

2018

ANNUAL REPORT



**Parkdale United Church
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VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

OUR VISION

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

OUR MISSION

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

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

OUR VALUES

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

Compassion

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

Respect

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

Working Together

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

Commitment

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

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Coordinating Minister's Annual Report

Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey

2018

Christian discipleship is a process of paying more and more attention to God's righteousness and less and less attention to our own. It is finding the meaning of our lives not by probing our moods and motives and morals but by believing in God's will and purposes. It is making a map of the faithfulness of God, not charting the rise and fall of our enthusiasms. It is out of such a reality that we acquire perseverance.

As a follower of Jesus and a Christian pastor, I am tasked to be about the business of discipleship. That is, being intentional about partnering with God's Spirit to grow in the ways of more faithful discipleship and in turn helping congregants also grow in their discipleship, and by extension, mission in the world. We would all agree that this is not an easy undertaking. What is clear however, is that it is meant to be done together; in community. Thanks be to God it has been a very engaging year of ministry. By God's grace, I have tried – though imperfectly – to work with staff, Council and the congregation to worship, discern, pray and serve in the way of Christ.

I began the year still relishing and contemplatively unpacking the experiences of my 2017 sabbatical Camino pilgrimage. These experiences continue to resonate in my reflection, prayer life, and ministry.

I continue to be intentional in curating worship services and experiences that help us to be open, accessible and responsive to “God on the move”. As a way of intentionally slowing down and being stretched in my devotional life, I have been reading and reflecting more on writings and prayers by Henri Nouwen, Joan Chittister, and Richard Rohr. As well, I was introduced to Barbara Holmes' ground-breaking book on the contemplative tradition and practice in the African American Church; *Joy Unspeakable: Contemplative Practices of the Black Church*.

Over the year I continued to encourage faith formation, the study of scripture, and support of relationships, as well as undertake pastoral care and offer leadership through the following: the conduct of Tuesday morning Bible Studies (the exploration of Christian cardinal virtues, and the Acts of the Apostles), new members preparation and reception (9 new members were received this year), evening Faith Formation sessions, regular baptismal seminars, the annual marriage seminar, marriage education process and weddings, counselling, pastoral home and hospital visiting of persons in distress and ill, and the conduct of funerals in support of bereaved families and their friends.

Also, I continued to participate in the meetings of our Council of Elders (who continue to provide dedicated leadership for our congregation) and various committees (ie. Mission, Outreach and Justice, Stewardship, Worship and Property Development Working Group). As a congregation we are indebted to the chairpersons and members of all of our committees for their dedication and faithfulness. I am grateful for the attentiveness of the Ministry and Personnel Committee which works to stay informed in ways to ensure a healthy and conducive working environment.

I thoroughly enjoy being able to continue conducting monthly chapel communion services at Westwood and Carlingview Manor, and occasionally at the Grace Manor. The residents and staff who attend so appreciate these times of worship and fellowship. I am grateful for the dedicated assistance of Dian Morris, Hazel Bowen, Elaine West and Jane Barbe who assist me these sacred times of worship and encouragement. Some of our Parkdale members are residents in these homes. *[we were saddened at Dian Morris' sudden death in late December 2018. We continue to pray for her family and the family of all those who have lost loved ones over the years].

Our signature In From the Cold supper hospitality ministry continues to bless and serve guests who continue to rave about this community meal – music – art and fellowship time. We continue to treasure the dedicated commitment of all the volunteers, the commitment to high quality food, the popular and interactive arts table, the welcoming spirit and dignified atmosphere, the quality and popular musical groups all making for such a blessed and sacred weekly celebration each Saturday from November to March. I am present nearly every Saturday offering prayer, a listening ear, support, guidance, encouragement, and spiritual counsel. Some of our guests come for additional help and material support during the week. This year, after so many years of coordination and dedicated organizing, Hazel Bowen stepped down from this role. We are enormously grateful for her commitment and stewardship in this ministry.

This year I continued to exercise my ministry in the public square. In January I was confirmed as a new Board member of Crime Prevention Ottawa; a City of Ottawa committee that interviewed and invited me to the Board because of my community engagement. 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 conducted presentations in elementary and High Schools, Federal government departments, and various community and health organizations on an array of topics, including: the contribution of people of African descent to Canadian and World History, anti-racism, inter-faith relations, ethics and diversity. I was also a panelist and theological reflector for a Godspell Production – offering reflections on the theme of forgiving one's enemies prior to the presentation of the play. As well, I was one of the interfaith (Christian Perspective) speakers for the "Continuing Reconciliation" Event on the steps of Parliament Hill in support of Indigenous aspirations and justice. I also presented at the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board event called "*Date With Diversity*" on the theme: "**Growing Equity**" and was the guest speaker at the Anglican Diocese's Community Ministries fundraising breakfast at the Cathedral. As well, I emceed the 10th Annual Marion Dewar Scholarship Fundraising Gala at the International Restaurant at Algonquin College.

I was particularly grateful to God for my being able to convince the Ottawa Police Service to permit me to offer anti-black racism/unconscious bias training to the new police recruits on their Diversity and Race Relations Police Training day (March). [Having been enthusiastically received by the recruits and the supervisors, I have been invited to offer this training again in 2019]



For the first time Parkdale United was host to the Royal Commonwealth Society of Canada 39th annual Interfaith Event. We welcomed almost 200 people to Parkdale and our choir acquitted itself masterfully under the direction of first-time choir leader and Alexandra Golod. RCSC provided the refreshments for the reception and made a donation to Parkdale in the amount of \$450.

With respect to our ecumenical relationships, Alcris, Melodee and I joined with the new minister of St. Stephen's (Rev. Meg Patterson) to provide leadership for the joint Good Friday service at St. Stephen's. The joint choir also blessed all attending with their music ministry and our own Rev. Alcris delivered a compelling sermon worthy of the occasion.

One of the new congregational neighbourhood/global mission initiatives this year was the Global 6k run in partnership with World Vision. Parkdale had 70 participants, including I am told about 5 people who having seen the signs on the lawn walked in and signed up to run. We raised a little over \$10,000 which was the 6th highest of all the participating churches in Canada. We are so grateful to all the runners, of all ages, but particularly to Kate Thompson who did an exceptional job coordinating this initiative. The money raised from the 2018 Global 6k event went to WASH (water) projects in Mali, Africa.



Also, we sponsored and welcomed another refugee family this year. They are - Elsa Meles-Tesfay, Tadelechi Dejen Beyenne, Yaret Dejen Beyenne and Temesgen Wendfraw Kasa - who arrived on November 15. *(Please see the MOJ report for further details)*

I have been very excited to be participating in the Property Development Working Group. I believe this is a faithful undertaking as we prayerfully discern where God is leading us in our life together and our missional collaboration with the neighbourhood in which God has planted us. *(Please refer to the PDWG report by Helen Hayes)*

Melodee Lovering, Zaya Kuyena, Camille Beaufort, Alexandra Stockwell and I continued to be Parkdale United Church's representatives in the Collaborative Justice process that is ongoing with mediators based at the Court House. The young man who attacked our church, and other places of worship, with racist graffiti has made transformative strides and has been willingly participating in this mediated process. We give God thanks for the role our congregation has played and is playing in his ongoing path to rehabilitation.

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), and the Board of Crime Prevention Ottawa, joins with that of my colleagues in these organizations, to positively impact the well-being of our City.

Some of my study leave and speaking engagements included: Emceeding and preaching at the annual international Festival of Homiletics conference in Washington D.C.; attending the Generosity Next stewardship Seminar gathering in Tampa, Fl; attending and presenting at the Lester Randall Preaching conference in Toronto; attending and presenting at two conferences back to back called Cruxifusion in Brampton and ReVitalize 2 in London, Ontario.

With respect to my pastoral colleagues, after 9 years here at Parkdale Melodee Lovering left at the end of October for another pastoral charge near Leamington Ontario. We are grateful for her ministry here and we miss her. Rev. Alcris Limongi continues to be a blessed addition to our congregation, curating engaging small groups and supporting the pastoral care team in their tending to hospitalized, home-bound and residentially-bound members; we give God thanks for her, her worship leadership and her gifts and personality.

As a congregation we continue to be well served by the competent, enthusiastic and dedicated ministry of music co-led by Carol Diamond and Jono Hamer-Wilson. Our choirs (children and senior) 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. This year Carol organized a choir workshop led by Marcia Bailey and her husband Joel Campbell. We learned some black gospel songs and were able to join the Imani Gospel Singers on MLK Jr. Sunday for two of their songs.

I thank God for our 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. Johanna Lace our part time administrative assistant to the three pastoral ministers was such a Godsend. We continue to miss her since her employment here ended. We give thanks to Camille Beaufort for her capable and dedicated work as interim Children and Youth coordinator in the absence of Melodee Lovering. 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. Later in the year we were also blessed by interim custodian Jeff Clifford, whose friendly, competent and efficient ways have been good for Parkdale as he replaces Norman who is away on a leave of absence.

I commend to you all the contributions that follow in this Annual Report. For by so doing you will more deeply appreciate the names and breadth of ministry of all the people here at Parkdale United, who are seeking to steward God's mission in this place. Let us by God's grace and power take bold and faithful steps in 2018, towards enhancing our mission and witness in service to Christ Jesus.

Respectfully Submitted
Anthony

REV. ALCRIS LIMONGI-MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE REPORT

A full year just went by; this is a summary of all that has happened in this corner of the Parkdale building...

The contextual frame for the ministry springing from the Pastoral Care Ministry position calls for mainly three areas:

Addressing the pastoral care needs of the whole congregation, providing leadership in expanding faith formation and small group ministry to build relationships and foster a pastoral care culture. Therefore the focus of this ministry continues to be: intentional listening both to individuals and the needs of the congregation; personal and inter-personal relationship building; providing individual pastoral care and through small group ministry; and finding ways and practices that nurture a culture of pastoral care in the congregation and impact our lives as God's family.

PASTORAL CARE TO INDIVIDUALS THROUGH VISITS AND PERSONAL CONTACT

I have visited with people in hospitals, in homes, in senior residences and coffee shops. I have had one-on-one conversations in my office and, less intentionally, but also effective in "hall" conversations and when we are doing the work of God together. Emails and phone calls have been also a media for expressing support, concern and offering prayers. Counselling, coaching, spiritual companionship, prayers-to-go and Christian relationships with all ages and stages have continued to flourish and solidify.

WORSHIP

I share worship leadership every Sunday with Rev. Dr. Bailey. We serve communion, share funerals and I preach on a regular basis. Since the departure of our Minister for Children and Youth, I have taken on the Intergenerational Service, the Children's Sunday and the Christmas Eve Family Service. I lead worship at Grace Manor as part of a rotation of ministers.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

We meet under the dedicated leadership and excellent coordination of Mary McLeod. My word of thanks to our Pastoral Care Team and its Chair for their caring and transformative ministry. It is constant, it is faithful, it is quiet, and it is very meaningful to many of our elderly and their families.

The traditional programs continue to flow smoothly and are full of attention to detail and compassion. We had two Special Communion Services and hosted tea receptions for our elderly saints. It is needless to say how much they enjoy partaking communion together and visiting with their friends. They are welcome, cherished and well hosted here. As is our tradition on Easter, lilies were delivered to shut-ins. In early December cookie plates were delivered to each of our elder saints; comforting and faithful visits continue to happen, as well as covering unexpected needs that arise in the lives of members of the congregation. Cards flow from the pen of Gloria Anderson to celebrate, comfort or offer support to people going through different circumstances. Some of us have attended to two continuing education workshops on Suicide and also established a new connection with the Royal Ottawa Hospital –with thanks to Gail Thain- to be able to link people to services and get more education around mental health issues and services.

This year we pause to honour and give thanks for the ministry among us, the Christian witness and the personal friendship of Dian Morris who went ahead of us to be with God. We miss her! and continue to pray for Bill and their children.

PRAYERS AND MEALS

The Prayer Shawls Team continues to crochet and pray faithfully and the under the coordination of this committed and efficient duo: Diana Mason and Marilyn Follett. We continue to produce and deliver prayer shawls, as well as home cooked meals to those in hospital or going through a difficult time. The Prayer Group meets every other Wednesday to lift up the needs of the congregation, the prayer requests from the Prayer Box and I give thanks to God for them and their ministry of intercession and for His abundant mercy and grace flowing through this ministry. We have received many answers to prayers and wait in faith for the ones to come! A new Cancer Focused Prayer group is happening every Friday at 2:00 pm. Here we not only pray for those in our church family fighting cancer, but also receive many requests to lift up before God friends and relatives who are also fighting the good fight against this illness. Marilyn Follett and Isabella Weir are the faithful leaders of this group.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES AND DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF PASTORAL CARE

The small group ministry provides opportunities for cultivating a culture of pastoral care in the congregation and extending the ministry to all ages and stages through an intentional discipleship and faith formation, spiritual practices, skills and leadership development, Christian fellowship and community life. It is important to mention that this ministry has also an outreach outcome. For example, in every small group program we have welcomed members from the community who were invited by members of Parkdale or had newcomers who felt empowered, after the experience of community, to engage more formally in the work and life of the congregation. Following a brief comment on Dinner for Eight, Life Group, Jesus Calls, the Cup of Life, Walking Together Through Loss, Living with Cancer Support Group, Tai chi and Yoga.

DINNER FOR EIGHT

We have had Dinners for Eight-*ish* two more times: in April 2018 and February 2019. This has been a great opportunity for newer congregants to get to know more Parkdalers, for others to develop new friendships and for all to be blessed and be a blessing around a table. This program provides opportunities to host in homes or in the church; and for all to offer or receive hospitality. I make up the tables, which is almost like a blind date experience, and the outcome has been very positive: celebrating diversity, surprises in getting to know others, and fun! There will be a next round coming up in the Fall, with hopefully better weather...

LIFE GROUPS

Group spiritual direction sessions held over five weeks. It was attended by some of our Ignite young adults group and other members of the congregation. The intergenerational sharing and the depth of the conversations about our individual spiritual journeys were highlights of this experience.

