

2019

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

2019

In one of my recent prayer and reflection times, I was re-reading a devotional book by Rebecca Dwight Bruff called: “Loving the World with God”. She reminds the reader that a *disciple* is a “learner” who “follows” another. As a community of learners and followers of Jesus, what does it mean for us to “Love the World with God?”

Bruff writes:

“I know where we’ll end up when we become a disciple of Jesus: in our own neighbourhoods, our communities, our churches and completely new spaces filled with people different from ourselves. We’ll make friends of all ages, colours, experiences, and perspectives. We’ll see familiar people and places with new eyes. We’ll encounter brokenness, pain, and injustice. We’ll see hunger, addiction, fear, and loneliness. But we won’t encounter these things alone. When we follow Jesus, we’re with the one who offers hope, touches wounds, comforts grief, speaks compassion, uses courage, and bestows mercy... We’ll get a glimpse of the kingdom to come, a complex and colourful kingdom where all God’s people are welcomed and loved.”

I believe that all of this “doing” of necessity needs to be funded by God through communal worship, prayer, discernment and meditative reflection. I also believe that praying for and practicing wisdom should play a larger role in our life together.

The worship services that Rev. Alcris and I curate in response to what we believe is God’s prompting, are indeed meant to glorify God as well as provoke a life of witness and testimony and service in us all, to our world that God so loves.

Delighting in Worship, Pastoral Care and the Formation of Faith

I hasten to celebrate in our worship life together as a congregation, the opportunities to grow and share faith, to study scripture, and build relationships. This is accompanied by all the love and caring and support I witness being shared in this wonderful congregation. I am blessed to join the pastoral care I offer to congregants with that of Rev. Alcris, the pastoral care team and other informal and formal ways in which this ministry is undertaken. In the formation of faith, I led these through the following: the conduct of Tuesday morning Bible Studies (Fall: a study of the thirteen apostles and how their lives and faith and foibles help to humanize them; and Winter: a study of biblical wisdom), the preparation and reception new members (9 new members were received this year), evening Faith Formation sessions, regular baptismal seminars, the annual marriage seminar, marriage education process and weddings, counselling, visiting persons in distress and ill at home and hospital, and the conduct of funerals in support of bereaved families and their friends.

Ministry of Governance

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 (namely: Mission,

Outreach and Justice, Stewardship, Worship and Property Development Working Group). We are grateful for the chairpersons and members of all of our committees for their dedication and faithfulness. This year, due to continuing absence of a full-time Minister for Youth and Children, our (ie. Alcris and me) workload was elevated. I want to thank the Ministry and Personnel Committee for acknowledging this and supporting the quest of our Search committee to find that new staff person. The M&P committee continues to encourage a healthy and conducive working environment for all staff members. All the staff are treated to an annual staff appreciation lunch which is much appreciated.

Worship Services beyond Parkdale United

I continue to conduct monthly chapel communion services at Westwood and Carlingview Manor. The residents and staff look forward to and appreciate these times of worship and fellowship. I continue to be grateful for the dedicated support and assistance of Hazel Bowen, Elaine West, Jane Barbe, Marilyn Hahn, Muriel Bellman who assist me with these sacred times of worship and encouragement. Some of our Parkdale members are residents in these homes.

In From the Cold

Our popular In From the Cold supper hospitality ministry – with the contribution of nearly 80 volunteers each week - continues to bless and serve guests who still rave about this community meal – music – art and fellowship time. They frequently comment to me about the profound sense of welcome and respect, both the interpersonal aspect and the quality and presentation of the meals. This would not be possible without the dedicated commitment of all the volunteers, the commitment to provide high quality food, the popular and interactive arts table, the welcoming spirit, safe and dignified atmosphere, the quality of the popular musical groups which all make for such a blessed and sacred weekly celebration each Saturday from November to March. I continue to be present most Saturdays offering prayer, a listening ear, support, guidance, encouragement, and spiritual counsel. Some of our guests continue to come for food vouchers as well as other help and material support during the week.

Public Ministry of Reconciliation – Collaborative Justice

Zaya Kuyena, Camille Beaufort, Alexandra Stockwell and I continued to be Parkdale United Church's representatives in the Collaborative Justice process. The young man who attacked our church, and other places of worship three years ago, with racist graffiti has made transformative strides and has willingly participated in this mediated process. We are pleased to report that the 3-year process came to an end in the fall. The young man has turned his life around and through the collaborative representatives, he has thanked our group and Parkdale United for not giving up on him and for the generosity and forgiveness and support that Parkdale has offered him over these years. One of his comments to us through the mediators was: "I can't believe how nice they have been to me." Praise be to God.

Ministry in the Public Square

Undertaking ministry in the public square continues to be an important part of my vocation and tenure here at Parkdale United. I believe my congregational ministry and my ministry in the public square inform and enrich each other. Some of these contributions are found below: I continue to serve on the Boards of Crime Prevention Ottawa and the Ottawa Mission, and continue to serve as a Leadership Circle member for the Marion Dewar Scholarship fund, as well as a Patron for the Multifaith Housing Initiative. I am still the emcee and moderator for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. DreamKeepers event at City hall. In Black History Month, I conducted presentations in elementary and High Schools, a Federal government department, and various community 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. In February I offered two presentations at the University of Waterloo, Conrad Grebel College on the Biblical and theological warrant for the full welcome and celebration of those from all Nations. I was invited to speak at the Ottawa Mosque and Kehillat Beth Israel

synagogue after the New Zealand and Pittsburgh terrorist attacks. Offered prayers at the memorial event for the victims of the Ethiopian Airlines crash. As well, I was the guest speaker at the 11th Annual Marion Dewar Scholarship Fundraising Gala at the International Restaurant at Algonquin College.

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

At the invitation of the Ottawa Police Service (OPS) I am continuing to provide anti-black racism/unconscious bias training to the new police recruits on their Diversity and Race Relations Police Training day twice a year. I am very pleased with the leadership thus far of the new Chief of Police Peter Sloly whose initiatives are not only advancing public safety, but also increasing the diversity of the OPS. He has tremendous support from a number of Municipal Councillors including the first Black Ottawa Councillor, Rawlson King (pictured below).



Missional Support of World Vision

I was pleased to have been asked to travel March 30 – April 6 with 7 other pastors and World Vision (WV) staff to visit community development projects in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). WV continues to strengthen and improve their collaborative partnerships with local churches and communities to provide access to clean water, sustainable agricultural initiatives, education, health and nutrition. For our Lenten Study here at Parkdale, participants engaged a resource called the Matthew 25 Challenge that connected the words and teaching of Jesus, to those who are hungry, naked, imprisoned, etc. with our ongoing mandate for compassion, justice and mercy.

Parkdale's response included a Global 6 km run/walk that raised close to \$13,000, and the sponsoring of almost 40 children (and their families and community) in Bangladesh, identified by World Vision.



Stewarding our Outreach Vision, Mission and our Property Assets

The Property Development Working Group continued its work of discernment, consultation, expert guidance in the prudent and necessary steps to take, and consultation with the congregation. We are trusting God to lead and guide us. We are receiving very positive signals from stakeholders and key players in our neighbourhood. *(Please refer to the PDWG report by Helen Hayes)*

Study Leave and Some Speaking Engagements

Some of my study leave and speaking engagements included: two presentations at the University of Waterloo, Conrad Grebel College on the Biblical and theological warrant for the full welcome and celebration of those from all Nations. Emceeding and preaching at the annual international Festival of Homiletics conference in Minneapolis; presenting at Generosity Transformed stewardship Seminar gathering in Indianapolis; offering two lectures on Anti-Black racism and White Privilege at Queens' University Theological Alumni conference; Preached at Yorkminster Baptist Church and Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, both in Toronto; Preached at North Street United Church in Kingston, Jamaica.

Collegial Ministry I continue to enjoy collegial ministry with my colleague Rev. Alcris Limongi who is a blessed asset to our congregation, curating engaging small groups, innovative initiatives like the congregational Camino devotionals 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 blessed 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 continue to 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 our diverse ministry of music to the glory of God. Once again this year Carol organized a choir workshop led by Marcia Bailey and her husband Joel Campbell. The choir learned some black gospel songs and were able to join the Imani Gospel Singers on MLK Jr. Sunday for two of their songs.

I am grateful to 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 steady presence for those who phone as well as those who come to our building. Thank God for Kathleen who often steps into Don's role when he is away on holidays. Our custodian Norman is knowledgeable, attentive and keeps our building in good shape in concert with the Trustees. His is a personable and helpful presence here. We are also grateful for evening/part time custodians Carole Shaw and Sung Lim who do light cleaning, liaise with groups using our space and secure our building ensuring it capably supports all the work and ministry that happens here.

I commend to you all the contributions that follow in this Annual Report. As you read these reports you will no doubt more deeply appreciate the breadth of ministry and mission that is undertaken here at Parkdale United. May we by the power and grace of God's Spirit continue to take bold and faithful steps in 2020, towards enhancing the mission and witness entrusted to us by Christ Jesus.

Respectfully Submitted

Anthony

REV. ALCRIS LIMONGI-MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE REPORT

Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far the LORD has helped us." (1 Samuel 7:12).

With a word of praise to our God, at the end of this year. Ebenezer!

By definition Ebenezer means a rock or stone of help. The stone was for the Hebrew people a commemoration of divine assistance; whenever they looked at it, they would remember how God had helped and been with them until that very moment. Today as I present a summary of the last year, I can only say Ebenezer!

As I look back I praise God for His faithfulness and love, for the road placed before us as *caminantes* (walkers) of the way of Jesus and the grace that equips us to follow him in that way. I give thanks for everyone who is part of the Parkdale family and the privilege of serving along each one of you.

The Pastoral Care Ministry mandate calls for: 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 pastoral care individually and through small group ministry;
- Finding ways and implementing practices that nurture a culture of pastoral care in the congregation and impact our lives as God's family.

Pastoral care is provided to individuals through the ministry of presence: visits in hospitals, in family homes, Senior Residences, Nursing Homes or meeting informally in coffee shops. Counselling, coaching, spiritual companionship, prayers-to-go in one-on-one conversations in my office or less intentionally, but also effective in "hall" conversations before and after services and when we are doing the work of God together. Emails and phone calls have been also a media for expressing support, following up and offering prayers.

Pastoral Care Team. A word of thanks to our Pastoral Care Team -Hazel Bowen, Helen Hayes, Faye Beaufort, Muriel Bellman, Hepsy Griffith, Freda Sutton, Marilyn Hahn, Gail Thain, Kathryn Meerburg, Gloria Anderson and its Chair Mary McLeod for their faithful and transformative ministry of caring and presence. It is very meaningful to our elderly saints and of a great support to their families. Our traditional programs continue to flow smoothly under the excellent coordination and attention to detail of Mary McLeod and the readiness and efficiency of the whole team who accomplish tasks with diligence, sense of humour and extraordinary compassion.

Some of these programs are our two Special Communion Services-the weeks after Thanksgiving and Easter- followed by a beautifully hosted tea reception for our elderly saints. It is one of the highlights of their year, not only for worshiping and partaking Communion together, but also for the opportunity for visiting with friends. As is our tradition on Easter and December, lilies and cookie plates were delivered to each of our elder saints. Comforting regular visits happen throughout each month. Cards flow to celebrate, comfort or offer support to individuals from the congregation.

This year we give thanks for the lives, gifts and Christian witness of the elder saints who have died in the Lord. We continue to pray for the peace and love of Christ to continue to comfort to their families and close friends.

Some of us have attended to the Advanced Course offered by the Ottawa Pastoral Care program. Also to the Palliative Care and End of Life workshop offered by the Perley Rideau Veteran's Health Centre. We are in contact with the Royal Ottawa Hospital family support programs to link people to services and get more education around mental health issues and services offered by this institution.

Prayers and Meals. On alternate Wednesdays the Prayer Shawls Team faithfully and joyfully crochets and offers prayers for the shawls recipients under the coordination of Diana Mason and Marilyn Follett. We continue to produce and deliver prayer shawls, as well as home cooked meals to those in need or going through a difficult time through the Caring Kitchens. On occasion this freezer has been particularly busy especially since the beginning of the season, when people who drop by from the community in need of something to eat and emotional or financial support are also provided with cooked meals as needed. The Prayer Group meets every other Wednesday, bound to confidentiality, lifts up the ministries and needs of the congregation, the prayer requests from the Prayer Box and the world. I give thanks to God for all who are involved in these ministries of practical love and intercession. I give thanks for His answers to the prayers and His comforting grace through the meals and shawls. The Cancer Focused Prayer group meets every Friday at 2:00 pm. We pray for those in our church family fighting cancer and their families, and also receive many requests to lift up before God friends and relatives who are also fighting the good fight against this illness. We pray for people undergoing tests and waiting for results. Marilyn Follett and Isabella Weir are the faithful leaders of this group.

Pastoral Care Week. On October 20-26 we celebrated a Pastoral Care Week highlighting some of the diverse ways in which pastoral care is provided. It started with the Special Communion service and reception on Sunday, followed by a Prayer and Healing Service in the Chapel on Wednesday. We invited donations and volunteers for the Caring Kitchens. On Saturday we had a Cancer Prayer Chain and on Sunday we closed the week with a Prayer Shawls dedication during the service and a shawl display after. Dinners for Eight happened from Friday to Sunday.

