

The background of the entire page is a photograph of autumn foliage. In the foreground, there are several branches with leaves in shades of red, orange, and brown. In the background, a white building with a steeple is visible through the trees, though it is out of focus. The overall scene is bright and colorful, typical of a fall day.

Annual Report

LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH

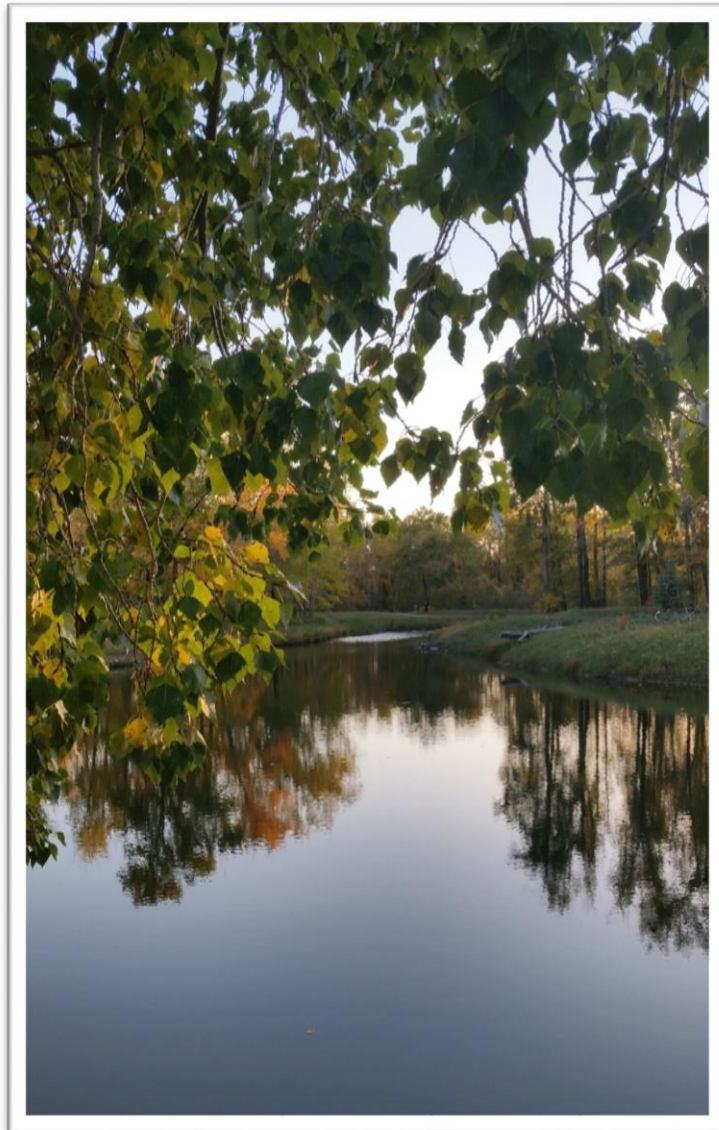
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In Memoriam
JULY 1, 2016 – JUNE 30, 2017

Anne Henderson
Maxine Kathryn Culbert
John (Jack) Culbert
Sylvia Emily Willis



Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 29th 2016

The annual general congregational meeting of Lakeview United Church was held at the Church on Sunday, May 29, 2016, following morning worship.

Annual Report- See Appendix A

1. CALL TO ORDER Nancy Gillean, Chair of Council, called the meeting to order at 11:18 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: Vera Mavis Delight Mannen, Kenneth Duncan Butterworth, Carl Grasdahl, Barbara Patricia Hill, Sylvia Jean Grant, Christina Louise Clarke, Elizabeth Frances Mawdsley, and Wilf Godfrey.

3. NOTIFICATION OF MEETING

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

4. MOTION RE ADHERENTS, and QUORUM CONFIRMATION

Moved by Daryl Sedor and seconded by Ken Tusz "That adherents who contribute regularly to the support of the congregation be granted voting privileges at this AGM." (2013 UCC Manual B 3.7.2.) CARRIED.

QUORUM - Nancy Gillean informed the meeting that quorum had been reached.

5. MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Moved by Ron Gillean and seconded by Louise Poudrette that Bob Gibennus be appointed Chair and Barbara Penhale be appointed Secretary for this meeting. CARRIED. Nancy Gillean then turned the meeting over to the newly appointed Chair and Secretary.

