church, both ministry personnel and lay employees. M&P works to build positive and trusting relationships between staff and members and adherents of the congregation. M&P functions around three roles which are:

- Consultative and supportive role
- The healthy relationships role
- The supervisory role

If members of the congregation have praise or concerns about staff, both ministry personnel and lay employees, these can be shared in signed correspondence with the M&P Committee. The issues will be considered confidentially by the M&P Committee, who will recommend action. You can contact any M&P Committee member or email the M&P Committee at [MandP@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca](mailto:MandP@parkdaleunitedchurch.ca). At Parkdale we are blessed with staff who are committed to their work and we are thankful for this work in our congregation.

### STAFF CHANGES:

#### *Thank You Barbara Faught*

We thank Barbara for providing interim pastoral care to our congregation from February 2017 until August 2017. Barbara willingly agreed to take on this role until we hired a new Pastoral Care Minister. Thank you Barbara for fulfilling this important role in the life of our church.

#### *Welcome Alcris Limongi*

In July 2017, Alcris became our full-time Minister of Pastoral Care. Alcris has fully immersed herself in the Parkdale congregation since July, working closely with the Pastoral Care Team and our seniors and introducing new and innovative ideas for small groups for the congregation. Welcome Alcris to Parkdale! We are glad you are here.

### ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:

#### *Rev. Anthony Bailey's Sabbatical*

The United Church of Canada (UCC) encourages ministerial staff to take a sabbatical to allow them to step back from the regular routines and demands of pastoral ministry and pursue activities that will enhance and expand their ministry. Anthony took a 3 month sabbatical from May 1 to July 31, 2017 and walked the 800 km Camino de Santiago pilgrimage walk. Congratulations Anthony; we understand it provided you with the pilgrimage, solitary prayer and spiritual renewal you were hoping to gain from the sabbatical.

#### *Staff Retreat*

M&P organized a one-day retreat for our three full-time ministers at the Galilee Centre in Arnprior. This retreat was led by two facilitators, Rev. Linda Butler and Rev. Warren McDougal. These two facilitators have over 20 years working in team ministry together and since retiring from their Pastoral Charges, are helping other team ministries through conducting workshops. The feedback from our ministers was that the retreat was very worthwhile and

allowed them to get to know each other better and to discuss ideas and different ways of working together in team ministry.

### ***First Aid Course for all Staff***

M&P organized CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) training for all the staff led by the Ottawa Paramedic Service. Each training course was 4 hours in length and taught participants how to administer CPR. It also covered topics such as choking and the use of an AED. We held 3 training sessions with a total of 33 participants, comprised of our staff and others interested in attending.

Do you know we have an AED in our church building? Do you know where it is located? If you don't know, please search for it and find it or ask someone where it is. It could save a life. Hint: it is near the new water cooler installed just outside the north front Sanctuary door leading into the Gladstone Hallway. Please check it out.

### **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: Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey (Coordinating Minister), Rev. Alcris Limongi (Minister of Pastoral Care) 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 Leaders), Norman Reid (Caretaker and Custodian), part-time custodians/security staff Carole Shaw and Sung Lim and administrative help from Johanna Lace. We also thank our Treasurer Kathleen Stephenson and our Donations Coordinator Richard Hamley for their work in keeping the finances in order.

### **M&P COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Members of the committee in 2017 were: Pierre Barbeau, Elizabeth Cheesbrough, Rob MacLachlan, Ruth Foster, Don Macpherson, Peter Meerburg and Wally Prater.

In June, Rob MacLachlan stepped down after serving 6 years on the M&P Committee. We appreciate your dedication and contributions Rob. In August, we welcomed Elizabeth (Liz) Cheesbrough to the M&P Committee. Thank you Liz for joining!

I am grateful to all the members of the M&P Committee for their hard work and dedication throughout 2017.

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 to the congregation in understanding and engaging in God's mission for our church, 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 church, 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 our church family 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 largest community ministry - "*In From the Cold*" - 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, Interval House of Ottawa, 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 at 510 Rideau Street at which a few of us volunteer. Our \$2000 Share the Wealth funds was split giving a further \$1000 to the Odawa Native Friendship Drop-In Centre which was short on food supplies and the other \$1000 went to Urban Christian Outreach. Flowing from a proposal put forward at the February 2017 Annual General Meeting, our committee considered and sought approval from Council for Parkdale to donate \$10,000 to the Multi-Faith Housing Initiative called **The Haven** – an affordable housing Project in Barrhaven. Not only did Council approve that but at a General Meeting held June 18, 2017 Parkdale's members voted to donate \$15,000. 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 2017, this ministry completed its fifteenth year.

In 2017, January, February, March, November and December 2,130 nutritious four course meals prepared by our dedicated kitchen volunteers were served. Over 18 Saturdays, the average number of guests was 118 similar to 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.

The ongoing faithful prayers and financial support of the congregation make possible the purchase of necessary equipment and supplies and is very much needed and appreciated. As a congregation we are most grateful for the opportunity to serve together in this important ministry.

**LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS GROUP:** This group of about 20 is chaired by Elise Mennie. It shares email information on local indigenous issues and events, and meets infrequently on an ad hoc basis.

In 2017, we continued to promote the activities of the Odawa Native Friendship Centre and also joined with the Statistics Canada choir to offer a fundraising concert at Parkdale for Centre 510, its homeless drop-in centre. This concert on June 23<sup>rd</sup> raised \$1,045 for Centre 510.

On March 22, a visit to Kumik Lodge by a group of Parkdalers was organised by Gloria Goodine. It was an opportunity to learn from Indigenous elders about the sacredness of water and experience drumming, prayers and teachings of native spirituality. Kumik Lodge is at Indigenous Affairs Canada in Place de la Chaudière in Hull to benefit their employees but is also open to the public.

In June, while Rev. Bailey was on sabbatical, Barbara Faught and Elise Mennie represented Parkdale at a faith leaders' prayer circle on Victoria Island. It was organised by Algonquin Elder Albert Dumont to support Algonquin peoples' right to their indigenous spirituality and sacred Chaudière site. A week later, Elise Mennie and Clare Savage joined the "Faith is Peace Walk", which included some Ottawa faith leaders calling for the protection of the Chaudière Islands' sacred Indigenous site.

In October, we asked Parkdalers to support the United Church's campaign to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and pass Bill C-262, by contacting their local MPs. About 20 people sent postcards to their MPs.

**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 who will have been with us for 2 years as at June 22, 2018.

**Refugee Family from Syria:** This was 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 \$40,000, well over the \$30,000 stipulated by the federal government. This was due to the persistence and generosity of our many Parkdale members and friends. We have also been blessed with members who have and continue to give of their time to visit and to teach the family members the English language to prepare them for jobs and mixing within the community. They are all now quite proficient in English and all continue to attend classes. The family is forever grateful to Parkdale for bringing them from Syria and stand ready to help us in any way they can. The father is a frequent helper at "In From The Cold". 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 a delightful annual celebration recognizing the different cultures Parkdale is blessed to have attending our church. In 2017 the event was postponed because of the number of activities at that time. It will be back in October 2018.

**Images & Stories was launched on September 30, 2011.** Once again we had an amazing year with between 25 – 60 guests attending these predominantly travel presentations which are coordinated by Janet Taylor – the founder of this popular event. Our committee is delighted to have received the help of Helen Hayes, Lorraine Hanna, and Marilyn Hahn especially as they always bring with them sumptuous desserts. Thanks to the team and the presenters for orchestrating this series. We are grateful also 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 when Richard & Susan Yearwood presented their memorable trip to “England” followed by Elaine West’s amazing Galapagos Is. & Ecuador. We wrapped up the March session with Richard & Judy Hamley’s spectacular “Scotland”.

The Fall session was extraordinary. The Ladies’ Parlour was more than full on **September 22, 2017** to welcome Rev. Alcris Limongi, our new Minister of Pastoral Care as we joined her on her journey from Venezuela to Parkdale. Added to that, this was her birthday. Then again we had another 60 guests in **October** listening to Lorena Mason, one whom we lovingly call “one of Parkdale’s babies”, tell us of the 49 countries she visited in her 29 years. To end 2017, on **November 24<sup>th</sup>** Ann Tompkins returned to tell us of the glaciers, geysers, lava fields, etc. of the “truly amazing island” of Iceland.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Parkdale has had a long association with *Habitat for Humanity* and, over time, donates financially and otherwise to this organization. One member of our MOJ committee sits on their Faith Committee. We are hoping to once again play an active role in 2018.