Small Groups. They provide opportunities for cultivating a culture of pastoral care in the congregation as we share our unique experiences and stories, We listen, support and pray for one another. These are intentional spaces for nurturing discipleship and faith formation and developing and sustaining spiritual practices, skills and leadership development. They deepen our community life and foster new friendships. It is important to mention that this ministry has

also an outreach outcome. For example, in every small group program we have welcomed people from the community who were invited by members of Parkdale or had newcomers who after participating have felt empowered to engage more formally in the work and life of the congregation.

Grief. A space was opened to walk together in a small group setting through our losses. It was open for five weeks leading to our Reflective Worship Service on December 19. This is an intentional time to focus on grief, to share experiences, explore questions and find in God the consolation, strength and peace to go on. Acknowledging that while grief is a common experience to all of us, it is unique and different to everyone. **Dinner for Eight.** We have had Dinners for Eight-ish two more times: on February and October. This is a fun-blind-date- way to make new friendships, to connect new Parkdalers to more seasoned ones, to offer or receive hospitality and being church together. The stories and feedback from hosts and guests have been very positive. **Spanish Café.** Another space for community and fun. Participants can choose to sit according to their level of Spanish, from cero (nada) to fluent (yo hablo español).. We go through some vocabulary, dialogues, share some cultural customs and stories and, of course, enjoy regional food. **Life Group.** Group spiritual accompaniment held over a period of five weeks. It is an opportunity to share in the safety and confidentiality of a small group the challenges, joys and experiences in our personal discipleship journey. This group will be offered this year.

Marking Special Occasions. **International Womens Day.** Internationally celebrated on March 10th, in collaboration with Faye Beaufort on behalf of MO&J committee we welcomed the author of the book *My Love Story in Broken English*, Aina Tebeje. With a light lunch after the service, we celebrated international women's day with a conversation hosted by Chris King with Aina who offered to us insights into her life as a woman born in a different culture, her experiences and the process of writing the book. We not only appreciated her book and the privilege of listening to her, but also all the support in translation and cultural interpretation that she has provided the MO&J committee in their reception and accompaniment to our refuge family. **International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.** This is internationally marked on March 21st. This year Rev. Bailey and I co-facilitated a well-attended and interactive workshop and conversation on Anti-racism.

Worship. I share Worship leadership every Sunday with Rev. Dr. Bailey. I have presided at Communion, conducted Funerals and preached on a regular basis. I have the responsibility of the Special Communion services, Healing Service, Good Friday and others as assigned in our rotation. While the position of Minister and Youth is vacant, I have had the responsibility of Intergenerational Services, the Children's Sunday and the Christmas Family Service. I also lead worship at Grace Manor as part of an Ecumenical rotation of ministers.

Lent 2019. OUR CAMINO. JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN REFLECTION AND PRAYER THROUGH LENT. PARKDALE'S LENTEN 2019 DEVOTIONAL RESOURCE. I am grateful that for a second consecutive year the congregation has engaged in the production of Our Camino, our very own Lenten devotional resource. This resource has been a deeply rich experience for all of us. It gives us a sense of a common journey as we reflect together each day on the same biblical passages, listen to different voices, get a glimpse of the richness of experiences and theological diversity with which God has gifted us at Parkdale; and get to know

better other members of our Parkdale family. It provides a unique experience -and first time for many- of writing a devotional and a prayer; some discovered a new gift or a different way of spiritual expression, and overall helped us to sustain a spiritual discipline for all the days of Lent. We will repeat this exercise during Lent again this year.

Support to the Youth and Children Ministry. In the interim prior to calling a Minister for Children and Youth, Rev. Anthony and I have been providing support to this ministry, in the capable and responsible hands of Camille Beaufort. I have taken the Intergenerational and Children Sunday services, the Family Christmas Service and provided alternate leadership with Rev. Bailey for the 2020 Confirmation class. Care Packages were sent to university and college students not only away, but also local.

Celebrating Our Cultures I was invited by the Mission and Outreach and Justice Committee to participate again in the planning of the International dinner. It was a very special experience and a well-attended event. This year we highlighted the cultural generational diversity in our congregation with an intergenerational interactive event. Thank you to all!

Care Packages for University and College Students. In partnership with Camille Beaufort we were able to prepare and deliver special packages for students. 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. This was a tangible expression of care for our students in such a critical time for them before Christmas.

Parkdale Women's Winter Retreat. We had our annual Women's Retreat on the weekend of the 10th – 12th of January, 2020. Our theme was *Dancing in the Rain* –there was a no brainer to figure out why we had an awkward and unexpected rainy weekend in January! We worshipped, shared experiences and stories, prayed, danced, played, laughed and had a Rain Gear Fashion Show!!!

I want to acknowledge the work, commitment and strong gifts of this year's Retreat Animators Team: Marilyn Follett and Marilyn Hahn (Hospitality and Welcoming), Holly Williams (Liaison, Crafts, Decorations and Animation), Marianne Dos Santos and Susan Carlton (music...music) , Ellen Andrews and Mary McLeod (Morning and Evening Prayers) Mary McLeod (planning and small groups coordination), Roxanne Akhtar (DJ, Yoga Instructor and Official Paparazzi) , Rhonda Jones (another Paparazzi), Joelle Osterkruger (Games and enthusiasm), Liz Cheesbrough (worship) and Jennifer Payne (movement and outdoor walking). Thanks to Vita Savelieva for 35 wonderful hand-made cards. It was a wet weekend outside, but inside of the Galilee Centre there was warmth, friendship and laughter! Thanks be to God for providing this full and meaningful experience for us!

Thanks to Chris King for organizing the Ushers for February from the Womens Retreat participants.

Parkdale Summer Women's Retreat. We could not wait a whole year till the next retreat. In the summer we reserved a day to have our first summer retreat. We met at Mary McLeod's home on August for our First-Annual-Summer-Women's Retreat! We gathered to reconnect with our

Parkdale friends, to get spiritually nourished and be revitalized before starting a new church season. The theme was *Fill My Cup Lord!*

With thanks to Mary and Garth for opening their home to us. Thank you to Gloria Goodine for leading us in Tai-Chi; Vita Savalievva for creating 24 individualized cards for us; thanks to those who gave rides; thanks to Elise Mennie for leading us in Christian meditation prayer; to Jennifer Payne for leading us in movement, Camille Beaufort for the music and to the Moving In Spirit members. Thanks to each participant for your enthusiasm, committed participation and reflection (and for being such good sports playing Baranga!). Overall thanks be to our God, praise be to the One who filled Our Cups! The theme was *Fill Your Cup*

Wider United Church Involvement:

- * Continue, with Norman Tape, to participate actively in the Compassionate Ottawa Faith Communities group.
- * Co-facilitated two sessions of the Online Racial Justice Mandatory Training for United Church Ministers.
- * Participated in the Racial Justice facilitators training for the Racial Justice Working Group at the General Council Office of the UCC.
- * Continue to be a part of the ongoing White Privilege Reference Group of the General Council Executive.

Continuing Education. Between the Altar and the World: Living Life Liturgically. A theological seminary on a topic that combined liturgy and life, pastoral care, preaching and social justice as we stand between the realities of a broken world and the proclamation of the promise of God's reign. O Come and Taste: A Spirituality of Food. A full course exploring the social justice and spiritual dimensions of our relationship with food as we buy, prepare, eat, share and partake in Communion.

Shared ministry and a word on Administration. Besides participating in weekly staff meetings and monthly Council and committee meetings, 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 very privileged and 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, -and now Debbie McGregor filling in for Kathleen Stephenson. Thankful for the day-to-day support of our Custodians and the great work of Norman Reid.

We are led by our Council under the leadership of our 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!

As always I end my report with the perspective and insight that I receive from this prayer by the late Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero from El Salvador.

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

Chair's Report to Council

2019 was a challenging year for Parkdale in many respects.

First, a brief summary of the Council is and what it does. Our local community of faith is governed by a Council made up of the Chair, Vice-Chair (position currently vacant), Past Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, the Ministerial Staff, the heads of each sub-committee, and one or more members-at-large. The Council currently has 12 active sub-committees, all of which are accountable to the Council, our decision-making authority. Its purpose is to fulfill the Vision and Mission of the Parkdale congregation. It oversees all activities of the church in a manner consistent with our values and represents a broad range of interests

We met as a Council seven times in 2019, and it should be noted that Council meetings are not closed, so any member of the congregation is welcome to attend.

Some of the key issues this past year involve our struggle to cope without the services of a full-time Minister of Youth and Families following the departure of Melodee Lovering in late 2018. January 2019 saw the coming into effect of the national church's new governance structure. And in terms of physical infrastructure, we are facing a number of issues relating to the age of our building.

But we continue to face these challenges head-on.

The arduous task of finding and naming a replacement Minister of Youth and Families is moving ahead, thanks to the dedicated efforts of two committees made up of members of our congregation and representatives of the new Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC). These are the Joint Needs Assessment Committee, which met regularly and worked diligently this past year to create a profile of our congregation's needs, and the Joint Search Committee, which has been building on the results of the Joint Needs Assessment Committee's work to search for and recommend a suitable replacement candidate. The end result of this process will be the identification of a preferred candidate by the Joint Search Committee, and that choice will be presented in the form of a recommendation to a special congregational meeting for approval. Hopefully there will be an approved nominee in place in the first half of 2020.

While the position of Minister of Youth and Families has remained vacant, many of the duties of that position have been ably and enthusiastically filled, on a volunteer basis, by our own Camille Beaufort. The congregation is indeed highly indebted to Camille for her countless hours of dedicated service in ensuring that our Christian Education programs continue to operate as fully as possible, given the absence of a permanent full-time minister in that position.

At the national level organizationally, the start of 2019 saw the elimination of the former synods and presbyteries, to be replaced by a series of regional councils that include much-larger

geographical groupings of congregations. The Presbytery of Ottawa no longer exists, and the former pastoral charges that formed it are now part of the grouping of pastoral charges from Eastern Ontario and the Outaouais that have come together to form the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council, with offices located in Carleton Place, Ontario. It meets several times a year. The process of integrating and accommodating the changed responsibilities has been a gradual one, and the learning process has sometimes been slow. We pray that this new system of governance will allow the national church to move forward effectively and efficiently as it seeks to determine and fulfill God's will for it.

At a congregational meeting on November 3, the congregation received a report and recommendations from the Property Development Working Group that has been looking at future redevelopment possibilities for the past two years. In their report, the Working Group sought the congregation's approval for a second mandate to allow it to undertake additional consultations and investigate costs and implications of any future redevelopment. Their work will include development of a project plan in consultation with the City of Ottawa, CAHDCO, and others, and identification of potential future partners. For example, such potential partners could include Abbeyfield House, the Queensway Daycare, Parkdale Food Centre, Christian Horizons, CAHDCO, and others. They were given authorization for a second mandate, to extend from November 3, 2019 to November 3, 2021. They also plan to explore potential sources of funding for any redevelopment work. Nothing definitive has been decided at this point. When the consultation period ends, the congregation will be presented with various options, including cost-benefit analyses and other details that will allow the congregation to make an informed decision going forward. Meanwhile, their work continues.

In 2019 we also participated, for the second time, in World Vision's Global 6k Walk for Water 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 our team raised an amazing \$12,000 in donations. Congratulations to all who participated. Well done. Watch for the 2020 version of this event, coming up in May.

And who could forget the September celebration of Dr. Bailey's 20th anniversary of service! We have indeed been blessed and are truly thankful for Dr. Bailey's past 20 years of faithful service.

These are some of the highlights from 2019, and much to be thankful for. But I would be remiss in failing to mention many of the "usual" events and processes that continue to operate unflinchingly year after year and which do not rate mention as a "highlight" because they are taken for granted or seen as normal, operating as they do so smoothly and unobtrusively thanks to our many dedicated volunteers. The various committees will be reporting on their specific activities by way of their own reports in the following pages.

Some of these include such initiatives as the well-known "In from the Cold" dinners which have been hosted now for the past 19 winters; this is an event which each week involves some 75-80 volunteers overall, the start-up of which is eagerly anticipated each fall by the many neighbourhood guests. Then there are the popular twice-yearly rummage sales, the annual International Celebrating our Cultures Dinner, where we celebrate our various cultural backgrounds, the very popular and highly sought-after Christmas Bazaar, and the Advent Luncheon and Summer and Rally Day barbecues. And who can forget the massive Martin Luther King celebration each January marking Rev. King's birthday, which sees the Imani Gospel Singers from Montreal in attendance providing such uplifting and inspiring music.

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

Blessings to all,

Respectfully submitted,

Garth McLeod
Chair

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 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: Hilary McVey manages Parkdale's Facebook.

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 2019:

Fortunately, two new members have joined the committee, Ksenia Yadav and Chris Bennett, both of whom have expertise in WordPress, the software used by the Algonquin students to design Parkdale's new website. Chris has been able to move the test website from the Algonquin server to Parkdale's server and continues to update design issues. Ksenia has taught other members on the committee how to use WordPress to update content. As a result, we have been able to make significant progress towards finalizing the new website.

OBJECTIVES FOR 2020:

Our main objective for 2020 is to launch the new website. Chris Bennett is finalizing design issues and other members of the committee are completing the content updates. It is expected that the new site will go live in a couple of months.

I would like to thank everyone for the dedication and hard work it has taken to launch this new site.

The current members of the Communications Committee are:

Richard Hamley	Danica Rogers
Chris Hinds	Ksenia Yadav
Chris Bennett	

Respectively submitted,
Carolynn Halkett, Chair

EASTERN ONTARIO OUTAOUAIS REGIONAL COUNCIL REPORT

2019 has been a transitional year for the United Church of Canada as restructuring of the polity of the church is implemented. Two levels of church court, the presbyteries and the conferences, have been replaced by regional councils. The former presbyteries of Ottawa, Seaway Valley, Upper Valley and part of Four Rivers have been amalgamated to form the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council (EOORC).