JESUS CALLS

A small group study for all genders, ages, and life stages met on Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. We used the Book *Jesus Calls* by Dr. Justo Gonzalez. There were 8 self-contained sessions combining Bible inquiry, personal and small group work and, of course,

community building. This was a rich experience of sharing at a deep level for many and was a way to focus on different biblical texts using the lens of God's call to us.

THE CUP OF LIFE.

The Cup of Life was offered again, but in the morning this time. Based on the book written by Joyce Rupp we met for a number of weeks to explore our individual spiritual life, develop a daily spiritual practice and enhance the sense of growing in faith within the community of believers. This program also brings me opportunities for connecting on a one-on-one basis with participants and to continue with spiritual companionship, prayers and support when necessary.

WALKING TOGETHER THROUGH OUR LOSS

An intentional time to focus on grief, to share experiences, explore questions and find in God the consolation, strength and peace to go on. This common experience to all of us, is yet unique and different to everyone. The loss of a loved one impacts life in multiple ways, initiating a time of transition, adaptation to forced change in all aspects of personal and family life. This group met for two hours each Sunday for four weeks and ended with the traditional Reflective Service.

TAICHI AND YOGA

The programs were offered by the instructors: Julee Pauling and Gloria Goodine respectively. The classes were well attended and there is an interest in continuing this type of activity to promote and support the wellbeing of our congregation.

OUR CAMINO. JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN REFLECTION AND PRAYER THROUGH LENT. PARKDALE'S LENTEN 2018 DEVOTIONAL RESOURCE.

I am grateful that the congregation accepted the invitation to participate in the production of *Our Camino*, our very own Lenten devotional resource, which turned out to be a deeply rich experience for all of us. Some of the blessings we received through *Our Camino*: we reflected everyday on the same devotional following the lectionary Scripture readings for Lent; we listened to different voices, getting a glimpse of the richness of experiences and theological diversity with which God has gifted us at Parkdale. It allowed us to get to know each one of the writers in a more personal and deep way; it provided a personal –and new for many- experience of writing a devotional and a prayer; it gave us a sense of a common journey as a congregation where many discovered their own gifts, and others sustained a spiritual practice for all the days of Lent. We will repeat this exercise during Lent again this year.

CELEBRATING OUR CULTURES

I was invited by the Mission and Outreach and Justice Committee to participate in the planning of the Celebrating Our Cultures dinner. It was a very special experience and a well-attended event. Thank you to all!

CARE BOXES FOR STUDENTS

In coordination with Camille Beaufort, our Christian Education Coordinator, we were able to deliver –in spite of the Canada Post crisis- almost twenty student boxes. Thank you to all who donated snacks, diverse items, inspirational cards; who wrote cards and crocheted the Comfort Prayer clothes that were in each box.

PARKDALE WOMEN'S RETREAT

We had our annual and spirit filled Women's Retreat on the weekend of the 11-13th of January, 2019 with a full house. The theme was Our Secret Garden. We explored the theme of the garden using different Scripture passages and gardens. We used the garden in two ways: as a metaphor for our life and as a space of encounter and intimacy with God. Through different activities and group dynamics we spent a weekend of personal growing, faith formation, fellowship and lots of fun. I want to acknowledge the work, commitment and strong gifts of the Retreat leadership team: Danielle Gougeon (registrations and communications), Chris King (our Galilee Centre liaison, hospitality and Ushers coordination), Marilyn Follett (hospitality and welcoming), Holly Williams (Arts, Crafts, Planting, Decorations and Icebreakers), Marianne Dos Santos (music...music) , Ellen Andrews (leadership), Mary McLeod (Leadership and behind the curtains support), Gloria Goodine (rides coordination), Joelle Osterkruger (Games, Planting and Decorations).

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

We celebrated the International Women's Day with a full Ladies' Parlour on March 8th. We prayed for and shared concerns about women around the globe, celebrated the achievements of women in Canada, sang women's songs and had a potluck dinner and a commemorative cake. It was a very special time.

COMPASSIONATE OTTAWA

We have hosted two Advance Care Planning Workshops. They are intended to facilitate and equip participants to have conversations around the end of life; to identify issues that provide support for the dying and model ways to think beyond having a power of attorney; for example what are the important or non-negotiable things we would like to have or not to have at the end of our lives, what values and practices we would like to stress, etc.

We were introduced to the work of Compassionate Ottawa by our own Norman Tape who is part of the Board of this non-profit group. At present, we are part of a Working Group to coordinate Compassionate Ottawa's outreach to faith communities. We believe this is a very much needed Pastoral care work and we are blessed to have been invited to become part of this initiative with the potential to impact many lives and address justice issues regarding the elderly and fragile in our society. This work also has an outreach potential and seeks to develop ways of collaboration with neighbouring congregations and community partners.

WIDER UNITED CHURCH INVOLVEMENT:

- ✓ Invited by Presbytery on March 6th to share about the political situation in Venezuela to an ecumenical group of participants.
- ✓ Co-facilitated two sessions of the Online Racial Justice Mandatory Training for United Church Ministers. This was done through United In Learning.
- ✓ Participated in a Racial Justice Working Group at the General Council Office of the UCC. We were tasked with the creation of a second part of the Racial Justice Mandatory Workshop. This task was completed.
- ✓ Invited by the Ottawa Conference to serve as one of the speakers at the Queen's University Annual Meeting.
- ✓ Interviewed by a student of Carleton University about the Ministry of Pastoral Care at Parkdale United.

- ✓ Part of the United Church of Canada delegation to the White Privilege Conference in Toronto.
- ✓ Delegation at the Widening the Welcome Conference on Disabilities Ministries in Niagara Falls.
- ✓ Co-facilitated a Bible Study workshop at General Council 43.
- ✓ Invited by the General Secretary of the United Church of Canada to be part of the ongoing White Privilege Reference Group of the General Executive.
- ✓ Was a co-theological reflector at the ACT (Acknowledge, Confront and Transform). I had the honour of co-presiding Communion with our Moderator the Right Reverend Richard Bott at Trinity United Church on February 1st 2019.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

In the year 2018 my continuing education has focused on mental health, disability ministries, suicide and its impact in the families, and end of life.

SHARED MINISTRY AND A WORD ON ADMINISTRATION

Besides participating in weekly staff meetings and monthly Council and committees, Rev. Bailey and I keep in communication to identify ways to support each other's ministries, and to seek ways of collaboration on pastoral care issues, worship and programs. I am beyond blessed to share in pastoral ministry with Anthony!

We are also blessed by the efficient work and solid commitment of Camille Beaufort, as our Interim Youth and Children Coordinator; the excellent administrative support of Don Mockett, the always timely technical assistance of Richard Hamley, the financial expertise and creativity of Kathleen Stephenson, the day-to-day support of our Custodians and the great work of Jeff Clifford filling in for Norman Reid. We are sustained and led by our Council under the leadership of our Mr. Chair, Garth McLeod; and as Ministers we are supported by the Ministry and Personnel Team, and share in ministry with the committed and strong group of people who serve on our Committees and in the many diverse tasks in the church. I am so grateful for the ministry of all believers here at Parkdale!

As part of the Pastoral Team a special word of thanks and acknowledgment to our very talented and spirit gifted music leaders Carol Diamond and Jono Hamer-Wilson, the Senior Choir, DaleSong, the Junior Choir and Moving in Spirit. Also with gratitude to the rest of the body of Christ who every Sunday so generously offer their gifts: music, sound and slide writing and projection technical assistance; the ushers who offer a warm greeting to us every Sunday; all the readers and storytellers and to a congregation that is always thirsty for more from God every Sunday and sing their hearts out and pray with mind and soul for each other. We witness how the work of love and the life-in-faith inspires, transforms many in the community and touches spots in the world. For all these, we are truly blessed! Praise be to God!

I WILL END WITH A PRAYER BY ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO

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

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

COUNCIL

Who or What is Council, one may ask? Well, Council is a very important part of our congregational governance structure that some would say operates “under the radar”; it establishes the many policies and procedures involved in the actual functioning of the life and witness of our congregation.

Our Council is the first-level governing body that has oversight of Parkdale’s operations. It is composed of the head, or chair, of each operating committee, plus the ministerial staff, two members at large, a Presbytery representative, and a chair, vice-chair, past chair, secretary, and treasurer. It is at this level that much of the operational work of the congregation takes place.

Did you know that meetings of Council are open and that congregational members and adherents are allowed to attend and observe?

2018 saw another year of noteworthy events in the life and work of Parkdale United Church that deserve highlighting.

One of the most significant was the departure of Melodee Lovering, our Minister of Youth and Families, who left Parkdale after nine years of meaningful service to our congregation to take up a two-point charge that would bring her closer to her family in Southwestern Ontario. The Parkdale congregation thanks her for her many contributions to our life and work and her dedicated service to our youth and families over the time she spent here.

The arduous task of finding a replacement for Melodee has already begun, with the formation of a Joint Needs Assessment Committee. This committee is composed of a broad cross-section of congregational members and a representative from Presbytery, operating under the direction of Presbytery, and is charged with identifying and defining the needs of our congregation as they

relate to youth and families; the identified needs then form the basis of the job description for the position to be filled. Their work continues apace and it is anticipated that their report will be submitted early in 2019, first to Council and then to the Congregation for approval.

Once the needs for a Minister of Youth and Families have been assessed and defined, the next step in the process will be the formation of a search committee, whose role will be to hold a recruitment process and identify a suitable candidate. The hope is that a suitable replacement will be hired in time for the start of the church year, in September of 2019.

Activities of the Youth and Families programs continue under the able leadership of Camille Beaufort, who with the support of numerous volunteers from the congregation, has stepped in, on a part-time basis, to fulfill a substantial portion of what had previously been done by Melodee Lovering.

Another major milestone in 2018 was the arrival of our third Refugee family. On November 15, a number of the refugee support working group welcomed the family of four, which includes a mother and three children, as they arrived after having spent eight years in a refugee camp in Sudan. They are UN-approved refugees originally from Ethiopia and are members of the Coptic Orthodox Christian Church. From all accounts at this point they are adapting well to life in Canada. Their sponsorship was assisted in part by a financial donation from the Shapiro Foundation under what is known as the BVOR Program, a joint (blended) program in which the Canadian Government (Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship Canada) provides 6 months of income support, and private sponsors (University of Ottawa Refugee Hub, the Shapiro Foundation together with the Jewish Family Services Ottawa) provide the other 6 months of income support. With the outstanding support provided by our hardworking refugee support group, we are sure they will in time integrate fully into Canadian life.

A first for Parkdale in 2018 was our participation in World Vision's Global 6k for Water walk event, a six-kilometre walk to raise funds in support of World Vision's world-wide water programs. In total, some 70 people, young and old, participated in the walk, and we placed fifth among teams participating Canada-wide in terms of funds raised. Congratulations to all who participated. Well done. Keep an eye out for announcements regarding the 2019 event!

Probably one of the most momentous events, or ongoing series of events, in the life and work of our congregation was and is the redevelopment exercise that is currently under way, in which the congregation, through a working group, is examining all the whys and wherefores of our life and witness here in Ottawa. It has been "mandated to undertake discussions with knowledgeable people and the congregation on any and all options for significant renovations and/or redevelopment of the current building and property in order to render the infrastructure responsible 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." A number of consultations were held in 2018 involving members of the congregation and various parties in the surrounding community, including physical neighbours from the community and various social agencies working in this part of Ottawa. Thank you to those who have provided input into the working group's deliberations on how you see the congregation moving forward in the future. The work of consultation will continue well into 2019 and a report is expected sometime in that year.

Another noteworthy event this past year was the return to service of our beloved organ after it had been out of commission for over a year as the result of a lightning strike in the summer of

2017. In December, we were pleased to host a community event to celebrate its virtuosity through a public concert involving a number of guest organists from three other Ottawa churches who put the newly reinvigorated organ through its paces.

Importantly, the men of the congregation this past year began a regular series of breakfast meetings that saw considerable numbers in attendance. As a contribution to the work of the Living into Right Relations group, the men's group sponsored a presentation that was open to the public by Frank Iacobucci, who spoke on progress in the ongoing process of reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

One process that went more or less unnoticed in 2018 was the fact that the series of remit votes required by the United Church of Canada was recently completed, and this has resulted in a major significant change in the governance structure of the national church; that revised structure became effective with little fanfare on January 1, 2019. We are now in uncharted territory as we seek to implement this new and challenging structure. The new system of governance will see the elimination of presbyteries, to be replaced by a series of much-larger regional groupings of congregations, thereby completely eliminating one level in the governance of the national church. Much of how this new structure will function is still unknown. We pray that this radical change in governance will allow the national church to move forward effectively and efficiently as it seeks to determine and fulfill God's will for it.

These are some of the highlights from 2018, but I would be remiss in failing to mention many of the "usual" events and processes that continue to operate unfailingly year after year and which do not rate mention as a "highlight" because they are taken for granted as normal, operating as they do so smoothly and unobtrusively by our many dedicated volunteers.

These include such initiatives as the well-known "In from the Cold" dinners which have been put on now for the past 18 winters, an event which each week involves some 75-80 volunteers overall, the twice-yearly rummage sales, the annual International Dinner, where we celebrate our cultures, the very popular and highly sought-after Christmas Bazaar, and the Advent Luncheon and the Summer and Rally Day barbeques. And who can forget the massive Martin Luther King celebration each January marking the birthday of Rev. King, which sees the Imani Gospel Singers from Montreal in attendance providing the uplifting music.

On a personal note, I have been humbled and honoured to have been chosen to serve as your Chair of Council, and I am pleased to continue in this capacity for the coming year because I know that I am supported by you, the members of Council, and the many faithful and dedicated members of this congregation, without whose help and support the Council would not function.

Blessings to all,
Yours in His service,
Garth McLeod 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, Elise Mennie and Chris Strangemore, 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

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

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

Facebook: Irene Hilkes has been managing Parkdale's Facebook for several years but it will now be managed by Hilary McVey. Thanks Irene for all you have done and thank you Hilary for taking on this new role!

Twitter: Chris Hinds updates Parkdale's Twitter account to promote Parkdale's events and news.

ADVERTISING:

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

The Committee also designs and purchases banners to advertise special Parkdale events and services.