**MO&J Committee Members:** This committee has a chair and 19 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 eight weeks.

**MO&J 2017 Committee Members** are:

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

We continue praying for our members who have not been well this year. We were saddened to lose Mona Moorhouse who died in November. We wished Uchennah Samuel well as she completed her studies and went to minister with the Salvation Army.

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

We wish to thank the congregation and friends of Parkdale for supporting our ministry and projects financially and otherwise. We think particularly of our In From The Cold ministry and

the continued support given to our refugee family who arrived on June 22, 2016 and have now settled in so well. To God we give praise.

Respectfully submitted  
Faye Beaufort  
Chair, Mission, Outreach & Justice Committee 2017

## **PASTORAL CARE**

The Pastoral Care Team has twelve 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 2017, several members of the team attended two continuing education events 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 and to youth confirmands. 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.

Get-well and sympathy cards are sent out by the Pastoral Care Team on behalf of the congregation as we are informed. Thanks to Gloria Anderson for writing the cards.

In August, the Pastoral Care Team welcomed Rev. Alcris Limongi as the new Minister of Pastoral Care at a pot luck lunch at Barbara Faught's home. Rev. Alcris continues to be a

wonderful support for the Team and we look forward to many new initiatives under her leadership.

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.

In December, the Team welcomed Hepsy Griffith as a new member.

At the last meeting of 2017, 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 2018**

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. As the role of Pastoral Care expands at Parkdale, this will be even more important.

In conjunction with Rev. Alcris, we will provide at least one workshop, speaker or the like which will be open to the congregation.

### **A WORD OF THANKS**

A sincere thank you to all the wonderful people, whether on the Pastoral Care Team or not, who help provide care and support and acts of kindness for our congregants. We all appreciate what these unsung heroes do.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM**

Gloria Anderson  
Faye Beaufort  
Muriel Bellman  
Hazel Bowen  
Hepsy Griffith  
Marilyn Hahn  
Helen Hayes  
Kathryn Meerburg  
Dian Morris  
Mary McLeod  
Freda Sutton  
Gail Thain

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary McLeod, Chair,  
Pastoral Care Team

## PROPERTY TRUSTEES

2017 was quite an eventful year for Property Trustees and I cannot express sufficient thanks to my co-Trustees, who were very generous with their time and patience in showing me the ropes during my first year as Chair: David Baird, Don Mockett, Richard Yearwood, Norman Reid, and Janice Gray. Special thanks are owed to Janice Gray who has resigned from Property Trustees effective December 31, 2017, and who served as Secretary to Trustees for many years. We wish you well in your 'retirement', Janice.

The summer of 2017 was quite eventful! I am extremely grateful for the support and contribution of many people to the completion of some major projects. Special thanks are due to David Baird, Richard Hamley, Wally Prater, Don Mockett and Barbara Faught, and others who were more present at 429 Parkdale in July and August than I was! Many of their precious summer hours were spent seeing to the maintenance and renovation of our building and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude.

After almost 50 years of tenancy, the Queensway Pre-school underwent a major renovation. A new kiddie washroom was installed, requiring extensive new plumbing, and providing a far more functional arrangement to the daycare staff; old cupboards and cubbyholes were removed and new cupboards and sink were installed; additional electrical outlets were installed; old flooring was removed and new flooring was installed in the area where old cupboards were removed. David Baird and Wally Prater spent many hours assembling cupboards and working to ensure that the work was done in the short timeframe allowed while the daycare was closed in early August. Total cost was approximately \$24,000, exclusive of GST/HST, about \$4,000 in excess of the original estimate. \$10,000 will be recovered from the daycare through rent increases over the next five years and an effort is being made to recover some of the cost overrun.

Also during the summer, the driveway into the large parking lot off Parkdale was dug out and resurfaced.; air conditioning was installed in Melodee's, Don's and Anthony's offices; the northwest entrance steps to the sanctuary off Parkdale were replaced; key areas of the Memorial Hall floor were refinished by Norman Reid, who also did a great job of restoring the Memorial Hallway floors and painted the floor of the sanctuary; the boilers were inspected and re-certified; ice guards to prevent runoff from falling on Ministers' cars were installed, as was an ice shield over the snowblower door. Last, but certainly not least, the kitchen off the Ladies' Parlour was thoroughly cleaned and repainted, thanks entirely due to the ongoing interest in the state of our building and the extraordinary energy of Barbara Faught. Thank you Barbara.

In late August, Parkdale suffered extensive damage to equipment as the result of a lightning strike. Eight of nine telephones required replacement; the organ was rendered non-functional; two of three of our new projectors required repair; two computers (Anthony's and Don's) were completely disabled; the old photocopier was rendered useless and the new one required repair; the hearing loop in the sanctuary was damaged; and several cameras and other surveillance equipment, e.g. the DVR (power supply to 16 cameras) in Don's office were damaged. Fortunately, our insurance company was very cooperative; our policy provides for replacement value and our deductible is \$5,000. Repairs to the organ, estimated to cost over \$150,000 were approved towards the end of the fiscal year and will be undertaken over several months. The DVR was replaced with a component allowing coverage of 32 cameras and the box was relocated to the wall near the safe, leaving more space under Don's desk and partially cleaning up a mess of wires and cords. A special word of thanks is owed to Richard Hamley, whose

technological expertise and willingness to spend many of his waking hours at the church to assess damage, consult with experts, oversee repairs, and do much of the work himself, came in very handy after the lightning strike. Thank you, Richard.

We also owe a vote of thanks to David Odumodu, who spent months working on a funding application to the Security Infrastructure Program, with a view to accessing some funding assistance to increase security at Parkdale United in the wake of a racist graffiti incident early in 2017. Just before Christmas, we learned that almost \$6200 had been approved; work on security enhancements will begin early in 2018. Thank you, David!

During the fall, repair work continued. The window in Don's office was re-fitted so that it can open, and the 'leaded window' looks great; thanks for this are owed to Wally Prater. A new 110V control for the boiler and new programmable thermostats for the sanctuary were installed, to replace the ones damaged by the lightning strike. New curtains were installed in the Ladies' Parlour washroom. Thank you to Barbara Faught for responding to this need.

A lockable panic bar was installed in the east end door in the Sunday School hallway, an attempt to enhance security while enhancing fire safety. Rest assured that security issues remain a priority for Trustees and for Council and options are being explored. Towards this end, a new photocell light has been put over the outside door to the Gladstone Hallway, and the light will be on all the time after dark.

In early November, during the Bazaar, a foul odour was noted in the orange Sunday School room. The cause was investigated and a hole in the foundation was discovered, which allowed water from the Parkdale parking lot to trickle into a storage area off the Sunday School room. The water was cleaned up but the smell remained for several weeks. In order to prevent future water damage to the basement, a ridge of asphalt was laid along the north foundation so that the water will flow away from the building in future.

During the year, several capital investments were made, in addition to the expenditures required as a result of lightning damage, which were covered by insurance, less the deductible. The most significant of these were a smart TV for the Ladies' Parlour, round tables for the Ladies' Parlour, microphones for the sound system in the sanctuary, an electric piano for the sanctuary, and an industrial vacuum cleaner.

You may have noticed a new look in the Coffee Shop. This modernization is the result of youth fund raising, which allowed the purchase of two IKEA sofas and chairs, which were installed just before Christmas.

In September, in light of their concern that maintenance of the Parkdale property in the future could require significant expenditure, Property Trustees requested that a motion be brought to Council, as follows: **That Council give its approval to the creation of a working group, mandated to undertake discussions with knowledgeable people and the congregation, in accordance with Presbytery guidelines, on any and all options for significant renovations and/or redevelopment of the current building and property, in order to render the infrastructure responsive to emerging congregational and community needs and able to sustain our mission, allowing us to better discern and respond to God's will for our future.** The motion passed unanimously.

A Working Group comprised of Anthony Bailey, Kathleen Stephenson, Alexandra Stockwell, Camille Beaufort, Blaine Pauling, Barry Hobin and Helen Hayes was approved by Council and has met several times over the fall and winter. The Terms of Reference for this Working Group are included in their entirety in the December Messenger, [www.parkdaleunitedchurch.ca/NewsAndEvents/Dec%202017.pdf](http://www.parkdaleunitedchurch.ca/NewsAndEvents/Dec%202017.pdf). The Working Group has estimated that it will take 24 months to undertake the necessary discussions and to develop options for presentation to the congregation and is committed to keeping the congregation fully engaged throughout the process.