The work of the EOORC in 2019 has involved the hiring of administrative staff and the development of governance documents. The EOORC's inaugural meeting was held June 7-9, 2019 in Smith Falls with approximately 300 lay and clergy delegates in attendance. This meeting focussed on the proposed governance document including the vision statement, leadership teams, executive members and policies of the EOORC. Reports were presented on budget, stewardship, the Office of Vocation, Ministries in French, and General Council of the United Church of Canada. A further meeting with 170 lay and clergy delegates in attendance was held in Prescott October 4, 2019. This gathering involved further work on the governance document.

Over the year the EOORC website was established (eoorc.ca) and a bi-weekly internet newsletter is now sent to all communities of faith (church congregations) with internet access. Lay and clergy delegates for all pastoral charges were encouraged to join various committees in support of the work of the church within the EOORC region.

The major change which has been felt by all communities of faith has been the funding model. In the past, local presbyteries assessed their local pastoral charges based on a formula which including the number of members and annual revenues. Each community of faith across Canada is now assessed by the national church (General Council of the United Church of Canada). In 2019, Parkdale's assessment was \$28,585. This national assessment now funds the national administration of the church as well as the regional councils across the country. The Mission & Service Fund of the United Church of Canada is now funded by donations from individuals and local communities of faith across Canada for the support of local, regional, and national missions and overseas partnerships as well as theological colleges in Canada for clergy education.

The EOORC is a work in progress. Many clergy and lay representatives of the former presbyteries regret the loss of collegiality and the ability to interact personally on a monthly basis at presbytery meetings. Making and maintaining networks are a more challenging aspect of the new regional council model.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Gutsell, Lay Representative

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

*He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them.
And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children,
you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly
position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.*

Matthew 18:2-4 (NIV)

About the Faith Formation and Christian Enrichment Committee (FFCE)

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.

Children and Families

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.

Winter and spring 2019 saw the continuation of our Sunday school programs. Children in junior kindergarten through grade 1 met in the blue room for the Godly Play curriculum (a Montessori based program created by Jerome Barrymore). Grades 2-6 met in the orange room for the "Whirl" curriculum and Youth, grades 7-12 met in the coffee shop to use the "Spice Rack" curriculum, created by Mark Devries.

New in fall 2019, was a different division of the grades and youth classes, as well as new curriculum for a couple classes. Here is a brief description of the classes:

Nursery children (newborns through age 4), meet in the lower hall nursery. In the nursery Joan Bailey, aka "Miss Joan", continues to provide a nurturing environment for parents and our youngest children. And yes, she still gives out "miss Joan's cookies". Have you noticed the colouring and other activities in the sanctuary? In addition to being a quiet, constant, reliable leader in our nursery, Joan has been supplying our older children with these resources to help parents during the service.

Our "Godly Play" class for children in junior & senior kindergarten and grade 1 meets in the lower hall "Blue Room". We have been blessed to have several new volunteers to help round out this program. This group has a large number of grade 1 students who have been at Parkdale since birth, and in September, they will graduate to the orange room.

Grades 2-5 students meet in the lower hall Orange Room. We are using a new curriculum called “Superbook Academy”. The characters of the series face real-life problems our children have and then they transport into a related bible story. Each story is studied over two or three weeks, with a *Superbook* video episode, Bible history background, sing along with worship music videos and participate in games and activities.

Children and family special activities and events:

- **Children’s Christmas Pageant** - Amid the weekly Sunday school classes, regular activities and gathering for children, family and youth, Dennis Van. Staalduinen worked behind the scenes to prepare this year’s Pageant. The children and youth offered Dennis’ own work again this year. Children and youth took on new roles, and as usual, it came together beautifully
- **Family Camp at Gracefield** - Another fun-filled family adventure took place at the last weekend of June. Although a smaller group this year, Parkdale children, youth, and adults. Gracefield Campers took part in campfires, music and song, crafts and worship. This year, the youth prepared the sermon in the form of a skit. We were joined by Dana, Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council’s Minister for Youth and Young Adults. The senior youth had some separate programming with archery, capture the flag, ropes courses and team games.
- **Advent Candle workshop** - on the first Sunday of Advent, at the Advent luncheon after service, children (and some adults) designed their own candles with messages of “hope”, “love”, “peace” and “joy” and took them home for the Christmas season.
- **For Valentine’s Day**, the children’s Sunday school classes, as well as junior and senior youth and youth prepared Valentine’s cards for the residents of Grace Manor. The large heart-shaped “card” was delivered on February 14th
- **Kids Clothing and Toy Swap** – Twice a year, parents are invited to bring in their gently used clothes, toys, books, maternity wear etc. and put them out before service. After service, all are invited to take home whatever they need. Remaining items are donated to the rummage sale, and then, children’s items 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

Youth Classes during Sunday service are separated into two age groups: Grades 6-8 meeting in the upstairs parlour and grade 9+ in the coffee shop. These group different lessons, including “Spice Rack”. In addition to Sunday classes, the youth had the opportunity to participate in:

- **Confirmation Classes** - Several of our youth, grade 8 and up, participated in our confirmation program of study and exploration of faith. Classes were offered mid-

October through December, with a final class and Confirmation Sunday to be held January 26, 2020.

- **Mission Trip for Senior youth and College and Career 2.0** – On Saturday, October 12, several of Parkdale’s youth and young adults continued their exploring on how they can serve and minister in the church and the community. In their first discussion, they expressed an interest in social justice, sustainable development and affordable housing, so we visited Bethany Hope and The Haven. Their insight on how they might serve is amazing and on-going.
- **Ontario Youth Parliament** – several of Parkdale’s youth attended this fun weekend of debates over the Family Day weekend. The event is for youth ages 14 to 21 from Ontario, Canada.
- **Worshiplude** took place at Rideau Park United church from February 1-3, 2019. We hosted 46 youth and adults from churches in Quebec. We had a small group of Parkdale youth attend the Worshiplude activities
- **Dalesong youth band** – Towards the end of the year, youth who wanted to gather to sing and play music together gathered and formed a band. Under the leadership of Tavian Hamer-Wilson, they came together to offer music for the Christmas Pageant. They continue to support Dalesong and we look forward to hearing more from them!
- **Continued activities** - We are pleased to have so many volunteers who continue to offer their time and talents so we were able to offer: Second Blessing Coffee Shop, Cooking with Rob, Paul and Zaya, junior and senior youth groups, Building Community through Play.

IGNITE! is for young adults ages 25ish-35ish. The fall session met bi-weekly, using the resource “A New Playlist: Hearing Jesus in a Noisy World”. They gathered at the homes of fellow Parkdalers. Thank you to Irene Hilkes for guiding this group.

Challenges and Needs

There continues to be a need for volunteers to help with the ministry of children, youth and young adult ministry at Parkdale. Most of all, we are in need of mentors for our young adults (ages 18-24) and youth, as well as teachers for Sunday school. We have a small number of teachers that support a large number of children and youth each Sunday of the year. We are trying new ways to engage members of the congregation to meet the children and youth, and offer help to the Sunday school and youth programs through hobbies and spiritual gifts. Please consider volunteering your time with our children and youth in ways such as baking, knitting, chess/checkers, woodwork etc.

Thank you

During the continued search for Parkdale’s Minister of Youth and Families, volunteers are hard at work with Sunday school programming, communication, activities and events. I am honoured to work along side the many parents and youth who help support Sunday school program and activities for Children and Youth.

Respectfully submitted,
Camille Beaufort

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 a pre-service breakfast on March 24h, 2019 for 7 new members, along with their families and friends, who joined Parkdale by either Affirmation of Faith and Baptism, Re-affirmation of Faith or Transfer of Membership from another church family

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.

On January 26th six confirmands joined Parkdale and we hosted them and their families at a pre-service breakfast...always a joyous occasion.

Members of our Committee include:

Deborah Bellware	Wenxi Chen	Gloria Goodine
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, 2019

Membership	303
Adherents	<u>154</u>
	457

Added by

Affirmation of Faith & Baptism	1
Re-affirmation of Faith	5
Transfer	3

Removed by:

Death -members	5
- Adherents	4
Certificate of Transfer	1

Baptisms 8

Marriages 6

Funerals 17, Members 5, Adherents 4, Non Parkdale 8

New Members in 2019

Re-Affirmation of Faith

Karenza Sutton-Bennett

Sasha Gilchrist

Kimberley Haeck

Anthony Hicks

Kristin Lo

Re-Affirmation of Faith & Baptism

Christopher Bennett

Transfer In

Rob Hilkes

Irene Hilkes

Ruth Mooney

Removed by transfer

Doretta Charles

Respectfully submitted

Helen Fortune, Clerk of the Rolls

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committees' role is to provide resources and support for the staff and the congregation. 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.

Appreciation of our Staff

At Parkdale we are blessed with staff who are gifted and dedicated in ministering to Parkdale and working toward our Vision Statement which is:

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

Our thanks to our wonderful ministerial staff: Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey (Coordinating Minister) and Rev. Alcris Limongi (Minister of Pastoral Care). We also give thanks for our caring lay staff, consisting of Don Mockett (Office Manager), Carol Diamond and Jono Hamer-Wilson (Music Leaders), Norman Reid (Caretaker and Custodian), part-time custodians/security staff Carole Shaw and Sung Lim, and Interim Sunday School coordinator Camille Beaufort. We also thank our Treasurer Kathleen Stephenson and our Donations Coordinator Richard Hamley for their work in keeping the finances in order.

Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey-20th Anniversary at Parkdale: We were privileged to celebrate our Coordinating Ministers' 20th year of service at Parkdale on September 15, 2019. In 1999 Anthony joined Parkdale with new ideas and fresh from his six year ministry experience as overseas personnel (missionaries) to Jamaica with the United Church's Division of World Outreach. We are immensely blessed by Anthony's many gifts and give thanks for all he does at Parkdale and for his outreach throughout the Ottawa and greater community.

M&P Committee Members

I am grateful to all the members of the M&P Committee for their hard work and dedication throughout 2019.

Members are: Pierre Barbeau, Elizabeth Cheesbrough, Ruth Foster (Note Taker), Judy Hamley (Chair), Don Macpherson, Peter Meerburg and Wally Prater.

A big THANK YOU to Don MacPherson for more than 10 years of faithful service to the M&P Committee. Don is stepping down as of the Annual General Meeting in February 2020. Don also served as Chair of the committee for several years. We will miss Don's contributions and his insights and wisdom. Thank you Don.

Mary Dawson has agreed to put her name forward to join M&P. Mary will bring a wealth of experience to the committee. Our thanks to Mary for her willingness to join.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Hamley, Chair of M&P

MISSION, OUTREACH & JUSTICE (MO&J) COMMITTEE

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This committee has 21 members including Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey (Anthony) who guides us. We provide leadership to the congregation in understanding and engaging in God's mission for our church, including 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 strives to bring awareness of these issues to our church family and promotes opportunities for the congregation to participate actively in outreach and justice initiatives.

"IN FROM THE COLD" is our largest community ministry. It serves the wider community of people experiencing hunger and the necessities of life during the cold months of November to March each year. 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 2019**, this ministry completed its **17TH YEAR**.

In 2019 - January, February, March, November and December – **2,053** nutritious four-course meals prepared by our two dedicated chefs and kitchen volunteers were served. Over 19 Saturdays, the average number of guests was **108**, a bit lower than 2018's number of 118. 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 food, serving and cleaning up, there are opportunities to help with making crafts, cards and painting pictures. 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 are appreciated by both guests and volunteers. Our guests continue to express their appreciation for not only the meal but also for the safe, relaxed and accepting environment they experience.

We are most grateful for our loyal, generous donors: The Ottawa Food Bank and our local merchants – Art-Is-In Bakery, Bridgehead Coffeehouses, GTxpress, Herb and Spice Shop, Morris Home Hardware, Ottawa Bagel Shop and Deli, The Table Vegetarian Restaurant, Saslove's Meat Market, Trillium Bakery, The Ottawa Citizen and The Ottawa Sun. As well, much appreciation and gratitude to all the numerous servers from the various organizations & schools and to the various religious groups showing such a great example of interfaith collaboration.

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.

SPENDING OF CHURCH FUNDS: We make recommendations to Council, and the congregation as required, on the distribution of church funds used to advance Parkdale's Christian mission in outreach programmes, justice, peace and developmental projects. This year we gave financial support to local organizations such as Urban Christian Outreach, Operations Come Home, Interval House of Ottawa, The Ottawa Mission for Men, Cornerstone Women's Shelter, Bethany Hope Centre, Ottawa Christian Counselling, Innerscity Ministries, Ottawa West Community Support, Restoring Hope 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 Cornerstone Women's Shelter. **Discretionary spending** went to the Odawa Native Friendship Drop-In Centre at which a few Parkdalers volunteer from time to time. We continue to lend support to the North Street Project in Jamaica through donations made in special jars at Eastertime.

Last year, 2018, we gave \$13,000 to Cornerstone Housing For Women to sponsor 2 rooms in their new building. We also gave a lumpsum of \$15,000 in the previous year to Multifaith Housing "The Haven Affordable Housing Project" in Barrhaven. Multifaith Housing have embarked on a new initiative called "Veterans' House" – a 40-unit project for homeless veterans in Rockcliffe Park scheduled to open around Remembrance Day 2020.