6. MOTION RE VOTING METHOD

Moved by Peggy Gibennus and seconded by Maida Evans "That Council and Committee appointments be approved by show of hands, rather than ballots."
CARRIED

7. MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Chair asked if there were any changes to be made to the agenda. There was a minor typo in a date which was corrected. There being no other changes, the agenda was declared APPROVED by the Chair.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MAY 25, 2015

The Chair asked if there were any changes or corrections to these minutes. There being none, the minutes were declared APPROVED by the Chair.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ELECTION OF TRUSTEES GENERAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 22, 2015

The Chair asked if there were any changes or corrections to these minutes. There being none, the minutes were declared APPROVED by the Chair.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL MEETING OF JANUARY 31, 2016

The Chair asked if there were any changes or corrections to these minutes. There being none, the minutes were declared APPROVED by the Chair.

11. COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Chair noted that the Committee reports are in the Annual Report. He asked if any Committee Chairs wished to comment on their reports.

Fiona Hayes, Chair of Ministry and Personnel, spoke about the possibility of offering honoraria to certain volunteers, specifically the Chair of Council and the

Treasurer, because of the significant requirements, expectations, and time demands of their positions. She mentioned that this was quite common in non-profit organizations and is also practiced in some churches. She invited thoughts on this idea.

Several opinions were offered such as: it would be difficult to decide who receives an honorarium; maybe salaries would be better; demands and expectations may rise if compensation is offered; where would the money come from; perhaps another type of recognition such as a year -end dinner or other token of appreciation would be better; job-sharing might help with the demands of certain positions.

After several minutes of discussion, the Chair raised a Point -of-Order, noting there was no motion on the floor and asking Fiona if she wished to make one. Fiona proposed the following:

MOTION - Moved by Fiona Hayes and seconded by Molly Layton that the Ministry and Personnel Committee explore the possibilities of extending honoraria to the Council Chair and Treasurer, and possibly other positions. CARRIED.

There being no other discussion on the committee reports, the Chair called for a motion to accept the reports.

MOTION - Moved by Carolyn Bosch and seconded by Ted Prince to accept the July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 committee reports as submitted. CARRIED.

12. PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS FOR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES AND THEIR POSITIONS

Nancy Gillean, Chair of Council, introduced Paige Martin as the incoming Treasurer. She then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, she asked for a motion to approve the slate.

MOTION - Moved by Carolyn Bosch and seconded by Fiona Hayes that the slate be approved as presented. CARRIED.

13. SEEKING NEW MEMBERS FOR COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES

MOTION - Moved by Nancy Gillean and seconded by Murray Rose "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 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO HAVE FINISHED THEIR TERMS AS MEMBERS - Nancy Gillean

Nancy thanked retiring Secretary Barbara Penhale and Treasurer Carolyn Bosch for their service. She also presented Carolyn with a small gift in recognition of Carolyn's many exemplary years as Treasurer.

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, and Music Director Marie Taylor, as well as to the many volunteers who contribute time and talent to helping this church function in an organized and effective manner.

Chair Bob Gibennus spoke of the significant need for people to fill empty positions on Council and Committees. Nancy Gillean spoke of the same issue, saying the work load needs to be more fairly distributed. She will stay as Chair of Council until a replacement can be found, but has health issues that may require her to leave before there is a replacement.

16. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Nancy Gillean at 11:54 AM that the meeting adjourn.

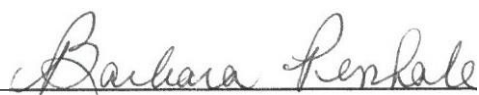
17. BLESSING - Rev. Jope Langejans

Rev. Jope invited the congregation to join him in singing "Go Now in Peace" (Voices United #964) as the blessing.

The meeting adjourned.



Bob Gibennus, Chair



Barbara Penhale, Secretary

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee is a Sub-Committee of the Facilities & Finance Committee that reports to the Church Council. The Treasurer and other members of this committee work with the Council to compile the annual budget, track spending and monitor LUC's investments.

For at least the last two years (at least), there has been no Chair of the Finance Committee. The Treasurer has assumed this role in the interim, and it is of ongoing concern that there is no other level of formal financial oversight.

The Treasurer (Paige Martin) presented the 2016 Annual Financial Report and 2017 Budget to Lakeview United Church members and adherents on February 12, 2017.

The Investment Committee (Paige Martin, Elizabeth Marshall and Carolyn Bosch), is a sub-set of the Board of and Trustees. They continued to monitor the investments in GIC's and the Fiera Capital Fund. A recommendation was made and approved by the Board of Trustees on February 5, 2017, to complete the second phase of the investment into Fiera Capital Fund, which will be done in May 2017 when the GIC's mature.

In addition, an amendment to the Planned Giving Fund was approved by the Council, Trustees and Congregation (Feb 12, 2017) to allow the Board of Trustees discretion to allocate up to 50% of the future Planned Giving Fund annual income to operational expenses (ie in the case of an operational deficit).