MAIN ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2018:

In the fall of 2017 and spring of 2018, members of the Communications Committee worked with 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 in the fall of 2017, they were not able to follow through with the implementation. As a result, another team implemented their design in 2018.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2019:

The Communications Committee now has access to the new website which needs to be updated with Parkdale's current content. Fortunately, a new Parkdale member, Ksenia Yadav, has joined our Committee. She has extensive experience with WordPress websites and will be able to make any changes to the design we need, update the content and teach other members of the Committee how to use WordPress.

The current members of the Communications Committee are:

Richard Hamley	Danica Rogers
Chris Hinds	Ksenia Yadav
Irene Hilkes	

Respectively submitted,
Carolynn Halkett, Chair

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

“So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

Ephesians 4:11-13 (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.

Melodee Lovering -After nine years at Parkdale, Melodee Lovering left Parkdale for a new appointment as the minister for Guilds Pastoral Charge, close to Lake Erie and Rondeau Provincial Park. She and her husband Jack will be much closer to their family, so will no longer have to make the 8-hour trips to and from Leamington. As I have mentioned, many of our children have known her their whole life. She has been with our children, youth and their families through baptisms, confirmations, walked with our families through good and difficult times. We wish Melodee all the best!

Sunday School-Parkdale's Sunday school welcomes children ages 3 & up and invites them to engage with scripture through readings, videos, activities, crafts and discussions. Children head down to their classes part way through the service, after the children's story. During the summer months, our Sunday school program is more relaxed, with videos, crafts and games.

- Children ages 3-6 meet in the blue room for the Godly Play curriculum, a Montessori based program created by Jerome Barrymore.
- Grades 2-6 students have continued for the second year with the “Whirl” curriculum.
- Youth, grades 7-12, use the “Spice Rack” curriculum, created by Mark Devries.

Confirmation Sunday,

After 6 weeks of confirmation classes based on the United Church Creed and the fundamentals of our faith, these youth answered “YES” to be confirmed in our faith. Congratulations to our confirmation class graduates: Destin Amisi, Fred Andrews, Alexander Fitzgerald, Tavian Hamer-Wilson, Jayde Williams-Priddie, and Callum Underhill. Four of them were also baptised on Confirmation Sunday, January 28, 2018. Additionally, Eliana Hamer-Wilson was also baptised.

Children's Christmas Pageant

This year, our Christmas Pageant was written by Parkdale's own Dennis Van Staalduinen, who kindly agreed to direct as well. During the weeks leading up to the pageant, children and youth worked on the various roles. It all came together in a delightful performance on December 9, 2018 during the service.

Activities and events for children, youth and families:

- **Family Camp at Gracefield** - We were delighted to share another weekend at Gracefield camp - 85 Parkdale children, youth, and adults. Gracefield Campers had a weekend filled with relaxation and activities including evening campfires, music and song, nature crafts and tie-dye. The beautiful tie-dye altar cloth was used at the Sunday morning worship service. The senior youth enjoyed an afternoon of archery, ropes' courses and team games.
- **Christmas Wreath Workshop** - On the first Sunday of Advent, several children and families created beautiful wreaths to take home for the Christmas season.
- **Kids Clothing and Toy Swap** – Thank you to Jaylyn Wong for organizing the bi-annual clothing and toy swap after service. Parents are invited to set out clothing, toys, books, etc. for babies, children or youth before service and then all are welcome after service to help themselves to what they need. All left over items are donated to the rummage sale, after which they are donated to organizations in need.
- **Barbeques** – The Christian Enrichment Committee is responsible for the Rally Sunday and “Hello Summer” June BBQ.

Junior and Senior Youth Activities

Second Blessing Coffee Shop

On several Sundays after service, the senior youth class gathers in the friendship lounge to prepare treats and light lunches for the congregation. Thank you to the parents and youth who prepare goodies for this activity, and to the congregation who support it.

Cooking with Rob, Paul and Zaya

Through the leadership of Rob Hilkes and Paul Crabtree, the senior youth group has gathered in Tape hall kitchen to prepare supper, talk and enjoy one another's company. We were delighted to have Zaya Kuyena join the leadership team.

PhotoVoice

Our junior and senior youth gathered for a pizza lunch and to take pictures of their favourite places and parts of the church. After roaming the halls, we gathered in Tape Hall to discuss what they felt were important parts of Parkdale and why. Their comments were welcomed by the Property Development Group.

Cleaning and Painting Thanks to a dedicated crew of volunteers, the Sunday school classrooms were cleaned and both the blue room and nursery have been painted. A heartfelt

“thank you” to the crew of volunteers who came in to move furniture, wipe down walls, paint and organize.

Communication

With the busy lives of parents, children and youth, the communication of Sunday school happenings, activities, and events is done through the Messenger, bulletin, announcements in service, emails and the bulletin board in Memorial Hallway.

We are looking for assistance to set up an app, secure blog, closed facebook or secure website so that we could better share scripture lessons and pictures. This would also be a means to share upcoming activities and events.

Challenges and Needs

There are some challenges and needs facing the children, youth and young adult ministry at Parkdale.

1. **Youth teachers** for grades 7-12. It would be ideal to separate the youth class into grades 7-9 and 10-12; however, we only have one youth teacher for the cohort.
2. **Additional teachers** (particularly for the grades 2-4 classes). Each year, we have a small teaching staff that takes one, or even two classes: 12-14 week sessions in the Sunday school.
3. What are the needs of Parkdale’s **Young adults of faith** (ages 18-24 years)? We need to ensure that their needs are met as they transition from youth class, to post secondary education or career and to adult members at Parkdale.
4. **Mentors** are needed to start a new youth ministry involving a one-on-one mentorship program. We are asking the question: If one of the youth at Parkdale chose you as a mentor—to spend time with him/her as a way to experience God’s love for her/him — would you prayerfully, trusting God, accept this challenge?
5. **Youth leaders** are needed in order to offer regular extra-curricular activities and fellowship.
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Thank you

During the coming months of the search for a new Minister of Children and Youth, volunteers are hard at work with Sunday school programming, communication, activities and events.

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 thank our youth helpers: Destin Amisi, Ronan Bosch, Tavian Hamer-Wilson, Sophie Lagrandeur Dufresne, and Elizabeth Fitzgerald.

We are also blessed to have teachers and youth leaders who support our children, youth and the CE committee throughout the year. Thank you Roxanne Akhtar, Ellen Andrews, Joan Bailey, Michelle Bailey, Lauren Barbour, Paul Crabtree, Julie Creasey, Shannon Cripps, Marianne Dos Santos, Tom Grozinger, Joanna Hamley, Rob and Irene Hilkes, Chris Hinds, Dayanti Karunaratne, Zaya Kuyena, Jenna Lester, Susan Mailer, Wendy McHenry, Danica Rogers,

Jaylyn and Dave Smith, Chris and Jessica Strangemore, Jocelyn Underhill, Dennis Van Staalduinen and our Children and Youth Minister, Melodee Lovering.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Beaufort
Chair, FFCE

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 as well as long term 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 300 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 March 18th, 2018 for 5 new members and on November 25th, 2018 for another 4 new members, along with their families and friends, who joined Parkdale by either transfer, affirmation or re-affirmation of faith.

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

Members of our Committee include:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Hahn

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

December 31, 2018

Membership	299
Adherents	<u>184</u>
	483

Added by

Affirmation of Faith & Baptism	7
Re-affirmation of Faith	4
Transfer	0

Removed by:

Death -members	13
(Death -Non-members	13)
Certificate of Transfer	3
Other	2

Baptisms	17
Marriages	6
Funerals 21, Members 11, Non Parkdale 10	

New Members in 2018

Affirmation of Faith:

Susan Bailey

Confirmation

Destin Amisi

Frederick Andrews

Callum Barden-Underhill

Alexander Fitzgerald

Tavian Hamer-Wilson

Jayde Williams-Priddle

Re-Affirmation of Faith

Laureen Duquette

Norma Lamb

Wally Prater

Julie Thur

Re-Affirmation of Faith & Baptism

Transfer In

Removed by transfer

Jacques Dicaire

Margaret Eades

Gerry Myles

Respectfully submitted
Helen Fortune, Clerk of the Rolls

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee's role is to provide resources and support for the staff and the congregation. It is similar to the Human Resources role in that M&P deals with any issue affecting staff (ministry staff & lay staff) and the members of our church congregation.

M&P works to build positive and trusting relationships between the staff and members of the congregation. M&P functions around three roles related to our staff 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. 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 this Year:

Thank You Johanna Lace

We thank Johanna for providing additional administrative support to Anthony and Melodee after Rev. Debbie's departure in September 2016. Johanna provided interim administrative support from October 2016 until June 2018.

We say good-bye to Melodee Lovering

Melodee Lovering, left Parkdale at the end of October after 9 years at Parkdale as Minister of Youth and Children. On October 28th, her last Sunday, the church had a wonderful farewell luncheon and presentations for Melodee. Many of our children have known her their whole life. She has been with our children, youth and their families through baptisms, confirmations, walked with our families through good and difficult times. We will miss her greatly. We wish her all the best with her new pastoral charges.

Welcome Camille Beaufort

On November 1st, Camille graciously agreed to help coordinate the Sunday School following the departure of Melodee. This is on an interim basis as we review our needs for children and youth leadership and coordination. Camille is involved in the Sunday School (nursery to grade 12) taking on the following responsibilities: communicating with parents, classroom management, Messenger & Bulletin notices, special needs transition, Junior & Senior youth groups, IGNITE group (25-30+ years), family nights, Christmas pageant, Rally Sunday & June BBQ (2019), Gracefield Camp (2019), University Care Packages with Alcris, Coffee Shop, and Worshiplude (February 2019). Thank you Camille for taking on all these activities and for doing such a wonderful job.

Norman Reid on a Temporary Leave of Absence

In December 2018, our Custodian Norman embarked on a Leave of Absence for 3-4 months at his request. We expect Norman to be back by the end of April 2019.

Welcome Jeff Clifford

Jeff Clifford, who was a part-time custodian for Parkdale a number of years ago, agreed to help and work as our Interim Custodian while Norman is on leave of absence. Thank you Jeff for stepping in and helping us out. Jeff is familiar with the Parkdale Church building and has quickly and effectively stepped into the role of Custodian, dealing with our large church which has many complicated systems. We appreciate your dedication!

Appreciation of our Current 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) and Rev. Alcris Limongi (Minister of Pastoral Care). 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, Interim Sunday School coordinator Camille Beaufort, and Interim Custodian Jeff Clifford. 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 are: Pierre Barbeau, Elizabeth Cheesbrough, Ruth Foster (Secretary), Judy Hamley (Chair), Don Macpherson, Peter Meerburg and Wally Prater.

I am grateful to all the members of the M&P Committee for their hard work and dedication throughout 2018.

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 Ottawa Inncity Ministries and Habitat for Humanity among others. Once again the **Easter special offerings** went to Urban Christian Outreach. The **Thanksgiving offerings** went to support the breakfast programmes at Cambridge and Connaught schools. The **Christmas offerings** went to The Ottawa Mission and to Cornerstone Housing for Women. 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. \$500 from our "Share the Wealth" funds went to KAIROS to cover costs for doing "The Blanket Exercise" at Parkdale. (We would like to commend our committee member – Elise Mennie – for having been involved in the French translation of "The Blanket Exercise".)

Cornerstone Housing For Women: In response to the motion put forward by Rev. Bailey at our January 30, 2018 meeting of Council to sponsor 2 rooms at Cornerstone Housing for Women, as Chair of the MO&J committee and supported by Council, Faye Beaufort put forward to the congregation at the AGM held on Sunday, February 25, 2018 the following motion: "*to fund two rooms at the proposed Cornerstone Affordable Housing for Women located at 373 Princeton Avenue in Westboro at a cost of \$6,500 each, for a total of \$13,000. These funds will come from the Memorial Fund. It was further agreed to invite members of the congregation to contribute to this cause as they are able.*" The motion carried and funds were delivered to Cornerstone.

We, as a congregation, are living our vision "To form followers of Jesus in such a way as to transform our community and our world." We understand fully the profound need to come alongside the community in tangible ways and being committed to do the right thing. Here we are supporting women in need, helping to house them in a comfortable home and, notably, in one of the most expensive properties in the city. We are blessed to be able to have funds to give; not only to Cornerstone, but also last year when we donated \$15,000 to "The Haven Affordable Housing Project" in Barrhaven.

Internationally, we continue to 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 2018, this ministry completed its sixteenth year.

In 2018 - 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 is organized by Elaine West and continues to be provided by a number of individuals and community groups much to the enjoyment of all the guests. 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 Coffeeshouses, C.A.Paradis, Chef's Choice, 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 and needed ministry.

LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS GROUP: This group of about 20 is chaired by Elise Mennie . It continued to share information by e-mail about Indigenous issues in Canada and events in Ottawa.

On March 29th, there was a Rally for reconciliation on Parliament Hill, which 4 members of Parkdale attended and at which Rev. Anthony Bailey was a speaker. On April 30th, Elise Mennie represented Parkdale at the inaugural event of KAIROS Ottawa on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on which she wrote an article for the Messenger.

On June 22nd, congregations and faith groups in Ottawa were invited by Algonquin Elder Albert Dumont to the second "Spirituality is Unity Walk in support of the Chaudière sacred site, "Akikodjiwan". Rev. Bailey was one of the faith leaders who spoke at this event.

Parkdale held a special Sunday service on Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples on September 30th with special guest Elder Barbara Dumont-Hill. The service was followed by a Blanket Exercise in Memorial Hall, which is a participatory learning activity about the shared history of Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Elder Barbara held a smudging ceremony in the garden before the service. She opened the worship with a traditional Algonquin prayer of thanksgiving to the Creator, addressed the children during the children's time; and shared with Anthony a discussion and reflection on the meaning of reconciliation. The Blanket Exercise

afterwards was led by a 3-person team - Barbara, her husband Larry Hill and Elise Mennie, and was attended by about 50 people.

The next evening, on Monday, October 1st, John Butcher of the Men's Group organized a presentation by the Honourable Frank Iacobucci, former Supreme Court Justice, on "Canada and Indigenous Peoples: Towards a Better Relationship". The event was opened with prayer by Elder Albert Dumont and about 125 people attended.