With Ottawa City Council's 20-0 vote, Ottawa became the first Canadian city to declare an emergency on housing and homelessness. There are 12,000 households on the city's waiting list for affordable housing and there are 92 people sleeping outside in Ottawa. Our committee will address how, as a congregation, we can put our vision statement "To form followers of Jesus in such a way as to transform our community and our world" into practice. Our congregation understands fully the profound need to come alongside the community in tangible ways and we are committed to do the right thing.

As well, through our financial support to our United Church of Canada's (Head Office) "Mission & Service Fund", we support people in need and those providing missionary work in Canada and overseas.

LIVING INTO RIGHT RELATIONS' GROUP (LIRR): This group, within our MO&J Committee, numbers about 20 and is chaired by Elise Mennie. This year we mostly shared information by e-mail about Indigenous issues in our city and Canada, and attended educational evenings at other churches in Ottawa. \$5000 was donated to the Odawa Native Friendship Centre particularly to assist their Drop-In Centre where Indigenous peoples go to eat, wash their clothes, have some lessons, and access computers. A few of our church members help there from time to time.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL – "Write for Rights": The second Amnesty International's *Write for Rights* event at Parkdale United Church took place 12:30 to 3:30 on Sunday, December 15, 2019. This came under the LIRR umbrella because there was much focus on the Grassy Narrows First Nations youths advocating for clean water supply. Learning about the problem of some 50 years of mercury poisoning, our youth wrote many letters to Prime Minister Trudeau asking for justice to be done. Gail Taylor, Lori Pope & Elise Mennie led the event with about 30 adults participating as letter-writers. 116-plus letters were sent to support various young activists

as well as to world leaders pleading for justice in countries such as Mexico, Nigeria, Greece, South Sudan, Philippines, China, Egypt & Canada.

REFUGEES: The **Marion Dewar Scholarship Fund for refugees** again received \$1000. This donation is given in light of Parkdale's involvement in sponsoring refugees over the years. We continue to give moral support to the Saleh refugee family of six from Syria who completed 3 years in Canada on June 22, 2019. Our latest refugee family of a mother and 3 children from Ethiopia, via the Sudan Camp, ended their first year with us on November 15, 2019. While our legal responsibility has ended for the family, church members continue to give moral support assisting them in many ways. Both families are adapting well and have come a long way in learning English.

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 so blessed to have attending our church. This year, resulting from a survey of what people wanted to experience at this event, we created three specific groups; kids, teens and adults representing an intergenerational mosaic of what it is like to worship at Parkdale. However, we plan to change the time of this event from a Saturday evening to a Sunday immediately following our church service. The thought is that more people will attend. Do mark your calendar to attend this pilot on **Sunday, October 18, 2020** right after church service.

IMAGES & STORIES was launched on September 30, 2011. Here we are well into our 9th year and we continue to entertain 25 – 40 guests on the last Friday of the months of January, February, March, September, October and November each year. Thanks to our team and the presenters for orchestrating wonderful series where Parkdalers choose to share the travels and stories of their lives if they so wish. 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 enjoy amazing evenings of fellowship.

The calendar year began in January with “Janet’s Taylor’s Nova Scotia”. Honouring Janet was fellow Nova Scotian Colleen O’Connell. February Dr. Ed Ellis presented “SARS Epidemic: Crisis & Response. In March, Dan & Megan Monafu presented “Romania”. September saw Betty Gittens “Her Camno Trek @ Age 80”; October Daunett Tucker did “Rotary Club Exchange to India” and we ended our year in November with John and Elaine Butcher presenting “Algonquin Park – No Experience Necessary”.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Parkdale has had a long association with *Habitat for Humanity* and, over time, donates financially and otherwise to this organization. One member of our MOJ committee sits on their Faith Committee. We did not do a “build” this year.

MO&J Committee Members: This Committee has 21 members shepherded by Rev. Anthony Bailey. He usually leads our devotion as we sing and pray for guidance, wisdom and courage to do God’s work. We meet when we have agenda items to consider and make decisions. This report is purposely detailed as our intention is to give 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. This works well to share the workload. Thank you all for your support.

MO&J 2019 Committee Members are:

Cynthia Adam	Ike Goodine	Lori Pope
Estelle Allen (Past Chair)	Nicole Greaves	Cathy Sandiford
Gloria Anderson (Past Chair)	Beth Gutsell	Gail Taylor
Rev. Anthony Bailey	Carolynn Halkett	Mary Tsikouras
Faye Beaufort (Chair)	Marlene McEwen	Daunett Tucker
Ed Ellis	Elise Mennie	Jacqueline Vincent
Anne Emond	Jennifer Payne	Elaine West

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 financial and tangible gifts which you have given our refugee family members.

Respectfully submitted by:

Faye Beaufort

Chair, Mission, Outreach & Justice Committee 2019

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care Team Annual Report for 2019

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.

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. Sessions are held in April and November. In addition some members of the team have attended the advanced training programs provided by Ottawa Pastoral Care.

Marilyn Follett and Diana Mason are coordinating the Prayer Shawl Ministry. Prayer shawls are given to anyone who is grieving, ill or has a significant life event or to those from the community at the discretion of the Minister of Pastoral Care. 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. At the service on October 27, many prayer shawls were displayed in the sanctuary and blessed. Thank you to everyone who participates in this ministry of love. The Prayer Shawl Group meets in the Ladies' Parlour on alternate Wednesday mornings to crochet and pray. You are most welcome to attend. If you don't know how to crochet, someone will teach you!

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. In addition, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of people from the community who are in need of food. The Minister of Pastoral Care oversees the distribution of food in such instances. If you would care to contribute to the Caring Kitchens freezer, contact Marilyn Follett or Diana Mason.

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 always held the Sunday after Easter and the Sunday after Thanksgiving. There is always special music provided by talented Parkdalers.

Delivering Easter lilies to those who are homebound is a long-time Parkdale tradition. Our thanks to Muriel Bellman who purchases the lilies and organizes members of the congregation to deliver them.

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. Those who receive the cards are touched by Gloria's words of comfort and/or encouragement. Thank you Gloria for attending to this important ministry.

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

2019 was, once again, quite a busy 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, Orion Clark and Elaine West. There are undoubtedly others who see something that needs to be done and simply get the work done; I thank you as well.

In late 2018, it was brought to our attention that the fence running along the walkway to the Preschool playground was leaning to an extent that it may become a safety issue. Upon determining that the fence belongs to Parkdale and when weather permitted, the old fence was removed and a new fence was installed.

In early Spring, a small work party dismantled the shelves in the hallway outside Melodee's former office and moved them to the youth room, cleaned the youth room, and made a significant dent in cleaning the office in anticipation of the arrival of a new youth minister. Blinds were installed in the Ladies' Parlour kitchen in late Spring and were a great help in controlling the temperature during hot days. We owe a debt of gratitude to Wally Prater who spent many hours totally rebuilding the large pullout drawer to the right of the fridge. Wally also repaired windows in the Ladies' Parlour so that they close properly. Most of the thermostats throughout the church, some of which were very old, were replaced with digital thermostats. An air conditioner was installed in Alcris' office and appears to be at least partially satisfactory.

The curtains on the stage in the Memorial Hall were finally rehung! There was some concern that they were too heavy for the rod, but it seems to be holding well to date.

Storage continues to be an issue. Daycare toys are no longer stored in the tunnel off the orange Sunday school room as opening and closing the door was contributing to the ongoing smell issue; the toys are now being stored on the Tape Hall stage when In From the Cold is not operating and in a corner of the choir room when it is. Similarly, a solution had to be found for storage of books for the IFTC literacy table; a compromise solution was reached. Green bin storage was also the subject of much discussion during the year. These must be stored outside, not in the choir room, in order to discourage the presence and proliferation of little critters, not to mention the unpleasant odour which can emanate after a few days in a warm room. To date, this seems to be working well enough, although there have been some problems with bags freezing to the container in cold weather. We will continue to do our best to be environmentally responsible.

A new outlet was installed in Tape Hall to provide better access for the Beverage Table and a lock was installed on the door to the supply cupboard, which will hopefully mitigate the problem of disappearing supplies.

Parkdale's twenty-year old digital mixing board and the digital sound processor had to be replaced in early Fall. On this, we owe a vote of thanks to Richard Hamley who did the required research, conferred with the sound consultant and assisted in the installation of the new system. In mid-September, the Building Condition Assessment Report contracted by the Property Development Working Group was received. One of the recommendations of the Report was that our ramp be replaced. Trustees continue to explore cost estimates for replacement; in the meantime, substantial reinforcement of the ramp has been undertaken. In response to other recommendations, outside repairs to windows were undertaken; the windows along the driveway at ground level, where rot has been noted, were covered with Lexon plastic to eliminate the need for painting and to stop the infiltration of water; new weather stripping was installed on the double doors; repairs were made to fences and window sills; cracks on walkways have been

filled; the uneven cement in the sidewalk was repaired; and walls and ceilings throughout the building were repaired and repainted.

A comprehensive summary of the Building Condition Assessment Report was provided to the congregation in advance of the congregational meeting on November 3 and is available upon request. Given the age of our building and much of its infrastructure, the recommendations were not surprising; significant repair and replacement expenditures were predicted for coming years. In developing the Capital Budget for 2020, Trustees deliberately decided not to include any contingency amounts for plumbing, sewer, roof, etc. for which large expenditures were predicted because the existing infrastructure is beyond its useful life. We will deal with the issues as problems arise and we pray that they will not arise in the near future. We are taking action to act on some of the more minor recommendations, as noted above.

Heavy rain in early September resulted in a leak in the ceiling at the top of the stairs outside the offices. The leak was repaired by Sanderson Roofing and the damaged ceiling was repaired and repainted by our trusty contractor Paul Charlebois, who also built the fence, reinforced the ramp and contributed greatly to much of the ongoing maintenance.

Again this year, Trustees are very thankful to Elaine West and her team of volunteers who do such a wonderful job of tending our garden. This is truly a labour of love and one that is greatly appreciated by Parkdalers and our Hintonburg/Wellington West neighbours.

Two new toilets were installed in the basement washrooms outside the Tape Hall kitchen – one in the Ladies, one in the Men's. It is hoped that this will alleviate the flushing problem in the Ladies' washroom and the running toilet issue in the Men's.

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

During 2019, your Property Development Working Group continued to prayerfully and intentionally consult with you, the congregation, and others in the City and the neighbourhood. It continues to be reassuring and heart-warming to hear positive comments about Parkdale and our role in the community and to know that our challenges are shared with others in the neighbourhood.

Specific consultations over the past twelve months included a meeting with three important Parkdale Committees: Finance, Property Trustees and Ministry and Personnel (January 12) where concerns were voiced and advice received; a second congregational meeting (January 26) where discussion focused on our mission; the AGM in February where further discussion was held; a meeting with neighbourhood churches (April 23) during which we discovered many areas of shared concern, notably parking and accessibility, as well as shared values in terms of missional objectives, with social justice and housing needs receiving specific mention; and a meeting with representatives of Multifaith Housing, Cornerstone, Christian Horizons and Graeme Hussey of CAHDCO (June 3) at which we learned more about the objectives of these organizations and discovered many areas of common interest.

Importantly, on May 11, Anthony, Kathleen and Helen attended a Diocesan Forum on Affordable Housing hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa. We were greatly encouraged by the work that is going on in our city to respond faithfully to an identified need, that of affordable housing. The session was very informative and provided valuable insight into funding possibilities and advice on process, as well as relevant information and ideas for potential partnerships.

Over the summer, we contracted with IRC Building Sciences Group for a Building Condition Assessment. With respect to the exterior of the building, the most significant concern is related to the ramp. This was observed to be in very poor condition, and its structural integrity is questionable. Please note that Trustees have taken action to reinforce the ramp with angle iron and wooden supports; we believe that the ramp is now safe to use.

Accessibility was a significant issue noted for the interior of the building. Apart from that, potentially the most costly concerns were related to mechanical and electrical systems. The space heating boilers and associated equipment (pumps, expansion tanks, piping, fittings, etc.) as well as the terminal heating units are reaching the end of their estimated useful service lives and will be due for replacement within the next five years. The Church has minimal air conditioning and the majority of the Church is provided only with natural ventilation (via the opening of windows). The electrical distribution equipment is also at the end of its estimated useful service life. Cost projections provided in the report estimate maintenance and repair expenditures of approximately \$1.9 million over the next five years and a total of approximately \$3.3 million over the next ten years. (A more detailed summary of the Building Condition Assessment is available upon request.)

Over the past two years, questions have frequently been asked about Parkdale's heritage status. In October, Barry Hobin met with Sally Coutts, with Heritage Planning for the City and determined that the church property is currently NOT designated heritage but it is on a list of properties of interest from a heritage perspective. There is no current move to designate the buildings on the list. If a proposal for redevelopment were submitted to the City, the proposal would be evaluated based on the quality of the proposal and its alignment with heritage themes. Partial demolition of a building on the list would not trigger a review. Abbeyfield House has been designated heritage, but it could potentially be moved to elsewhere on the site without issue from the City's Heritage Department.

On November 3, we convened an important congregational meeting which provided an opportunity for questions to be answered and concerns to be aired. After a wide-ranging and

informative discussion, a vote was held and a two-year extension of our mandate was approved by a vote of 116 in favour; six opposed.

In mid-November, we were invited to participate at an update and information night at Julian of Norwich. Anthony and Helen attended and were warmly welcomed by our Anglican friends.