The Envelope Steward position was vacated and has been abolished, as no volunteers stepped forward. Envelope distribution and Pre-Authorised Payment (PAR) duties are being assumed by the Treasurer and the Office Administrator.

Pledgefest this year was managed by Carolyn Bosch, with assistance from Diane Johnstone with pledgefest summation. We are looking for new faces to help with Pledgefest in the fall of 2017.

Ted Prince, Counter Coordinator, ensures that Sunday morning volunteers are available to count each weeks' givings and make deposits to the bank. He is currently seeking additional volunteers.

Shelly Logan-Gordanier took on the role of ADP Payroll Coordinator. She coordinated payment of our full time employees in compliance with the United Church of Canada, the provincial and federal government requirements. This also included a great deal of additional work in managing temporary staff and short/long term disability arrangements for one staff member.

Nancy Gillean, Trustee Liaison, kept Trustees advised of ongoings that require Trustees' action, including the review the 2016 Annual Financial Report and advice regarding the 2017 Budget.

Many thanks to the above-mentioned volunteers for filling and fulfilling these roles that keep Lakeview United Church in good and sound financial standing.

There are more than a few vacancies and some of these dedicated volunteers have served well beyond the expected length of a two year term. Please consider stepping up to fill any of the above-mentioned positions which are vital to ongoing financial viability of our church.

We also thank Jacqueline Roach, our Office Administrator, as well as Carolyn Bosch who assisted with the bookkeeping for a period this year, for all the work done to pay bills, properly account for contributions and properly record all other income.

Submitted by Paige Martin, Treasurer 2017



Minister's Report

In George B. Thompson Jr.'s book *Treasures in Clay Jars: New Ways to Understand Your Church*, he argues that we, today, are witnessing the end of one dominant model of Christianity and that the familiar forms and practices of Christian faith for millions have shifted. This may also be true in our own Pastoral Charge or any of the other congregations in the area but we need to focus on the last part of Thompson's statement in that there may be an end to one model but that a new one is surfacing or has surfaced already. This has truly been visible in Lakeview Pastoral Charge during the 2016 year and it is to this end where I have the honour of addressing such a wonderful occurrence. I offer to all of you my 2016 Minister's Report and may the words which are put before you resonate with the happenings which have transpired in this wonderful and vibrant community of faith over the year.

2016 has been a wonderful journey together and I again am so humbled by all of the hopes and the dreams, the prayers and actions, and the love and the compassion that has so freely come from the hearts of each and every one of you. I sense that your focus has always seemed to be to strive for greater things and to seek the heart of God in all that you do. And in looking at the bigger picture, these 3 and ½ years have gone by quickly and may go down in the annals of the Pastoral Charges' history as 'times of change' and 'times of growth' and I personally feel so privileged to have been a wonderful part of it. The financial situations have been good, the numbers in the pews have been somewhat consistent, we have worked diligently to feed ourselves in different ways (both physically and spiritually), our building is in decent shape, and there is a general sense that the Spirit moves through all that is hoped and all that is accomplished. It is through believing in 'self' and believing in doing things together where 'church' becomes more than just a word – it becomes a community of 'selfs' where God's kingdom becomes realized...hats off to all of you for your stick-to-itiveness and your belief in each other! So let's take a brief look at what has transpired in the year 2016 and what some of the highlights may have been:

- a) Worship –this has been an integral part of the church's function and many folks

have put this as one of their highlights of their week. Services have been well-attended and we have been truly invitational and hospitable to visitors and also to those who have been members or adherents for many years. We have introduced 'new folk' and we believe they like what they see. My thank-yous and kudos to the greeters, to the readers, to those who light candles and share in communion, to the technological gurus, thanks to the choir and to Marie and to the various accompanists, to the ones who labour in the kitchen, who change light bulbs, who organize everything from Council matters to Garage Sales to rental and the such, and so on – you are truly blessed and the word 'thank-you' could never show the appreciation which all of us offer to you. You know who you are so stand up and take a bow...yeah, right now!

b) Book Studies and Bible Studies – These have been well attended and I believe that all of us grew a little through these weekly endeavours and have had the opportunities of tackling issues through the lenses of our humanity and what our God is calling us to do and to be.

c) Special Services – Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Palm Sunday, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, Remembrance Day, Advent, The Longest Night, Christmas Eve, Staywell, Garrison Woods, and many funerals and weddings and baptisms – these all brought the Message or the Gospel closer to many, many folk and we need to acknowledge that our ministry reaches places where sometimes we forget the people which it touches or it changes...