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 give thanks for the Saleh refugee family of six from Syria who will have been with us for 3 years as at June 22, 2019. We have once again opened our hearts and received on November 15, 2018 a mother Elsa and her three children from Ethiopia.

Refugee Family from Ethiopia: Parkdale was very fortunate to have been able to commit quickly to sponsoring a family through the "Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) Government Program of 2018 in which 1500 refugees were allowed to enter Canada. Of those, 1000 were paid for through a joint/blended program of the government and the Shapiro Foundation handled by the University of Ottawa's Refugee Hub program. Unlike the long process required for the other refugees, this family arrived within three months of us being informed about the program. As well, unlike what was obligatory in the past, we were not required to raise or show that we had enough money for income support for these refugees. In this case, the Government funded 6 months and the Shapiro Foundation through the University of Ottawa gave Parkdale \$18,100 to fund the other 6 months. It was expected, of course, that Parkdale itself would pick up any costs beyond the \$18,100 and, more importantly, see to the adequate and comfortable housing and settlement of the refugees. This all was assured by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees through the United Church of Canada's head office in Toronto. A committee of 15 was formed to support the family. Since their arrival and their visits to our church, Parkdalers have given them a hearty welcome and continue to donate to our "Refugee Fund". For this we are very grateful. The four refugees arrived on November 15, 2018 to a greeting party of 12 at the Ottawa airport. The family continue to express their gratitude to Parkdalers for bringing them from Sudan where they lived in a camp for 8 years after fleeing Ethiopia. They are Coptic Orthodox Christian.

Celebrating our Cultures & International Dinner: For many years, the Mission, Outreach and Justice Committee has 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. In 2018 our Venezuelan new Pastoral Care Minister, Rev. Alcris Limongi and John Harewood joined MO&J to feature the countries of Syria, Sri Lanka and the Spanish speaking countries of Columbia and Venezuela. We were delighted to have Rev. Bailey interview the Salehs – our refugee family of two years ago telling their story. We heard from the Thurairajah family, and then our members from Columbia and Rev. Alcris from Venezuela led us to the end learning the merengue dance.

Images & Stories was launched on **September 30, 2011:** We were saddened by the death of our founder – Janet Taylor on Friday, November 23, 2018. She had been the anchor for Images & Stories ever since she envisioned it in early 2011. In September 2011 we did a trial run with the thought that it would perhaps be of interest to others for only a year. Well, here we are well into our 8th year with Janet having left us a vibrant record of her passion and stamina. In memory of Janet our group will continue to entertain our 25 – 60 guests on the last Friday of the months of January, February, March, September, October and November each year.

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 with Julie & Randy Thur presenting “*Honduras: the forgotten Paradise*”; followed in February by Murray Wagner & Leona Wall *bicycling through the Great Allegheny Passage down the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal from Pittsburgh Pennsylvania to Washington DC*. In March 2018 Bob Harrison, Pierre Barbeau et al retraced Rev. Bailey’s organized tour to *Israel*. The September 21, 2018 Costa Rica presentation by Mary & Garth MacLeod had to be cancelled because of the tornado which devastated parts of Ottawa & Gatineau – including the home of our retired minister Barbara Faught. On October 26th Mary and Garth led us through their tour of *Costa Rica*. This was the only Images & Stories that Janet could not attend. She died on November 23rd leading to the cancellation of the November 30, 2018 presentation. Coincidentally, her funeral was held that afternoon.

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. Many thanks to Elaine West who accomplished in minute detail the task of arranging for 15 Parkdalers to work on the *Habitat for Humanity Build* which took place on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at **Leacross Landing** in Orleans.

Amnesty International – “Write for Rights”: The first Amnesty International *Write for Rights* event at Parkdale United Church took place 12:30 to 3:30 on Sunday, December 9, 2018. Led by Gail Taylor, Elise Mennie & Lori Pope tables & writing material were set up in the Ladies’ Parlour where people wrote letters to international government leaders, copied to ambassadors and wrote letters to 10 chosen individuals. This year the focus was on 10 courageous women targeted for their peaceful advocacy for human rights. (See our December 2018 **Messenger** page 10 and January 2019’s page 32 for details.) Our Parkdale’s inaugural event added to the global total with 38 letters written to international government leaders, 32 letters copied to ambassadors and 25 letters to women wrongly imprisoned for peacefully advocating for human rights, or to their families. A total of 95 pieces of mail were delivered for posting to the head office of Amnesty in Ottawa, as well as several petitions, each signed by 15 people. We thank Bridgehead at 1277 Wellington for coffee and many from our church for snacks. This “*Write-A-Thon*” takes place on or around Human Rights Day – December 10th every year.

MO&J Committee Members: This committee has a chair and 20 members 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. This report is detailed with the intention of giving you a good representation of the work of this committee. We are many in numbers with each one gravitating to one’s area of expertise or passion to share the workload. Thank you all.

MO&J 2018 Committee Members are:

Cynthia Adam	Nicole Greaves	Cathy Sandiford
Estelle Allen (Past Chair)	Beth Gutsell	Gail Taylor
Gloria Anderson (Past Chair)	Carolynn Halkett	Janet Taylor
Rev. Anthony Bailey	Elise Mennie	Mary Tsikouras
Faye Beaufort (Chair)	Gerry Myles	Daunett Tucker
Ed Ellis	Jennifer Payne	Jacqueline Vincent
Anne Emond	Lori Pope	Elaine West
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We welcomed Ann Emond, Lori Pope and Marlene McEwen joining us in January. We continue praying for our members and their family members who have not been well.

We give thanks and appreciation to all who help us with special events; especially Don, Norman, 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 members.

Respectfully submitted by:

Faye Beaufort

Chair, Mission, Outreach & Justice Committee 2018

PASTORAL CARE

The Pastoral Care Team has eleven members all of whom visit regularly with people who live in seniors' residences and nursing homes. We also visit those who still live in their own homes but have difficulty attending church on a regular basis and those in hospital. Although the number of people we visit fluctuates, at the moment there are about 40 people on our list.

The members of the Pastoral Care Team participate in the Pastoral Care workshops presented by Ottawa Pastoral Care, an organization that specializes in pastoral care training. The November workshop focused on the effect of suicide on families.

Marilyn Follett and Diana Mason now coordinate the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Although Marilyn and Diana are not official members of the Pastoral Care Team, they kindly offered to help us out and their assistance is greatly appreciated. Prayer shawls are given to anyone who is grieving, ill or has a significant life event. Baptism shawls are given to both children and adult baptisands 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.

The Caring Kitchens program provides food or meals on an as needed basis to those who could use some help with meals because of illness or a death in the family. The recipients are always grateful for this tangible symbol of Parkdale's support for them. Marilyn and Diana are also coordinating this program.

Every year, two Special Communion services are held for those who are not normally able to attend church. The Pastoral Care Team arranges transportation for the seniors and after the service, there is a time of tea and fellowship. The services are held the Sunday after Easter and the Sunday after Thanksgiving. There is always special music. At the Fall Special Communion we were very pleased to have the Junior Choir come and sing (very enthusiastically) for us.

Delivering Easter lilies to those who are homebound is a long-time Parkdale tradition. Muriel Bellman purchases the lilies and organizes members of the congregation to deliver them. Thank you Muriel for looking after this.

Gloria Anderson writes the get -well and sympathy cards which are sent out by the Pastoral Care Team on behalf of the congregation as we are informed. Thank you Gloria.

As part of our commitment to hold at least one event open to the congregation, this year we had two Advance Care Planning workshops presented by Norm Tape in his role as a volunteer with Compassionate Ottawa.

In December, the Team prepares plates of cookies which are distributed to the seniors on our list and others who may need a little cheering up. This treat is always very much appreciated.

In December, the Team was saddened by the sudden death of long-time Pastoral Care Team member, Dian Morris. Dian was always ready to pitch in when things needed to be done and she loved the people she visited. She also helped Rev. Bailey with Communion Services at Park Place. Our condolences go to Bill and the rest of Dian's family. Dian will be missed by all of us on the Pastoral Care Team.

Objectives for 2019

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 is expanding at Parkdale, this will become 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.

Thank You

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 know there are many of you who share others' burdens and provide practical care when you see a need.

Members of the Pastoral Care Team

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary McLeod, Chair,
Pastoral Care Team

PROPERTY TRUSTEES

2018 was, once again, 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 talent: David Baird, Don Mockett, Deb Paterson (Secretary), Richard Yearwood, Norman Reid, Barbara Faught, Marcia Lewis, and Matt Baker. That said, there are others who contribute generously to the maintenance of our property and I would be remiss if I did not mention them here: Richard Hamley, Wally Prater, Don Macpherson, Elaine West and an unknown group of others who responded to the call from Camille Beaufort for help in cleaning and painting the Sunday School rooms.

Work related to the Security Infrastructure Program funding, approved just before Christmas 2017, was completed early in 2018. Additional lights and cameras were installed, a 55-inch monitor was installed in Memorial Hallway, allowing evening custodians a view from 24 cameras. Thanks are owed to Don Mockett, Richard Hamley and David Baird, who oversaw the work and ensured that it was all completed before March 31. Thanks also to Kathleen Stephenson who made sure that the invoices were paid and that the paperwork required by the government was completed, and especially to David Odumodu for taking on the challenge of pursuing government funding at the outset and for liaising with our government project officer throughout the project. Also on the security front, the door to the Ladies Parlour was adjusted so that it swings both ways, facilitating exit in the event of fire, and a new light was installed over the inside landing at the top of the ramp, providing a brighter, safer space at the bottom of the stairs to the office area.

New storage boxes were installed in the Gladstone entranceway, providing storage for IFTC signs and other odds and sods. With some patchwork done on the walls, and a bit of paint, the entranceway is now more welcoming.

The repairs required to our organ, which was damaged by the lightning strike in August 2017, began early in 2018 and continued through the year. By December, we had a wonderfully restored organ and were proud to show it off during a concert on December 2, 2018, and at two noon hour concerts during December. Again, thanks are owed to Richard Hamley for sharing his time and his extensive technical knowledge with the professional organ repair team.

During the summer, the Memorial Hall floor was sanded and refinished by Norman Reid, with the assistance and experience of Khan Chao. About the same time, Camille Beaufort organized a team of volunteers to clean, paint, and organize the Sunday School rooms and the Nursery! As a result, the Sunday School rooms and Nursery were considerably cleaner and brighter when September rolled around. Thank you, Camille!

The blistered paint in the Memorial Hallway was repaired and repainted, also during the summer. Blistered areas continue to appear throughout the building, but repair work is not as straightforward as one might think because of the lime in the plaster, which requires a special sealer.

A major project during 2018 was the replacement of the roof over the offices area. Work was done by Amyot Roofing at a cost of just under \$13,000, including the installation of ice guards and Maxi vents. Also significant during 2018 was the refitting of the washroom off the Coffee Shop, where a new vanity, mirror and toilet were installed, after removal of the old fixtures and repairs to the walls and floor. Many thanks to Barbara Faught for her advice on paint colour and fixtures. In addition, an air conditioner was installed in Alcris' office. Thank you to Deb and Ian Paterson who donated the air conditioner. A new electrical outlet was required in order to complete the installation.

Steps at the north entrance off Parkdale to the sanctuary were replaced during the fall at a cost of approximately \$5500, and an 'occupied' light was installed over the accessible washroom in the Memorial Hallway.

During the summer and fall, Barbara Faught repaired the curtains on the stage in the Memorial Hall and painted the doors under the stairs in the Memorial Hall, as well as the cupboards in the Memorial Hall kitchen. Cupboard doors are looking a lot better as a result! Thank you, Barbara!

Trustees are very thankful to Elaine West and her team of volunteers who spent a lot of time during our very warm summer tending our garden. And thanks to the perseverance of Don Macpherson, just before Christmas, the City installed a bench outside the door to the Gladstone Hallway, a bench which will be well used by our In From the Cold guests and those using the nearby bus stop. Thank you, Don!

During the fall, Trustees spent a considerable amount of time considering the question of whether an accessible washroom should be installed on the sanctuary level. After much discussion, Trustees recommended that any decision with respect to the construction of an accessible washroom be put on hold pending the recommendation of the Property Development Working Group with respect to development of the Parkdale property. This recommendation was taken to Council, who agreed that no action should be taken with respect to an accessible washroom at this time.

There was another unfortunate spray-painting issue during the fall. The sign in the garden was painted, as was the brick to the left of the north door to the sanctuary off Parkdale. Fortunately, this appears to be mischief, not racist or hate-related graffiti, and the paint was professionally removed very promptly.

Late in the year, it was brought to our attention that the fence running along the walkway to the Preschool playground is leaning to an extent that it may become a safety issue. It was subsequently determined that the fence belongs to Parkdale; a new fence will be constructed in 2019.

The first In From the Cold on November 10 was an eventful one! The fire department was called early in the afternoon because of smoke emanating from the accessible washroom in the Memorial Hallway, and the kitchen crew had to evacuate the building. The cause was an overheated fan. (The fan is connected to the light, which had been left on.)

Two new fans have been installed, one in the accessible washroom and one in the washroom off the coffee shop. Sensors have been installed and the fan will now turn off after five minutes if the light is left on.

Once again, in late fall, an odour was noticed in the orange Sunday school room. A dehumidifier was purchased which helped to some extent. A part of the floor was taken up to facilitate investigation of the source, but nothing was found. Monitoring of this situation will continue. In addition, dampness was discovered in the walls behind the radiators in the blue Sunday School room, when these were being cleaned. This dampness, also noticeable at the floor level, has eaten the casing of the radiators. In the spring, a decision will be made with respect to pouring more asphalt along the driveway, with a view to protecting the building from water seepage. The windows will also be examined, as these are another possible source of leakage.

Despite the ongoing issues that confront us in our aging building, 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. On this note, I must make special mention of David Baird, who can be found at the church almost every day of the week, quietly noticing things that are not quite right and fixing them without any fanfare. We humbly give thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Hayes,
Chair, Property Trustees

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP

Your Property Development Working Group, whose mandate was approved by Council in October 2017, met on a regular basis during 2018 to consider options with respect to the Parkdale property.

We began our conversation with the congregation at the February AGM, where three questions were posed with respect to the property:

What one thing would you change?

What one thing would you keep the same?

What are you praying for?

