



2015-2016

# ANNUAL REPORT

LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH  
JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016

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## In Memoriam

Vera Mavis Delight Mannen

Kenneth Duncan Butterworth

Carl Grasdal

Barbara Patricia Hill

Sylvia Jean Grant

Christina Louise Clarke

Elizabeth Frances Mawdsley

Wilf Godfrey



## Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2015

The annual congregational meeting of Lakeview United Church was held at the Church on Sunday, May 24, 2015, following morning worship.

Annual Report – See Appendix A

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Nancy Gillean, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 11:03 AM and welcomed the attendees.

### 2. OPENING PRAYER AND MINUTE OF SILENCE

Rev. Jope Langejans gave the opening prayer during which he read the “In Memoriam” names of the following members who had died in the past year: Marilyn Campbell, Margaret Jean Gorell, Eleanor Jean Gordon, Audrey Everleigh, Ted Labicane, Jim Mawdsley, Patricia Rigby, and Jesse Elizabeth Westerbaan.

### 3. MEETING CONFIRMATION AND QUORUM

Nancy confirmed that notification of the meeting met the criteria in the United Church of Canada Manual Section B 5.4.

#### QUORUM

Nancy informed the meeting that quorum had been reached.

### 4. CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Moved by Murray Rose and seconded by Karen Shippey-Heilman that Hank Klassen be appointed Chair and Barbara Penhale be appointed Secretary of this meeting. CARRIED

# AGM MINUTES

## 5. MOTION READHERENTS

MOT Moved by Peter Prest and seconded by Ron Gillean “That adherents who contribute regularly to the support of the congregation be granted voting privileges at this AGM.”

## 6. MOTION RE VOTING METHOD

Moved by Pat Tusz and seconded by Maida Evans “That Council and Committee appointments be approved by show of hands, rather than ballots.” CARRIED

## 7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. Pat Tusz asked when the garage sale was to be discussed and Nancy Gillean said it would be in the Committee reports. The Chair then asked for the motion to approve the agenda.

Moved by Sue Spratt and seconded by Gwen Jamieson to approve the agenda as circulated. CARRIED

## 8. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF AGM OF 2014

Finance Moved by Karen Shippey-Heilman and seconded by Carolyn Bosch to approve the Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes dated May 25th, 2014. CARRIED.

## 9. MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING OF 2015

'Moved by Don Linton and seconded by Louise Poudrette to approve the Annual Financial Meeting Minutes dated February 8th, 2015. CARRIED

# AGM MINUTES

## 10. COMMITTEES UPDATES

The Chair noted that the Committee reports are in the Annual Report. He asked if there were any updates since publication of the Annual Report.

Fiona Hayes, Chair of Ministry and Personnel, updated the meeting about the resignation of Joanne Melvin, Music Director, whose last day at Lakeview United will be June 30, 2015. Fiona spoke of the many contributions Joanne has made during her more than fifteen years as Music Director, and announced that the Sunday worship service on June 21st, 2015, and the following reception, will honour Joanne.

Fiona also said that the Ministry and Personnel Committee would like to have a new Music Director in place by September 2015, but before that time they would appreciate feedback from the congregation on thoughts and ideas on the future of music for this congregation. The choir will also consider this question in a meeting with Ministry and Personnel.

Fiona thanked her committee, which includes Jocelyn Barton-Cheffins and Peggy Gibennus, for their hard work and dedication during the past year. She then reported with regret that Peggy Gibennus has had to resign her position due to ill health. The congregation extended a vote of thanks to Peggy.

Fiona was pleased to announce that Kent Lissack will be joining the Ministry and Personnel committee.

### QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION RE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jude Sampson, Chair of the Reaching Out Committee, spoke to the question Pat Tusz had raised about the garage sale. (See item 7). Jude said the committee members have had some meetings and have heard opinions from various people, particularly about the increasing difficulty for this aging congregation to cope with the demands of the garage sale in its present form. The committee is coming up with ideas to reduce the workload, and these

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will be presented to the congregation at a later date. A vote will then be held about whether to continue with the garage sale or not.

## 11. MOTION TO ACCEPT COMMITTEE REPORTS

Moved by Clay Bullock and seconded by Pat Tusz to accept the July 2014 – June 2015 committee reports for information. CARRIED

## 12. PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND THEIR POSITIONS

Barb Spence was named as the incoming chair of the Faith Formation and Worship committee.

The Chair asked for any other nominations from the floor. There were none.