d) Church Suppers (such as Shrove Tuesday) and snacks and beverages following worship, Lenten Movie Series, Warming Up to Worship, well-stocked and well-managed library, office staff par excellence, refugee family committee and all the help involved with this, monies shared with social agencies in the city, food bank donations and emergency help to those in need, and we could list so many more initiatives and so thankful that we have opportunities of being the hands and hearts of Christ.

e) Presbytery has taken some time and it can be challenging some days and then enriching the next. I suppose everything is always in perspective and to keep the larger United Church moving along, some need to say 'yes' to the positions which are available and this was a decision which I had made on behalf of all of

you. My tenure will be over soon and am looking forward to less of a role in this most important calling.

f) And I would be remiss not to thank the office staff, Jaqueline and Brittany for their tireless work and Paige and Carolyn for their financial wizardry.

I realize that this may be a small picture of who we are and what we have accomplished (or what I may have done) but I truly encourage you to look back at these deeds and to offer thank-yous to those who so diligently kept your church alive and your community alive. And to those whom I might have forgotten, accept my apologies and the blame would be on me.

In conclusion, I offer my thanks for the many years of believing in me and allowing me to believe in you and to also share in your faith journey. 2016 was a good year and there will be nothing more than better years to follow and excitement will fill your hearts and fill the pews. Peace and blessings to all of you and may this year be one of wonder and one of newness. May the God of the ages touch your hearts and the Spirit of Christ live within you. Shalom.

Rev. Jope Langejans (BA, MDiv)

2016



Ministry & Personnel Report

This year saw a variety of faces in our office. Cynthia Fonderson, our summer student last summer was called on at short notice to cover for Jacqueline Roach, our Office Administrator. After Cynthia returned to university, Brittany Shippey-Heilman took over the reins and provided friendly, capable support until Jacqueline returned. We are delighted to have Jacqueline back.

Once again, using money from legacy funds and a subsidy from the Government of Alberta's STEP program, we have hired a summer student, Stirling McKay, to work on Community Relations initiatives. He will be keen to get members of the congregation involved in special events this summer. As a church, we see hiring students as part of our efforts to help those "reaching up" to improve themselves through education.

We have encouraged our staff to look out for professional development opportunities this year. Jacqueline attended PowerChurch training. We supported Jope in his idea of taking study leave to experience life and worship in an area of Cuba where there is a lot of poverty, far from the tourist trail. He kept a journal and took photos and plans to share his experiences with the congregation. Opportunities for professional development and personal growth lead to fresh ideas for the congregation.

In service to the church,

Fiona Hayes

Council Report

Greetings

...in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our only reason for being here...

Lois Wilson-moderator

General Council 1980

It is very hard to believe that another church year has passed. This year the Council has been very busy and I am proud to say have accomplished much. Before I go further, I must thank all the Council members, committee members and our numerous volunteers for their hard work and diligence. We have had a full and productive year.

We are very proud of our staff. They have gone above and beyond their duties. Jacqueline welcomes all with a huge smile and runs an efficient office. We have been very lucky to have Brittany Shippy-Heilman to help throughout this year as well as Cynthia, our STEP student last summer. Marie Taylor has been instrumental in keeping our choir and music program continuing.

Thank you Marie and our small but dedicated choir.

Rev. Jope has again provided meaningful worship and pastoral care. As well Jope keeps active in our community, trying to involve and welcome all.

As you can see, Lakeview United does not function with one or two people; but a combination of many "helping hands"

Starting with Creation time in the fall and right up until now, the Council has kept abreast of all things concerning the growth of our church and the wider church i.e. baptisms, new memberships as well as Affirming Ministry and delving into the new Remits.

We had a one day retreat at Entheos in February for study and reflection. In the am., we did a Fresh Start module "Family Systems Theory" and after lunch and a walk we attended a visioning workshop. "The Next Step" led by Bob Gibennus.

We began our Affirming Ministry process in Dec. 2015 and hopefully we can have our vote this September.

As we near June 30th and another year, I wish you love, health and God's blessings. On behalf of all the Council thank you for your continuing support.

Nancy Gillean

Chair of Council

June 30th 2016-JULY 1ST 2017



Faith Formation & Worship Report

Our committee has been very busy this year. We wish to thank committee members Gwen Jamieson, Barb Spence, Louise Poudrette, Sherry Kovats and Bob Gibennus for keeping things organized. We also thank Rev. Jope for his leadership and mentorship.

We also wish to thank the volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes making Faith Formation and Worship work for all of you.