A congregational ‘Visioning’ exercise was held on May 5, 2018 and was attended by about 60 people. We are very thankful for the participation of Barry Hobin on our Working Group, and Barry’s comprehensive PowerPoint presentation made its debut at the meeting in May, generating some interesting discussion and providing lots of food for creative thought.

On a cool, rainy morning in late June, we talked to parents and children at Gracefield Family Camp, where we learned from the children that essentials in any revamped facility should include more glass in windows and doors, as well as a gym and a candy shop, while parents were engaged in discussion after a viewing of Barry’s presentation.

In August, we toured Bethany Hope Centre and The Haven, where we saw firsthand the benefits of open spaces and transparency and, in the case of Bethany Hope Centre, a multi-purpose building that includes a worship space, while serving the community in many other ways. In September, the Working Group had a table at the Welcome Back Rally, where visitors to our table were intrigued by architectural drawings and the space assessment provided by Hobin Architects. Who knew that our building provides about 41,000 square feet of space, of which we use about 20,000?

In October, working closely with Trustees and Council and after considerable discussion, it was decided that no further consideration would be given to the construction of an accessible washroom on the sanctuary level until the recommendation of the Working Group is known.

Later the same month, we hosted a block party with neighbours on Parkdale, Gladstone, Rosemount and Wellington. This was followed in November by a meeting with neighbourhood politicians, Hintonburg social service agencies and businesses. The meetings were designed to facilitate discussion of the challenges and opportunities currently afforded by the Hintonburg community in which we live and work. Both of these meetings were positive in terms of the energy in the room and the validation that we received from our neighbours and potential partners of the importance of Parkdale to the neighbourhood. Shared concerns included traffic, space shortages, and parking, to name only a few. Discussion of the changing nature of the neighbourhood and increasing gentrification gave rise to related issues of affordable housing and social services needs.

The Working Group is committed to hearing the views of all with respect to redevelopment and so engaged the youth in a PhotoVoice exercise, in which the youth took pictures of things they liked – or not- in the church, with some interesting results. Towards this end, discussion also took place at the Women’s Retreat in early January 2019. On the same weekend, a special meeting took place with representatives of Trustees, Ministry and Personnel and Finance, and a congregational meeting was held on January 26, 2019.

No decisions have yet been made; exploration of options continues. The Working Group remains committed to hearing and respecting all views, so please do not hesitate to engage one of us in a hallway chat or invite us to a meeting. Members of the Working Group are Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey, Camille Beaufort, Helen Hayes (coordinator), Barry Hobin, Blaine Pauling, Julee Pauling, Kathleen Stephenson, Alexandra Stockwell (secretary) and Dennis Van Staaldin.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Hayes,
Working Group Coordinator

RECRUITMENT & SUCCESSION PLANNING

Following Melodee Lovering’s announcement of her decision to resign as Minister of Youth and Children, our Church Council triggered a process to undertake a detailed review of the needs and priorities of younger members of the congregation.

This process involved establishing a committee of congregational members, to work jointly in association with two representatives of the United Church of Canada’s Ottawa Presbytery, in order to produce a detailed needs assessment report, for subsequent presentation to the Council and congregation.

As part of the process, the Recruitment & Succession Planning Committee conducted a “talent search” within the congregation, to identify and recruit individuals who reflected a variety of backgrounds, knowledge and experience. The recommended list of names was forwarded to the Council, and the Council then selected individuals for appointment to the Needs Assessment Committee. (The committee was to present its report and recommendations in early 2019.)

The Recruitment Committee also identified individuals who were willing to offer for election to the 2019 Council.

The Recruitment 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,
Chair, Recruitment & Succession Planning

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 2018 Projects and Activities

In 2018, the Stewardship committee continued to build on the work of past years as well as broke new ground in some areas - included:

1. Delivered the "Spirit Giving Gifts" workshop in April. The Bible speaks about certain "gifts" that are given to us by God's Spirit to equip us to do the work of God in the world. Thus by way of some Biblical reflection, a user-friendly questionnaire, discussion, and a presentation, participants were led through ways of discovering, developing and deploying their Spirit Given Gifts. Several participants expressed interest in joining or knowing more about some committees
2. "Stewardship Thought" reflections: Thought provoking and inspiring ideas for stewardship reflection that can be found in the Sunday worship bulletin.
3. Financial Stewardship: Provided updates to the congregation on our financial position through inserts in the Sunday worship bulletin and direct appeals.
4. Moving forward with the "Guidelines on Environmental Responsibility" to make more integrated and seamless in activities, including a wider use of compost bins for the disposal of compostable materials and having compostable cutlery and dishes as the norm for most events.

Looking Forward to 2019

For 2019, 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

Committee Membership

In 2018, the members of the Committee were:

1. Alexandra Stockwell
2. Anthony Bailey
3. Garth McLeod
4. Samantha Tim

Anyone interested in joining the Stewardship committee are 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 Worship Committee is responsible for the oversight of the greeters and ushers and the audio and tech support that is necessary every Sunday during the Worship Service. Included in its responsibilities is the preparation and distribution of Communion.

The committee also oversees Music and Worship Arts which includes the choirs, Senior and Children's, Moving in Spirit (liturgical dance), drama, and guest musicians.

The remuneration of guest musicians and additional accompanists and the costs of tuning and repairing the pianos and organ require approval by the committee, as does the use of the sanctuary by outside groups or individuals.

We also are responsible for appropriately decorating the sanctuary for Advent/Christmas, Lent and Easter and Thanksgiving. Seasonal and theme banners are part of that effort. For a number of years, Muriel and Ted Bellman have ordered and delivered 40-50 potted lilies to the sanctuary for Easter Sunday and dispersal after to those on the list of the pastoral care team and to those known to be ill.

A great number of dedicated individuals are required each Sunday to ensure that those attending the service feel welcomed and that the contributions of the ministers, musicians and readers are heard. This begins with the greeters who are members of the Membership and Development Committee and continues with the ushers. Hugh Nelson recruits, coordinates and mentors those who sign on to usher.

Richard Hamley continues to lead the audio team who amplify and record the services. In this past year, Gary Crocker, a member of the team for many years moved away and Zaya Kuyena began other duties. The current team serving with Richard includes Susan Bailey, Chris Bennett and Marc Lavoie.

The congregation has benefited greatly from the projection system installed a few years ago. While Melodee was on staff, she recruited, instructed and scheduled the slide makers and projectionists and created many of the slides herself. Don Mockett now does the scheduling and continues to send the information regarding the service on to the slide makers.

Nicole Greaves, Bob Harrison, Larry King, Chris and Jessica Strangemore, Karenza Sutton-Bennett and Jay Wong create the slides. Scott Andrews, Andrew Barbour, Nicole Greaves, Jonah Hamer-Wilson, and Larry King are the projectionists. Jono Hamer-Wilson edits the slides with Elise Mennie taking a regular turn.

Helen Hayes is Communion coordinator and Liz Harrison and Don MacPherson are the presiding elders.

Our Co-Music Directors are Carol Diamond and Jono Hamer-Wilson. Carol plays the piano and directs the senior choir and the children's choir while Jono directs Dalesong for which he plays piano and plays the organ.

After more than a year without the organ due to damage from a lightning strike, we welcomed its return in mid-autumn. It was completely rebuilt and now really is "one of a kind". To celebrate the organ's return and its unique sound, we held a concert on December 2 featuring three guest soloists, followed by a noon hour recital on the following two Wednesday's. The arrangements for these initiatives was handled by Jono who spent many hours planning the concert details and in conversations with the guest organists

Many individuals have been named in this report. As a committee we are deeply grateful for the contribution each one makes and feel certain that same gratitude is shared by the congregation as we worship each Sunday in services that are thoughtfully and prayerfully prepared by our ministry staff and musicians.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Faught

Committee members

Anthony Bailey

Carol Diamond

Barbara Faught

Richard Hamley

Jono Hamer-Wilson

Julee Pauling

Alexandra Stockwell

Music Co-Leader's Report 2018

Carol Diamond

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

We are very fortunate at Parkdale to have such an amazing Ministerial team. Both Jono and I continue to work together to offer musical leadership during the services, with our ensembles, as well as inviting guests and musical congregants to share their gifts: Nigel Bell (french horn), Joy Ells (flute), Cheryl Brownlie (violin), David and Eleanor Creasey (trumpet and piano), Alexandra Golod (piano), John Harewood and Gloria Anderson (vocal), to name a few.

The Senior Choir has grown this past year. We were pleased to welcome new members for the Christmas season, some of whom have stayed on a little longer. 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. Never backing down from a challenge, at Rev. Alcris' request, we have added Spanish music to our repertoire! We meet regularly every Thursday, and have decided to add an extra 30 minutes to our rehearsals.

In October, the Senior choir invited Marcia Bailey and Joel Campbell from Montreal's Imani Gospel Singers, to do a gospel singing workshop. There were 23 participants which included members of our choir, some from Dalesong, and several singers from the congregation. Following the 2-hour session, we enjoyed a potluck. Thanks to Elaine West for organizing the food and the extraordinary music-themed decorations and party favours. We all left feeling very inspired and immediately began talks of making this an annual event.

The Junior choir is also growing in number. They bring their enthusiasm to rehearsals and to their contributions in song. We aim to participate once a month in the Sunday services. A huge thank you to the parents for ensuring the children are in attendance, focusing during rehearsal (not always easy after a full morning of Sunday school), and are well-fed before we start practicing.

I continue to collaborate with members of the Parkdale Orchestra. The ensemble, under the leadership of Angus Armstrong, have blessed us with their contributions during our Anniversary in May, and the Remembrance Day service in November.

There were many highlights for me this past year:

Anthem *The Glory and Majesty of your Name* with the Parkdale Orchestra in May on Anniversary Sunday.

Organ Concert of Praise; welcome back to our organ!

Owen Stanton Kennedy (percussionist with Parkdale Orchestra) adding his magic with Senior Choir singing *Veni, Veni*, and Junior Choir singing *Whatcha Gonna Call that Baby*.

Dennis Van Staalduinen rocking out at the choir workshop.

Surian Asokan singing *Once in Royal David's City* to begin our Lessons and Carols service.

As I say each year, 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 (2018)

Jono Hamer-Wilson

Alongside the reports supplied by others in the Worship Committee - in particular, my gifted, devoted and all-round awesome colleague Carol - I'm pleased to report on music-related activities at Parkdale this year. During the ten months of the school year, I accompany regular and special (seasonal) services - typically on the organ, alongside Carol - and once a month I direct Dalesong, our contemporary praise team, in leading congregational and special music for Sunday worship.

Until October, I shared leading Dalesong with Pastor Melodee; who was the original, and for most of its life the sole, leader of the team. (Along with Marianne Dos Santos and the late Ron Duncan, she established the group approximately a decade ago.) Melodee embodied the heart, soul, mind and practical strength of Dalesong, and we miss her. Her vision for heartfelt contemporary praise, with a team that shared not only musical but also spiritual and pastoral

leadership - both within and outside the group - is one we continually strive to honour and fulfil. And though fraught with mixed emotions, farewelling Melodee through the latter months of last year created many rich memories for me (and, I'm sure, others). The farewells began with the final Dalesong summer picnic at the Loverings' - an annual highlight for the families associated with the team - in late July. In mid-October, the team took Melodee out for dinner, then gathered in the Parlour for some informal music. I want to acknowledge Marianne's vision and leadership in making that evening a most memorable one. And of course there was her final intergenerational service at the end of October; involving the dance team, Dalesong and both choirs, and rich participation of the youth and children. It was a fitting and unforgettable testimony to her years at Parkdale.

In regard to Dalesong, I want to once again express my deep appreciation for the time, devotion and gifting of the various members who rehearse most Thursdays every month, and lead worship from the heart once a month. We were pleased to welcome some new members this year - Karenza, Jaylin, Isaac and Vaughn; and were pleased to welcome Scott back after a long absence. As well as the regular members, we enjoy having Anthony and Tania join us when they can. We always welcome new members; please let me know if you're interested in joining!

Melodee's departure has meant a shift in some of the dynamics regarding music and worship. As staff (specifically, Youth and Families Minister) and Dalesong leader, Melodee was an important link in the communication chain. Especially regarding intergenerational services (- including the Christmas Eve Family Service) - there was a smooth flow between service planning and song selection. In her absence, it's challenging to plan the services as far ahead as we used to; as the other pastors are busy week to week leading regular Sunday services. On the other hand, it's been refreshing, (for example), to work with Rev. Alcris who brings her fresh perspective and ideas (including songs from other cultures and traditions) to our services.

Melodee also had an important role as the final editor of the weekly slide presentations for worship. This role has now fallen to me, above and beyond my music responsibilities. I am very grateful for the team of volunteer slide producers and Sunday projectionists who work to help us worship together; and for Elise Mennie who is volunteering as the slide editor once a month. It is a transitional time; and we are working out how to work best as a team. In truth, there is no individual designated to lead this ministry; so we are somewhat like sheep without a shepherd(!). But as I'm writing, a meeting is planned for this coming Sunday to look at how we can work together efficiently. In this process I want to acknowledge the leadership given by Barbara Faught; and for the support supplied by Don Mockett, who helped smooth the transition of Melodee's departure by supplying old Powerpoint presentations copied from Melodee's computer.

Carol and I also co-ordinate the musical involvement and contributions of the congregation and special guests. We are still working to develop a good planning and communication process in this respect. It's challenging with each of us juggling part-time (and in Carol's case, full-time) jobs, to find a time to plan together; and follow-up on our plans. We have nevertheless been blessed by the musical contributions of many congregation members; along with occasional guest musicians (typically from the Parkdale Orchestra). I want to express my admiration and appreciation for everyone who has contributed musically to the services this past year. It's such a highlight when kids and youth contribute; and we are blessed when our older saints share music from a heart of wisdom and compassion. Parkdale bears an abundance of musical talent of all ages; so thank you for all that you contribute! In particular, I want to acknowledge with gratitude the musical leadership supplied by Alexandra Golod at the Commonwealth Interfaith Service early in the year; and by Eleanor and David Creasey at the Advent Lunch Christmas

carol singalong. Also that of Marianne Dos Santos and Elaine West, who helped with music supply in the summer months.