## MOTION TO APPROVE SLATE

Moved by Karen Shippey-Heilman and seconded by Fiona Hayes that the slate be approved as presented. CARRIED

## 13. MOTION RE POTENTIAL AND ADDITIONAL MEMBERS

Moved by Craig Cheffins and seconded by Julie Prest “That the Council be given authority to seek and appoint additional members to Council and Committees as appropriate, without the approval of the congregation.”

CARRIED

## 14. RECOGNITION OF OTHER COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS – NANCY GILLEAN

Nancy recognized Louise Poudrette for her dedicated service in the role of temporary Chair of the Faith Formation and Worship committee.



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### 15. THANKS TO STAFF, COUNCIL, AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS- NANCY GILLEAN

Nancy expressed her deep appreciation to the staff – Rev. Jope Langejans, Office Administrator Jacqueline Roach, Music Director Joanne Melvin, and Accompanist Monica Lee, as well as to the many volunteers who contribute time and talent to making this church organized and effective.

### 16. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Prior to the motion being called, Sheila Bullock expressed thanks to Nancy Gillean for all the dedicated work she has been doing as Chair of Council and also in her Pastoral Care work. The congregation expressed their appreciation with a sincere round of applause.

Moved by Ron Gillean at approximately 11:35 AM that the meeting adjourn.

### 17. BLESSING – REV. JOPE LANGEJANS

By Rev. Jope invited the congregation to join him in singing

“Peace Be In My Heart” as the blessing.

The meeting adjourned.

Hank Klassen, Chair

Barbara Penhale  
Secretary  
May 24, 2015



# ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

## Election of Trustees

NOVEMBER 22nd, 2015

A brief congregational meeting of the Lakeview United Church congregation was held following morning worship on Sunday, November 22, 2015 for the purpose of accepting the resignations of Trustees in good standing, and to accept new Trustees.

- 1.) Nancy Gillean, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:08 AM and welcomed the attendees.
- 2.) Nancy told the meeting that, pursuant to the basis of Union, subsection 5.8.2: by-laws, sections 001 and 113, only members of the congregation may vote at the election of a new Trustee. She requested a show of hands of members of the congregation present. Hank Klassen and Bob Gibennus did a count and determined that there was a quorum present.
- 3.) Rev. Jope Langejans offered the opening prayer.
- 4.) Nancy said that the United Church Manual, section B 5.6, calls for voting to be by ballot unless the congregation decides otherwise. She called for a motion on the voting method.

MOTION – Moved by Bob Gibennus and seconded by Peggy Gibennus that voting be by show of hands. CARRIED.

- 5.) Nancy called for a motion on the appointment of a secretary for the meeting.

MOTION – Moved by Paige Martin and seconded by Barbara Spence that Barbara Penhale be appointed Secretary of this congregational meeting. CARRIED.

## ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

6.) Hank Klassen, Chair of Trustees, presented the names of the following Trustees who are resigning in good standing: John Martin, John Lamb, Rick Anderson, and Don Greenfield. He also spoke of Trustee Pat Rigby who had died during the past year. He thanked all the Trustees for their service and wise counsel.

7.) Hank Klassen presented the following candidates for acceptance as Trustees and proposed the following motion:

MOTION – Moved by Hank Klassen and seconded by Jeanne Butterworth to accept Dianne Johnstone, Elizabeth Marshall, Don Linton and Paige Martin as Trustees of Lakeview United Church. CARRIED.

8.) Hank thanked those who are willing to serve as Trustees, and Nancy Gillean also thanked those who have resigned as well as those just starting their term as Trustees.

9.) Rev. Jope Langejans spoke briefly about the importance of the Trustees, and then offered a blessing.

10.) Hank Klassen moved to adjourn at 11:15 AM.

## Annual Financial Meeting

January 31, 2016

The congregational Annual Financial Meeting was held at the church following morning worship on Sunday, January 31, 2016.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

On behalf of Council Chair Nancy Gillean, Kent Lissack called the meeting to order at 11:17 AM, and welcomed the attendees. He then called on Rev. Jope Langejans for the opening prayer.

### 2. OPENING PRAYER

Offered by Rev. Jope.

### 3. VOTING

Kent asked for a motion on the method of voting pursuant to Section B 5.6 of the United Church Manual which states: "Voting must be by ballot unless the congregation decides on another method of voting."

#### **Motion**

Moved by Sue Spratt and seconded by Fiona Hayes that voting be by show of hands. CARRIED.

### 4. MOTION TO APPOINT CHAIR

Kent called for a motion to appoint Don Linton as Chair for the Annual Financial Meeting.

## **MOTION**

So moved by Karen Shippey-Heilman and seconded by Ron Gillean.  
CARRIED.