Property Trustees are of the view that any significant expenditures decisions in the future will be brought to Council for approval, pending receipt of the recommendations of the Property Redevelopment Working Group.

Parkdale is blessed with a vibrant ministry and a wonderful array of people who are willing to give of their time and talents to ensure that our building is maintained and refurbished as required. We humbly give thanks.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Hayes  
Chair, Property Trustees

## **RECRUITMENT & SUCCESSION PLANNING**

The Committee assists in identifying and recruiting individuals for potential selection to serve in various ways. This includes encouraging people to consider how their particular talents and abilities might be utilized.

Candidates to serve in positions on the Church Council in 2018 were identified, and subsequently presented to the congregation for consideration at the Annual General Meeting.

The Recruitment & Succession Planning Committee consists of the Chair of Council, past Council Chairs, 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 including those related to the environment, financial and spiritual. 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 2017 Projects and Activities:**

In 2017, the Stewardship committee continued building on the work of past years as well as broke new ground in some areas - included:

1. "Stewardship Thought" reflections: Thought provoking and inspiring ideas for stewardship reflection that can be found in the Sunday worship bulletin.
2. Financial Stewardship: Provided updates to the congregation on our financial position through inserts in the Sunday worship bulletin and direct appeals.
3. Moving forward with the "Guidelines on Environmental Responsibility" that was approved by Council 10 June 2014, specifically:
  - a. Inclusion in rental agreements – all who rent Parkdale’s premises will have a copy and be aware of these requirements.
  - b. Publish on the Parkdale’s web site to make guidelines more easily accessible to a wider audience.
  - c. Use of compost bins for the disposal of compostable products.

In practical terms, the guidelines aim to help users of Parkdale facilities and resources:

- Reduce the ecological footprint (to the extent possible and practicable);
  - More consistently use compostable or reusable containers (not Styrofoam) for food; and,
  - Take steps to avoid adding to the burdens we now place on the earth and our natural environment.
4. Providing the lunch for the 2017 Annual General meeting.

### **Looking Forward to 2018**

For 2018, 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. 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 could incorporate use of the pre-authorized remittance (PAR) as it ensures steady, predictable revenue to support the church ministries and programs.
  - b. Updates and information to be presented in multiple format / ways, e.g., articles in the Sunday worship bulletin and the Messenger, "Minute for Stewardship" during Sunday worship.
3. Working with the others (e.g., Council, the minister and other committees) on stewardship activities

4. Updating the Stewardship Bulletin Board to creatively share stewardship insights and information.
5. Continue to move forward with the congregation on the recommendations in the approved "Guidelines on Environmental Responsibility" for Parkdale United Church.
6. Delivering the "Spirit Giving Gifts" workshop. The Bible speaks about certain "gifts" that are given to us by God's Spirit to equip us to do the work of God in the world. Thus by way of some Biblical reflection, a user-friendly questionnaire, discussion, and a presentation, participants will be led through ways of discovering, developing and deploying their Spirit Given Gifts.

## **Committee Membership**

In 2017, the members of the Committee were:

1. Alexandra Stockwell
2. Anthony Bailey
3. David Odumodu
4. Garth McLeod
5. Kazembe Billy (resigned during the year)
6. Samantha Tim
7. Tania Lambert Bosch (resigned during the year)

Anyone interested in joining the Stewardship committee is most welcome – kindly look out for our meeting dates in the bulletin or speak to any of the committee members. 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 Allan Menzies, Gary Crocker, Zaya Kuyena, Marc Lavoie and Christopher Bennett 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 (Moving in Spirit), drama and guest musicians.

Our Co-Music Directors are Carol Diamond and Jono Hamer-Wilson. Carol directs the senior choir and the children's choir, while Jono is the director of Dalesong and plays the organ.

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.

Sunday Worship at Parkdale continues to benefit from our projection equipment and the three screens in the sanctuary. 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. Jaylyn Wong, Karenza Sutton-Bennett, Melodee Lovering, Johanna Lace, and Bob Harrison all contribute to slide preparation, while the following people help with projection: Nicole Greaves, Jonah Hamer-Wilson, Larry King, Andrew Barbour, Scott Andrews (occasional).

When the church was struck by lightning this autumn, the organ, sound equipment and projectors all suffered damage. While the sound equipment and projectors were restored within a matter of weeks, the organ remained out of commission through the end of the year. Luckily, Worship Committee had already planned and budgeted for the purchase of a new electronic piano. Carol and Jono both worked to research and chose this instrument. As it includes organ settings, the new electronic piano has enabled Jono to continue providing organ accompaniment to our Sunday worship services.

One of Worship Committee's initiatives this year was the purchase and installation of a water cooler in the hallway behind the sanctuary. It is our hope that this will help meet the needs and provide refreshment to singers and the congregation at large. To help minimize the ecological footprint, the water cooler is refilled with tap water, and for those who do not have a refillable bottle, compostable cups are provided.

Current members of the Worship Committee:

Anthony Bailey  
Carol Diamond  
Barbara Faught  
Richard Hamley  
Jono Hamer-Wilson  
Melodee Lovering  
Julie Pauling  
Alexandra Stockwell

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  
Alexandra Stockwell (2017 acting chair)

## Music Co-Leader Report

Carol Diamond

It has been my pleasure to work with the ministry team as Music Co-Leader this past year. I am once again grateful to the Worship Committee for the opportunity to continue to work with the choirs and provide music for the services.

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. 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 and during special services. The Junior Choir continues to bring their enthusiasm to rehearsals and to their contributions in song.

The Senior choir had decided to wait to hold our Choir Retreat for Spring 2018 to facilitate everyone's busy schedules and to give us time to plan well. We look forward to that!

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. In particular, the Serenade Wind Ensemble, made up of members of Parkdale Orchestra as well as other community groups, added so much to our Remembrance Day service in November.

There were many highlights for me this past year: Gloria Anderson singing *Balm in Gilead* with the choir, the Senior and Junior choirs singing together on various occasions ( *Bwana Asifiwe*, *Noel Noel* ), and having St. Stephen's choir join us for the Good Friday anthem. During Christmas, we put out the call for extra singers to join us, and we were not disappointed. We were also grateful for Nigel Bell (french horn) and Joy Ells (flute) during the season.

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's Report

Jono Hamer-Wilson

In the context of the Worship Committee report - along with those of my colleagues Carol and Melodee - I'm pleased to report, as succinctly as possible(!), on my activities over the past year. My responsibilities are to provide musical accompaniment for regular and special seasonal services, in conjunction with Carol; and to give musical leadership to Dalesong, our contemporary praise team (along with Melodee, who co-leads with me). Carol and I also co-ordinate the musical involvement and contributions of the congregation and special guests. Care and maintenance of the church's instruments is the other component of my role. This arrangement was designated as interim when it was established nearly two years ago; however we seem to have settled into a *modus operandi* which works well, and meets the requirements of the congregation and staff. My contract is for the ten months of the school year; with a

responsibility (along with Carol) to ensure musical coverage for weekly and special services (e.g. funerals) through the summer.

Dalesong continues to be a primary focus of my role. Our team of around ten is a mix of vocalists and instrumentalists (some of us try to be both!). Our repertoire is primarily drawn from the contemporary praise and worship genre; we also present hymns and other traditional songs in a contemporary style. We are responsible for one service/month from September to June. The majority of those services - including the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Family Service - are intergenerational. In those cases, Melodee and I work closely in choosing the music. Occasionally Dalesong gives leadership to services being led by Anthony or Alcris; in which case I work with the pastor planning the service to organise congregational and special music. Within this framework, my role involves selecting and arranging the music, and giving musical leadership in rehearsals and for the services; as well as seeking to create a nourishing and positive group culture, where the members feel valued and supported, and newcomers are welcome and inspired to join us.

I don't think I can express my sentiments in regard to Dalesong any better than I did in last year's report; so I beg your indulgence to restate them (slightly tweaked): *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, 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... Anyone is welcome to join us on our Thursday evening rehearsals three times/month. Owing to his new job - not to mention his many church and family responsibilities - we were sad that Scott Andrews decided to step away from the team this year; though no doubt he will continue to join us occasionally (as at the recent confirmation service).*

I would also like to note in the context of Dalesong - as I did last year - my appreciation to Richard and the rest of the sound team (especially Gary, Zaya and Marc); who not only go the extra mile on the Sundays we are leading, but frequently attend our third rehearsal each month. Thanks also to Jonah Hamer-Wilson who is the designated projectionist for Dalesong services.