I would like to note in the context of Dalesong - as in previous years - my appreciation to Richard and the rest of the sound team (especially Marc, Chris and Susan); 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.

Care and maintenance of the church's instruments is another component of my role; which this year was almost exclusively focused on communicating with the organ repair team, as we gradually brought the organ back to functionality - once the insurance company agreed to, and released, the monies required to enact the repairs. It has been an exciting, if at times frustrating process; as the technology involved in restoring the organ is very complex; and the technicians are juggling their commitment at Parkdale with others. The organ was playable by the beginning of September; up to that time I continued to use the Yamaha keyboard to help accompany the services. However, there have been various challenges and setbacks: there are several functions which are still not operative; nor do we yet have a manual to guide us in using the instrument. At the time of writing, the repair team leader Rob Smit is planning to visit soon to hopefully finalise the repairs; once the unexpected delay of his being called to jury duty is dealt with!

I would like to acknowledge the invaluable and dedicated leadership, technical expertise, negotiating smarts and depth of experience supplied by Richard Hamley in the ongoing process of restoring the organ. I'd also like to thank the Worship Committee for their vision for, and help in organizing, a series of Advent Concerts to celebrate the return of the organ; including the very memorable Concert of Praise and Dedication on Dec. 2nd. It was wonderful to experience the richness of the organ in the hands of three highly talented organists; and to share in hymn-singing, prayers, and an informative presentation by Rob and the repair team. Thanks also to Elaine West for co-ordinating the delicious refreshments that evening!

Finally, on a personal note, I'm deeply grateful to the Worship Committee, M&P, the staff, and especially Carol, for allowing me to be absent for the last Sunday of 2018 (and three more in early 2019) so that I could visit my mum in Australia for what proved (as we expected) to be her final days; and to return for her funeral. Also to the church as a whole, for your prayers and comforting words through what has been a sad but also blessed time; as my mum went home to glory. Along with the rest of my family - to whom I also owe a debt of gratitude for freeing me up to share in (and at times themselves being part of) this ministry - I offer my heartfelt and humble thanks. To the glory of God alone,

jono hamer-wilson

COMMUNION ARRANGEMENTS



A very warm thank you to all who helped with communion arrangements during 2018. 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:

	2016	2017	2018
March	181	184	172
June	150	132	162
October	185	193	209
December	254	210	209
TOTAL	770	719	752

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.

2018 OTTAWA PRESBYTERY REPORT

2018 has been a year of transition for the Ottawa Presbytery as the United Church of Canada implements changes to its governance structure through a series of remits which were approved at the 43rd General Council held in Oshawa in July of 2018. As of January 1, 2019, two levels of the governance structure, presbyteries and conferences, will cease to exist in the United Church across Canada to be replaced by regional councils. Thus, the United Church of Canada will have three levels of governance: the local communities of faith, formerly known as pastoral charges, regional councils and the General Council of the national church. The former Ottawa Presbytery, as well as Seaway Valley Presbytery, Four Rivers Presbytery (Perth, Smith Falls, Carleton Place etc.) and most of Upper Valley Presbytery, and Eglise St. Marc, here in Ottawa, of the Consistoire Laurentien will form Region 12, to be known as the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC). These changes have implications for local pastoral charges, especially in the areas of pastoral relations and ministry support.

The primary role of Ottawa Presbytery historically has been to support and encourage the spiritual well being of the pastoral charges within its boundaries. In addition, it has provided practical support for the smooth functioning of congregational life. It has also acted 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 clergy and lay presbyters serve on a number of ministries which facilitate the work of Presbytery. These include Archives, Chaplaincy, Christian Development, Church Extension, Faith and Arts Ottawa, Education and Students, Finance, Global Partners, Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, Ministries in French, Mission Strategy, Mission Support, Nominations, Pastoral Care and Oversight, Pastoral Relations Ministry Team, Stewardship, W.H. (Bill) Scrivens Memorial Trust Fund for Youth, and Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Much of the work of these ministries is done behind the scenes with Presbyters devoting many hours of volunteer effort. In 2018, Presbytery met nine times with various churches hosting the meetings. Parkdale's Presbytery representatives in 2018 were the Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey, the Rev. Alcris Limongi, Melodee Lovering, and lay representative, Beth Gutsell.

Despite the emphasis on the impending changes to the governance structure, the daily work of presbytery continued, particularly its responsibilities with regard to pastoral care and oversight and the heavy workload of the Pastoral Relations Ministry Team (outlined in the 2017 Ottawa Presbytery Report). Presbytery meetings receive the reports of these committees/ministries as well as voting on various motions relating to local governance issues. Presbytery meetings are also an occasion, too, for honoring milestones in ministry, re-licensing lay worship leaders, receiving reports from agencies such as the Multifaith Housing Initiative and Compassionate Ottawa.

Toward the latter half of 2018 much of the work of Presbytery was devoted to tying up loose ends and preparing for the dissolution of the corporate entity of Ottawa Presbytery. One of the more interesting items involved regularizing an informal amalgamation which occurred many years ago of six small rural pastoral charges in the Pontiac for which Shawville United Church had been providing support - maintaining church buildings, cemeteries and vacant land. A series of six motions were passed by Ottawa Presbytery at its November meeting approving these amalgamations and providing Shawville United Church legal trusteeship of these properties belonging to closed pastoral charges. At that same meeting,

Presbytery also dealt with a series of motions with regard to finances, trust funds and investment accounts of Ottawa Presbytery for transfer of these assets to the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council as January 1, 2019. These involved such funds as the General Fund, the Mission Strategy Fund, the W.H. (Bill) Scrivens Fund for Youth Ministry and the Baillie Fund. The December meeting dealt with motions authorizing the corporate amalgamation of the Ottawa Presbytery with the other three presbyteries forming the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council to conform with CRA amalgamation guidelines, and legal recognition of Region 12's name as the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. A portion of the meeting was also devoted to motions brought before Presbytery by the Church Extension Committee of Ottawa Presbytery, which was incorporated by letters patent November 9, 1961, to change the name of the corporation to "The Church Extension Committee of the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council" as of December 31, 2018, and then two By-Laws related to that incorporation.

It was with regret and certainly mixed feelings that members met and shared a meal together at Rideau Park United Church December 11, 2018 for the final meeting of Ottawa Presbytery. Many friendships have developed over the years, and Presbytery meetings and committee/ministry meetings have always been opportunities for fellowship and personal growth in faithful service to the wider church. The theme of the last four months of Ottawa Presbytery was being "faithful to the future". There is uncertainty with regard to how the work of the church under the guidance of the new regional council will be effective in supporting local communities of faith and in providing clergy support, and undoubtedly, there will be challenges ahead. The meeting concluded with the closing service of worship at which gratitude was expressed for all those saints who have served with and supported Ottawa Presbytery over many years, and for the work of current Presbytery and Conference staff in providing leadership in this period of transition. The service concluded with communion followed with a ceremony of "carrying the light forward" as candles representing gratitude, respect for the past and hope for the future were carried out of the sanctuary with prayer for the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit throughout the United Church of Canada.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Gutsell, Lay Representative to Ottawa Presbytery

PARKDALE ORCHESTRA

We are pleased to report that 2018 was another successful year for the Parkdale United Church Orchestra. It may have been our most successful year yet, with performances to at capacity crowds.

Our conductor and music director Angus Armstrong led us again this year, demonstrating his continued commitment and enthusiasm for the orchestra and our endeavors. With Angus leading us and our strong board of directors we have become known as the best community orchestra in Ottawa, and we are pleased that as a result many musicians have recently joined our ranks.

It would be difficult to choose the highlight of the season. On November 10th we performed a concert commemorating the centenary of Armistice Day. In December 2017 we partnered with Hypatia Women's Voice Choir in an application for a City of Ottawa grant. With the funds we jointly received we commissioned a piece for choir and orchestra. The composition, *A Matter of Spirit* (2018), is a 10-movement setting for women's choir and orchestra, drawing inspiration from texts written by three women during the First World War. The three women represent the diversity of cultures in Canada, and offer their own perspectives: québécoise Blanche Bessette who wrote heartfelt letters to a Belgian soldier; Edith Monture, a Mohawk First World War veteran and registered nurse, who kept a diary during her time as a nurse in France; and English-Canadian Nellie McClung who travelled through western Canada, recording women's stories for her book *The Next of Kin*. The concert was sold out, with standing room only. The audience was also treated to a pre-concert talk by the composer, Christine Donkin, an internationally recognized Canadian composer. Also in the audience were descendants of Mohawk War Veteran Edith Monture.

Another highlight of the season was our Christmas concert, our first. Joining us on stage was Adrian Harewood, who to the delight of the audience, narrated the "Elves and the Shoemaker", and 'Twas the Night Before Christmas – accompanied by the orchestra. The concert also included a carol sing a-long. The audience feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we hope to do more Christmas concerts.

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. This year we feel the church went above and beyond to accommodate our needs, in particular, when the choir joined us for our November concert.

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. We were pleased to perform for the congregation in April. And, on November 11th we performed at the church service commemorating Armistice Day. Small chamber groups made up of musicians also enhanced some church services.

Looking ahead to 2019 we have an exciting concert planned for March, featuring a young rising star at our helm, Serena Reuten. This will be her first time conducting a large orchestra and we are happy that we are able to offer young musicians opportunities to perform and build their careers. In late April Angus Armstrong will lead us in a fundraising concert on a Sunday afternoon, a children's concert featuring Benjamin Britten's, "The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra". Joining us for this concert will be several young musicians from Orkidstra. "OrKidstra was inspired by the renowned El Sistema program, which has, over the last 43 years, proven to the world that music can be an agent of social change. Tina Fedeski, Margaret Tobolowska and Gary McMillen founded OrKidstra in 2007. Originally known as The Leading Note Foundation as well as OrKidstra, the Ottawa-based organization was the first El Sistema inspired program outside of South America. At the heart of OrKidstra is the beautiful combination of musicianship and citizenship, which encourages kids from under-served communities to find their voice through music."

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 would find. Our 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 \$16,054. 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, silent auction items, 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) 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 members' home.

Thanks to everyone for the wonderfully successful 2018 Bazaar. We look forward to our 2019 Bazaar on November 2nd. Mark your calendars and join in. All are welcome. We are always looking for more volunteers. There are lots of ways to help.

We also want to recognize Dian Morris. We were very saddened in December by the passing of Dian, a long-time Co-Convenor of the Gourmet Baking Room for many, many years. We will miss her very much.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2018

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:

- Reporting of financial transactions through-out the year and at year-end including reports to the United Church of Canada.
- 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 and other reports to the Canada Revenue Agency.
- Overseeing investment of Memorial Fund assets in keeping with our Investment Policy.
- Monitoring adherence to financial policies and internal control procedures.

The Committee meets regularly to review the financial reports including providing oversight of the financial reporting and analysis of financial trends through-out the year. We also meet with the Church's investment advisor to review the Memorial Fund investments. Earlier in 2018, the Committee was concerned that the financial contributions were falling behind what we had expected. The committee undertook a campaign to raise these concerns with the congregation and, as usual the congregation responded. We are fortunate at Parkdale to have a healthy financial position that allows the Church to invest in programs and to support the various ministries of the Church. We believe these investments in turn lead to a vibrant congregation supporting the needs of the members of the congregation and the broader community and resulting in a continuing healthy financial position.

As part of the 2018 Annual Report, our financial statements for 2018 and Budget for 2019 are respectfully submitted to the Congregation. These statements reflect a strong year financially and resulted in an overall surplus after taking into account investment income. Please take the time to review the 2018 financial statements and 2019 budget. Here are some highlights:

The General Fund and Capital Fund had a combined deficit of \$20,764 before investment income which was \$74,017 resulting in an overall surplus of \$53,253 for the year. Envelope giving to the General Fund increased by about \$6,000 compared to 2017 and we are budgeting an increase of about \$2,000 for 2019. The overall receipts in the General Fund increased by about \$30,000 including \$24,000 for Refugee Support. The disbursements in the General Fund increased by about \$37,000 which was the result of general cost increases and having a Minister of Pastoral Care full time for all of 2018. The budgeted expenditures for the General Fund for 2019 shows an increase of about \$28,000. Our expenditures in 2019 will depend on the timing of a hiring of a Minister to replace Melodee Lovering. The Ministry and Outreach statement shows total disbursements of \$85,697 in 2018 and the same amount is budgeted for 2019. This

is slightly less than 2017. The capital fund disbursements decreased by about \$27,000 year over year although givings for the capital fund were up for the year. Budgeted capital fund expenditures for 2019 are expected to be higher in 2019 and in line with expenditures in 2017.

I am grateful to the contribution of the members of the Finance Committee in 2018 included Richard Hamley (Donations Coordinator), Kathleen Stephenson (Treasurer), Beth Gutsell (Counting Team Coordinator and Secretary), Blaine Pauling (Past-Chair of Council), Helen Hayes (Property Trustees Chair), and Member-at-large, Marcia Lewis. The committee takes its role very seriously and we have many interesting discussions at our meetings. We would welcome new members to our committee.

Respectfully Submitted

David J. Mason, FCPA, FCA



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 from the neighborhood, wider community and our own congregation.

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 60 + individuals per month were given direct financial or other tangible support. In 2018 approximately 160 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, 2018

		\$	
	Opening Balance, January 1, 2018		3289
Receipts	Congregational Givings	17190.86	
	Special Donations	-	
	TOTAL Receipts	17190.86	20,480
Disbursements	Support to Individuals	8302	
	Support to aid Organizations	-	
	Petty Cash Disbursements		
	Cash, Vouchers, Food Cards, Bus		
	Tickets	10153	
	Bank Charges	30	
	Flood Relief		
	TOTAL Disbursements	18,485	18,485
	Year-End Balance, December 31, 2018		\$ 1,995

Note: The year-end balance includes \$1995 bank balance and \$6.32 petty cash as well as 15 food cards of \$10 each and 2 of \$25 food cards.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey

Men's Group Report - 2018 Annual Report of Parkdale United Church

The Men's Group had a very successful inaugural year.

We began with two breakfast planning meetings in October and November 2017. Then, in January 2018, our programming kicked in with a morning roundtable, led by Norm Tape, on what makes a vital and growing United Church congregation. The results of that discussion were shared with the researchers of an Atlantic School of Theology study on the same topic.