## **5. MOTION TO APPOINT SECRETARY**

Kent Lissack called for a motion to appoint Barbara Penhale as Secretary for the Annual Financial Meeting.

## **MOTION**

So moved by Doug Jamieson and seconded by Fiona Hayes. CARRIED. Kent then handed the meeting over to Don Linton, Chair.

## **6. ADHERENTS**

The Chair asked for a motion to allow adherents to vote at this Annual Financial Meeting pursuant to Section B.3.7.2 of the United Church Manual.

## **MOTION**

So moved by Don Rigby and seconded by Maida Evans. CARRIED.

## **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Presented by Carolyn Bosch, Treasurer

See the following Appendices relating to the 2015 Financial Report and Proposed 2016 Budget:

Appendix A - Finance Committee 2015 Annual Report, 2016 Budget, and PowerPoint Presentation

Appendix B – Treasurer’s commentary and explanations as presented to the meeting.

Appendix C – 2016 Budget – General Fund 1

## Appendix D – Pledgefest Comparisons – 2013-2015

### 7. PRESENTATION OF 2015 FINANCIAL REPORT – CAROLYN BOSCH, TREASURER

**Prior to See Appendices A and B.**

Carolyn referenced the Consolidated Balance Sheet (APP A, pg 3) which shows a significant increase in cash and investments, largely due to the bequest of \$320,000 from the estate of Mavis Mannen.

The Accounting Fund Balances (page 4) were listed and explained, with Fund 1 being noted as the General Operating Fund of the congregation. Carolyn noted that at the 2015 AFM, a deficit of almost

\$17,000 was projected in Fund 1, but we ended 2015 with a small surplus, largely due to salary decreases because of staff changes but also to careful spending by staff and volunteers.

Following the presentation, there was a brief discussion about funds in response to questions.

### 8. CHAIR DON LINTON

Don Linton then asked for a motion to accept the 2015 Financial Report.

MOTION: Moved by Karen Shippey-Heilman and seconded by Louise Poudrette to accept the 2015 Financial Report as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 9. PRESENTATION OF 2016 BUDGET

Presented by Carolyn Bosch

**See Appendix A (pages 1 and 2), Appendix B (pages 3 and 4), Appendix C and Appendix D.**

Pledgefest amounts from the fall of 2015 were: Local (General Fund 1): \$136,380; Mission and Services (M&S): \$20,000; Reaching Out: \$21,730.

Carolyn stressed that the budget refers to General Fund 1, the general operating fund of the church. In addition to pledged amounts, Fund 1 is augmented by unpledged donations, plate collections, and income from rental of the church property. For 2016, the budgeted revenues are \$211,760.

Budgeted expenses for 2016 total \$246,044. These include salaries, contract labour, administration, church property, and all other expenses.

The projected deficit for 2016 is \$34,284.

Carolyn pointed out that pledges for General Fund 1 are down significantly from previous years. See Appendix D for comparisons. Although there is a surplus from previous years that will cover this deficit, the decreasing income is cause for concern.

Following a brief discussion, and before calling for the vote on the budget, the Chair asked Hank Klassen, Chair of Trustees, for his comments.

## 10. HANK KLASSEN

Hank said that the Trustees have accepted with reservations the proposed 2016 budget. He is concerned with the decrease in income and cautioned that we cannot expect the surplus to cover our deficits indefinitely. The congregation must keep this in mind as we consider our support of the church.

## 11. CHAIR DON LINTON

Don called for a vote on the 2016 budget.

## MOTION

Moved by Sue Spratt and seconded by Ron Gillean to accept the proposed 2016 budget as presented. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

## 12. BLESSING

At the request of the Chair, Rev. Jope Langejans gave the blessing.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Hank Klassen at 11:42 AM to adjourn..

Barbara Penhale  
Secretary  
Don Linton  
Chair  
January 31, 2016





### Minister's Report

I begin my annual report by quoting from Parker J. Palmer's book *The Active Life: A Spirituality of Work, Creativity, and Caring*. In one of his chapters entitled Loaves and Fishes he speaks of community and the significance of its existence. His words are:

“Community and abundance go hand in hand...so the first step in any action that assumes abundance and wants to amplify it is to perceive, and receive, those resources already present to us in the abundance of life itself.”