In the other main aspect of my role - helping lead music for the regular services, in conjunction with Carol - this has been a year of growth, along with a major setback! I feel that our teamwork and communication have continued to improve; and that we are doing better at involving congregation members in music, and co-ordinating guest contributions. I continue to be amazed not only at Carol's musicianship and leadership gifts; but at her dedication and hard work in serving at Parkdale, along with full-time teaching, and maintaining a private music studio. She is a wonder of nature; and a delightful person to spend time with as well! We are very privileged to have Carol serving us so ably. The loss of the organ due to the lightning strike in August obviously has been a challenge; however, I'm grateful to the worship committee for its support in obtaining a new Yamaha keyboard (for which we had already budgeted!); which in a small way has helped fill the gap left by the organ. I would also note with thanks the many hours that Richard Hamley has spent communicating with the insurance company and organ technician, to ensure that the work of repairing the organ - begun this past week! - can take place.

Apart from the organ repair - which, as I have implied, is being covered by insurance - we have also taken steps to have a more integrated approach to maintaining the church's pianos

(especially the sanctuary grand). We now have a maintenance agreement with our technician, David Anderson, which will have the dual benefits of being less financially onerous, and ensure better long-term care of the pianos. A minor goal I have for the coming year is to take stock of the church's other instruments (I think we have a bell choir, and some percussion instruments), to see if we can incorporate them more into our regular worship.

I am grateful to the Worship Committee and M&P for allowing me to be absent for five Sundays in the early Fall, so that my daughter and I could travel to Australia to attend my nephew's wedding, and reconnect with family and friends there. In that context, I acknowledge with gratitude the coverage provided by guest organist - or keyboardist, as it turned out; see below(!) - Leora Nauta; and to Melodee and Marianne for leading Dalesong rehearsals in my absence. Thanks also to David Guy and Marianne for providing musical leadership during the summer.

I continue to be deeply grateful for the joy and privilege of serving at Parkdale. I am constantly humbled by, and always learning from, the team I get to be part of. To the pastoral staff, the administrative and other support staff, committee members, those involved in music ministry, and the generous and encouraging congregation who we serve, I can only say, thanks! (Thanks also to my family, who continue to encourage and free me to serve this way; and for joining me in musical service and leadership in their different ways.) And thanks to God in Christ above all.

Humbly submitted,  
 Jono Hamer-Wilson

## COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS



A very warm thank you to all who helped with communion arrangements during 2017. 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 cleanup is greatly appreciated.

Communion dates and the number of people who received communion over the past three years appear below:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
March	190	181	184
June	183	150	132
October	193	185	193
December	212	254	210
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>719</b>

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.

## **2017 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 2017 with various congregations hosting these meetings.

In 2017, Parkdale's Presbytery representatives were the Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey, the Rev. Alcris Limongi, Melodee Lovering and Beth Gutsell, Parkdale's lay representative.

### **THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW REPORT AND REMIT VOTES:**

As related in Parkdale's 2016 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 42<sup>nd</sup> 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

In 2017, the Presbytery offered workshops to pastoral charges on Remit 3: Office of Vocation, Remit 4: Funding a New Model, and Remit 6: Order of Ministry. These three remits require decisions from both presbytery and local pastoral charges. The Ottawa Presbytery voted on Remits 3 and 4 at its April 2017 meeting and registered a “yes” vote. At its December 2017 meeting, the presbytery rejected Remit 6: One Order of Ministry.

#### Remit 1: Three Council Model and Change to the Governance Structure:

A majority of pastoral charges and presbyteries across Canada voted to accept Remit 1. This means, that as of 2019, the church court levels of presbyteries and conferences will cease to exist, replaced by regional councils which will be much larger geographical areas. A Regional Boundaries Commission was established by the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council September 30, 2017. In response to the mandate of the commission, Ottawa Presbytery offered a workshop on regional boundaries on October 14, 2017 to presbyters. Fifty members of the Presbytery attended with a proportionately large delegation of presbyters from Gatineau pastoral charges. As a result of the workshop, a set of recommendations was presented at the November 2017 meeting of Ottawa Presbytery for discussion and approval of the preferred boundaries for this region. The Presbytery accepted the recommendations which were forwarded to the Boundaries Commission for consideration. The decisions of the Boundaries Commission and the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council in 2018 on the boundaries of the regional councils will have a far reaching effect on how the United Church of Canada supports local congregations and ministerial personnel in the future.

#### **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 opened in the spring of 2017. The Ottawa Presbytery achieved its funding goal of raising \$100,000 through donations from many pastoral charges within the Presbytery in support of The Haven project. In recognition of this support, a community room at The Haven has been dedicated to the memory of former moderator of the United Church of Canada and member of Emmanuel United Church, Dr. Anne Squire.

#### **2017 BUDGET**

In 2017, revenues to Presbytery amounted to \$462,240 with 87% coming from congregational assessments. Parkdale’s assessment in 2017 was \$23,180. Total expenditures for Ottawa Presbytery were \$473,740. The principal expenditures were personnel costs of \$224,500 and the Montreal & Ottawa Conference assessment of

\$150,260. (Please note that these are preliminary figures only. The financial review statement for 2017 will not be received by Presbytery until later in 2018.)

## **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. YAYA once again sponsored Worshiplude during Ottawa's Winterlude festival. Over 500 youth, young adults and their leaders from local congregations across Ontario and Quebec attended. At the February 2017 meeting Presbytery covenanted with youth and their chaperones before their exchange trip at March Break to Fort Resolution, NWT and the Deninu School under the auspices of the Experience Canada Youth Exchange. The young people hosted the youth from Fort Resolution here in Ottawa in May 2017. Three youth from Parkdale United Church participated in this exchange: Destin Amisi, Mariyam Amisi and Tavian Hamer-Wilson. At the April 2017 Presbytery meeting, young adults, Hazel and Doyle Smith of Bells Corners United Church reported on their partnership visit to Chipembi Girls School in Zambia in 2016.

## **PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE/COMMISSION:**

This is undoubtedly one of the busiest committees of Presbytery. It reports regularly at each Presbytery meeting with a series of motions requiring approval by the church court covering all aspects of pastoral relations. Parkdale has been the beneficiary of efforts by members of this committee through our most recent Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC), the Search Committee and leading us through congregational meetings that resulted in the call of the Rev. Alcris Limongi to our congregation in the Spring of 2017. In addition, the committee is involved in the appointment of pastoral charge supervisors, sabbaticals, appointments of volunteer associate ministers, changes in pastoral relationship, approval of JNAC reports, appointments for quorum, approval for the appointment of a Congregational Designated Minister.

With the anticipated changes in the governance structure to regional councils in 2019 comes uncertainty about the future relationship between local congregations and the United Church of Canada. The transition period will undoubtedly have its challenges. It is hoped, though, that with these changes, the United Church of Canada can truly focus on its primary mission, the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Gutsell, Lay Representative to Ottawa Presbytery

## PARKDALE ORCHESTRA

We are pleased to report that 2017 was another successful year for the Parkdale United Church Orchestra. Attendance at our concerts continues to increase – thanks to the efforts of our Publicity Manager and to our efforts to develop our profile through social media. Our conductor and music director Angus Armstrong led us again this year, demonstrating his continued commitment and enthusiasm for the orchestra and our endeavors. 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.

We had an exciting season which included an “all Canadian” concert in April, celebrating Canada’s 150<sup>th</sup>. The concert featured the works of Canadian composers including Dolores Claman’s, “Hockey Night in Canada”, a crowd pleaser. We were happy to perform this concert on two occasions, on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Plant Recreation Centre, a fundraiser for their recreation programs and, on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, our usual Saturday evening concert at the church. We also performed a selection of the repertoire at a church service on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

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 thirteen orchestra members, the experience and advice from former board members and of course the drive and wisdom of our music director Angus.

Our annual budget is equal to our needs, met through strong ticket sales, annual dues from our members, and support from small business in the local community as well in the music community who advertise in our programs. We continue to seek other sources of revenue as our costs continue to rise and have recently applied for a City of Ottawa grant.

