SUNNYBROOK UNITED CHURCH 2016 ANNUAL REPORT

Our Vision:

Being & Belonging & Becoming
Living our lives with compassion, commitment, purpose, and meaning.
Creating a warm and welcoming intergenerational community of faith, while challenging one another to learn and grow.

Our Mission:

We are a community seeking to follow Jesus the Christ. We gather in large and small groups to worship, celebrate, encourage and comfort one another. Living our faith we walk humbly with God, caring for all with love and compassion and pursuing justice.

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IN MEMORIAM - 2016

- **▶ Colin Lough
- **▶ Lillian Thackeray
- **▶ James Ridley
- **▶ Eileen McLane
- **▶ Stan Sims
- **▶ Agnes Wiart
- **▶ Albert Heft
- **▶ Joseph Lindberg
- **▶ Jane Bechthold
- **▶ Vivian Dudley
- **▶ Gladys Saunders
- **▶ Sharon Freeman
- ** Sadie Braun
- ► William Wayne Forster
- David Rattray
- ** Ed Aronitz
- ** Margot Hanson
- **▶ Marjorie Moxham

** denotes members and adherents of Sunnybrook United Church

► Services performed by other ministers

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

SUNNYBROOK UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2016 At Sunnybrook United Church

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Poynter Rose Traverse Gordon Traverse Carol Keen Hazel Chantler Diane Manship Dale L. Watson Anne Watson Connie Baird Sam Denhaan Bonnie Denhaan Don Lewis Roberta Dubois Michael Evans Laurel Charlton George Moore Joyce Moore Bill Hanrahan Brian MacNairn Dave Savage Laurie Kaban Rov Styner Nora Styner Molly Nesom Dawn Danderfer Colleen Dennehy Caron Murray Kathleen Drok **Brenda Corney** Mary W. C. Smith Vernon Murgatroyd Peter Kugba-Nyande Jane Wakefield Keith Rispler Catherine Rispler **Brent Rempel** Phyl Nesom Chess Nesom Delta Rempel Jim Horne Ethel Horne Mary Joan Barrett **Shirley Challoner** Alice Williamson Jeff Challoner Derek McNaney Ann McNaney Doris Peck **Jack Pickett Doreen Pickett** Marcia Duncombe Dale Ferguson Pat Ferguson Bert Johnson Gladys Campbell Jim Campbell Chris Hume Merla Gibson Bill Gibson **Faye Richards** Gerry Winia Loretta Winia Norma Poll Bryan Wilson Lvnn Wilson Mary Ellen Moore Victor Willoughby Joyce Willoughby Wayne Carey Bev Hughes Faye Hughes Dorothy Billan Harvey Robertson Cheryl Robertson Elsie Fraser Marg Baltimore Ken Baltimore Vivian Williamson Joan Hepburn Don Hepburn Shirley Thomas Allan Charles Pat Charles Donna Polutnik Elizabeth Reid William Reid Marvin Pickering Jean McKee

A. PROCEDURES & PROCESS (remain here in the sanctuary) Rev. Peter Kugba-Nyande

- Meeting is to hear reports & plan our future together
- Grammatical Changes received in writing only
- Voting in The United Church of Canada

The Manual 2013, Section B Local Ministry Unit page 56

3.7 Who May Vote

- 3.7.1 Full Members May Vote All members whose names are on the membership roll have the right to vote at all meetings of the congregation
- 3.7.2 When Adherents May Vote Adherents may vote at meetings of the congregation if
 - (a) full members decide to allow adherents to vote; and
 - (b) the vote is on a financial or administrative matter.
- 3.7.3 When Adherents May Not Vote Adherents may not vote
 - (a) on anything involving the pastoral relationship, including searches, calls, and appointments;
 - (b) in elections of appointments of the governing body, committees, trustees, and presbytery representatives, and of other bodies and officers;
 - (c) on anything involving the order of worship;
 - (d) in amalgamating, disbanding, or realigning the congregation or pastoral charge; and
 - (e) on property matters needing presbytery consent.

B. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY

MOTION 2016-02-07-01: Brenda Corney/Jim Horne that Marvin Pickering be appointed for Chairperson for the Annual General Meeting.

Carried

MOTION 2016-02-07-02: Mike Evans/Brent Rempel that Loretta Winia be appointed as recording secretary for Annual General Meeting.

Carried.

- C. **CALL TO ORDER** Marvin Pickering -Chair
- D. **OPENING PRAYER** -Rev. Peter Kugba-Nyande Attendance Sheet was circulated.

E. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION 2016-02-07-03: Catherine Rispler/Brenda Corney that the Agenda for the AGM be adopted as circulated.

Carried

F. VOTING PRIVILEGES for ADHERENTS

MOTION 2016-02-07-04: Brent Rempel/Sam Denhaan that voting privileges at the AGM be extended to adherents of the congregation attending the AGM.

G. CORRESPONDENCE

- None presented.

H. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – AGM February 8, 2015

MOTION 2016-02-0-05: Gord Traverse/Mike Evans that the minutes of the February 8, 2015 AGM be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

I. BUSINESS FROM THE MINUTES

J. PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORT

- a. Minister's Report
 - Peter thanked the congregation for the support he has received during his time serving at Sunnybrook
 - expressed gratitude to Transition Team who have worked diligently over the past year and a half
 - success is dependent on the continuation of the work that has already been done
 - funds are available (\$3,000 6,000) for programming specifically for youth

b. Council and Committee Reports

- -reviewed with the opportunity for congregation to ask questions
- addition noted Alice Williamson's name be included in the Faith & Social Justice Committee (pg. 24)
- Pastoral Care thanks extended to all those who volunteer friendly visitors, hospital visitors and flower deliverers
- Music & Worship continued search for choir director working with M&P
- Committees were thanked for their commitment and support of Sunnybrook.

MOTION 2016-02-07-06: Mike Evans/Jim Horne that the Committee Reports be received as circulated.

Carried.

K. FINANCIAL REPORT 2015 -Gerry Winia

- a. **Presentation of 2015 Financial Report** pg. 57
 - Gerry Winia reviewed the unaudited Financial Statements for 2015. Books going to the Accountant in the coming week for their review
 - Balance sheet as of December 31, 1205 shows \$245,000 in currents assets and \$970,000 in fixed assets with only a minimal debt of Accounts Payable
 - Real estate appraisal was updated in November 2015 for insurance purposes, resulting in an increase in value from \$3,675,000 to \$4,045,000.
 - Operating statement shows a loss of \$3,000 for the year versus \$400 budget. The \$16,000 shortfall in local contributions was offset by reduced expenditures of \$12,000 (mainly due to \$4,500 savings on Choir Director, \$4,200 in lower Committee expenses)
 - Contributions to Capital fund (furnace replacement) below budget, need more effort in 2016.
 - Thank you extended to the Treasurer!

MOTION 2016-02-07-07: Dave Savage/George Moore that the Financial Report be accepted as presented.

L. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Report from Minister** -Rev. Peter Kugba-Nyande
 - appreciative of pulpit relief
 - thanked Transition Team
- b. **Report from Council Chair** -Marvin Pickering no additional comments
- c. **Report from Transition Team** Mike Evans
 - -January 24. 2016 Final Report was accepted by Council
 - -Final Report forwarded to Red Deer Presbytery
 - Report accepted
 - approved the forming of JNAC Committee
 - Margaret Lange will be the Presbytery representative
 - Thanks extended to Transition Team Mike Evans, Roberta Dubois, Kathy Drok, Wayne Carey, Brenda Corney, Dave Savage
- d. **Proposal to Change our Mission Statement** (see attached)

MOTION 2016-02-07-08: Merla Gibson/Sam Denhaan that the New Mission Statement be approved as presented.