And these words speak volumes of the abundance that is so visible in Lakeview United Church (LUC) and how this abundance has taught us to grow into a unique and distinctive community of faith. We all have learned that the human side of the Gospel story makes sense only if God is a participant in the struggles with us, a God who, like Jesus, is uncertain of the outcome, but still willing to take risky actions of love. This is pretty much what we have been doing and the results are that the abundance of life have made themselves visible – not only here at LUC but also seen from those who look at us from a distance or from outside our walls. We have learned that to be ‘church’ we need to act and embrace that abundance of life wherever and whenever we are able. And Mother Teresa's words come to mind: “We are supposed to preach without preaching not by words, but by our example, by our actions...for this is the true reason for our existence, to be the sunshine of God's love, to be the hope of eternal happiness.” And to go one step deeper, to experience the abundance of life itself.

So with these words of some sort of introduction to my annual report, I will share with all of you some of my personal periods of abundance and also share some of those areas of scarcity for they coexist and both need to be

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verbalized. I have now worked alongside all of you for nearly two and a half years and am learning names, strengths and weaknesses, joys and sorrows, and, the deep connections which you have to LUC itself and the community at large. Lakeview is an interesting area of Calgary in that it is almost a city or a village unto itself and drawing new faces or folks into Sunday worship can be an onerous task. I guess that we all just need to be a little more invitational or willing to share more deeply in our stories of our faith with others and what that means to us. I know that this sits heavily on the hearts of many – numbers dwindling, no children, no youth, choir's shrinking, and so on but if we look at our accomplishments over the year, it's truly astounding.

Abundance abounds when we look at our refugee family and the difference we have made in one household. There is abundance in the various biblical study groups being led by both lay and ordered folks alike. Abundance in worship and fellowship following worship.

Abundance in the countless volunteer hours put in by so many capable people. Concerts which have fed the spirit and the soul. Abundance in opening ourselves and exploring the possibility of becoming an affirming ministry. Abundance in utilizing our space during the week with rental opportunities such as WestWinds choir(s), Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures, Healing Touch, Cross Connections, Children's Hospital Association meetings, PedalHeads, Beta Sigma Phi, and constant conversations with other groups seeking rental space as our availability allows. Abundance in caring and professional staff who are some of the cornerstones of who we are.

Abundance in giving to the Ft. McMurray wildfire cause. Abundance with new entry doors for those with mobility issues, new technological apparatus, updated photocopier and the list can be lengthy. And through all of this, we can share a smile and say, 'Yes, we are making a difference. Yes, the Spirit of the Living God is truly alive at LUC.'

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And with abundance also comes scarcity and I'll share with all of you some of these concerns. The one that probably tops my list has to do with living in this 21st century and wondering if the church is still as relevant as it was years ago. Our Sunday Schools were overflowing and sanctuaries filled and even small periods of rush hour traffic on a Sunday morning. And I know that this perceived decrease makes some folks a little uneasy but years ago, church worked more from within than it does today. We now know that 'church' happens outside, each of us are called to be Pentecost people and to share the message 'out there.' We need not be so concerned about the shrinking of the congregation numbers and pews that sometimes seem emptier. What we need to always realize is that we are financially stable and that we are doing what we need to do as people of faith. Our work is with refugees, with Food Banks, Habitat for Humanity, taking care of the 'other,' hospital visitations, senior centre visits, and so on. We no longer are 'just a building' but have moved into a place where we are people of action. One area of scarcity which needs to be addressed though has to do with filling the positions on Council and on the different committees so that the workload is shared by all. The old adage comes in to play: Many hands make light work. How true this is and how it also builds community – together. What I don't want to happen is that folks get 'burned out' and begin feeling that 'church' is a burden. And one more 'scarcity' is time. And this can only be rectified by better planning by myself and prioritizing and handing some things to others to handle. I, like many of you, am still in this learning process.

So, abundance and scarcity and community all go together and the period of 2015/2016 of which this annual report speaks to was truly filled with these three words. I've strived to do and be the best that I can be and to always allow the Spirit to guide me in my different choices. I've enjoyed immensely

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the role of Chairperson of Calgary Presbytery and now look forward to attending the Conference Executive meetings in Edmonton on the Presbytery's behalf. I was fortunate last year in attending General Council and being a small part of the large decision-making process. What will come out of this has yet to be seen and experienced. We had the opportunity of spending a learning day together as Council and share in a couple of the Fresh Start programs. I have truly enjoyed spearheading the Concert Series and bringing some different music into the sanctuary and into people's lives. This is community at work. And I have enjoyed immensely planning and leading worship, spending time with the folks at Garrison and Staywell, worshiping with the folks at Cross Connections, at Presbytery functions, Good Friday with the folks at St. Laurence, officiating at weddings and funerals and baptisms, visiting the ill and the elderly, Easter sunrise service, Maundy Thursday, chili cook-off, Advent and Lenten studies, the occasional cinnamon bun baking session, and the list could be endless. What comes through all of this is that ministry is happening and I am so blessed to have the energy to fulfill this role for all of you. I offer to everyone my deepest thanks and may the years ahead be filled with continual wonder and the Spirit move through each of us as we look to the future of your Lakeview United Church. SHALOM!