We heard again of the importance of communication and flexibility, of intentional collaboration with the community and of choosing appropriate partners. We were motivated and encouraged to hear of their progress and reassured to learn that we share many of their challenges.

Also in November, a group of Parkdale youth and young adults toured the Haven and Bethany Hope Centre. Camille Beaufort has been keeping our youth engaged in redevelopment possibilities and this tour provided considerable insight into different perspective on 'church' building options and housing opportunities.

On December 17, 2019, we met with Donna Gray, Executive Director, Community and Social Services, Saide Sayah, Affordable Housing Manager, and Jeff Leiper, Councillor, Kichissippi Ward, all of the City of Ottawa. We had a fruitful exchange of information and ideas and were pleased to learn that the City is very supportive of the missional objectives that we are considering which, albeit as yet undefined, would continue the long-standing Parkdale tradition of responding to identified need and contributing to the social good of the neighbourhood and the City. We learned that there are many housing needs, including a huge need for affordable family housing; supportive housing for older adult; family transitional housing; and community support for immigrants, many of whom are unequipped to live independently. We were not surprised to learn that there are many seniors wanting to stay in their neighbourhoods who are looking for Unitarian House-type housing. City officials expressed an interest in working with us to help clarify our vision and to help us find partners when the time comes.

In mid-January, we issued two contracts to IRC Building Sciences Group: one for an environmental site assessment, the other for a designated substances survey. This work will be useful in identifying some of the issues that will have to be dealt with during any amount of renovation or redevelopment. It will also be useful in informing cost estimates for various options. You will, of course, be apprised of the results when these are available.

Where to from here? Your Working Group is committed to further consultations – within and outside the congregation. We are actively watching what other churches in Ottawa and elsewhere are doing with their property and how they are engaging with their communities, often intentionally advancing their missional objectives. We continue to be committed to open and transparent communication with the congregation and the community. Finally, we are committed to delivering a fully costed options paper, as requested at the congregational meeting on November 3, hopefully in advance of our November 3, 2021 deadline. We also continue to pray for discernment and for guidance, and we ask that you support us in prayer as we make our way along this unknown path.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Hayes,
Working Group Coordinator

RECRUITMENT & SUCCESSION PLANNING

In terms of size, this is the smallest committee of Council, although its impact is far-reaching because of its “talent search” responsibilities. The committee’s mandate is to identify and recruit members of the congregation to serve on the Council, and to participate in forming any special groups that could be formed during the year.

During the past year, the committee helped to recruit individuals to serve on the special search committee, which was formed to seek applications for the vacant position of Minister of Youth and Children. (The search committee was expected to report its findings to the congregation in early 2020.)

The Recruitment Committee also identified individuals who were willing to offer their candidacy for election to the Council in 2020.

The committee’s members are the Chair of Council, the Council Vice-Chair, past Council chairs, the Coordinating Minister, and the Committee Chair.

It is a steadily-increasing challenge to encourage members of the congregation to become involved in Parkdale’s governance activities. For instance, some members of Council have continued to chair their respective committees since the Council was constituted in 2009. While we are grateful for their dedication and service, all organizations from time to time need new members with fresh perspectives and new ideas to maintain the organizations’ vibrancy. Parkdale is fortunate to have an abundance of members with a broad range of talent and life experiences. Our collective objective in 2020 – as a congregation - must be to harness this resource, by encouraging individuals to come forward to volunteer to participate.

Respectfully,
Peter Meerburg

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Introduction

Parkdale's Stewardship Committee encourages Parkdale's members and adherents to take care of the environment and creation; to generously and responsibly use their talents, time, material and financial resources with a view to strengthening spiritual growth, community, fellowship and meeting the ongoing needs of Parkdale's ministries.

Summary of 2019 Activities

In 2019, the Stewardship committee continued to build on the work of past years as well as broke new ground in some areas - included:

1. Participated in the Clean the Capital Campaign with Parkdalers enthusiastically cleaning their church's neighbourhood.
2. "Stewardship Thought" reflections: Thought provoking and inspiring ideas for stewardship reflection that can be found in the Sunday worship bulletin.
3. Stewarding our material and financial resources: Provided updates to the congregation on our financial position through inserts in the Sunday worship bulletin, and encouraged congregants/adherents to tell the congregation of why serve and give.
4. Continued to encourage the congregation to wider use of compost bins for the disposal of compostable materials and having compostable cutlery and dishes as the norm for most events.
6. Regular contributions to the Messenger with articles encouraging Parkdalers to continue to be good Christian Stewards.

Looking Forward to 2020

For 2020, the Stewardship committee plans to continue to build on the work of past years including holding all the activities of 2019 plus observation/celebration of Earth Day, Earth Hour and holding the Spirit-Given Workshop:

Committee Membership

In 2019, the members of the Committee were:

1. Alexandra Stockwell
2. Anthony Bailey
3. Garth McLeod
4. Samantha Tim
5. David C. Odumodu

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,

David C. Odumodu, Chair

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The primary role of the Worship Committee is to ensure that everyone and everything is in place to enhance the experience of worship for the congregation on Sunday mornings.

A number of individuals are required each Sunday to ensure that those attending the service feel welcomed. The ushers are led by Hugh Nelson who recruits, coordinates and mentors those who volunteer. There are also greeters, members of the Membership and Development Committee who keep on the lookout for visitors.

For many years, Richard Hamley has led the audio team which sees that we hear well the speakers, readers and singers. This year Richard researched and purchased new sound equipment to replace what he had managed to keep functioning for a very long time. The team serving this past year with Richard included Susan Bailey, Chris Bennett, Mark Lavoie and David Karpa.

The congregation has come to appreciate and rely on the projection of the service outline and the words of the hymns and readings. A lot of work is required each week to produce and project the screen content. Don Mockett, our office administrator does the scheduling and forwards the information to the slide makers.

Nicole Greaves, Bob Harrison, Larry King, Karenza Sutton-Bennett and Beatriz Flores create the slides. Andrew Barbour, Nicole Greaves, Lois Kerr and Larry King are the projectionists. Jono Hamer-Wilson edits the slides with Elise Mennie taking a regular turn.

The committee also oversees Music and Worship Arts which include the Senior Choir, Dalesong, the Children's choir, Moving in Spirit (liturgical dance) and guest musicians. Our Co-Music Directors are Carol Diamond and Jono Hamer-Wilson whose reports are included below. The members of Moving in Spirit are Camille Beaufort, Marilyn Follett, Gloria Goodine, Elise Mennie, Jennifer Payne, Maria Stairs and Susie Tom.

Helen Hayes coordinates the details required for each Communion Service held in the Sanctuary. Liz Harrison and Don MacPherson have been the presiding elders during 2019. Don retired after the December Communion and Roger Coady will serve going forward.

The committee is responsible for appropriately decorating the Sanctuary for the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent-Easter and for Thanksgiving. It approves the use of that space by outside groups and individuals.

As a Committee we are deeply grateful for the contributions of all those named and many not mentioned by name who make countless contributions to our worship life. We know that you readers are grateful too as we worship each Sunday in services that are thoughtfully and prayerfully led by our ministers, assisted by musicians and those who work in less visible roles. Thanks be to God for all of it.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Faught

Committee Members
Anthony Bailey, Carol Diamond, Barbara Faught, Richard Hamley, Jono Hamer-Wilson,
Alexandra Stockwell

Music Co-Leader Report

Carol Diamond

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

We are very fortunate at Parkdale to have such an amazing Ministerial team. Both Jono and I are working together to provide quality musical leadership during the services, with our ensembles, as well as inviting guests and musical congregants to share their gifts.

It has been a joy to work with the Senior and Junior choirs. I continue to be impressed by, and grateful for the commitment from the choir members to attend rehearsals, work diligently and offer their musical gifts each Sunday and during special services. The Junior Choir continues to bring their enthusiasm to rehearsals and to their contributions in song.

In November, the Senior choir invited Marcia Bailey and Joel Campbell from the Imani Gospel Singers to give a workshop (2nd annual) on gospel music. It was well attended by our choir, Dalesong folk, members of the congregation and the community. Our focus was Christmas music. This was invigorating for our music ministry and it continues to infuse confidence and joy in our choir members.

I continue to collaborate with members of the Parkdale Orchestra. Both the ensemble as a whole and smaller groups have blessed us with their contributions. In particular, the French Horn Ensemble, made up of members of Parkdale Orchestra among others, added so much to our Remembrance Day service in November.

This year we covered a wide musical and geographical territory. There were many highlights for me this past year: joining with the Imani Gospel Singers at the MLK service in January, Anthony's drumming for *Betelehemu*, Alexandra Stockwell singing Mozart's *Laudate Dominum*, the Senior and Junior choirs singing together on various occasions (*How Quietly* and *Look at the World*), and having St. Stephen's choir join us for the Good Friday anthem. During Christmas, we were able to let our musical hair down with rousing renditions of Christmas gospel music learned in the November workshop. We were also grateful for Nigel Bell (french horn) Susan Carlton (harp) and Samantha Guy and Terri-Ann Wint (vocals) as well as many other talented singers and instrumentalists throughout the 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 (2019)

Jono Hamer-Wilson

I want to begin by giving God all glory and thanks for his sustaining and guiding presence in my life; and for his love, truth and mercy which are made real to me in so many ways at Parkdale. I'm grateful for all involved in music ministry, those who support it in a technical capacity - especially our faithful, hard-working sound techs and projectionists - and those who otherwise support what we do (dance ministry; Sunday School teachers, etc.). I give thanks for all in leadership - pastoral, administrative and lay - and for the vision of life under God we seek to live out. I am especially grateful to Barbara Faught, as chair of worship, for her leadership, wisdom and encouragement.

I wrote last year's report on the plane, returning from my Mum's funeral in Australia. This has, indeed, been a year of grief at a number of levels. I deeply appreciate the support that the church has been to me and my family this past year. Many of you have "given in secret", and I rejoice in the grace that has been shown us - reflecting that of our Heavenly Father, who sees and rewards according to his boundless justice and mercy. Thank you.

Leading Dalesong continues to be an area of rich encouragement for me. This was my first full year leading the team without Melodee; and I feel I still have much learning and growing to do. However, I'm blessed with a team that is prayerful, generous, servant-hearted and fun; and they are helping me grow as a leader, spiritually and musically. Thanks so much for your faithful service, weekly at rehearsals, and each month in leading music for worship. This year we were blessed to welcome Janiese and Alison: strengthening our vocal capacity, and enriching us with their spirit of worship and service. With tears of love we said goodbye (for now!) to Elise; whose sustained, gentle and sustaining presence and lovely singing are always missed, even as we rejoice knowing she is fulfilled in other areas of ministry, worship and music, and in caring for many family members (and herself!). Jill also needed to step away for personal reasons; and we have missed Pat and Vaughn this year (though we keep hoping to see them back when life gets less busy!).

I continue to be blessed in interacting with Anthony and Alcris in selecting music appropriate for Dalesong services; and also have welcomed Camille's input re. integrating and involving kids in the musical parts of the service. Camille has also shown leadership in encouraging those of the youth with musical talent to become more integrated with the Sunday worship. As in 2018, youth musicians joined Dalesong for the early Christmas Eve service; and we hope to continue involving them in Dalesong more and more. Special thanks to Makayla, Cyntaia, Jonah, Nia and Eliana (along with Tavian and Isaac, regular Dalesong members) for sharing in the music ministry with us. I also note with appreciation the occasional or one-time involvement of Anthony, David Karpa and David Creasey in Dalesong's efforts. Finally, thanks to the Andrews family - especially Ellen: honorary Dalesong member, roadie and taxi driver(!) - for hosting our summer barbeque this year.

As Parkdale's humble organist, I'm deeply grateful for - well, truthfully, in awe of - my esteemed colleague Carol; and always enjoy preparing for and contributing to the regular Sunday

services, working with guest musicians, etc. As you have no doubt noticed, the repair/refurbishment of the organ following the devastating lightning strike of 2017 is a work in progress; with hardware failures resulting in various malfunctions and random musical outbursts! We are in ongoing communication with the technicians in charge of the work; and have appreciated their prompt response whenever new glitches have emerged. (Thanks also to Richard Hamley for his attention to various technical aspects of the organ's operation; and to Don Mockett who helps co-ordinate various technical and admin. aspects of the music ministry.) And that's a page, so I'm done!

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.

It is with mixed feelings that I inform you that, after many years of faithful service, Don Macpherson is stepping down as Presiding Elder - South Side; it has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with Don over the years. I am delighted, however, to welcome Roger Coady as Don's replacement as well as to advise that Liz Harrison has agreed to stay on as Presiding Elder - North Side. Thank you for your interest in and dedication to this important ministry.

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

	2017	2018	2019
March	184	172	206
June	132	162	187
October	193	209	181
December	210	209	216
TOTAL	719	752	790

Presiding Elders:

North Side: Liz Harrison

South Side: Roger Coady

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

PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH ORCHESTRA

We are pleased to report that 2019 was another successful year for the Parkdale United Church Orchestra. We performed three concerts, with one, “A Children’s Corner”, a fundraiser for OrKidstra. Joining us for this concert were 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

Our Music Director Angus Armstrong led us again this year, demonstrating his continued commitment and enthusiasm for the orchestra and our endeavors. Sadly, our November 2019 concert, “A Tribute to Shostakovich”, marked Angus’ final concert on the Parkdale podium. Earlier this year Angus advised us of his intention to retire. We wish him well in his new home on the west coast. With his retirement looming we established a Music Director Search committee and are presently auditioning two candidates, and are hoping to be able to appoint one as our new Director for the 2020-2021 season.