Carried.

- Thanks extended to the ad hoc committee for their work on the new Mission Statement
- e. Proposal to form a New Governance Model for Sunnybrook United Church Jim Horne (see attached)
 - reviewed present model; introduced 'new' model
 - new Faith in Action Committee would have 1 representative
 - still require many 'behind the scenes' volunteers

MOTION 2016-02-07-09: Jim Horne/Roberta Dubois that the new Sunnybrook United Church Governance Model be accepted as presented.

Carried.

- intent is to work with this model for one year and then it will be reviewed

MOTION 2016-02-07-10: Mike Evans/Keith Rispler that the motion to accept the new Governance model be amended to: That the new Sunnybrook United Church Governance Model be accepted as presented and be in effect for one year after which it will be subject to review.

- f. Nomination of Church Council and Committees Dawn Danderfer
 - Chair Elect vacant no volunteers
 - Faith In Action Committee Catherine Rispler, Chair, Chris Hume, Secretary, Donna Polutnik, Shirley Thomas, Faye Richards, Alice Williamson, Merla Gibson,

Scott Billan, Brenda Corney, Mary Ellen Moore, Zoe Carey, Andrew Morrison, Allison Clark, Liza Morrison, Loretta Winia, Marcia Duncombe

- no further nominations
- Special Gifts Committee Jim Horne, Molly Nesom, Alice Williamson
- no further nominations
- Finance & Property Gerry Winia, Gord Traverse, Christy Hambling, Derek McNaney, Mike Evans, Dale Ferguson, Mel Arnold, Keith Rispler, Bill Reid
 no further nominations
- Resource Development Dawn Danderfer, Joyce Moore, Liz Reid assisted by Alana Lowe
- no further nominations
- Ministry & Personnel Lynn Wilson, Sam Denhaan, Dave Savage, Cheryl Robertson, Brenda Corney
- no further nominations
- U.C.W. 2 Units Nora Styner is representative
- Presbytery Representatives Brenda Corney, Gwen Shatford
- Camp Kasota Vern Lowe, Jim Watson
- Members at Large Jim Watson, Brent Rempel liaison with the congregation
- Trustees Jim Horne, Tom Williamson, Bill Hanrahan, Merla Gibson
- History Committee Alice Williamson
- Website Catherine Rispler, Chris Hume, Loretta Winia

MOTION 2016-02-07-11: Dawn Danderfer/Chris Hume that the above mentioned Committee members be affirmed.

Carried.

MOTION 2016-02-07-12: Dawn Danderfer/Brenda Corney that Council have the authority to add other members to Committees as required.

Carried.

- g. Proposal for the formation of a Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC)
 - -first step in the process of calling a new minister for Sunnybrook
 - Transition Team agreed to form JNAC Committee
 - Nominations from the floor Mike Evans nominated Keith Rispler and Brian MacNairn (both accepted)

MOTION 2016-02-07-13: Gerry Winia/Jim Horne that the formation of a JNAC Committee consisting of the Transition Team, Keith Rispler and Brian MacNairn be approved.

MOTION 2016-02-07-14: Merla Gibson/George Moore that the JNAC Committee may add other members as necessary.

Carried.

- h. **Proposed Budget For 2016** -Treasurer Gerry Winia
 - reviewed the proposed budget
 - Congregation challenged to a 7.5% increase in local contributions to \$215,000
 - additional revenue from rentals (Red Deer Music Festival)
 - committee expenditures have been reduced to expenditures in 2015
 - extra funds budgeted for minister search and moving
 - additional funds for new website (old one no longer being supported)
 - operating budget deficit of \$8,000 to be covered from general reserves
 - capital budget again \$5,000 for furnace replacement to receive more focus

MOTION 2016-02-07-15: Gerry Winia/Jim Horne that the Proposed Budget for 2016 be accepted as presented.