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 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. On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 we were pleased to be able to perform for the congregation to help celebrate the 86<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Parkdale United Church. In November a chamber group of winds, brass and strings performed for the church’s Remembrance Day service and on November 26, 2017 the Orchestra performed at a special service; in August *Trinidad and Tobago* celebrated its 55th anniversary of coming out from under British rule and becoming an *independent* nation. The November 26<sup>th</sup> performance helped celebrate this anniversary and included a performance of the nation’s anthem.

Looking ahead to 2018 we have an exciting concert planned for April, featuring two double bass soloists, Malcolm Armstrong from the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra and Dan Armstrong of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. We also have a special concert planned to celebrate the centenary of Armistice Day in November 2018.

Liane Luton  
President, Parkdale United Church Orchestra

## **Parkdale's Annual Bazaar**

Our annual Bazaar, held the first Saturday in November, is a major event in the life of our church. It is a major fundraiser for our church and brings together approximately 150 volunteers, working hard and enjoying the camaraderie, in transforming the Tape Hall, all the Sunday School rooms and the Gladstone Hall with all kinds of goods for sale.

People come from miles around. People line up well before the doors open, eagerly anticipating what treasures they will find. Our Yuletide Cafe offers coffee & tea & treats for sale to those waiting in line. Once the doors open at 10 am we have a steady stream of shoppers, right through until closing at 12:30pm. As we tallied up the funds this year, we realized it was again one of our highest, with receipts totaling \$14,832. This is an amazing accomplishment and is due to all the wonderful volunteers, and to those who donate items, and to our shoppers who make the Bazaar such a success.

Thank you to all the Table Conveners and Coordinators and all the volunteers who help set-up, advertise, price, sell, and clean-up; we are so grateful. We are grateful to all those who donated items, whether it was antiques, attic treasures, books, jewelry, plants, ladies high fashion, or vintage linens to name just a few of the variety of items. And thanks to those who baked and cooked soup. We also want to thank the local merchants who helped in many ways, including donating coffee (Bridgehead Coffee), teas (Nectar Tea), and all those merchants in the area who allowed us to put posters in their windows.

Also, please keep the Bazaar in mind throughout the year as you are downsizing your house, your closet, your attic, or a family member's home.

Thanks to everyone for the wonderfully successful 2017 Bazaar. We look forward to our 2018 Bazaar on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mark your calendars and join in. All are welcome. We are always looking for more volunteers. There are lots of ways to help.

Judy Hamley, Convenor and Deb Paterson, Volunteer & Set-up Coordinator

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2017**

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 major responsibilities include the following:

- Preparation of an annual budget for approval by the Church Council and Congregation.
- Ensuring accurate counting, security and banking of weekly givings and other financial contributions.
- Preparing annual charitable tax receipts.
- Overseeing investment of Memorial Fund assets in keeping with our Investment Policy.
- Preparation of official financial reports for CRA and the United Church of Canada.
- Monitoring adherence to financial policies and internal control procedures.

## The Story behind Parkdale's Annual Report 2017 and Budget 2018

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.

In this 2017 Annual Report, our financial statements are respectfully submitted to the Congregation along with a Budget projecting receipts and expenditures in 2018. Financially (and in many other ways), 2017 was a good year. Please refer to the spreadsheets for details. Here are some highlights:

We experienced a significant increase in givings this year. Envelope givings, PAR, loose collection and givings to Mission Outreach Justice (MOJ) increased by 12.5% over 2016 to a total of \$530,267.

Financial support given to other social services, ministries and individuals totaled \$88,086 which includes \$20,169 to our own Benevolent Fund. Last year's out-reaching financial support was \$74,419.

Overall, disbursements exceeded receipts this year by \$41,588 offset by investment income of \$71,479 leaving a surplus of \$29, 891. At the AGM, the Congregation will be asked to approve transferring this surplus to the Memorial Fund for investment and future use.

The above highlights some financial achievements in 2017. For details and a full picture, please consult the spreadsheets included in this report.

Members of the Finance Committee in 2017 included Richard Hamley (Donations Coordinator), Beth Gutsell (Counting Team Coordinator and Secretary), Blaine Pauling (Past-Chair of Council), Helen Hayes (Property Trustees Chair), Member-at-large, Marcia Lewis and Kathleen Stephenson (Treasurer). And, we enthusiastically welcomed the return of David Mason returning after many years of past service on the Finance Committee. Thank you all for your dedicated service and perhaps especially Dave for agreeing to serve again as our Chair.

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 our financial statements or budget. Members of the Finance Committee are uniquely positioned to maintain a close eye on all our ministries including the fabric that holds them together. It is always interesting, more than many may think, and does not require knowledge of accounting or financial practices. We would welcome new members and the range of perspectives they might bring!

Respectfully submitted  
Kathleen Stephenson for the 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. In 2017 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, 2017**

			Balance
<b>Opening Balance, January 1 2017</b>			<b>4,203</b>
Receipts	Congregational Givings	20,169	
	Special Donations	0	
	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>20,169</b>	<b>24,372</b>
Disbursements			
	Support to individuals	7,555	
	Support to aid organizations	0	
	Petty Cash Disbursements	2,000	
	**Cash, vouchers, food cards, bus tickets	8,691	
	Bank Charges	38	
	Flood Relief	2,800	
	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>21,083</b>	<b>3,289</b>
<b>Balance at Year end</b>			<b>3,289</b>

Note: The year-end balance includes \$195 in petty cash, \$3096 in the bank as well as 22 gift cards at \$10 each and 11 \$25 cards.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey

## **PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

### 1. Opening Remarks:

Council Chair, Scott Andrews, 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

Barbara Faught led a short time of remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives and contributions of Parkdale members and affiliates who had passed away during 2016. The names of 14 people were read aloud, and we paused to recognize their wonderful legacy and some great memories.

### 4. Approval of Minutes of 2015 Annual Meeting held on February 28, 2016

Liz Harrison moved adoption of the minutes of the February 28, 2016 AGM; Janice Gray seconded. All were in favour.

Scott Andrews noted a couple of errors in the 2016 Annual Report. A new page 54 was distributed, including a description for the market value of investments. On page 21, under Images and Stories, the name Don Maxwell was corrected to Jim Maxwell as presenter of “The Swaziland Project” in March.

### 5. Update on Remits

Scott Andrews provided a brief overview of the work that Council is currently undertaking to vote on several Remits that pertain to proposed changes in governance of the United Church of Canada. He indicated that a meeting would be held to provide more detail to the congregation in coming months.

### 6. Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) Update

Blaine Pauling provided a brief overview of the status of the JNAC process, indicating that the objective of this group is to have the needs assessment completed by March 31, 2017, with the Search process to begin in April, after congregational approval of the JNAC report and the composition of the Search Committee. At this time, as is provided for in the 2017 Budget, a 30-hour week for the incoming pastoral care minister is anticipated. It is our prayerful expectation that the new Pastoral Care Minister will be in place by September 2017.

### 7. Presentation of Financial Reports for 2016 and Budget for 2017

Kathleen Stephenson provided a comprehensive overview of the financial reports for 2016. Highlights were: a significant increase in envelope givings, which was attributed to a more pronounced focus on financial stewardship during worship; a generous gift from the estate of Coral Flegg to Parkdale’s Youth Ministry and Pastoral Care; and a decrease in revenue from use of the premises. The bottom line, after considering the transfer in of \$63,804 of investment income from the Memorial Fund, and transfers out

to the Memorial Fund for In From the Cold, The George Eades Youth fund, the Youth Coffee Shop and Pastoral Care is a surplus of \$20,594 for 2016.

**Motion:** Kathleen Stephenson moved that funds (lines 84-87 on page 46) be transferred as follows to the Memorial Fund: \$825 for In From the Cold, \$5,750 for the George Eades Youth Fund, \$610 for the Youth Coffee Shop, and \$9,246 for Pastoral Care. John Butcher seconded. All were in favour.

There was a question from the floor as to the plan for the pastoral care gift/transfer to the Memorial fund. At this time, there is no plan for this money, as it was thought the incoming Pastoral Care Minister might have some ideas to contribute to the discussion, so the funds are on hold.

We were reminded that the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada receives all of the undesignated money that is contributed to the Mission, Outreach and Justice Fund at Parkdale; in 2016, this amount was in excess of \$35,000.

The Capital Budget ended the year with a surplus, primarily due to the deferral of some significant projects. A member noted that if these projects had been undertaken, we would have ended the year with a deficit.