The highlight of the season was, without a doubt, Angus Armstrong’s final concert, held on November 23, 2019. Though the music was incredibly challenging we successfully performed to a very large, appreciative audience. Joining us were several additional musicians, a saxophone section, a harp, and others, with 70 plus musicians on stage. As a send-off to Angus several brass players from the orchestra as well as from the National Arts Centre Orchestra and others performed a final fanfare, a selection from Star Wars.

Another highlight of the season was our February concert. A young rising star, Serena Reuten, took to the Parkdale Podium. This was her first time conducting a full orchestra and we were happy that we were able to offer her this opportunity. She was incredibly professional in her approach. Part of our mandate is to provide young musicians (rising stars), with opportunities to perform with a full orchestra. This was the first time, however, that we offered the podium to a young musician who hopes to pursue conducting. We were also pleased to offer this to a young woman. Male conductors still by far, outnumber female conductors.

Once again, we are pleased that the orchestra continues an excellent and valued relationship with Parkdale United Church. The orchestra is grateful for the significant advantages this affords our ensemble. The church space provides a terrific array of locations allowing for weekly rehearsals in Tape Hall, break-outs to other rooms for sectional rehearsals, and of course, the sanctuary where we present our concerts.

In return we are pleased to present live music for certain church services when they can be arranged. We are gratified that the congregation appreciates our appearances, and plan to continue with them as occasions arise. We were pleased to perform for the congregation on April 28th, 2019. And, on November 10th a small chamber group made up of Parkdale musicians enhanced the Remembrance Day church service. We look forward to performing for the congregation again in the near future.

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.

This year was our most successful Bazaar yet! We had steady streams of people throughout our new time period, starting earlier at 9am (instead of 10am) and we ended at 12 noon. People were lined up well before the doors opened at 9am, eagerly anticipating what treasures they would find. And they found lots of treasures and beautiful things and tasty treats. This year our gross receipts were \$18,154, which is the highest ever. Deducting expenses, the Bazaar raised \$17,743. It is an excellent result and we owe it all to those that helped in so many different ways.

Thank you to all the Table Conveners and Coordinators and all the many, many volunteers that helped set-up, advertise, price, sell, and clean-up, we are so grateful. And we are thankful for all the shoppers that came from far and wide. We are grateful to all those that donated items, whether it was antiques, attic treasures, books, plants, or vintage linens to name just a few of the variety of items. Our Bazaar would not be possible without all of our dedicated volunteers.

And our Baking Room and Café treats were amazing this year! Thank you to all those that baked goodies and those that made soups! I've never seen such a well-supplied Baking Room. Everything looked delicious. Our shoppers really appreciate and look forward to purchasing the home-made treats. Thank you to all the bakers and cooks!

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 that allowed us to put posters in their windows.

We are already thinking about our 2020 Bazaar. And there are ways that you can help! Think of the Bazaar throughout the year if you sew, knit, paint, sculpt, are a foodie, or have new ideas for us. Let us know. This year we were glad to have a number of people volunteering for the first time. Thank you! We always welcome new volunteers.

Thanks and congratulations everyone for an excellent Bazaar and fundraiser for our Church.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2019

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 donations and other financial contributions.
- Preparing annual charitable tax receipts and filing required 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. 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. However, we never take the generosity of the Parkdale community for granted and we are diligent in ensuring that we steward the resources of the Church as effectively as possible. Our committee believes strongly that effective stewardship requires us to partner with other committees of the Church, the Council and the Congregation to ensure that we can support the important programs offered by Parkdale. The money the Church spends annually is an investment in our congregation and the broader community.

The financial statements of Parkdale for 2019 and Budget for 2020 are included in the 2019 Annual Report and respectfully submitted to the Congregation. These statements reflect a strong year financially and the overall results show a surplus. Please take the time to review in detail the 2019 financial statements and 2020 budget. Here are some highlights:

The General Fund and Capital Fund had a combined surplus of \$32,340. We are pleased to report that this surplus was achieved before accounting for any investment income from the Memorial Endowment Fund. In previous years, a portion of the investment income earned in the year was required to support the General Fund and Capital Fund. Interest and dividends earned in the Memorial Endowment Fund amounted to \$80,604. Envelope giving to the General Fund increased by about 4% compared to 2018 and we are budgeting an increase of just over 2% for 2020. The overall receipts in the General Fund increased by about 2% although 2018 included an amount of \$24,000 for Refugee Support to assist in the sponsorship of a refugee family. The disbursements in the General Fund decreased by about 6%, which is the result of general cost increases offset by not having a Minister of Youth and Young Families during 2019. The budgeted expenditures for the General Fund for 2020 shows a significant increase of about 18% which assumes that we will fill the vacant position on our Ministry team.

The Ministry and Outreach statement shows total disbursements of \$96,170, which is an increase of 12% from 2018. The budget for 2020 is roughly the same as the budget for 2019 since the 2019 results reflect a special gift not expected to be repeated in 2020.

The capital fund disbursements decreased by about 22% year over year as some expected expenditures were deferred. Donations for the capital fund were down slightly for the year. Budgeted capital fund expenditures for 2020 are much higher than actual expenditures in 2019. This is the result of budgeting for items deferred in 2019 and an amount of \$100,000 available to the Property Development Working Group. This amount was approved in the Congregational Meeting on November 3 to allow that committee to explore the options available to the Church for its land and buildings and be able to provide the Congregation the information they need in order to make an informed decision about the future of our physical assets.

I am grateful to the contribution of the members of the Finance Committee in 2019 including 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 Members-at-large, Marcia Lewis and Orion Clark. A special thank you to Debbie Sarre-McGregor who late in the year stepped in as Treasurer during Kathleen's Stephenson's extended trip to Brazil. Having someone so capable step in has allowed for a seamless transition. The work of the committee is important and 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 2019 approximately 190 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.

Respectively Submitted,
Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey

Benevolent Fund 2019

2019 summary

Balance at beginning of year	1,195.00		
Correction to 2018	601.60		
Donations	30,521.15		
Repayment of loan	30.48		
Individual support		3,933.71	
Bank charges		30.00	
Voucher, food cards, bus tickets		12,679.24	
Petty cash		2,780.00	
Totals	32,348.23	19,422.95	12,925.28

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

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. Soft copies of the minutes were kept on the USB key maintained by the Secretary. Hard copies of the minutes were kept in a binder in the Office 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 their continuing support while I carried out these duties. It has been rewarding for me to learn about our congregation's governance and its faithful ministry work. I strongly encourage anyone interested in learning more about the goings on at Parkdale United to consider taking a turn as General Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
Elise Mennie

Parkdale United Church – Annual General Meeting

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Tape Hall, Parkdale United Church, Ottawa, Ontario

Chair: Garth McLeod

Interim General Secretary: Elise Mennie

Attendance: 36 people signed the attendance list. At least 20 members in good standing were deemed to have been present.

1. The meeting was opened by Council Chair, Garth McLeod at 12:30 pm
2. Rev. Anthony Bailey led an opening prayer.
3. **Small Group Exercise led by the Property Development Working Group (PDWG):** Rev. Anthony Bailey began with a motivational message based on scriptural references to courage. Helen Hayes reviewed the PDWG's work during 2018, saying no recommendations have been made yet. She thanked all those past and present who contributed to creating and maintaining our current building and noted its major issues of accessibility, parking, and aging structure. Camille Beaufort reported on the children and youth Photo-Voice project, showing slides of their views of our building. Kathleen Stevenson invited the assembly to break into small groups to discuss three questions: 1. What new mission might Parkdale be called to engage in? 2. How would the current building help or hinder this mission? 3. Looking ahead 10 -20 years, what are you convinced of or have concerns about? Discussion results were collected for the committee's ongoing work.

4. Remembrance

Rev Alcris Limongi gave thanks for those who have gone before us and read the names of each member who had passed in 2018; there followed a moment of silent reflection.

5. Approval of minutes:

Moved by Helen Hayes, seconded by Alexandra Stockwell, that the minutes of the 2018 AGM be approved. Carried unanimously.

6. Presentation of Financial Reports

David Mason, chair of the Finance Committee, reviewed the financial statements and budget on pages 57 to 64 of the annual report.

David Mason moved:

- 1) the acceptance of the 2018 financial statements. – seconded by Susan Mailer
- 2) the acceptance of the 2019 budget – seconded by Norm Tape
- 3) the acceptance of the transfer of funds between the Memorial Fund and the General Fund – as indicated on lines 29 to 32 of the financial summary on page 57 – seconded by Norm Tape.

All three motions were carried unanimously.

7. Adoption of the 2018 Annual Report

The following corrections were made to the 2018 Annual Report:

- Susan Mailer asked to add “C.A. Paradis and Chef’s Choice” to the list of donors listed under *In From the Cold* on p. 25; and to correct “Gourmet Baking Room” in the second last line under *Parkdale’s Annual Bazaar* on p.45.

-Anthony asked to add to his report, as the third sentence of paragraph 2 on page 6: “We give thanks to Camille Beaufort for her capable and dedicated work as interim Children and Youth coordinator in the absence of Melodee Lovering.”

-Kathleen Stephenson submitted a number of small corrections: p. 8, last sentence under *Small Group Ministries and Developing a Culture of Pastoral Care*: “...Living with Cancer Support Group”; p. 9, first sentence under *Parkdale Women’s Retreat*: “...weekend of the 11-13th of January, 2019,...”; p.11, last sentence of first paragraph: “...on February 1st, 2019.”; p. 45, last sentence of second-last paragraph: “Dian, a long-time Co-Convenor...”

Moved by Susan Mailer, seconded by Camille Beaufort, that the 2018 Annual Report be adopted with the noted corrections. Carried unanimously.

8. Appointment of representative to new Regional Council

Beth Gutsell, our previous representative with the now-dissolved Ottawa Presbytery, reviewed the organisational structure of the new region, called the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council or EOORC (Region 12). It comprises all the congregations in Renfrew, Lanark, Seaway Valley, Ottawa and Gatineau-Outaouais-Pontiac. Parkdale is allowed to have up to 4 representatives on this council due to our church’s size. Members were asked to consider being a candidate together with Beth Gutsell but no others volunteered at this time.

Moved by David Mason, seconded by Chris King, that Beth Gutsell be appointed representative of Parkdale United Church to the EOORC. Carried unanimously.

9. Nominations for Council and Filling of Vacant Positions

Garth McLeod reviewed the slate of Council members for 2019, noting that David Odumudo was stepping up to replace Samantha Tim as Chair of Stewardship, Elise Mennie was filling the Secretary position on an interim basis and the Vice-Chair position remained vacant.

Moved by Wendy Bailey, seconded by Larry King, that the slate of Council members for 2019 be adopted. Carried with all in favour.

10. Appointment of Trustees

Moved by Kathleen Stephenson, seconded by Camille Beaufort, that the slate of trustees for 2019 be adopted. Carried with all in favour.

11. Thank you to Council members

Garth thanked all the members of Council who agreed to continue to serve. A motion of appreciation of Council members was moved by Chris Halstead and seconded by Deborah Bellware.

12. Thank you to staff

Garth recognised all the staff members who work in and out of the office, day in and day out. He recognised particularly Richard Hamley, donations coordinator, as one of the pillars of Parkdale, for long hours giving technical support and his involvement in the organ repairs. A motion of thanks to the staff was moved by Jaylin Wong and seconded by Orion Clarke.

13. Other business

Faye Beaufort thanked the 15 member refugee team who helped Elsa's family settle, particularly Jenni Troupe who faithfully coordinated the needed services, and all the donors who contributed financially. Anthony then made a motion of thanks to Faye Beaufort for all her behind the scenes work and dedication, seconded by Beth Gutsell.

Following a question about JNAC (Joint Needs Assessment Committee for a new minister of children and youth) Camille Beaufort said the list of requirements for the minister is almost finalized and the committee's report will be ready in a few weeks.

Susan Mailer moved an expression of thanks for the work of Treasurer Kathleen Stephenson, which was seconded by Rev. Anthony Bailey.

Garth McLeod expressed thanks for the 19 years of dedicated service to *In From the Cold* of Hazel Bowen, whom he described as the spark plug of IFTC; for Wally Prater and his tool box and for all the loving contributions of the people of Parkdale.

Garth closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm

Parkdale United Church Minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting November 3, 2019

Garth McLeod, Chair of Council, opened the meeting at 11:45 a.m. He introduced the purpose of the meeting, which was to consider and vote on a recommendation of the Property Development Working Group (PDWG). According to new rules of the United Church of Canada, anyone attending the meeting had the right to vote, not only members.

Anthony offered a prayer asking God to give discernment to the congregation.