Carried.

Thanks extended to the Finance Committee – Gerry Winia, Gord Traverse, Christy Hambling.

M. COURTESIES and CLOSING REMARKS

- thanks extended to the Sunnybrook congregation, council and committees for all their support
- Thanks also to Rev Peter Kugba-Nyande and Marvin Pickering, Chair of Council
- Marvin Pickering declared the 2016 AGM be adjourned.

CLOSING PRAYER -Rev. Peter Kugba-Nyande

GRACE -Invitation to Lunch

Marvin Pickering	Loretta Winia

Attachment:

1. Proposal to change our Mission Statement

from -

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Living our lives with compassion, commitment, purpose, and meaning. Creating a warm and welcoming intergenerational community of faith, while challenging one another to learn and grow.

Our Mission:

We are a community of pilgrims on a journey. Along the way, we gather in large groups and small to pray, worship, and celebrate, to play, learn, and heal. We seek to live in good faith – walking humbly with God, caring for all with love and compassion, and pursuing justice.

to -

Our Mission:

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2. <u>Proposal to form a new Governance model for Sunnybrook United Church</u> New Model

Minister(s)

Chair of Council

Recording Secretary

Treasurer

Members at Large (2)

Presbytery Representatives (2)

Committee Representatives

Faith In Action Committee (Faith Formation, Faith and Social

Justice, Pastoral Care, Worship and Music) (1 or 2?)

Finance and Property (1)

Ministry and Personnel (1)

Resource Development (1)

Other members not required to attend Council Meetings

Trustee(s), United Church Women Sub Committees – to attend as appointed and as needed Transition Team, JNAC, Joint Search

3. Proposal for the Formation of Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC)

This is the first step in the process of calling a new minister for Sunnybrook.

Committee members

Members from present Transition Team, Presbytery representatives Nominations from the floor.

SUNNYBROOK UNITED CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MARCH 13 2016

Chair: Marvin Pickering Recorder: Dawn Danderfer

In Attendance:

Rev. Fran Hare (Presbytery) Molly Nesom Jeff Challoner **Shirley Poynter** Bill Gibson Merla Gibson Jack Pickett Kathleen Drok Harold Drok Doreen Pickett Marg Baltimore Ken Baltimore Alice Williamson Alana Lowe Vern Lowe Ray Freeman **Dorothy Olmstead Doris Peck** Jean McKee Gladys Campbell Jim Campbell Pat Ferguson Dale Ferguson Carol Keen Joyce Willoughby Don Hepburn Joan Hepburn **Shirley Challoner** Harvey Robertson Cheryl Robertson Norma Poll Cliff McDermott Carol McDermott **Bev Hughes** Faye Hughes Dorothy Billan Chris Hume Maureen Chalack Dawn Danderfer Mary W. C. Smith Phyl Nesom Colleen Dennehy Caron Murray Shirley Thomas Bonnie Denhaan Sam Denhaan Jim Watson Gord Traverse Chess Nesom Laurie Kaban Nick Kaban Don Lewis Roy Styner Nora Styner George Moore Victor Willoughby Joyce Moore Laurel Charlton Jodi Dore Ruth Henderson Brian MacNairn Shirley Langmaid Bill Hanrahan Dave Savage Gerry Winia **Betty Kachor** Donna McKee Bert Johnson Pat Charles Allan Charles Jane Wakefield Marvin Pickering Michael Evans Roberta Dubois Margo Hansen

Brenda Corney Anne Watson

- 1. Call to order 11:45 a.m. by Marvin Pickering
- 2. Opening Prayer Fran Hare
- 3. Voting Privileges

Motion 2016-03-13-1: Jeff Challoner/Bill Gibson that we extend voting privileges to

everyone in attendance.