Rev. Jope Langejans

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### Ministry & Personnel Report

We appreciate the energy and enthusiasm of our staff at Lakeview United. Liaisons will shortly be sitting down with our staff to review what we learned over the last year, what worked well and what challenges we face. In M&P we are here to support our staff and our Council in the work they do and to help with any Human Resources or employment issues.

This year we have had new leadership in our music program. Heidi Schwonik led our choir for the months of September and October. Monica Lee, our much loved accompanist, left Calgary to pursue her dream of becoming a chiropractor. Marie Taylor joined us as Music Director starting in the season of Advent, and has gradually introduced us to some new music.

This summer we have hired a Summer Student, Cynthia Fonderson, using funds from a bequest and from the Alberta government's Student Temporary Employment Project. She will be helping in the office and working on ideas for reaching out to our community, something we have been talking about for some time at Lakeview United.

I am conscious of how dependant Lakeview United Church is on our Board Chair and Treasurer, who have been doing a great job, and now are stepping down to enjoy doing other things. Over the years, these jobs have become bigger, as reporting requirements have increased and people expect a professional approach.

Recently someone suggested that we consider recognizing this time and effort financially, as some other non-profit boards and church councils do. If we were to do so, I could imagine us offering an honorarium, which would be more a symbolic gesture than pay for time spent. I am interested in your views. Is this something the congregation would like the Ministry and



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Personnel Committee to investigate further? Please give this prayerful consideration and let me know what you think.

Yours in Faith,

Fiona Hayes



## Council Report

June 2015-June 2016

“The church has not always lived up to its vision.

It requires the Spirit to reorient it,

helping it to live an emerging faith while honouring tradition,

challenging it to live by grace rather than entitlement.

for we are called to be a blessing to the earth.

-A Song of Faith (2013)

The past year has seen the council work with a reduced number of members, especially committee chairs. However, we have been able to provide meaningful worship; with stories, music and word supporting our Christian values.

With the change of people dynamics in our congregation i.e. no youth or children on a regular basis, we have implemented a new section in our order of service. The transition from “Children’s Story” to “A Time for All Ages” has been a very successful blend of stories, videos and music which appeals to everyone.

Christmas brought a busy Advent Season with Advent Study, extra music of the season and the retelling of the Christmas story; an early chaotic, fun Children’s service and a later more traditional Communion and Carol Celebration.

In December, the Council passed a motion to “begin to explore” the possibility of Lakeview United Church becoming an Affirming Congregation. I



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look forward to discussions and events as we open our hearts and minds to total inclusiveness for all.

The Council and several committee members enjoyed a day retreat in February at Entheos. We completed two modules from Fresh Start, as suggested by the Pastoral Oversight Meeting held at Lakeview last April. The day gave us a real lift in our Spirit, as well as an opportunity to enjoy God's beautiful, bountiful land and shine in his everlasting love.

Easter was very busy season, giving us lots to ponder, to do, and to look forward to. It was also a chance to stop and reset our engines! We had very thoughtful services and several social events to enjoy.

I have had a very full two years as your Chair and its been a great learning experience; a joy to work with all our Council and Committee members and being very appreciative of the immeasurable help from our staff.

I have always enjoyed reading and listening to Lois Wilson and I would like to end my annual report by providing you with two of my favorite quotes.

".... we can all do better than we are..."

"I found out, you didn't have to abandon your brains to be a Christian..."

Blessings to all.

Nancy Gillean  
Council Chair, 2015 to 2016

## Faith Formation & Worship Report

Faith Formation & Worship Committee meets four times during the school year to plan and provide meaningful services and events at Lakeview United Church.

This past year the absence of children has been noted. Programming has been made available from Nancy Prince and myself when needed.

During Advent, two LUC members planned a “pop-up” Nativity with craft tables and snacks provided by Gwen Jamieson, Janet Layton, and Joan Greenfield.

Our minister has provided meaningful worship services throughout the year. He organized special Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day and Easter services. Our Advent and Lenten studies were also led by Jope.

We were fortunate to have Marie Taylor, Music Director join us in November. The choir continues in smaller numbers—Thanks to Marie for providing meaningful music. LUC’s organ has been repaired to the end of available parts. We know it can provide surprises when used!