In March, we hosted an evening panel on "News in the Age of Social Media", with broadcasters and journalists Rita Celli, Adrian Harewood, and Mark Sutcliffe. The event was open to the congregation, and about 40 people attended.

In June, we ushered in the summer break with a fellowship breakfast.

On October 1, about 125 people from across the National Capital Region attended a speech by the Honourable Frank Iacobucci, former Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada (and a former Parkdale member) on "Canada and Indigenous Peoples: Toward a New Relationship". The event was jointly sponsored with the Living Into Right Relations Group of the Mission, Outreach and Justice Committee.

Our year closed on November 10 with a breakfast presentation by Dr. Ed Ellis (a member of Parkdale and its Choir). Drawing on his career in public health, Dr. Ellis took us back to "The SARS Epidemic: Crisis and Response."

Special thanks to the dedicated group of men who prepared our wonderful breakfasts: Andrew Barbour, Mark Bradley, John Harewood, and Murray Wagner. Dr. Bailey, John Harewood, Renford Thomas, and Reverend Robert Merritt led prayers and meditations at various events, as did local distinguished Algonquin Elder, Albert Dumont. Wally Prater set up the Ladies' Parlour for the events held there, and ensured that everyone could access the building on Saturday mornings. And warm appreciation to all who attended our events over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
John Butcher

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

As General Secretary I would like to acknowledge and thank Elise Mennie for stepping in as interim secretary from September 2018 through February, 2019, while I underwent medical treatment. Parkdale United Church and the Council are grateful that Elise was able and willing to step in and take on the additional responsibilities despite already undertaking many activities in support of the church.

Minutes of regular Council meetings, special meetings, congregational meetings, and the annual general meeting were taken as required and submitted to Council for approval. Summaries of the minutes were prepared and published in the Parkdale Messenger for communication with the broader congregation and its adherents. Soft copies of the minutes were maintained on the USB key maintained by the Secretary and/or Office Manager, and hard copies of the minutes were kept in a binder and submitted for signature by the Chair and the Secretary. These were stored in the church safe as required.

I would like to thank the members of Parkdale and its ministry for its prayerful and continuing support while Elise and I carried out the duties of this role, and for all those who helped in preparing the documents and any correspondence, thank you.

I encourage anyone interested in the governance and goings on of the church to consider taking a turn as General Secretary. It has been a rewarding experience.

Wishing you many blessings,
Julee Pauling

Parkdale United Church - Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Sunday, February 25, 2018

Location: Tape Hall, Parkdale United Church (PUC), Ottawa, Ontario

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 pm

Attendees: 57 people signed the attendance list. At least 20 members in good standing were deemed to have been present.

Regrets: Scott Andrews, Chair

Interim Chair: Susan Mailer

General Secretary: Julee Pauling

Opening Activity:

During lunch, members engaged in a small group exercise to discuss development of church facilities. They were asked what aspects of current church facilities they most wished to retain, what they wished to change, and what they were praying could be developed. Notes were taken and collected at the end of the exercise for use by the working group.

Opening of Meeting:

1. Opening remarks and welcome given by Interim Chair, Susan Mailer, with explanation for Chair Scott Andrews' absence.

2. Opening Prayer — Reverend Anthony Bailey
3. Remembrance of each member who had passed in 2017 and silent reflection — Reverend Alcris Limongi
4. **The Minutes of the 2017 AGM - moved by Julee Pauling, seconded by Gloria Goodine — were adopted unanimously.**
5. There were no changes to the 2018 AGM Agenda.

Business:

1. *Update on Remits Presented by PUC Presbytery Representative, Beth Gutsell*

1. Susan Mailer thanked Beth on behalf of PUC for her hard work relating to the 2017-2018 General Council remits.
2. Beth reported that PUC has now completed its obligations with respect to the General Council remit process. Beth presented a summary of the status of the remits and responded to a couple of general questions.

2. *Financial Reports Presented by Kathleen Stevenson, PUC Treasurer*

1. Kathleen began with a prayer.
2. Notes for Kathleen's presentation were supplied to the General Secretary and are appended to the Minutes.
3. *Corrections:* Corrections have been made to page 42 of the Report of the Benevolent Fund, 2017 as follows: the opening balance for 2017 is \$4,203 (same as closing balance for 2016). New pages are available to replace the older version. **Please note an additional correction remains outstanding: Lois Follett, listed on the Remembrance page, was indeed a member and should have an asterisk beside her name.**
4. Kathleen introduced members of the Finance Committee, and the nominated new chair, David Mason. Potential new members are encouraged to join the committee at any time.
5. *Financial Statements Review:* pages 54-61 of the 2017 Annual Report. Members were oriented to line items.
6. Due to investment income from the Memorial Fund, PUC closed 2017 with a net surplus of \$29,891. Kathleen noted the increase in envelopes and loose collection, resulting in an increased budget for 2018, which assumes a continued growth pattern, to \$428,000 in

envelope givings. However, the first two months of 2018 have shown that growth pattern has not continued.

7. *Capital Fund*: Capital fund receipts of \$60,000 come from a variety of places. The Security Improvement Program Grant, for example, is for the security improvements to be completed this year. Fifty percent of certain proposed costs will be covered by the government grant. Reverend Bailey took this opportunity to point out that this week two new cameras were installed in Tape Hall and one in the Sanctuary. They are set to record. **Helen Hayes, Chair of Property Trustees, announced she will ensure a sign is posted.**

8. Questions were raised to clarify aspects of the financial reports. One question was whether PUC could consider switching its investments to sustainable funds, as some of our largest amounts are invested with pipelines. **This is for consideration by the Finance Committee.**

9. **More detailed financial reporting was requested in future years.**

10. **The Treasurer moved:**

1. **Acceptance of the 2017 Annual Financial Report — seconded by Elise Mennie.**
2. **Acceptance of the 2018 budget (column G) — seconded by Helen Hayes.**
3. **Acceptance that the year-end surplus be transferred from the General Fund to the Memorial Fund — seconded by Beth Gutsell.**
4. **All three motions were moved unanimously, with no abstentions.**

3. *Special address and motion by Faye Beaufort on behalf of Mission, Outreach, and Justice Committee (MO&J)*

1. Faye expressed, on behalf of PUC's sponsored refugee family, the family's great gratitude to PUC. They are doing well. PUC continues to support them in a variety of ways.
2. On behalf of MJ&O, Faye Beaufort presented information about Cornerstone Affordable Housing and then made the following motion: **That Parkdale United Church fund two rooms at the proposed Cornerstone Affordable Housing at 373 Princeton Ave, in Westboro, at \$6,500 for each room for a total of \$13,000 with funds to come from the Memorial Fund. In addition, the committee would like to encourage members of the congregation to contribute additional funds. Pamela Gemmell seconded.** There was discussion about what criteria MJ&O used to bring

motions for further support to the congregation, as well as discussion about drawing the proposed amount from the Memorial Fund. Members noted the Memorial Fund is meant to be a living fund to be constantly replenished. A recommendation was made that PUC focus on communicating the stories behind its good works. **The motion passed with all in favour.**

Other Business

4. **Susan Mailer, as interim Chair, moved the adoption of the corrected 2017 Annual Report. Helen Hayes seconded. All were in favour.**
5. **Susan moved the appointment of the Presbytery Representative, Beth Gutsell, which was seconded by Sam Tim. All were in favour, with no abstentions.**
6. Susan asked for further nominations to the slate of officers for 2018. She then reviewed the slate of nominees and **moved adoption of the slate of nominees without contest. Isaac Goodine seconded. The motion carried with all in favour, no abstentions.**
7. **Susan moved acceptance of the resignation, with regret, of Janice Gray from the Board of Trustees, seconded by Richard Yearwood. The motion passed with all in favour.**
8. **Susan moved appointment of the Property Trustees and the Financial trustees as printed on page 52 of the Annual Report, seconded by Alexandra Stockwell. The motion passed with all in favour.**
9. Susan made a special thank you of all of the Council members, naming each person individually, and thanked also Deb Paterson for stepping in this past fall to cover the role of General Secretary to Council for three months.
10. Susan thanked PUC staff, ordained, designated and lay, our music leaders, office staff, caretakers and custodial staff, our treasurer and our donation coordinator, for all their hard work all through the year 2017. The church could not continue without them.
11. Reverend Bailey thanked Susan for stepping in as interim chair.
12. Susan adjourned the meeting with a lovely prayer.

Approval of the Minutes of the 2018 AGM held February 25, 2018:

Garth McLeod, Chair of Council

Date

Julee Pauling, General Secretary

In Memoriam

*Phyllis Mary Ida Blair

Robert Breene

Clarence B. (Clare) Campbell

Randolph Leon Archibald Coddett

Achille Baron Creighton

*James William Currie

*Gertrude Daniels

Mary Wright Duquette

*Peter James Graham

*Goldie Elizabeth Greene

Susan Hanna

*Barry Joseph Hennessy

Penny Hope-Ross

Dorothy Gray Knight

*Dolores Lambert

*M. Jeanetta McGarry

Sarah Dawn Medina

*Dian Florence Morris

Dr. H.T. James Mount

Madeleine Yvonne Therese Radwanski

*Joyce Sibanda

Barbara Elizabeth Sutton

*Janet Taylor

*Mary Joyce Thomas

*Ruth Thompson

Lilly Belle Wood

*Members

TRUSTEES - 2019

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 2019

Chair - Garth McLeod

Vice-Chair - Vacant

Past Chair – Scott Andrews

Secretary - Elise Mennie (Interim)

Treasurer - Kathleen Stephenson

Member-at-Large - Don Macpherson

Chairs of Committees

Communications - Carolyn Halkett

Faith Formation & Christian Development - Camille Beaufort

Financial Trustees - David Mason

Membership Development & Rolls - Marilyn Hahn

Ministry & Personnel - Judy Hamley

Mission, Outreach & Justice - Faye Beaufort

Pastoral Care Team - Mary McLeod

Parkdale Representative to Eastern Ontario/Outaouais United Church Regional Council -
Beth Gutsell

Property Trustees - Helen Hayes

Recruitment & Succession Planning - Peter Meerburg

Stewardship - David Odumodu

Worship - Barbara Faught

Ministerial Staff (ex-officio members of Council)

Coordinating Minister - Anthony Bailey

Minister of Pastoral Care - Alcris Limongi

Minister of Youth & Children – Vacant, (Camille Beaufort - Interim program coordinator)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY
December 31, 2018

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		2018	2017	Variance	2018	2019	2019 Budget/ 2018 Budget/
		YTD	YTD		Budget	Budget	2018 YTD
1							
2							
3	Receipts						
4							
5	General	549,286	519,564	29,722	541,150	530,600	-3.4%
6	Mission, Outreach and Justice	85,697	88,086	-2,389	77,700	85,000	-0.8%
7	Capital	68,781	60,085	8,696	64,179	59,500	-13.5%
8							
9	Total Receipts	703,763	667,735	36,028	683,029	675,100	-4.1%
10							
11	Disbursements						
12							
13	General	586,788	549,866	36,922	615,602	605,000	3.1%
14	Mission, Outreach and Justice	85,697	88,085	-2,388	77,700	85,000	-0.8%
15	Capital	52,043	79,486	-27,443	84,758	84,900	63.1%
16							
17	Total Disbursements	724,527	717,437	7,090	778,060	774,900	7.0%
18							
19	Receipts Less Disbursements						
20							
21	General	-37,502	-30,302	-7,200	-74,452	-74,400	98.4%
22	Mission, Outreach and Justice	0	1	-1	0	0	
23	Capital	16,738	-19,401	36,139	-20,579	-25,400	-251.8%
24							
25	Gross Deficit	-20,764	-49,702	28,938	-95,031	-99,800	380.6%
26							
27	Investment Income from Mem. Fund	74,017	71,479	2,538	68,000	70,000	-5.4%
28	Transfer to GF IFTC from Mem. Fund	5,070					
29	Transfer to GF George Eades youth fund from Mem. Fund	4,530					
30	Transfer to GF from Mem. Fund (Remembrance)	1,266					
31	Transfer from GF Youth Coffee Shop to Mem. Fund	-375					
32	Transfer from GF Refugee to Mem. Fund	-10,164				14,000	
33							
34	Net Surplus/Deficit	53,580	21,777	31,476	-27,031	-15,800	

A	B	C	D	E	F
	SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS				
	Annual Report 2018				
		<u>Investments/ Cash</u>	<u>Accounts Receivable</u>	<u>Accounts Payable</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1					
2					
3					
4					
5	General &	18,250			
6	Mission and		5,130		
7	Outreach		13,463		
8					36,843
9					
10	Capital	16,737			
11					
12					
13	Memorial	Cash or cash equivalents			
14		7,862			
15		52,300			
16		4,000			
17					
18					
19		75,812			
20		102,691			
21		42,435			
22		13,000			
23		32,940			
24		58,672			
25		109,654			
26		103,668			
27		53,542			
28		59,885			
29		112,172			
30		118,080			
31		145,836			
32		108,944			
33		84,096			
34		53,924			
35					
36					1,339,513
37					
38	Totals	1,374,500	18,593	0	1,393,093