- Bob Gibennus, Gwen Jamieson, Hank Klassen and Sue Spratt for taking leadership roles in study groups on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday respectively.
- Heather Mayers for organizing the lay readers and communion servers.
- Rob and Diane Stinson for consistently providing the elements of communion.
- Greeter Patricia Baker; Ushers Dave McCrae and George Zvanchuk; sound and screen guys Doug Jamieson, Don Linton and Silas Kovats.
- Ron Gillean, who quietly goes about the business of cleaning & tidying pew areas, repositioning hymn books and pew Bibles and generally ensuring that the sanctuary is always ready for worship.
- All of you who have stepped up to help with gathering offering, greeting, ushering, reading scripture, leading prayers, serving communion and all other matters relating to Faith Formation and Worship.

Great job, everyone! God is truly at work at Lakeview!

Here is a brief summary of our activities this year:

Faith Formation

2017-05-28

Weekly Study Groups:

All are welcome to join any of our 4 very active study groups.

Warming up to Worship. Meets on Sunday Mornings at 9:00 in the downstairs group room to read and discuss the readings that we will hear in worship that day. On average 6 – 8 people attend. Leader: Bob Gibennus

Monday Morning. Meets Monday Mornings at 9:30 in the upper hall. The fall of 2017 will mark 45 years of this group meeting to study together. We are now a very small group, but we still find that the Bible and other faith books have important things to say to us. We completed the Gospel of Mark in the spring of 2016. Starting up again in the fall we chose to study the Gospel of Matthew, reading every word. We rotate leadership and use a variety of resources to help us with the context and meaning of what we read. April 24 is our last meeting until the fall, when we will resume the study of Matthew. Monday Morning Bible Study Coordinator, 2017: Gwen Jamieson

Wednesday Morning. Meets Wednesday mornings at 10:00 in the upper hall; starting after Thanksgiving, taking a break at Christmas then going from January to Lent. In our time together, we have read most of the Bible, one book at a time, alternating between the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. Last fall we worked through 2 Samuel and in January we began looking at the book of Ezekiel, which we will resume after Thanksgiving. Leader: Hank Klassen.

Friday Morning. Meets Friday mornings at 9:30 in members' homes; starting after Thanksgiving and ending May long weekend. This year We discovered the writings by Joan Chittister, a Benedictine Nun, teacher and writer. Two books studied this year: "Scarred by Struggle, Redeemed by Hope" and "Between the Dark and the Daylight, Embracing the Contradictions of Life" Leader: Sue Spratt

Advent Book Study: This year Rev. Jope guided us through *Awaiting the Already* by Magrey R. deVega

Lenten Movie Series: This year, each Thursday afternoon in Lent featured a thought provoking movie in the sanctuary, followed by a brief discussion. The titles for this year's series were:

Worship

We received feedback from a number of you on various aspects of worship and have made honest efforts to respond by working closely with the Minister, Rev. Jope Langejans, seeking ways to enhance your worship experience. A number features of worship were added this year, some new and some revived from previous years that hadn't been done in a while. These included:

- Prayers of the people. Once a month, usually on the last Sunday, the pastoral prayer is prayed by a lay member of the congregation instead of the minister. This has received much positive feedback. You have told us that you find it very meaningful.
- Readers Theatre. Approximately once a month, one of the readings is done in a drama format with various readers taking parts in the reading. This, too has received much positive feedback.
- Prayer Candles. We have made the tea light candles available for people to light at any time they wish, before, during or after the service. We notice that many candles are lit each week, which tells us that many of you find this method of prayer helpful.

Music

Our committee continues to work closely with Marie Taylor and Rev. Jope to ensure quality music ministry during worship services. See Marie's Music Director Report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bob Gibennus, Chair of Faith Formation & Worship Committee

Monday Morning Bible Study

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Respectfully submitted,

Gwen Jamieson

Monday Morning Bible Study Coordinator, 2017



Danny Browning Memorial Library

The library continues to be used mainly by the three study groups within the congregation. A few members of the congregation are also regular borrowers. We appreciate the budget allotted to the library for new books, which permits us to keep our resources current. In 2016 we added 30 new resources to the adult section as well as 3 so far in 2017. In 2016 we added 2 new books to the children's section and 2 so far in 2017.

Respectfully submitted

Gwen Jamieson, Librarian

Finance & Facility Report

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

- Property management, rentals, repairs and improvements

The property management saw several repair and replacement projects this fiscal year. In the summer of 2016 the original vinyl asbestos tile in the original building basement areas was removed by a qualified specialty contractor and new Vinyl Tile flooring and an epoxy matrix flooring was installed. The office telephone system was replaced in the summer of 2016 as well.

In the fall of 2016 the organ was replaced by a re-conditioned used organ and modifications made to the orientation of the organ loft speaker in the south west corner of the Sanctuary.