Presentation by the PDWG

Barry Hobin, gave a presentation on the work of the PDWG in the last two years. He said the working group was very prayerful and respectful of the church's history and of the congregation. He showed examples of churches in transition in our region, such as Southminster United, which is building condos; and Salvation Army Church partnering with Bethany Hope Centre to create a community social service centre where church also happens. He listed the challenges with Parkdale's facility: arriving and leaving experience (problems with parking and drop-off); front door experience (too many doors); circulation and universal access (8 different levels); inefficient use of space; building image (historic "fortress" notion of church); aging infrastructure and related costs. Parkdale's great assets are: our diverse and engaged congregation; our strategic location in a neighborhood changing to mixed use (on our block: a new retirement home, condos and rental housing); owning our building and land with no debt – 53,000 sq ft of land. With these assets, we engage in internal ministries (Worship, Sunday school, Pastoral) and external ministries (IFTC, Queensway Pre-school); we could engage in potential ministries such as housing for the vulnerable, after-school programs, health promotion, partnerships with organisations like Cornerstone housing, etc. An analysis of how we currently use the 43,000 sq.ft space in our building shows that we could use half of that space for our current activities if the space were better organised. Barry mentioned that the availability of large community spaces for rental is getting scarce in Ottawa. The working group brainstormed different types of possible projects and collaborations: intergenerational (daycare and senior programming) collaborations with neighbouring organisations (Knights of Columbus, Salvation

Army Transition House or Abbeyfield Senior Housing; shared right of way with Canada Post, etc. Over the 2 years, 3 tiers of consultations were held: with the congregation, with block neighbours and with the broader community (City of Ottawa, Heritage). Barry concluded by saying that they were doing this work for Parkdale not out of desperation but because they feel that God is calling us to do it.

Moving the recommendation

Kathleen introduced the recommendation by reminding us that Parkdale had a history of bold, major redevelopments: uniting two original churches in 1935 and adding major additions (Memorial Hall) in the 1950's. She spoke of the iterative process of the working group as they talked and considered input from church members, neighbours and potential partners. Each working group member wrote their own vision for the future then shared it; from this came their recommendation. They learned a lot about the building from the independent building condition assessment, which surprised some but not trustees who already knew the building's challenges. New members have been added to the working group, Hugh Nelson and David Mason. Next steps would be looking into heritage, zoning and environmental issues. Kathleen concluded her comments by saying that at Parkdale we are strong, we have \$1.5 million in investments and we can do more.

MOVED by Kathleen Stephenson, **SECONDED** by Helen Hayes **that the following recommendation of the Property Development Working Group be approved:**

RECOMMENDATION

We acknowledge that there is much work to be done. In order to continue this work, your Property Development Working Group needs a new mandate from Council and the congregation that will allow us to pursue more in-depth discussion of how we can better live out Parkdale's mission with potential partners, the City, and others. Council provided its approval of this mandate by an e-mail vote further to its meeting of September 17, 2019. We recommend the following:

- **That Council and the congregation give approval to a second mandate for Parkdale's recommissioned Property Development Working Group so that additional consultation and investigation of costs and implications can be undertaken. The work will include development of a project plan in consultation with the City of Ottawa, CAHDCO, and others, and identification of potential future partners. These could include Abbeyfield House, the Queensway Daycare, Parkdale Food Centre, Christian Horizons, CAHDCO, and others. The work we envision will also include exploration of possible funding sources, e.g. mortgages, loans, fundraising, grants and contributions from municipal, provincial and federal sources.**
- **That the second mandate extend the work of the Property Development Working Group from November 3, 2019 until November 3, 2021.**
- **That the Working Group be provided with a budget of up to \$100K per year to contract with experts for necessary project plans and research into environmental assessment, zoning changes, etc.**
- **That the following Working Group members be approved, and that others can be added as required: Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey, Camille Beaufort, Helen Hayes, Barry Hobin, David Mason, Hugh Nelson, Kathleen Stephenson, Alexandra Stockwell (Secretary), Dennis Van Staalduinen, youth representative(s) (TBD)**

- **That ongoing maintenance and necessary repair of the building continue during the period of the extended mandate so that health and safety standards can be met to the extent possible.**

Discussion: There were concerns that the term “develop a project plan” was too vague and that the mandate should include providing more details on various options with cost-benefits analysis. There was also concern expressed that the recommendation did not clearly state the belief of the working group that Parkdale’s emerging vision for its mission “could not be accomplished without demolition of the existing building”, as written on page 8 of the congregational meeting document. It was felt that the working group was heading towards a pre-determined conclusion of demolition and redevelopment and would spend the next 2 years looking into how this would be done. Several members of the working group responded to this. Helen Hayes said that the working group had NOT made any specific decisions and that adopting the recommendation would be to affirm the group’s work so far. David Mason said that this was not a vote for demolition and that if it was, he would NOT vote for demolition at this time because there is not enough information. Barry Hobin said that, professionally, he did not know if demolition is the right way to go and that existing buildings can be re-invented. He said the challenge in the next two years is to discern “where do we want to go as a congregation and how can our assets get us there?” Dennis Van Staalduinen presented 3 basic options to be explored: a) maintaining the status quo with some small changes; b) major renovation of the existing building with some demolition of parts of the building; and c) complete demolition allowing us to dream bigger.

An amendment to the motion was then proposed.

MOVED by David Odumodu, **SECONDED** by Katherine Wall, **that the recommendation be amended so that the following sentence be added to the first bullet: “At the end of the consultation period, the congregation will be presented with different options including cost-benefit analysis and other details that will allow the congregation to make an informed decision.”**

The mover and seconder of the motion to approve the recommendation accepted the amendment as a friendly amendment. The amended wording was therefore incorporated into the recommendation.

Richard Hamley, Envelope Steward and member of the Finance Committee spoke of his concerns about providing a budget of \$100K a year to the working group for contracting professionals. He felt it was like giving a blank check to consultants when we don’t yet know what we are planning. The Capital budget is 80K a year, a big part of that is generated through the building (rentals, rummage sales, Bazaar) and he is worried about losing that income if we engage in redevelopment. He proposed a second amendment to the recommendation:

MOVED by Richard Hamley, **SECONDED** by Katherine Wall, **that the third bullet of the recommendation be amended to read: “That the Working Group be provided with a budget of up to \$30K per year...” (instead of \$100K).**

Discussion: David Mason, chair of Finance Committee, said the funding for the 100K budget would be coming out of the Memorial Fund. The amount would be included in the 2020 and 2021 budgets, which will be voted on by the congregation in February of each year. The working group does not expect to spend it all but the budgeted amount would allow flexibility so they don’t have to come back to a special congregational meeting every 6 months for another 20K or 30K. There was support expressed for the original 100K amount, so that the working group has the tools it needs to give the congregation the information and analysis it needs. There was also a request to ensure that the working group represented younger people and included members under age 40.

The vote on the second amendment was taken by show of hands. **The second amendment was NOT carried.**

The vote was then called on the motion to approve the recommendation, which now included the wording from the first amendment. Voting proceeded by secret, printed ballot. While the ballots were being counted by scrutineers Elise Mennie, Don MacPherson and Peter Meerburg, most people attending left the meeting room.

Tania Lambert-Bosch moved that the meeting be adjourned at 2:15 pm.

The results of the vote were as follows: 122 ballots cast, 116 in favour, 6 against.

The motion to approve the amended recommendation was carried. See Annex A to these minutes for the full and final approved text of the Property Development Working Group's recommendation.

Voters were asked on their ballot to identify their category of membership. Of the 116 people who voted in favour of the motion, 89 were members, 26 were adherents and 1 was a visitor. Of the 6 people who voted against, 4 were members and 2 were adherents.

Garth McLeod,
Chair of Council

Elise Mennie
Interim Secretary

ANNEX A

Complete text of the Property Development Working Group recommendation adopted at the Special Congregational Meeting of November 3rd, 2019

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In Memoriam

*Kenneth John Wylie Armstrong

*Marcel Leonard Beckford

**Audrey Evelyn Boland

*Constance (Connie) Brown

*Dorothy Mary Craig

**Robyn Kiara Downey

*Donald Duncan

(A)Norma Earl

**Jayne Frances Foley

(A)Sybil Virginia Hope

(A)John Kilgour

**Rita Angelina McGuire

**Patricia Denise Murphy

**Kenneth Franklyn Pallett

**Adélarde Provencher

(A) Maria Theodora Van Roon

**William Connon Watkin

*Member

**Non Member

(A) Adherent

TRUSTEES - 2020

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 2020

Chair - Garth McLeod
Vice-Chair - Rob Hilkes
Past Chair – Scott Andrews
Secretary - Vacant
Treasurer - Kathleen Stephenson
Member-at-Large - Vacant

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 - Dr. Anthony Bailey
Minister of Pastoral Care - Rev. Alcris Limongi
Minister of Youth & Children – Vacant, (Camille Beaufort - Interim program coordinator)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY
December 31, 2019

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
	2019	2018	Variance	2019	2020	2020 Budget/ 2019 YTD	
1		YTD	YTD		Budget	Budget	
2							
3	Receipts						
4							
5	General	559,193	549,287	9,906	530,500	555,250	-0.7%
6	Mission, Outreach and Justice	96,170	85,697	10,473	85,000	87,400	-9.1%
7	Capital	64,319	68,781	-4,462	59,500	61,500	-4.4%
8							
9	Total Receipts	719,682	703,765	15,917	675,000	704,150	-2.2%
10							
11	Disbursements						
12							
13	General	550,412	586,787	-36,375	605,000	646,087	17.4%
14	Mission, Outreach and Justice	96,170	85,696	10,474	85,000	87,400	-9.1%
15	Capital	40,760	52,043	-11,283	82,900	139,100	241.3%
16							
17	Total Disbursements	687,342	724,526	-37,184	772,900	872,587	27.0%
18							
19	Receipts Less Disbursements						
20							
21	General	8,781	-37,500	46,281	-74,500	-90,837	
22	Mission, Outreach and Justice	0	1	-1	0	0	
23	Capital	23,559	16,738	6,821	-23,400	-77,600	
24							
25	Gross Surplus (Deficit)	32,340	-20,761	53,101	-97,900	-168,437	
26							
27	Investment Income from Mem. Fund	39,443	55,355		68,000	70,000	
28	Transfer to GF IFTC from Mem. Fund		5,070				
29	Transfer from GF IFTC to Mem. Fund	-8,500					
30	Transfer to GF George Eades youth fund from Mem. Fund		4,530				
31	Transfer to GF from Mem. Fund (Remembrance)		1,266				
32	Transfer from GF Youth Coffee Shop to Mem. Fund	-1,090	-375				
33	Transfer from GF Refugee to Mem. Fund		-10,164				
34	Transfer to GF Refugee from Mem. Fund	23,668					
35							
36	Net Surplus/Deficit	85,861	34,921		-29,900	-98,437	

	A	B	C	D	E	F
	SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS					
	Annual Report 2019					
			<u>Investments/ Cash</u>	<u>Accounts Receivable</u>	<u>Accounts Payable</u>	<u>Balance</u>
1						
2						
3						
4						
5	General &	Bank of Montreal	57,286			
6	Mission and	GST Receivable		1,177		
7	Outreach	PST Receivable		3,838		
8						62,301
9						
10	Capital	Bank of Montreal				23,559
11						
12						
13	Memorial	Cash or cash equivalents				
14		CIBC Cash	17,105			
15		BMO Cash	93,530			
16		BMO GIC	5,500			
17						
18		Equities (Market value December 2019)				
19		Bank of Montreal	85,544			
20		Brompton Split Bank Corp Preferred shares	107,944			
21		Brookfield Infrastructure	77,832			
22		Brookfield Renewable Partners LP	81,405			
23		Canadian Banc (December 19, 2018)	14,014			
24		Dividend 15 Split Corp Class A	65,208			
25		Dividend 15 Split Corp Preferred	111,507			
26		Financial 15 Split Corp (CHIX)	106,742			
27		Great-West Lifeco Inc	83,150			
28		H&R Real Estate Investment Trust	61,190			
29		Inter Pipeline Fund Ltd Com	130,732			
30		Life & Banc Split Corp	123,720			
31		Pembina Pipeline Income Fund Trust	173,268			
32		Partners Value Split Preferred	111,760			
33		Royal Bank	92,475			
34		Transalta Renewables	80,704			
35						
36						1,623,330
37						
38	Totals		1,704,175	5,015	0	1,709,190
39						