With respect to the Memorial Fund, bequests totalling \$54,402 from the estates of Coral Flegg, Kay Badgley, and Corinne Redlich were acknowledged; we give thanks to these wonderful women whose lives were wonderful examples of Christian living and service.

**Motion:** Kathleen Stephenson moved approval of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016. John Butcher seconded. All were in favour.

Kathleen then proceeded to provide an overview of the highlights of the proposed budget for 2017. The increased givings that were seen in 2016 are projected to continue. The salary projections include a pastoral care minister at 30 hours per week. Capital projects to be undertaken include the installation of screens in Memorial Hallway, purchase of a flat-screen TV for the Ladies' Parlour, air conditioning in the offices, and window replacements to accommodate the air conditioning, among other things. Questions related to increases in the Communications budget and for financial charges were explained: web design consultant fees are included in the communications budget and the financial charges include the cost of external review of our financial statements, which takes place every three years. Property Trustees will be consulted about the need for additional cameras on Gladstone and Parkdale Avenues, as there appears to be no budget for this. Additional upgrades were suggested during the discussion of the Capital budget: a new DVD player, a new keyboard, and higher toilets. It was noted that the cost of a new keyboard was included in the 2017 worship committee budget. The need to improve air circulation in the sanctuary was also noted, as was the need for an accessible washroom closer to the sanctuary. These improvements are seen as essential for a welcoming church.

**Motion:** Kathleen Stephenson moved the approval of the 2017 Budget; Julee Pauling seconded. All were in favour.

**Motion:** Kathleen Stephenson moved that the surplus of \$20,594 be transferred to the Memorial fund. John Butcher seconded. All were in favour.

8. Motion to Adopt the 2016 Annual Report

Camille Beaufort moved the adoption of the 2016 Annual Report with corrections as noted. Beth Gutsell seconded. All were in favour.

9. Appointment of Presbytery Representative

Blaine Pauling moved and Samantha Tim 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.

#### 10. Nominating Council Report and Filling of Vacant Positions

Scott noted an amendment to the slate of officers as outlined on page 45 of the Annual Report, to include Helen Hayes as Chair of Property Trustees and Julee Pauling as Secretary. Faye Beaufort moved and Barbara Faught seconded the acceptance of nominations for Council as listed, with the amendment as noted. Carried.

Vacant positions were noted: Vice-Chair and Chair of Finance. It was also noted that Alexandra Stockwell has agreed to fill in as Chair of Worship while Barbara Faught occupies the Minister of Pastoral Care position.

John Butcher moved and Blaine Pauling seconded the motion that Council be provided the authority to appoint new members to Council without convening a congregational meeting. Carried.

#### 11. Appointment of Trustees

John Butcher moved and Julee Pauling seconded the appointment of Property Trustees as listed on page 44 of the Annual Report, amended to include Helen Hayes as Chair. Carried.

John Butcher moved and Camille Beaufort seconded the appointment of Financial Trustees as listed on page 44 of the Annual Report.

#### 12. Thank You to Council Members

Scott Andrews extended a gracious thank you to the tremendous work put into Parkdale's Fundraising Policy by Samantha Tim and Alexandra Stockwell, to Beth Gutsell for her work on the Remits, and the Helen Hayes for her role as Secretary.

#### 13. Moment of Appreciation of Staff

Scott Andrews thanked the staff, ministerial (Anthony and Melodee, and to Barbara for stepping into a gap); we are truly grateful for the blessing of leadership that we have at Parkdale. He also extended thanks to Jono Hamer-Wilson and to Carol Diamond for their leadership of music, both contemporary and traditional, that is provided each week, and to Kathleen Stephenson and Richard Hamley for their stewardship of our financial resources. Scott also thanked the office staff (Don Mockett) and custodial staff (Khan Chao (retired), Norman Reid, Carole Shaw, Ryan Pascal and Sung Lim) for all their hard work and cheerful support during the year. Special thanks to Don Mockett for his work on the Annual Report.

#### 14. Special Request

Orion Clark recommended that consideration be given to making a contribution of \$10,000 to the Multi-Faith Housing Initiative from the Memorial fund. The Mission, Outreach and Justice Committee will take this recommendation into consideration.

#### 15. Closing Prayer

Scott Andrews closed the meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned.

## **In Memoriam**

Eileen Burnes

Alma Chick

Lois Follett

\*Carol Joan Gill

Brian Greene

\*George Grande

\*Melville Claude Hanna

Clarence Edward Haynes

\*Benjamin Allan Keys

Ietje Kingma-Grakist

\*Catherine (Cathy) Tracy Lees

\*Wendy Martin

Melita Masson

David Allan McDonald

\*Mona Moorehouse

\*Frank Morton

Joan Irene Pelosse

\* Arvin Clifford Ramstead

Cameron Scrim

Sheila Edwardine Stengele

Roger Gordon Wright

\*Members

## **TRUSTEES - 2018**

### **Property Trustees:**

Helen Hayes (Chairperson)

David Baird

Matt Baker

Barbara Faught

Marcia Lewis

Don Mockett

Deb Paterson

Norman Reid

Richard Yearwood

### **Financial Trustees**

Richard Hamley

David Mason

**PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**Nominations for 2018**

Chair	Garth McLeod
Vice-Chair	Vacant
Past Chair	Scott Andrews
Secretary	Julee Pauling
Treasurer	Kathleen Stephenson
Members-at-Large	Don Macpherson
	David Odumodu

*Chairs of Committees*

Communications	Carolyn Halkett
Faith Formation & Christian Development	Camille Beaufort
Finance	David Mason
Membership Development & Rolls	Marilyn Hahn
Ministry & Personnel	Judy Hamley
Mission, Outreach & Justice	Faye Beaufort
Pastoral Care Team	Mary McLeod
Parkdale Representative to Presbytery	Beth Gutsell
Property Trustees	Helen Hayes
Recruitment & Succession Planning	Peter Meerburg
Stewardship	Samantha Tim
Worship	Barbara Faught

*Ministerial Staff*

Coordinating Minister	(ex-officio members of Council)
Minister of Pastoral Care	Anthony Bailey
Minister of Youth & Children	Alcris Limongi
	Melodee Lovering

FINANCIAL SUMMARY  
December 31, 2017

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		2017	2016	Variance	2017	2018	2018 Budget/ 2017 YTD
2		YTD	YTD		Budget	Budget	
3	<b>Receipts</b>						
4							
5	General	519,564	492,591	26,973	486,350	541,150	4.2%
6	Mission, Outreach and Justice	88,086	74,419	13,667	72,900	77,700	-11.8%
7	Capital	60,084	62,407	-2,323	62,000	64,179	6.8%
8							
9	Total Receipts	667,734	629,417	38,317	621,250	683,029	2.3%
10							
11	<b>Disbursements</b>						
12							
13	General	549,866	565,918	-16,052	575,334	615,602	12.0%
14	Mission, Outreach and Justice	88,086	74,419	13,667	72,900	77,700	-11.8%
15	Capital	71,370	15,861	55,509	52,150	84,758	18.8%
16							
17	Total Disbursements	709,323	656,198	53,125	700,384	778,060	9.7%
18							
19	<b>Receipts Less Disbursements</b>						
20							
21	General	-30,302	-73,327	43,025	-88,984	-74,452	145.7%
22	Mission, Outreach and Justice	0	0	0	0	0	
23	Capital	-11,286	46,546	-57,832	9,850	-20,579	82.3%
24							
25	<b>Gross Deficit</b>	<b>-41,588</b>	<b>-26,781</b>	<b>-14,807</b>	<b>-79,134</b>	<b>-95,031</b>	<b>128.5%</b>
26							
27	Investment Income from Mem. Fund	71,479	63,804	7,675	68,000	68,000	-4.9%
28							
29							
30	<b>Net Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>29,891</b>	<b>37,023</b>	<b>-7,132</b>	<b>-11,134</b>	<b>-27,031</b>	