In April of 2017 the furnace serving the original basement hall was replaced with a new high efficiency furnace when the old furnace developed a crack in the heat exchanger. In May 2017 the small freezer in the kitchen was replaced. Other minor facility repairs and upgrades were carried out throughout the fiscal year generally managed by Doug Jamieson & Don Linton.

Various pieces of sound and AV equipment were replaced or added to replace old equipment and to replace equipment in use that is property of the Living Grace Church, our long time tenant.

Looking forward the property task group has explored the possible arrangement and costs for replacing some pews with linked chairs. This is currently under review by LUC Council in consultation with the congregation.

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, Marlene Villiger and who took on the management of, or performed, these activities

Report prepared by Don Linton, Acting Chair Facilities Committee

For 2016 (to year end of June 2017)

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 family of four (Ismail, Rola, Sham (2) and Layan (1)) has now completed fifteen months residence in Calgary and is largely independent and increasingly confident about the future; thanks to the LUC volunteers who visit the family and pay a great deal of attention to their day to day progress in learning English and job readiness.

Ismail, has found work at a construction site and Rola is attending English classes two days a week. In April 2017, a Community Sponsorship application was initiated by LUC to sponsor four family members of Rola who are presently living in a refugee camp in Amman Jordan. This community sponsorship process is expected to take at least 12 months. If the application is approved, it would be over a year before the sponsored family arrives in Canada.

In 2016 the RO committee made donations totalling \$22,000 from its budget to meet basic community needs in the City such as food and shelter as well as ministry work. Specific donations were made to such organizations as the interfaith food bank, the Calgary homeless foundation, Mustard seed and Campus Ministry of U of C and MRU, to name just a few. In addition \$1500 was donated to the Red Cross in response to the Ft Mc Murray fire.

The RO Committee members are expected to meet in June 2017 to decide on the allocations for this year. In the meantime a sum of \$1,000 was donated for the Sudan drought relief effort, from the RO budget for 2017. As in previous years, the distribution of clothing exchange for people in need was completed the first Saturday of June, 2016.

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 2017 took place on May 5/6, 2017 and raised a sum of \$5,165.

Raj Retnanandan

May 15, 2017

Fellowship & Caring Report

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

I would like to thank Lorna Flack for representing this committee on council, until her recent stay in the Fanning Centre. Thankfully Lorna has returned home and we look forward to seeing her in church.

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.
- Deliver flowers at Christmas and Easter for shut-ins
- 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, Chairman

Our Foster Children

Since 1975 we have supported two children and their families through Plan Canada. Families in both villages are encouraged to set goals and work together to overcome the challenges they face daily. They are grateful for our assistance through Plan, and the knowledge that someone cares about their progress.

David (15) lives in rural El Salvador with his parents and sister, Leydi. “I am still studying with my sister, and we are doing great at school. My favorite subject is language, as we learn many things about the writers and their stories.”

Ingrid (12) lives in Benin, a small country in West Africa, with her parents and two brothers. “We all go to school. I help my parents with the house work and the farm work. We grow corn and beans.”

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

Midge Gilchrist



Music Director's Report

The changes in Lakeview's music program- with its core purpose of providing music to the church at worship- have been spotlighted during the past several months.

At our best- the fall season, Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter, we can have 15 singers and guest musicians joyfully providing musical leadership to the congregation: at low ebb we have led valiantly with far fewer. The Worship leadership is aware that innovative ways to continue to provide a high standard of music is a strong desire of the congregation, and has been actively consulting with the choir and Music Director, as well as members of this congregation, and other churches, to move forward with this.

This topic was part of the agenda at the church's leadership retreat this spring at Entheos.

The choir reflects the congregation. There is a general "rule of thumb" that we can recruit one choir member from each ten members of the congregation. Changing demographics, an affluently mobile congregation, injuries/illness and job pressures in a challenging economy are primary factors contributing to changes to the choir. Musical leadership is especially challenging when there is wide variance in attendance.

Lakeview is blessed with a highly committed Sound team, and Doug Jamieson is to be thanked for moving quickly in securing a very useable organ to replace the organ in place since the 1980's.

Lakeview was pleased to host one of the Cantilon Children's Choirs from Edmonton and from the Westwinds Choral Society to lead us in worship in the fall, and we hope to include other guest choirs and musicians in Sunday worship as we move into the next year. The Music Director was also able to accompany Rev. Jope to a presbytery meeting, as pianist, and to play at a Prayer Service for the presbytery's ministers hosted at Lakeview.

Sundays may not always feature the same musical leadership, but a strong focus on inspiration through music will remain!