Sacred Cinema returned for its 10th year! Doug and Gwen Jamieson have provided organizational and technical skills. They have retired and new faces are needed to continue. We hope to continue with movies, speakers, or special group events.

## FAITH FORMATION & WORSHIP REPORT

Our Committee is involved in many aspects of our worship life. I am thankful for all those who take part in our worship services.

Thankfully and Blessings to all,

Respectively submitted,

Barbara Spence

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### Monday Morning Bible Study

This group has been doing Bible and faith studies since 1972. We are now a very small group, but we still enjoy being together and finding out what the Bible has to say to us. For the January through April part of 2015 we watched and discussed the DVD series “The Lives of Great Christians”. Come fall we decided to go back to studying a chosen book of the Bible. Since then we have read & discussed the Gospel of Mark, completing it in April, 2016. We read every single word and were free to question or comment on whatever those words mean to us.

We will resume in September 2016 and plan to read the Gospel of Matthew, using the same format.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gwen Jamieson  
Monday Morning Bible Study Coordinator, 2016

# DANNY BROWNING MEMORIAL LIBRARY

## Danny Browning Memorial Library

The library continues to be used primarily by study groups. Folk from other churches are often surprised by the scope of our books and by the fact that they are up-to-date in theological thought. This is due to a reasonable budget and to the generous donations both of books & money from members of the congregation. Thank you.

In 2015 we added 22 new books to the adult section of the library, and so far in 2016 we have added 10. In 2015 we added 14 new books to the children's section and none so far in 2016.

Respectfully submitted  
Gwen Jamieson  
Librarian



## Finance & Facility Report

The Finance and Facility committee has the primary responsibility in managing and reporting to council on:

- property management, rentals, repairs and improvements
- office administration and support
- budget planning & pledged and Planned Givings

The property management saw several smaller repair and replacement projects this fiscal year. The janitorial and exterior maintenance services continued to be provided under a service contract with Calgary Services Ltd. Rental agreements and rules of use were provided to all user groups of the church building and grounds. Many thanks to the property task group Doug Jamieson, Don Rigby and Marlene Villiger. Marlene took on the rental management aspect of Finance & Facilities. Jude Sampson arranged for the supply and installation of power assist to the main doors in early 2016, the cost of which was paid from the Planned Giving Fund. Other minor facility repairs and upgrades were carried out throughout the fiscal year generally managed by Doug Jamieson and Don Linton

Office administration liaison was continued by Nancy Gillean in addition to her council chair responsibilities. This volunteer role is to provide clearer direction and support to our office administrator. Jacqueline Roach continues to serve our unique needs as our office administrator and provides a cheerful public face for our congregation.

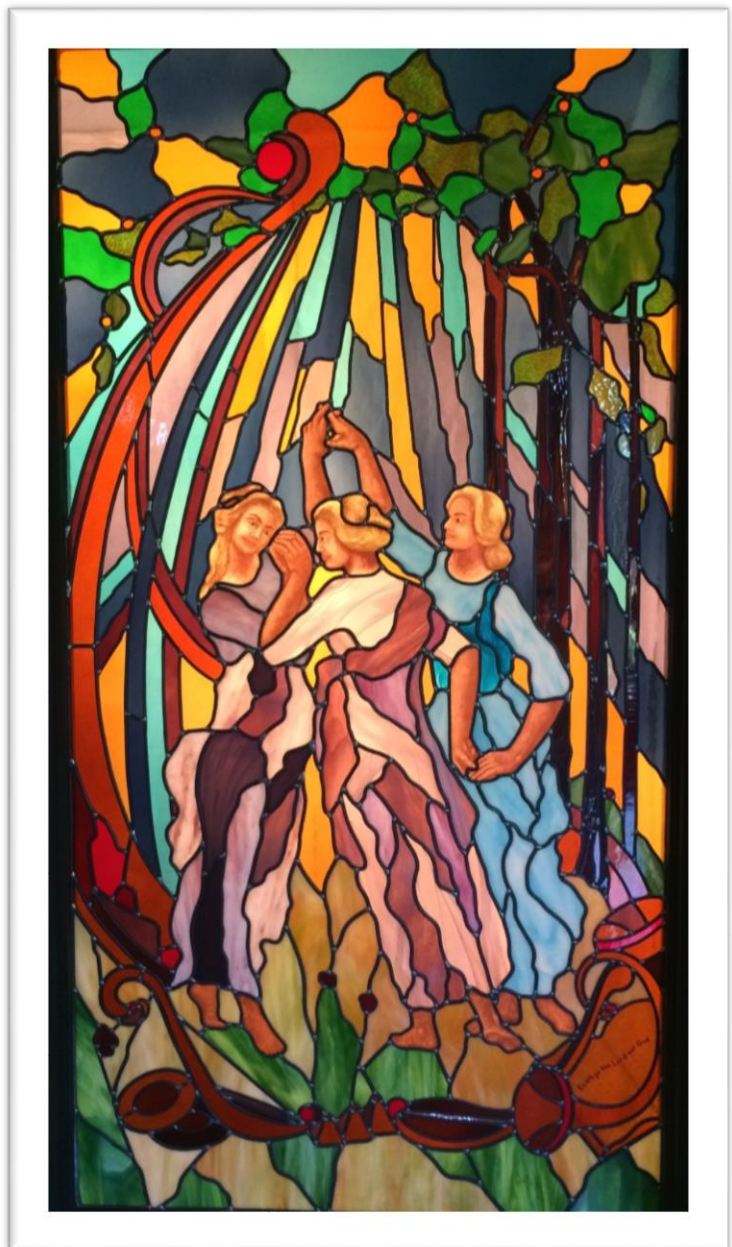
Finance coordination was a vacant volunteer position this fiscal year, this work fell to the Council, Council Chair and the Treasurer. The Pledgefest campaign was successfully carried out and cumulated in a budget with a significant deficit being approved by the congregation at the annual financial