A	B	C	D	E	F
1	<b>SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS</b> Annual Report 2017				
2					
3		<u>Investments/</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Balance</u>
4		<u>Cash</u>	<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Payable</u>	
5	<b>General &amp;</b>	22,465			
6	<b>Mission and</b>		2,053		
7	<b>Outreach</b>		5,373		
8					29,891
9					
10	<b>Capital</b>	Bank of Montreal			
11					
12					
13	<b>Memorial</b>	<b>Cash or cash equivalents</b>			
14		CIBC Cash			
15		BMO Cash			
16		BMO GIC			
17					
18		<b>Equities (Market value December 2017)</b>			
19		Bank of Montreal			
20		Brompton Split Bank Corp Preferred shares			
21		Brookfield Infrastructure			
22		Canadian Natural Resources Ltd			
23		Dividend 15 Split Corp Class A			
24		Dividend 15 Split Corp Preferred			
25		Financial 15 Split Corp (CHIX)			
26		Great-West Lifeco Inc			
27		H&R Real Estate Investment Trust			
28		Inter pipeline fund CL A Ltd Partnership Units			
29		Life & Banc Split Corp			
30		Pembina Pipeline Income Fund Trust			
31		Partners Value Split Preferred			
32		Royal Bank			
33		Transalta Renewables			
34					
35					
36					1,481,298
37					
38	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,503,762</b>	<b>7,426</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,511,188</b>

General  
December 31, 2017

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1		2017	2016	Year over year	2017	Year end/	2018	2018 Budget
2		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget	/2017 YTD
3	<b>Receipts</b>							
4								
5	Envelopes	406,907	360,783	13%	375,000	9%	428,000	5%
6	Loose Collection	15,880	18,412	-14%	18,500	-14%	15,500	-2%
7	Anniversary Receipts	0	2,541		0			
8	Family Camp	3,487	390	794%	4,100	-15%	4,100	18%
9	Christian Enrichment receipts	1,774	3,680	-52%	3,500	-49%	3,900	120%
10	Donations for Bulletins	200	140	43%	200	0%	200	0%
11	Donations for Coffee	138	90	53%	150	-8%	150	9%
12	Donations for Easter Flowers	1,035	1,065	-3%	1,000	3%	1,000	-3%
13	Donations for Gifts	0	0		0			
14	Donations for Membership Dev.	0			300	-100%		
15	Donations for Messenger	0	400		400	-100%	200	
16	Donations for Observer Plan	710	550	29%	600	18%	500	-30%
17	Donations for Pastoral Care	2,170	9,427	-77%	1,500	45%	1,500	-31%
18	Donations for Worship	0	0					
19	George Eades Youth Fund	2,890	9,088	-68%	2,500	16%	2,600	-10%
20	In From The Cold	11,955	12,636	-5%	10,000	20%	10,000	-16%
21	Men's Events	0	0		1,000	-100%		
22	Miscellaneous	483	1,988		0			-100%
23	Sunday School	1,251	1,298	-4%	1,300	-4%	1,200	-4%
24	Training funds from MF	0	0		2,500	-100%	1,500	
25	Use of Premises	58,368	54,810	6%	50,000	17%	57,000	-2%
26	Weddings and Funerals	1,850	4,200	-56%	4,000	-54%	4,000	116%
27	Women's Retreat	8,030	10,135	-21%	8,000	0%	8,000	0%
28	Youth Coffee Shop	2,436	958	154%	1,800	35%	1,800	-26%
29								
30	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>519,564</b>	<b>492,591</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>486,350</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>541,150</b>	<b>4%</b>
31								
32	<b>Disbursements</b>							
33								
34	Salaries & Benefits + Allowances	326,284	360,354	-9%	353,500	-8%	385,650	8%
35	Contracts and Honoraria	56,353	42,269	33%	34,000	66%	45,000	-40%
36	Anniversary Celebrations	0	8,873		0			
37	Books and Resources	219	130	68%	200	9%	200	-9%
38	Family Camp	4,435	0		4,100	8%	5,100	
39	Christian Enrichment	4,117	4,522	-9%	4,500	-9%	7,650	9%
40	Church Bulletins	419	547	-23%	500	-16%	500	19%
41	Communications and newsletter	271	784	-65%	3,120	-91%	1,640	1053%
42	Easter Flowers	249	249	0%	300	-17%	300	20%
43	Envelopes	1,084	1,101	-2%	1,100	-1%	1,100	2%
44	Evening Security	15,650	16,440	-5%	16,600	-6%	17,250	6%
45	Financial Charges & Review Internal Contro	1,078	1,471	-27%	1,400	-23%	200	30%
46	Financial Review	3,638			3,500		0	
47	Gas Heat	12,948	11,162	16%	13,000	0%	13,000	0%
48	Gifts and Recognitions	0	536		300	-100%		
49	In From The Cold	7,322	5,811	26%	6,000	22%	7,000	-18%
50	Insurances	12,471	13,150	-5%	13,150	-5%	12,471	5%
51	Light and Power	11,394	12,282	-7%	12,500	-9%	12,000	10%
52	Membership Development	147	561	-74%	600	-75%	300	307%
53	Men's Events	0	0		1,000	-100%	1,000	
54	Miscellaneous	518	560	-7%	500	4%	500	-4%
55	Mission Outreach Justice Committee	0	0					
56	Music, Licenses	1,477	1,355	9%	2,050	-28%	2,000	39%
57	Observer Plan	2,200	2,675	-18%	2,700	-19%	2,200	23%
58	Office and Supplies	2,362	2,420	-2%	2,500	-6%	2,700	6%
59	Organ and other Musicians	2,050	1,303	57%	2,850	-28%	2,550	39%
60	Pastoral Care	917	181	407%	500	83%	3,100	-45%

General  
December 31, 2017

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
60	Pastoral Care	917	181	407%	500	83%	3,100	-45%
61	Payroll service charges	327	530	-38%	500	-35%	350	53%
62	Personnel Committee	6,127	1,904	222%	6,200	-1%	5,345	1%
63	Photocopying	5,953	5,578	7%	6,200	-4%	6,800	4%
64	Piano/Organ Maintenance	1,268	3,626	-65%	2,500	-49%	1,200	97%
65	Postage	1,532	1,118	37%	1,200	28%	1,500	-22%
66	Presbytery	23,180	21,771	6%	23,180	0%	23,262	0%
67	Repairs and Maintenance	9,007	8,713	3%	10,500	-14%	11,000	17%
68	Snow Clearing	8,153	6,773	20%	7,284	12%	7,284	-11%
69	Stewardship Committee	0			250	-100%	250	
70	Telecommunications	5,186	5,468	-5%	6,000	-14%	5,200	16%
71	Training (Lay)	30	0		2,500	-99%	2,500	
72	Water and Sewer	4,929	5,691	-13%	6,000	-18%	5,500	22%
73	Weddings and Funerals	1,950	3,400	-43%	3,000	-35%	3,000	54%
74	Women's Retreat	6,745	6,602	2%	8,000	-16%	8,000	19%
75	Worship arts	0	0		850	-100%	1,350	
76	Worship Committee/Sanctuary	2,191	2,322	-6%	3,000	-27%	2,000	37%
77	Youth Coffee shop expenses	3,451	348	892%	500	590%	1,400	-86%
78	Youth Ministry	2,234	3,338	-33%	7,200	-69%	6,250	222%
79								
80	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>549,866</b>	<b>565,918</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>575,334</b>	<b>-4.4%</b>	<b>615,602</b>	<b>12%</b>
81								
82	<b>Gross Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>-30,302</b>	<b>-73,327</b>	<b>-59%</b>	<b>-88,984</b>	<b>-65.9%</b>	<b>-\$74,452</b>	<b>146%</b>
83								
84	Investment Income from Mem. Fund	60,193	63,804	-6%	68,000	-11.5%	68,000	13%
85	Transfer IFTC to Mem Fund		-826					
86	Transfer George Eades to Mem Fund		-5,750					
87	Transfer Youth Coffee Shop to Mem Fund		-610					
88	Transfer PC Bequest to Mem Fund		-9,246					
89								
90	<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>29,891</b>	<b>-25,955</b>		<b>-20,984</b>	<b>-242.4%</b>	<b>-\$6,452</b>	<b>-122%</b>
91								
92	<b>Balance December 31, 2017</b>							
93	Bank of Montreal	22,465						
94	M&O Payable	0						
95	GST Receivable	2,053						
96	PST Receivable	5,373						
97	Balance (deficit)	<b>29,891</b>						