General
December 31, 2018

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		2018	2017	Year over year	2018	Year end/	2019
2		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget
3	Receipts						
4							
5	Envelopes	412,806	406,907	1%	428,000	-4%	415,000
6	Loose Collection	15,000	15,880	-6%	15,500	-3%	15,500
7	Anniversary Receipts	0	0		0		
8	Family Camp	6,775	3,487	94%	4,100	65%	6,800
9	Christian Enrichment receipts	1,935	1,774	9%	3,900	-50%	2,200
10	Donations for Bulletins	100	200	-50%	200	-50%	200
11	Donations for Coffee	158	138	14%	150	5%	150
12	Donations for Easter Flowers	1,180	1,035	14%	1,000	18%	1,000
13	Donations for Gifts	0	0		0		0
14	Donations for Membership Dev.	441	0		0		350
15	Donations for Messenger	0	0		200	-100%	100
16	Donations for Observer Plan	580	710	-18%	500	16%	500
17	Donations for Pastoral Care	90	2,170	-96%	1,500	-94%	0
18	Donations for Worship	1,430	0		0		0
19	George Eades Youth Fund	1,965	2,890	-32%	2,600	-24%	2,000
20	In From The Cold	7,054	11,955	-41%	10,000	-29%	7,000
21	Men's Events	0	0		0		1,000
22	Miscellaneous	647	483		0		0
23	Refugee support	24,100			0		6,000
24	Sunday School	170	1,251	-86%	1,200	-86%	1,100
25	Training funds from MF	0	0		1,500	-100%	1,500
26	Use of Premises	61,388	58,368	5%	57,000	8%	57,000
27	Weddings and Funerals	4,450	1,850	141%	4,000	11%	4,000
28	Women's Retreat	8,105	8,030	1%	8,000	1%	8,000
29	Youth Coffee Shop	913	2,436	-63%	1,800	-49%	1,200
30							
31	Total Receipts	549,286	519,564	6%	541,150	2%	530,600
32							
33		2018	2017	Year over year	2018	Year end/	2019
34		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget
35	Disbursements						
36							
37	Salaries & Benefits + Allowances	357,031	326,284	9%	385,650	-7%	351,290
38	Contracts and Honoraria	40,293	56,353	-28%	45,000	-10%	47,000
39	Anniversary Celebrations	0	0		0		
40	Books and Resources	32	219	-85%	200	-84%	200
41	Family Camp	6,624	4,435		5,100	30%	6,800
42	Christian Enrichment	3,525	4,117	-14%	7,650	-54%	9,950
43	Church Bulletins	355	419	-15%	500	-29%	500
44	Communications and newsletter	520	271	92%	1,640	-68%	2,000
45	Easter Flowers	291	249	17%	300	-3%	300
46	Envelopes	971	1,084	-10%	1,100	-12%	1,100
47	Evening Security	16,667	15,650	6%	17,250	-3%	17,250
48	Financial Charges & Review Internal Controls, Procedure	1,587	1,078	47%	200	693%	1,000
49	Financial Review	0	3,638	-100%	0		0
50	Gas Heat	13,716	12,948	6%	13,000	6%	13,000
51	Gifts and Recognitions	0	0		0		0
52	In From The Cold	6,124	7,322	-16%	7,000	-13%	7,000
53	Insurances	24,942	12,471	100%	12,471	100%	12,471
54	Light and Power	10,595	11,394	-7%	12,000	-12%	12,000
55	Membership Development	658	147	347%	300	119%	500
56	Men's Events	0	0		1,000	-100%	1,000
57	Miscellaneous	492	518	-5%	500	-2%	500
58	Mission Outreach Justice Committee	0	0				
59	Music, Licenses	1,102	1,477	-25%	2,000	-45%	1,600
60	Observer Plan	1,771	2,200	-20%	2,200	-20%	2,000

General
December 31, 2018

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
61	Office and Supplies	2,848	2,362	21%	2,700	5%	2,700
62	Organ and other Musicians	1,321	2,050	-36%	2,550	-48%	1,950
63	Pastoral Care	1,356	917	48%	3,100	-56%	2,800
64	Payroll service charges	369	327	13%	350	5%	350
65	Personnel Committee	2,058	6,127	-66%	5,345	-61%	5,300
66	Personnel Committee Hiring						2,000
67	Photocopying	6,121	5,953	3%	6,800	-10%	7,000
68	Piano/Organ Maintenance	1,372	1,268	8%	1,200	14%	2,200
69	Postage	1,304	1,532	-15%	1,500	-13%	1,500
70	United Church of Canada Assessment (Presbytery)	23,452	23,180	1%	23,262	1%	24,000
71	Refugee	13,936					20,000
72	Repairs and Maintenance	11,102	9,007	23%	11,000	1%	11,000
73	Snow Clearing	6,912	8,153	-15%	7,284	-5%	7,289
74	Stewardship Committee	0	0		250	-100%	0
75	Telecommunications	5,500	5,186	6%	5,200	6%	4,900
76	Training (Lay)	0	30		2,500	-100%	0
77	Water and Sewer	4,956	4,929	1%	5,500	-10%	5,600
78	Weddings and Funerals	3,636	1,950	86%	3,000	21%	3,000
79	Women's Retreat	7,299	6,745	8%	8,000	-9%	8,000
80	Worship arts	0	0		1,350	-100%	0
81	Worship Committee/Sanctuary	4,916	2,191	124%	2,000	146%	3,950
82	Youth Coffee shop expenses	538	3,451	-84%	1,400	-62%	1,000
83	Youth Ministry	495	2,234	-78%	6,250	-92%	3,000
84							
85	Total Disbursements	586,788	549,866	7%	615,602	-4.7%	605,000
86							
87	Gross Surplus (Deficit)	-37,502	-30,302	24%	-74,452	-49.6%	-\$74,400
88							
89	Investment Income from Mem. Fund	74,017	71,479		68,000		70,000
90	Transfer to IFTC from Mem Fund	5,070					
91	Transfer to George Eades youth fund from Mem Fund	4,530					
92	Transfer to Gen Fund from Mem Fund (Remembrance)	1,266					
93	Transfer from Youth Coffee Shop to Mem Fund	-375					
94	Transfer from Refugee to Mem Fund	-10,164					14,000
95							
96	Net Surplus (Deficit)	36,842	41,177		-6,452	-671.0%	\$9,600
97							
98	Balance December 31, 2018						
99	Bank of Montreal	18,250					
100	M&O Payable	0					
101	GST Receivable	5,130					
102	PST Receivable	13,463					
103	Balance (deficit)	36,842					

Mission Outreach Justice
December 31, 2018

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		2018	2017	Year over year	2018	Year end/ Budget	2019
2		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget
3	Receipts						
4							
5	Mission and Outreach envelopes	51,623	48,629	6%	45,000	15%	50,700
6	MF Share the Wealth	0	2,000		2,000	-100%	2,000
7	Benevolent Fund	17,244	20,169	-15%	17,500	-1%	17,500
8	Bethany	2,746	1,916	43%	1,200	129%	2,700
9	Christmas Offering	2,637	2,760	-4%	3,000	-12%	3,000
10	Easter Offering	2,945	2,656	11%	2,500	18%	2,500
11	Thanksgiving Offering	958	911	5%	1,200	-20%	1,200
12	Food Bank	3,422	2,762	24%	2,500	37%	3,400
13	Habitat for Humanity	0	0		0		
14	Mission and Service Fund United Church of Canada	540	590	-8%			
15	Multifaith Housing Initiative	0	2,360	-100%	0		
16	North St. Project, Jamaica	2,082	1,533	36%	1,000	108%	2,000
17	Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,500	1,800	-17%	1,800	-17%	
18							
19	Total Receipts	85,697	88,086	-3%	77,700	10%	85,000
20							
21	Disbursements						
22							
23	Non-Designated by Donor						
24	Camp Kalalla	250	250	0%	250	0%	250
25	Habitat For Humanity	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	0%	1,000
26	Interval House	250	250	0%	250	0%	1,000
27	Marian Dewar Scholarship Fund	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	0%	1,000
28	Mission and Outreach Discretionary	0	1,000		1,000	-100%	1,000
29	Multifaith Housing Initiative	200	4,460		200	0%	500
30	Odawa Native Friendship Centre	1,000	0		1,000		2,000
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 Innercity Ministries	550	0		550		1,000
34	Ottawa West Community Support	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	0%	1,000
35	Share the Wealth	400	2,000	-80%	2,000	-80%	2,000
36	Urban Christian Outreach	1,000	1,550	-35%	1,000	0%	3,000
37							
38							
39	Designated by Donor						
40	Benevolent Fund	17,244	20,169	-15%	17,500	-1%	17,500
41	Bethany	2,746	1,916	43%	1,200	129%	2,700
42	Food Bank	3,422	2,762	24%	2,500	37%	3,400
43	Mission and Service Fund United Church of Canada	44,263	39,819	11%	36,500	21%	37,700
44	North St. Project, Jamaica	2,082	1,533	36%	1,000	108%	2,000
45	Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,500	1,800	-17%	1,800	-17%	
46							
47	Special Offerings						
48	<i>Christmas Offering</i>						
49	The Mission	1,318	1,380	-4%	1,500	-12%	1,500
50	Cornerstone Women's Shelter	1,318	1,380	-4%	1,500	-12%	1,500
51	<i>Easter Offering</i>						
52	Urban Christian Outreach	2,945	2,656	11%	2,500	18%	2,500
53	<i>Thanksgiving Offering</i>						
54	Cambridge Breakfast Program	479	455	5%	600	-20%	600
55	Connaught Breakfast Program	479	455	5%	600	-20%	600
56							
57	Total Disbursements	85,697	88,085	-3%	77,700	10%	85,000
58	Net Surplus (Deficit)	0	1		0		0

Capital Fund
December 31, 2018

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		2018	2017	Year over year	2018	Year end/	2019
2		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget
3	Receipts						
4							
5	Envelopes	20,446	19,394	5%	19,000	8%	20,000
6	Bazaar	15,720	14,081	12%	14,000	12%	14,500
7	Building Improvement Campaign	505	566	-11%	500	1%	500
8	Miscellaneous	840					
9	Parking Donations	15,592	16,508	-6%	9,500	64%	15,000
10	Rummage Sales	9,499	9,536	0%	15,000	-37%	9,500
11	SIP grant	6,179	0		6,179	0%	
12							
13	Total	68,781	60,085	14%	64,179	7%	59,500
14							
15	Disbursements						
16							
17	Air Conditioning	0	16,287	-100%	500	-100%	5,000
18	Bathroom Upgrades	4,050	0		2,500	62%	0
19	Chair Lift Expenses	1,650	1,163	42%	4,000	-59%	4,000
20	Computer Hardware (TV Bulletin Boards)	0	0		1,000	-100%	500
21	Computer Software	0	0		1,000	-100%	500
22	Equipment	3,013	2,009	50%	5,000	-40%	5,000
23	Fire safety, Inspection and Electrical	797	0		3,500	-77%	1,200
24	Foundation/Masonry	0	0		1,000	-100%	2,000
25	Garden	741	779	-5%	1,200	-38%	1,000
26	Kitchen Upgrades	492	0		1,500	-67%	1,500
27	Lightning Strike Costs	0	13,116	-100%			
28	Miscellaneous expenses	0	1,522	-100%			
29	Nursery and Sunday School Renovations	297	540	-45%	1,000	-70%	2,000
30	Paving and Fencing	5,814	13,658	-57%	7,000	-17%	12,000
31	Phone upgrade	0	213	-100%			500
32	Preschool Renovations	0	24,538	-100%	10,000	-100%	
33	Property Development Working Group	311	0		20,000	-98%	30,000
34	Repairs and Upgrades	9,093	3,205	184%	11,200	-19%	11,200
35	Roof, Eaves, Soffits and Ceilings	12,358	961	1186%	1,000	1136%	2,000
36	Security, Cameras	13,318	1,304	921%	12,358	8%	400
37	Signage	0	36	-100%			100
38	Video, Sound Equipment	109	0		1,000	-89%	1,000
39	Window Replacement	0	155	-100%			5,000
40							
41	Total	52,043	79,486	-34.5%	84,758	-39%	84,900
42							
43	Receipts less expenses	16,738	-19,401		-20,579		-25,400
44							
45							
46	Total Deficit/Surplus	16,738	-19,401				
47							
48	Balance December 31, 2018						
49	BMO cash	16,738					

Memorial Fund
December 31, 2018

	A	B
1	Receipts	Year to date
2		
3	Bequests and Special Gifts	0
4	Capital Gains (loss)	-160,514
5	Donation of stock	0
6	George Eades Youth Fund	0
7	In From the Cold Funds to be held for future use	0
8	Investment income Dividends	31,793
9	Investment income Interest	6,272
10	Investment income other	35,951
11	Martin Luther King Sunday donation for future use	0
12	Operating funds surplus paid to MF	29,891
13	Refugee Funds to be held for future use	10,164
14	Remembrance Fund	2,551
15	Youth Coffee Shop Funds to be held for future use	375
16		
17	Total	-43,516
18		
19	Disbursements	
20		
21	T/fer Interest/Dividends to Gen Fund	74,017
22	George Eades transfer to Gen.Fund	4,530
23	IFTC funds to General fund	5,070
24	Mission Trip funds to M&O fund	0
25	MLK Sunday funds to General fund	0
26	Refugee Funds to General Fund	0
27	Remembrance Fund to General Fund	14,266
28	Remembrance to Capital Fund	0
29	Training	386
30	Write off operating funds deficit 2014-15	0
31	Youth Coffee Shop funds to General fund	0
32		
33	Total	98,269
34		
35	Receipts less expenses	-141,785
36		
37	Balance 31-Dec-17	1,481,298
38		
39	Balance December 31, 2018	1,339,513
40		
41	Cash or cash equivalents	
42	CIBC cash	7,862
43	BMO GIC (Mastercard security)	4,000
44	BMO cash	52,300
45		
46		
47	Equities (Market value December 2018)	
48	Bank of Montreal	75,812
49	Brompton Split Bank Corp Preferred shares	102,691
50	Brookfield Infrastructure	42,435
51	Canadian Banc (December 19, 2018)	13,000
52	Canadian Natural Resources Ltd	32,940
53	Dividend 15 Split Corp Class A	58,672
54	Dividend 15 Split Corp Preferred	109,654
55	Financial 15 Split Corp (CHIX)	103,668
56	Great-West Lifeco Inc	53,542
57	H&R Real Estate Investment Trust	59,885

Memorial Fund
December 31, 2018

	A	B	C	D
58	Inter pipeline fund CL A Ltd Partnership Units	112,172		
59	Life & Banc Split Corp	118,080		
60	Pembina Pipeline Income Fund Trust	145,836		
61	Partners Value Split Preferred	108,944		
62	Royal Bank	84,096		
63	Transalta Renewables	53,924		
64				
65	Accounts Receivable	0		
66				
67	Balance	1,339,513		
68				
69	*Includes funds held for future use:			
70				
71	In from the Cold	12,130		
72	Remembrance	21,577	includes 7,980 for Pastoral Care	
73	Youth Coffee Shop	4,576		
74	George Eades	24,627		
75	Refugee Support	25,438		