Marie Taylor

Affirming Ministry Report

We find ourselves in exciting times of change as we move forward in our Affirming processes here at Lakeview United Church. Below is a list of some of the events that we have been participated in during the past year.

- June 1, we watched For The Bible Tells Me So
- June 22, the Orlando Memorial Service at Jack Singer Hall
- July 7-10, volunteers at Camp FYre Fly
- July 24, attended CQC summer picnic
- August 21 & 28, assisted in painting the Pride Parade float
- September 4, rode in the Pride Parade and a number of spectators attended, visited resource area after the parade
- September 18, attended Pam Rocker's play "Heterophoboa" at McDougall United Church
- October 16, our annual baby shower with items being given to The Children's Cottage and to Leyan the newest addition to our Syrian family.
- October 18, affirming meeting planning for further events
- October 23, we had Pace Anhorn and the CQC band for our service
- November 18, attended Pam Rocker's "coming Out in Faith Monologues" at Hillhurst United
- January 15, we had Graham Loudon as guest speaker who told us his story
- February 16, council and committee representatives had a retreat at Entheos.

One of our items was to start discussing our Vision and Mission statements as we move forward in our Affirming process.

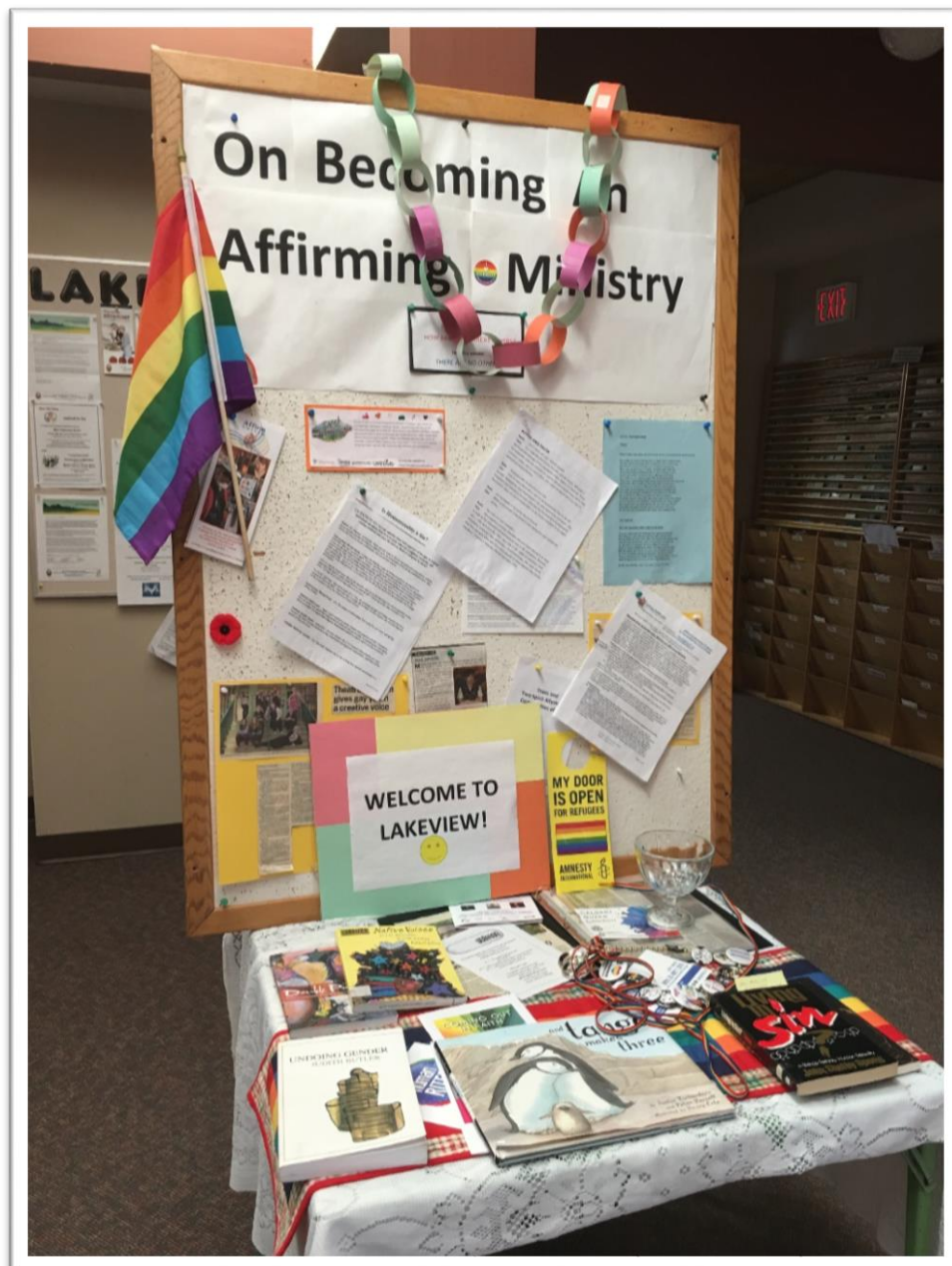
We will be hosting the Affirming meeting at Lakeview on June 7. This is where all the Affirming Congregations get together and update on their processes and their celebrations. It is very exciting that there are other denominations who have or are in the process of becoming Affirmed congregations. Some use different words As Welcoming Congregations, all have the same vision of acceptance of everyone.