Mission Outreach Justice  
December 31, 2017

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		2017	2016	Year over	2017	Year end/	2018
2		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget
3	<b>Receipts</b>						
4							
5	Mission and Outreach envelopes	48,629	41,751	16%	42,000	16%	45,000
6	MF Share the Wealth	2,000	2,000		2,000	0%	2,000
7	Benevolent Fund	20,169	16,306	24%	16,500	22%	17,500
8	Bethany	1,916	1,069	79%	900	113%	1,200
9	Christmas Offering	2,760	2,485	11%	3,500	-21%	3,000
10	Easter Offering	2,656	2,175	22%	2,000	33%	2,500
11	Thanksgiving Offering	911	1,195	-24%	1,200	-24%	1,200
12	Food Bank	2,762	3,663	-25%	2,500	10%	2,500
13	Habitat for Humanity	0	0				
14	Mission and Service Fund United Church of Canada	590	940	-37%			
15	Multifaith Housing Initiative	2,360					
16	North St. Project, Jamaica	1,533	1,035	48%	500	207%	1,000
17	Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,800	1,800	0%	1,800	0%	1,800
18							
19	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>88,086</b>	<b>74,419</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>72,900</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>77,700</b>
20							
21	<b>Disbursements</b>						
22							
23	<b>Non-Designated by Donor</b>						
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	Marian Dewar Scholarship Fund	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	0%	1,000
28	Mission and Outreach Discretionary	1,000	1,000		1,000	0%	1,000
29	Multifaith Housing Initiative	4,460	200		200	2130%	200
30	Odawa Native Friendship Centre	0					1,000
31	Operation Come Home	250	250	0%	250	0%	250
32	Ottawa Christian Counselling	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	0%	1,000
33	Ottawa Inner City Ministries	0					550
34	Ottawa West Community Support	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	0%	1,000
35	Share the Wealth	2,000	2,000	0%	2,000	0%	2,000
36	Urban Christian Outreach	1,550	1,550	0%	1,550	0%	1,000
37							
38							
39	<b>Designated by Donor</b>						
40	Benevolent Fund	20,169	16,306	24%	16,500	22%	17,500
41	Bethany	1,916	1,069	79%	900	113%	1,200
42	Food Bank	2,762	3,663	-25%	2,500	10%	2,500
43	Mission and Service Fund United Church of Canada	39,819	35,191	13%	34,200	16%	36,500
44	North St. Project, Jamaica	1,533	1,035	48%	500	207%	1,000
45	Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,800	1,800	0%	1,800	0%	1,800
46							
47	<b>Special Offerings</b>						
48	<i>Christmas Offering</i>						
49	The Mission	1,380	1,243	11%	1,750	-21%	1,500
50	Cornerstone Women's Shelter	1,380	1,243	11%	1,750	-21%	1,500
51	<i>Easter Offering</i>						
52	Urban Christian Outreach	2,656	2,175	22%	2,000	33%	2,500
53	<i>Thanksgiving Offering</i>						
54	Cambridge Breakfast Program	455	597	-24%	750	-39%	600
55	Connaught Breakfast Program	455	597	-24%	750	-39%	600
56							
57	<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>88,086</b>	<b>74,419</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>72,900</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>77,700</b>
58	<b>Net Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>

Capital Fund  
December 31, 2017

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		2017	2016	Year over year	2017	Year end/	2018
2		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget
3	<b>Receipts</b>						
4							
5	Bazaar	14,081	15,395	-9%	15,000	-6%	14,000
6	Building Improvement Campaign	566	2,742		2,000	-72%	500
7	Envelopes	19,394	17,778	9%	18,000	8%	19,000
8	Parking Donations	16,508	16,038	3%	17,000	-3%	15,000
9	Rummage Sales	9,536	10,454	-9%	10,000	-5%	9,500
10	SIP grant	0					6,179
11							
12	<b>Total</b>	<b>60,084</b>	<b>62,407</b>	<b>-3.7%</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>-3%</b>	<b>64,179</b>
13							
14	<b>Disbursements</b>						
15							
16	Air Conditioning	16,287			18,000	-10%	500
17	Bathroom Upgrades	0					2,500
18	Chair Lift Expenses	1,163	3,194	-64%	3,500	-67%	4,000
19	Computer Hardware (TV Bulletin Boards)	0	287		3,000	-100%	1,000
20	Computer Software	0	485		1,000	-100%	1,000
21	Equipment	2,009	2,821	-29%	3,000	-33%	5,000
22	Fire safety, Inspection and Electrical	0					3,500
23	Foundation/Masonry	0			6,000	-100%	1,000
24	Garden	779	892	-13%	1,000	-22%	1,200
25	Kitchen Upgrades	0					1,500
26	Lightning Strike Costs	13,116					
27	Miscellaneous expenses	1,522					
28	Nursery and Sunday School Renovations	540			2,000	-73%	1,000
29	Paving walkways and lots	13,658					7,000
30	Phone upgrade	213					
31	Preschool Renovations	24,538					10,000
32	Property Development Working Group	0					20,000
33	Repairs and Upgrades	3,205	7,465		7,650	-58%	11,200
34	Roof, Eaves, Soffits and Ceilings	961			2,000	-52%	1,000
35	Security, Cameras	1,304					12,358
36	Signage	36					
37	Video, Sound Equipment	0	717	-100%	2,000	-100%	1,000
38	Window Replacement	155			3,000		
39							
40	<b>Total</b>	<b>79,486</b>	<b>15,861</b>	<b>401.1%</b>	<b>52,150</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>84,758</b>
41							
42	<b>Receipts less expenses</b>	-19,402	46,546		9,850		-20,579
43							
44	Investment Income from Mem Fund	11,286					
45	Insurance Receivable	8,116					
46							
47	<b>Total Deficit/Surplus</b>	0	46,546				
48							
49	<b>Balance December 31, 2017</b>	0					

Memorial Fund  
December 31, 2017

	A	B
1	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Year to date</b>
2		
3	Bequests	13,538
4	Capital Gains (loss)	203
5	Dividends	44,011
6	Donation of stock	0
7	Operating funds surplus paid to MF	20,594
8	George Eades Youth Fund	0
9	In From the Cold Funds to be held for future use	0
10	Interest	2,656
11	Martin Luther King Sunday donation for future use	0
12	MissionTrips Funds to be held for future use	0
13	Other investment income	24,812
14	Refugee Funds to be held for future use	200
15	Remembrance Fund	4,410
16	Youth Coffee Shop Funds to be held for future use	0
17		
18	<b>Total</b>	<b>110,424</b>
19		
20	<b>Disbursements</b>	
21		
22	George Eades transfer to Gen.Fund	0
23	Refugee Fund	14,679
24	Remembrance Fund	15,000
25	Share the wealth	2,000
26	T/fer Interest/Dividends to Gen Fund	71,479
27	Training	180
28		
29	<b>Total</b>	<b>103,158</b>
30		
31	<b>Receipts less expenses</b>	<b>7,266</b>
32	Balance 31-Dec-16	1,474,212
33		
34	<b>Balance December 31, 2017</b>	<b>1,481,478</b>
35		
36	<b>Cash or cash equivalents</b>	
37	CIBC cash	6,000
38	BMO GIC (Mastercard security)	4,000
39	BMO cash	93,722
40		
41		
42	<b>Equities (Market value December 2017)</b>	
43	Bank of Montreal	85,502
44	Brompton Split Bank Corp Preferred shares	104,648
45	Brookfield Infrastructure	16,914
46	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd	44,920
47	Dividend 15 Split Corp Class A	82,308
48	Dividend 15 Split Corp Preferred	111,834
49	Financial 15 Split Corp (CHIX)	106,848
50	Great-West Lifeco Inc	66,690
51	H&R Real Estate Investment Trust	61,944
52	Inter pipeline fund CL A Ltd Partnership Units	150,974
53	Life & Banc Split Corp	107,166
54	Pembina Pipeline Income Fund Trust	163,836
55	Partners Value Split Preferred	111,980
56	Royal Bank	92,385
57	Transalta Renewables	69,628

Memorial Fund  
December 31, 2017

	A	B
58		
59		
60	Accounts Receivable	0
61		
62	<b>Balance</b>	<b>1,481,298</b>
63		
64	<b>*Includes funds held for future use:</b>	
65		
66	In from the Cold	18,851
67	Remembrance	33,292
68	Youth Coffee Shop	4,201
69	George Eades	29,157
70	Refugee Support	15,274
71	Pastoral Care Bequest (included in Remembrance Fund)	9,246
72		
73	<b>Note: Funds Held for Future Use adjusted in December 2017 by these amounts:</b>	
74	In From The Cold	-1,367
75	Remembrance	-10,590
76	Youth Coffee Shop	-1,015
77	George Eades Fund for Youth Ministry	656
78	Refugee Support	-14,479