General
December 31, 2019

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		2019	2018	Year over year	2019	Year end/	2020
2		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget
3	Receipts						
4							
5	Envelopes	429,931	412,806	4%	415,000	104%	440,000
6	Loose Collection	15,132	15,000	1%	15,500	98%	16,000
7	Family Camp	3,775	6,775	-44%	6,800	56%	4,100
8	Christian Enrichment receipts	1,905	1,935	-2%	2,200	87%	2,650
9	Donations for Bulletins	240	100	140%	200	120%	250
10	Donations for Coffee	364	158	131%	150	243%	200
11	Donations for Easter Flowers	1,065	1,180	-10%	1,000	107%	1,000
12	Donations for Gifts	0	0		0		
13	Donations for Membership Dev.	170	441		350	49%	350
14	Donations for Observer Plan	300	580	-48%	500	60%	300
15	Donations for Pastoral Care	500	90	456%	0		
16	Donations for Worship	239	1,430		0		
17	George Eades Youth Fund	1,990	1,965	1%	2,000	100%	2,000
18	In From The Cold	23,620	7,054	235%	7,000	337%	10,000
19	Men's Events	0	0		1,000	0%	1,000
20	Miscellaneous	135	647		0		
21	Refugee support	3,799	24,100		6,000	63%	1,500
22	Sunday School	899	170	429%	1,100	82%	500
23	Training funds from MF	0	0		1,500	0%	
24	Use of Premises	62,905	61,388	2%	57,000	110%	62,000
25	Weddings and Funerals	4,725	4,450	6%	4,000	118%	4,000
26	Women's Retreat	6,375	8,105	-21%	8,000	80%	8,000
27	Youth Coffee Shop	1,125	913	23%	1,200	94%	1,400
28							
29	Total Receipts	559,193	549,287	2%	530,500	5%	555,250
30							
31		2019	2018	Year over year	2019	Year end/	2020
32		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget
33	Disbursements						
34							
35	Salaries & Benefits + Allowances	297,835	357,031	-17%	351,290	85%	385,987
36	Contracts and Honoraria	54,191	40,293	34%	47,000	115%	67,000
37	Books and Resources	-85	32	-364%	200	-42%	200
38	Family Camp	3,739	6,624		6,800	55%	4,100
39	Christian Enrichment	1,088	3,525	-69%	9,950	11%	8,850
40	Church Bulletins	97	355	-73%	500	19%	500
41	Communications and newsletter	858	520	65%	2,000	43%	2,000
42	Easter Flowers	269	291	-8%	300	90%	300
43	Envelopes	1,317	971	36%	1,100	120%	1,000
44	Evening Security	15,164	16,667	-9%	17,250	88%	16,000
45	Financial Charges & Review Internal Controls, Procedure	1,057	1,587	-33%	1,000	106%	1,500
46	Financial Review	0			0		
47	Gas Heat	13,597	13,716	-1%	13,000	105%	13,000
48	Gifts and Recognitions	0	0		0		
49	In From The Cold	9,081	6,124	48%	7,000	130%	8,000
50	Insurances	13,089	24,942	-48%	12,471	105%	13,000
51	Light and Power	10,185	10,595	-4%	12,000	85%	11,000
52	Membership Development	327	658	-50%	500	65%	500
53	Men's Events	0	0		1,000	0%	1,000
54	Miscellaneous	523	492	6%	500	105%	500
55	Mission Outreach Justice Committee	336	0				300
56	Music, Licenses	1,137	1,102	3%	1,600	71%	1,300
57	Observer (now Broadview) Plan	1,518	1,771	-14%	2,000	76%	1,700
58	Office and Supplies	2,109	2,848	-26%	2,700	78%	2,500
59	Organ and other Musicians	1,550	1,321	17%	1,950	79%	1,850
60	Pastoral Care	461	1,356	-66%	2,800	16%	1,500
61	Payroll service charges	329	369	-11%	350	94%	350

General
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
61	Payroll service charges	329	369	-11%	350	94%	350
62	Personnel Committee	2,385	2,058	16%	5,300	45%	5,300
63	Personnel Search Committee	1,005			2,000	50%	2,000
64	Photocopying	6,821	6,121	11%	7,000	97%	7,000
65	Piano/Organ Maintenance	1,169	1,372	-15%	2,200	53%	2,200
66	Postage	1,298	1,304	0%	1,500	87%	1,500
67	Refugee Support	27,467	13,936	97%	20,000	137%	0
68	Repairs and Maintenance	11,176	11,102	1%	11,000	102%	11,000
69	Snow Clearing	8,225	6,912	19%	7,289	113%	8,500
70	Stewardship Committee	0	0		0		
71	Telecommunications	6,125	5,500	11%	4,900	125%	6,200
72	Training (Lay)	0	0		0		
73	United Church of Canada Assessment	28,585	23,452	22%	24,000	119%	30,000
74	Water and Sewer	7,691	4,956	55%	5,600	137%	7,000
75	Weddings and Funerals	3,475	3,636	-4%	3,000	116%	3,000
76	Women's Retreat	9,249	7,299	27%	8,000	116%	8,000
77	Worship Committee/Sanctuary	3,862	4,916	-21%	3,950	98%	5,500
78	Youth Coffee shop expenses	35	538	-94%	1,000	3%	1,400
79	Youth Ministry	2,072	495	319%	3,000	69%	3,550
80							
81	Total Disbursements	550,412	586,787	-6%	605,000	-9.0%	646,087
82							
83	Gross Surplus (Deficit)	8,781	-37,500	-123%	-74,500	-111.8%	-\$90,837
84							
85	Investment Income from Mem. Fund	39,443	55,355		68,000		70,000
86	Transfer to IFTC from Mem Fund		5,070				
87	Transfer from IFTC to Mem Fund	-8,500					
88	Transfer to George Eades youth fund from Mem Fund		4,530				
89	Transfer to Gen Fund from Mem Fund (Remembrance)		1,266				
90	Transfer from Youth Coffee Shop to Mem Fund	-1,090	-375				
91	Transfer from Refugee to Mem Fund		-10,164				
92	Transfer to Refugee from Mem Fund	23,668					
93							
94	Net Surplus (Deficit)	62,301	18,182		-6,500	-1058.5%	-\$20,837
95							
96	Balance December 31, 2019						
97	Bank of Montreal	57,286					
98	M&O Payable	0					
99	GST Receivable	1,177					
100	PST Receivable	3,838					
101	Accounts payable						
102	Balance (deficit)	62,301					

Mission Outreach Justice
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		2019	2018	Year over year	2019	Year end/ Budget	2020
2		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget
3	Receipts						
4							
5	Mission and Outreach envelopes	46,995	51,623	-9%	50,700	93%	50,000
6	Benevolent Fund	30,521	17,244	77%	17,500	174%	19,000
7	Bethany	1,645	2,746	-40%	2,700	61%	2,700
8	Christmas Offering	3,185	2,637	21%	3,000	106%	3,000
9	Easter Offering	2,965	2,945	1%	2,500	119%	3,000
10	Food Bank	5,134	3,422	50%	3,400	151%	4,500
11	Habitat for Humanity	0	0				
12	Miscellaneous	20					
	Mission and Service Fund United						
13	Church of Canada	450	540	-17%			
14	Multifaith Housing Initiative	0	0				
15	North St. Project, Jamaica	2,080	2,082	0%	2,000	104%	2,000
16	Share the Wealth from Mem Fund	2,000	0		2,000	100%	2,000
17	Thanksgiving Offering	1,175	958	23%	1,200	98%	1,200
18	Wycliffe Bible Translators	0	1,500	-100%			
19							
20	Total Receipts	96,170	85,697	12%	85,000	13%	87,400
21							
22	Disbursements						
23	Non-Designated by Donor						
24	Camp Kalalla	250	250	0%	250	100%	250
25	Cornerstone (Princeton)						500
26	Habitat For Humanity	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	100%	1,000
27	Interval House	1,000	250	300%	1,000	100%	1,000
28	Marian Dewar Scholarship Fund	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	100%	1,000
29	Mission and Outreach Discretionary	1,000	0		1,000	100%	1,000
30	Multifaith Housing Initiative	2,500	200		500	500%	2,500
31	Odawa Native Friendship Centre	5,000	1,000		2,000	250%	5,000
32	Operation Come Home	1,250	250	400%	250	500%	1,000
33	Ottawa Christian Counselling	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	100%	1,000
34	Ottawa Inner City Ministries	1,000	550		1,000	100%	1,000
35	Ottawa West Community Support	1,000	1,000	0%	1,000	100%	1,000
36	Restoring Hope Ministries	0					500
37	Share the Wealth	2,000	400	400%	2,000	100%	2,000
38	Urban Christian Outreach	3,000	1,000	200%	3,000	100%	3,000
39							
40	Designated by Donor						
41	Benevolent Fund	30,521	17,244	77%	17,500	174%	19,000
42	Bethany	1,645	2,746	-40%	2,700	61%	2,700
43	Food Bank	5,134	3,422	50%	3,400	151%	4,500
	Mission and Service Fund United						
44	Church of Canada	28,465	44,263	-36%	37,700	76%	30,250
45	North St. Project, Jamaica	2,080	2,082	0%	2,000	104%	2,000
46	Wycliffe Bible Translators	0	1,500	-100%			
47							
48	Special Offerings						
49	<i>Christmas Offering</i>						
50	The Mission	1,593	1,318	21%	1,500	106%	1,500
51	Cornerstone Women's Shelter	1,593	1,318	21%	1,500	106%	1,500
52	<i>Easter Offering</i>						
53	Urban Christian Outreach	2,965	2,945	1%	2,500	119%	3,000
54	<i>Thanksgiving Offering</i>						
55	Cambridge Breakfast Program	598	479	25%	600	100%	600
56	Connaught Breakfast Program	578	479	21%	600	96%	600
57							
58	Total Disbursements	96,170	85,696	12%	85,000	13%	87,400
59	Net Surplus (Deficit)	0	1		0		0

Capital Fund
December 31, 2019

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1		2019	2018	Year over year	2019	Year end/	2020
2		YTD	YTD	Difference	Budget	Budget	Budget
3	Receipts						
4	Envelopes	19,520	20,446	-5%	20,000	98%	20,000
5	Bazaar	17,933	15,720	14%	14,500	124%	16,000
6	Building Improvement Campaign	369	505	-27%	500	74%	500
7	Miscellaneous	145	840				
8	Parking Donations	14,945	15,592	-4%	15,000	100%	15,000
9	Rummage Sales	11,406	9,499	20%	9,500	120%	10,000
10	SIP grant	0	6,179				
11							
12	Total	64,319	68,781	-6%	59,500	8%	61,500
13							
14	Disbursements						
15	Air Conditioning	441	0		5,000	9%	
16	Bathroom Upgrades	0	4,050		0		
17	Chair Lift Expenses	1,650	1,650	0%	4,000	41%	4,000
18	Computer Hardware (TV Bulletin Boards)	0	0		500	0%	500
19	Computer Software	0	0		500	0%	500
20	Equipment	6,446	3,013	114%	5,000	129%	5,000
21	Fire safety, Inspection and Electrical	611	797		1,200	51%	1,200
22	Garden	854	741	15%	1,000	85%	1,000
23	Kitchen Upgrades	0	492		1,500	0%	1,500
24	Miscellaneous expenses	0	0				
25	Nursery and Sunday School Renovations	0	297	-100%	2,000	0%	2,000
26	Paving and Fencing	0	5,814	-100%	12,000	0%	
27	Phone upgrade	0	0		500	0%	
28	Preschool Renovations	0	0				
29	Property Development Working Group	8,915	311		30,000	30%	100,000
30	Repairs and Upgrades	15,072	9,093	66%	11,200	135%	15,000
31	Roof, Eaves, Soffits and Ceilings	1,164	12,358	-91%	2,000	58%	2,000
32	Security, Cameras	177	13,318	-99%	400	44%	400
33	Signage	0	0		100	0%	
34	Video, Sound Equipment	5,375	109		1,000	538%	1,000
35	Window Repairs	55	0		5,000		5,000
36							
37	Total	40,760	52,043	-21.7%	82,900	-51%	139,100
38							
39	Receipts less expenses	23,559	16,738		-23,400		-77,600
40	Total Deficit/Surplus	23,559	16,738				
41							
42	Balance December 31, 2019						
43	BMO cash	23,559					

Memorial Fund
December 31, 2019

	A	B	C
1	Receipts	Year to date	Year to date
2		2019	2018
3	Bequests and Special Gifts	53,351	
4	Capital Gains (loss)	151,004	-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	8,500	
8	Investment income Dividends	37,971	31,793
9	Investment income Interest	93	6,272
10	Investment income other	42,633	35,951
11	Martin Luther King Sunday donation for future use	0	
12	2018 Operating funds surplus paid to MF	53,580	29,891
13	Refugee Funds to be held for future use	0	10,164
14	Remembrance Fund	705	2,551
15	Youth Coffee Shop Funds to be held for future use	1,090	375
16			
17	Total	348,927	-43,517
18			
19	Disbursements		
20			
21	T/fer Interest/Dividends to Gen Fund	39,443	74,017
22	George Eades transfer to Gen.Fund	0	4,530
23	IFTC funds to General fund	0	5,070
24	MLK Sunday funds to General fund	0	
25	Refugee Funds to General Fund	23,668	
26	Remembrance Fund to General Fund	0	14,266
27	Share the wealth	2,000	
28	Training	0	386
29	Write off operating funds deficit 2014-15	0	
30	Youth Coffee Shop funds to General Fund	0	
31			
32	Total	65,111	98,269
33			
34	Receipts less expenses	283,816	-141,786
35			
36	Balance 31-Dec-18	1,339,513	
37			
38	Balance December 31, 2019	1,623,330	
39			
40			
41			
42			
43			
44	Cash or cash equivalents		
45	CIBC cash	17,105	
46	BMO GIC (Mastercard security)	5,500	
47	BMO cash	93,530	
48			
49	Equities (Market value December 2019)		
50	Bank of Montreal	85,544	
51	Brompton Split Bank Corp Preferred shares	107,944	
52	Brookfield Infrastructure	77,832	
53	Brookfield Renewable Partners LP	81,405	
54	Canadian Banc (December 19, 2018)	14,014	
55	Dividend 15 Split Corp Class A	65,208	
56	Dividend 15 Split Corp Preferred	111,507	
57	Financial 15 Split Corp (CHIX)	106,742	

Memorial Fund
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	A	B	C	D	E
58	Great-West Lifeco Inc	83,150			
59	H&R Real Estate Investment Trust	61,190			
60	Inter Pipeline Fund Ltd Com	130,732			
61	Life & Banc Split Corp	123,720			
62	Pembina Pipeline Income Fund Trust	173,268			
63	Partners Value Split Preferred	111,760			
64	Royal Bank	92,475			
65	Transalta Renewables	80,704			
66					
67	Accounts Receivable	0			
68					
69	Balance	1,623,330			
70					
71	*Includes funds held for future use:				
72					
73	In from the Cold	20,630			
74	Remembrance	22,282	includes 7,980 for Pastoral Care		
75	Youth Coffee Shop	5,666			
76	George Eades	24,627			
77	Refugee Support	1,770			