- 4. JNAC report presentation to Sunnybrook United Congregation
 - The JNAC summary report was presented by Mike Evans and Roberta Dubois
 - Q1. Jodi Dore – I notice that there is no mention about what the responsibility of the new minister will be for youth, Sunday School etc.
 - R. Mike Evans and Roberta Dubois – The JNAC committee felt that the new minster's role regarding the youth is addressed in the Ministry Personnel Position Description under "Community." It is also referred to in an appendix to the report.
 - Q2. Carol McDermott – are there any more copies of the condensed JNAC report.
 - R. Marvin Pickering suggested people could get Linda in the office to make a copy for them. Roberta gave her copy to Carol so she had it for the meeting.
 - Comment 1 -Jeff Challoner offered appreciation and thanks to the committee for their hard work. The congregation applauded.
 - Roberta continued with the JNAC summary and went through the Terms of the call and gave background on what the thought process was behind the creation of these terms.
 - Q3. Bonnie Denhaan – there used to be a pay scale table created by the United Church of Canada that we followed, is there still one to follow?
 - R. Gerry Winia - ministers are paid based on their years of experience. The United Church of Canada still uses a table that has the payscale and the new CLO (cost of living out allowance). We will pay at least what is in the payscale and CLO created by The United Church of Canada plus a potential additional amount if the qualifications warrant it. We currently have payscale F and CLO 3 (that is the CLO for Red Deer) budgeted for Sept-Dec '16.

Motion 2016-03-13-2: Mike Evans/ Roberta Dubois that congregation of Sunnybrook United Church accepts the 2016 report of the Joint Needs **Assessment Committee (JNAC)**

Carried

Opposed - none

Motion 2016-03-13-3:

5. Declaration of Vacancy

Mike Evans/Roberta Dubois that the congregation of Sunnybrook United Church requests that Red Deer Presbytery declare a vacancy for a full-time paid accountable ministry position for Sunnybrook Pastoral Charge effective September 1, 2016

Carried Opposed – none

6. Search Committee appointment

Motion 2016-03-13-4:

Chris Hume/Brenda Corney that the congregation of Sunnybrook United Church recommends the appointment of the following members to the Joint Search Committee: Wayne Carey, Kathy Drok, Roberta Dubois, Michael Evans, Brian MacNairn, Keith Rispler, Dave Savage; and that Sunnybrook United Church Council may appoint one additional member from the congregation to the Search Committee to a total of 8 members from Sunnybrook.

Carried

Opposed - none

- Q. Shirley Challoner I have a nomination, should I do that now?
- R. Marvin Pickering Please submit your nomination to Council as there are also other names already put forward.
- 7. Release JNAC Committee Members

Motion 2016-03-13-5:

Jeff Challoner/Merla Gibson that the congregation of Sunnybrook United Church releases the members of the 2016 Joint Needs Assessment Committee from their duties with our thanks and gratitude.

- 8. Closing Prayer Fran Hare
- 9. Adjournment 12:17 p.m. by Marvin Pickering

Marvin Pickering – Chair	Dawn Danderfer – Recording Secretary

SUNNYBROOK UNITED CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AT SUNNY BROOK UNITED CHURCH, RED DEER, ALBERTA JULY 17, 2016

This Congregational Meeting was held following morning church service.

In Attendance:

Delta Rempel Jacob Rempel Mark Rempel Alana Lowe Piper Rempel Marianne Lee **Shirley Challoner** Jim Campbell Gladys Campbell Alice Williamson Mary Joan Barrett Doreen Pickett Lee Gilchrist Jack Pickett Sandra Mackie Jeff Challoner Jean McKee Doris Peck Carol Keen Joyce Willoughby Bill Gibson Cliff McDermott Merla Gibson Brenda Cockriell Donna Reav Muriel (Molly) Nesom George Moore Mary Ellen Moore Gerrie Chocholacek Joyce Moore