There have been other events attended and supported throughout the year that I know have not been reported by way of attending programs and events at other

churches to commemorate events and to celebrate with them as they also go through their Affirming processes.

We at Lakeview are working on our Vision and Mission statement. We will be consulting with Affirmed United as we get closer to what would be an acceptable statement.

The Affirming Committee 2017



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 2017 the premiums are \$4610.00, the same as 2016.

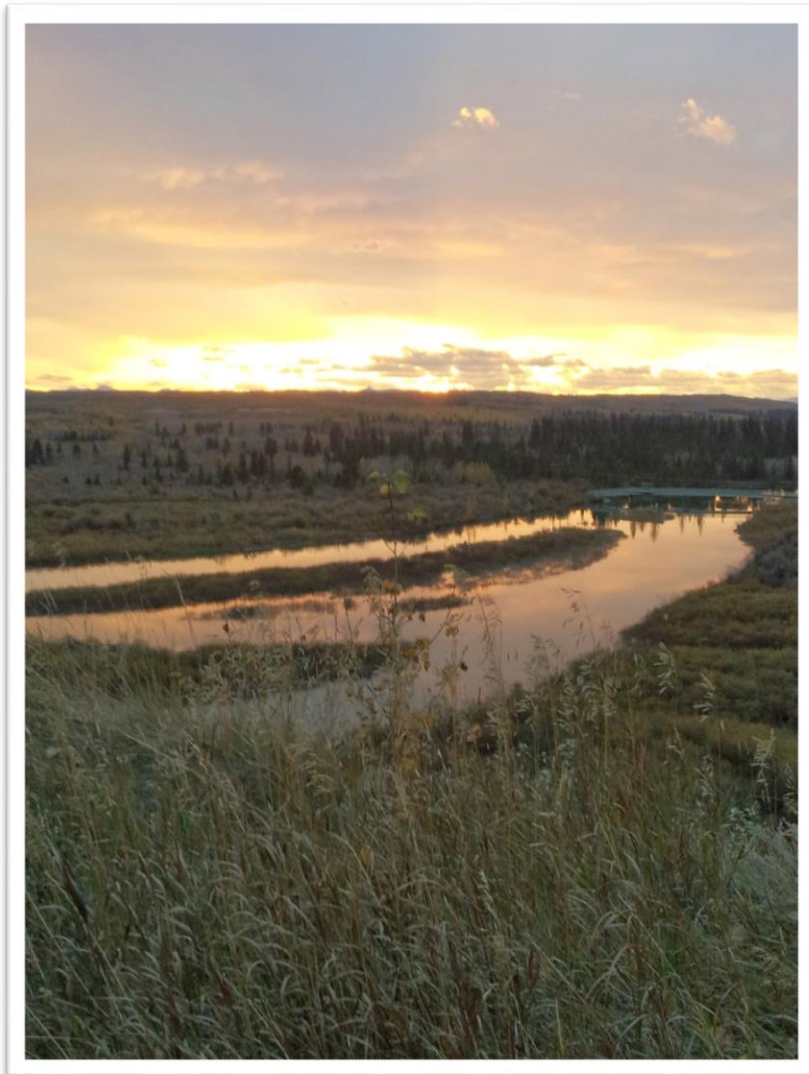
Maintenance of the church is being kept up according to the Church Council plans. Likewise the rental terms of reference established several years ago are working well.

This last year the Lakeview Church Council reviewed and changed the church's investment policy. In May of 2016 \$312,000 of the church's bequests was invested with Fiera Capital Fund. This fund is the investment choice of the United Church of Canada. The earnings on this fund are doing well and it is planned to move some GIC money to this fund on their maturity in May of 2017.

Thank you to George Zvanchuk, Paige Martin, Nancy Gillean, Don Linton, Diane Johnstone, Elizabeth Marshall, and Al MacDonald. Thank you also Rev. Jope Langejans for his advice.

Hank Klassen Chair Board of Trustees Lakeview United Church, 2016

Notes



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