## FINANCE & FACILITY REPORT

general meeting held on January 31st, 2016. Financial statements and budgets were reviewed, discussed and approved at the financial annual meeting. The deficit budget that was approved has put the congregation into a position that is not sustainable. This is an issue that must be dealt with in the coming years. Many thanks to the finance task group volunteers of Diane Johnson, Paige Martin and Ted Prince who along with our Treasurer Carolyn Bosch have tracked and organized the congregation's pledges, givings and expenses.

Don Linton  
Chair of Finance & Facilities  
Committee  
Report for 2015 (to year end of  
June 2016)





## Reaching Out Report

In early 2016, the RO committee spearheaded the sponsorship of a Syrian Family by LUC under the Blended Visa Office Referral (BVOR) Program, in partnership with the United Church of Canada. The budget of \$35,000 for sponsoring the family, is separate from the RO budget. A sum of \$15,000 was contributed by LUC towards the Syrian Refugee budget from an endowment fund; the rest was raised by way of donations. In addition significant contributions were received from the LUC community in the form of household effects, furniture etc.

About 25 volunteers are presently working as part of the LUC Refugee Committee to facilitate the successful resettlement of the Syrian family in Canada. Since the volunteer group includes several persons outside of LUC members the sponsorship effort has been successful at reaching out to those outside the Church community in this instance.

With regard to donations from the RO budget for 2016, the allocation process has been delayed due to the absence of a Chair. However, the Committee members are expected to meet in June 2016 to decide on the allocations for 2016. In the meantime, a sum of \$1,500 was donated to Red Cross towards the Fort McMurray fire relief effort, from the RO budget. As in previous years, the distribution of donated clothing for persons in need is scheduled for June.

The annual garage sale is a major reaching out event with participation of about 20 volunteers under the leadership of Janet Layton. The Garage sale for 2016 took place on May 13/14, 2016 and raised a sum of \$5,500 .

Raj Retnanandan

Mission & Service Contact, 2016

## Fellowship & Caring Report

The Fellowship and Caring Committee consists of Sue Spratt, Barb Penhale, Betty Hamilton, Daryl and Lesley Sedor, Jean Scott, Linda Zuege, Nancy Rose, Lorna Flack, Catherine Gunning, Sandy Browning, Nancy Gillean, Patricia Baker and Roxy Evans.

I would like to thank Lorna Flack for representing this committee on council.

What we do:

- visit shut-ins and hospital patients
- prepare the occasional dinner for people who are ill and at home
- set up and attend funeral/memorial receptions for church members (sadly we had to do this for one of our committee members, Eleanor Gordon)
- deliver flowers at Christmas and Easter for shut-in members, driving and aiding people who are alone
- greeting and welcoming
- preparing coffee with help Sunday mornings
- organizing “Souper Sundays” and other fellowship events

A large part of our mandate is supporting people who are unable to get to church. Another part is socializing to make our place welcoming and friendly. It is rewarding work, but we can always use more members. If you are interested in this important ministry, please make yourself known to any of the above.

Sue Spratt

Fellowship & Caring Chair, 2016

## OUR FOSTER CHILDREN

### Our Foster Children

For 41 years we have continued to support two children and their families through Plan Canada.