Norma Poll Faye Hughes **Bev Hughes** Dorothy Billan Chris Hume **Brent LaBrosse** Cheryl Robertson Harvey Robertson Anne Watson Don Hepburn Joan Hepburn Michael Evans Marvin Pickering Rev. Margaret Lange Margo Hansen Brenda Corney Mary W.C. Smith Dawn Danderfer Phyl Nesom Chess Nesom Shirley Poynter Jim Watson Jane Wakefield Shirley Berry Colleen Dennehy Caron Murray Connie Baird

Kathleen Drok Carol Rowan Harold Drok Glen Rowan Catherine Rispler Keith Rispler Wayne Carev Allison Clark Sam Denhaan Don Lewis Elsie Fraser Laurel Charlton **Shirley Thomas** Bill Hanrahan Gord Traverse Brian MacNairn **Christy Hambling** Jean Lemke Gerry Winia Dave Savage Dick Lemke Ken Baltimore Aileen Waugh Marg Baltimore Jessica Albrecht Gwen Shatford Noel Waugh Carol McDermott Bonnie Denhaan Ray Freeman

Chair: Marvin Pickering Recorder: Gwen Shatford

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 10:35 am by Marvin Pickering
 - Attendance Sheets circulated

2. OPENING PRAYER

- Reverend Margaret Lange, Red Deer Presbytery representative
- 3. INTRODUCTIONS Marvin Pickering
 - Introduction to explain the purpose of the Congregational Meeting
 - Rev. Margaret Lange, Red Deer Presbytery Representative and congregational support to Sunnybrook United Church for the past four years

- Members of Sunnybrook United Church only can vote on decisions being presented regarding a candidate for ministry for Sunnybrook Church. Anyone present may ask questions.
- 4. JOINT SEARCH COMMITTEE Mike Evans Presentation Name of Candidate: Rev. Ross Smillie Mike presented Rev. Smillie's credits and background Start date - November 1, 2016

5. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

- Q. Christy Hambling Is there any reason for Rev. Ross Smillie leaving Lacombe United Church?
- A. The Joint Search Team responded that Rev. Smillie feels called to serve Sunnybrook United Church. He has been at the Lacombe United for twenty-one (21) years.
- Q. Donna Reay Will Rev. Smillie come to speak to the congregation in a service prior to being Called?
- A. Margaret Lange responded that it is not in the United Church process for a ministry candidate to speak to a congregation prior to a Call.
- Comment: Kathy Drok commented that when the Joint Search Team (JSC) interviewed Rev. Smillie, he was very helpful in the interview. After the meeting he had questions for the JSC. He asked important questions. He showed that he was a leader.
- Comment: Brenda Corney As a member of Presbytery for Sunnybrook Church, Brenda has met Rev. Smillie and regards him as a terrific leader.
- Comment: Shirley Challoner Shirley and Jeff have known Rev. Smillie since he was a child. He was wanting to learn more and more.
 - Q. Sandra Mackie How many others candidates were interviewed for the position at Sunnybrook United Church?
 - A. Mike Evans replied that the JSC reviewed applications from a number of candidates. Rev. Smillie was interviewed as the candidate best suited to serve Sunnybrook Church congregation.
 - Q. Allison Clark What happens in interim until November 1?
 - A. Pulpit supply will be filled from within congregation
 - Q. Mary Joan Barrett What history does Lacombe United Church have with youth and what is Rev. Smillie's influence with the young people?
 - A. Lacombe United Church is the largest congregation in Red Deer Presbytery with a strong youth involvement.

Comment: Keith Rispler - Rev. Smillie is very respected in the Lacombe community.

- 6. TERMS OF THE CALL Mike Evans explained the Terms of the Call
 - COL 3 Level F plus 20% premium totaling:

- Continuing Education and Learning Amount: \$1500 / year
- Basic Telephone expense: \$ 600 / year
- Travel Expenses reimbursed based on current United Church Salary and Allowance Schedule
- Adequate secretarial assistance defined as Full Time
- Moving expenses, based on reasonable estimates and receipts
- Q. Bonnie Denhaan With regards to the stated vacation time, is that six (6) weeks?
- A. That will be worked out with the Ministry and Personnel Committee.