David (14 years of age) lives in rural El Salvador with his parents and sister. He is in 7th grade and likes to play soccer with his friends.

Ingrid (11 years of age) lives in Benin, a small country in West Africa, with her parents and two brothers. The children go to school.

Plan programs include community development, education, nutrition, sanitation and provision of clean drinking water. In spite of their problems, both families socialize with friends, participate in community activities and are grateful for our assistance through Plan.

Your continuing support through the Reaching Out Committee is much appreciated.

Midge Gilchrist

Plan International Representative, 2016



# MUSIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

## Music Director's Report,

My first Sunday service at the helm of Lakeview's music program was Remembrance Day Sunday 2015. Since then, I've moved through Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter and Pentecost with the choir and congregation-, gradually determining what works for this family of believers. I meet with Rev. Jope weekly to plan music appropriate for coming Sunday services, prepare and rehearse the choir and other musicians and am available to play for other services such as funerals.

The Lakeview United Church Choir is currently composed of about 18 dedicated singers: some are away for part of the choir year, so we are sometimes leading with half our singers. The choir is sometimes joined by other singers and musicians, notably for Christmas and Easter. We are looking forward to drawing on our existing congregational musical resources to lead singing and offer special music during the summer months. We are also grateful to our sound team- always doing a superb job for us!

During the summer, I intend to work on planning the choir's musical offerings for the coming year in a modular manner, taking into the account the seasonal nature of our group. Keen singers are always welcome to join us for all or part of the year, meeting with us to rehearse Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. from September until mid-June.

Submitted by Marie Taylor, Music Director  
Nov. 2015-May 2016

# THE CALGARY PRESBYTERY REPORT

## The Calgary Presbytery Report

The goal of presbytery is to help find the information we need about our congregations, and news about what's happening in our churches and beyond.

The local congregation is the place where ministry happens, where people connect with The Holy and with each other, where people can come when they're hurting and alone, celebrating or when they're looking for a community of kindred spirits.

The Presbytery is a part of the wider church governing structure which will assist the congregation with support, encouragement, resources, mentoring and training.

Twenty-eight United Church congregations form the collective known as "Calgary Presbytery".

Presbytery changed their regular meetings to four times per year or as called by the chair.

The biggest step that presbytery has taken this year was proceeding through the Affirming process. After much dialogue, questions and discernment the April gathering had the vote by secret ballot calling the question. After the ballots were counted there was a resounding 97% in favour of becoming an Affirming Presbytery. This does not mean that all the United Church's become affirming.

## THE CALGARY PRESBYTERY REPORT

Lakeview United Church is entitled to have two representatives attend Presbytery meetings. Presbytery is hosted by a different church for each meeting. I would encourage you to have your name put forward. I have always found Calgary Presbytery a rewarding and supportive group to be affiliated with. If you have any questions regarding Presbytery please feel free to contact me.

Peace and blessings

Daryl Sedor





# BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

## Board of Trustees Report

The Board of Trustees is mandated by the United Church of Canada to hold in trust the building and property. To this end the Board insures the building is adequately insured, well maintained, rental agreements are such as to protect the property and that any investments are sound.

The insurance coverage for the building remains at \$2,884,248. The trustees reviewed our insurance and received a quote from HUB International (who is group insurer for the United Church of Canada). For 2016 the premiums are \$4610.00 up from \$3836.00 for 11 months in 2015.

Maintenance of the church is being kept up according to the Church Council plans. Likewise the rental terms of reference established several years ago are working well.

This last year the Lakeview Church Council reviewed and changed the church's investment policy. A committee of the Trustees was set to make recommendations regarding investing of the large bequests to our planned giving fund. The committee consisting of trustees Elizabeth Marshall, Paige Martin and the Council's treasurer Carolyn Bosch brought a proposal to the Trustees in April 2016. The majority of the funds - \$625,000 will be invested with Fiera Capital Balanced Fund (these are the same money managers that the United Church of Canada uses). Another \$100,000 will be kept in the Scotia Bank GIS's to offer liquidity.

In 2015 the resignation of Don Greenfield and Rick Anderson and the passing of Pat Rigby the previous year necessitated the election of four new trustees by the congregation. The members elected are Elizabeth Marshall, Paige



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

Martin, Diane Johnstone and Don Linton. They join Nancy Gillean, Al MacDonald and George Zvanchuk on the Board. Thank you to all for the great wisdom and guidance given this past year.

Thank you to Don Greenfield and Rick Anderson for their service to this committee. Their thoughtful participation will be missed.

Hank Klassen Chair Board of Trustees Lakeview United Church  
2015

# NOTES