Comment:

Margaret Lange - Ministry get one month of holidays which collectively comprises five (5) Sundays. It would mean that we would be responsible for one more week of holiday there is only one other Sunday

- Q. Jeff Challonner With regards to the total financial aspects, how does this affect or fit in our budget?
- A. Gerry Winia, Treasurer, responded There will be an additional cost is \$2,500 for the year to cover the higher increment being offered.
- Q. Dawn Danderfer Is cost of his travel from Lacombe to Sunnybrook Church his own expense?
- A. The cost would be his own responsibility.

MOTION #1 - Regarding Ministerial Vacancy

Motion 2016-07-17-01:

Mike Evans/Brenda Corney moved that Reverend Ross Smillie be called to the ministerial vacancy at Sunnybrook United Church starting November 1, 2016, with the terms of the call as:

COL 3 – Level F plus 20% premium – totaling:

Continuing Education and Learning Amount: \$1500 / year

Basic Telephone expense: \$ 600 / year

Travel Expenses reimbursed based on current United

Church Salary and Allowance Schedule

Adequate secretarial assistance defined as Full Time Moving expenses, based on reasonable estimates and

receipts

Carried

- 7. HOLY MANNERS PRESENTATION Brian MacNairn
 - Brian MacNairn from the JSC presented the background of 'Holy Manners' a behavioral covenant to Council meetings, in the congregation and other meetings. The statements of Holy Manners were presented on the overhead.

Motion 2016-07-17-02:

Brian MacNairn/Brenda Corney moved that Sunnybrook United Church and Congregation covenant and agree to use Holy Manners, not only in all committee meetings and gatherings but also with our Minister, with each other individually and with all others, within our Congregation and the respective communities in which we work and live, attempting to live the expression of The Golden Rule set out in the New Testament.

Carried

Roberta Dubois assured attendees that this is the beginning of Holy Manners.

Marvin asked the members of the JSC to stand and be acknowledged for the work and commitment to the committee.

Thanks expressed to Rev. Margaret Lange for the many years of leadership and guidance for Sunnybrook United Church.

- 8. CLOSING PRAYER Rev. Margaret Lange
- 9. Meeting Adjourned

Chair: Marvin Pickering	Recorder: Gwen Shatford

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT - Ross Smillie

After just over two months with Sunnybrook United Church, I have little to say beyond "Thank you!" I have had a wonderful, warm and enthusiastic reception from the people of Sunnybrook, and am grateful, hopeful and encouraged.

I have been impressed with the commitment of people to their church and their enthusiasm for worship, preaching and ministry. Sunnybrook has many capable leaders! Special thanks should be given to Marvin Pickering, who has offered exceptional leadership as Council Chair and has been warmly welcoming and supportive to me over the transition period. I have also been impressed with the way in which the people of Sunnybrook care for each other, sharing celebrations and concerns during worship, following up on those concerns during the week, and reporting to me what is going on in people's lives. I am grateful for the Friendly Visitors and those who delivered poinsettias, for the coordinating work of Brenda Corney, Chris Hume and others. It is impressive to experience a congregation that takes so seriously the biblical call to "rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15)

I have also been grateful for the support of the staff who have served Sunnybrook ably over many years. Linda Bryant in the office has been patient in teaching me how to use the computer network, the phone system, and introducing me to the procedural practices of this congregation. Chess Nesom not only does a great job keeping the sidewalks clear and the building clean, but is a great resource in teaching me about the people in the congregation. Both Linda and Chess obviously care deeply about the people of this congregation and see their work as more than just a job. They are great resources as I learn the ins and outs of this community of faith.

I am gradually getting a sense of some of the needs of this congregation. The congregation identified worship, pastoral care and governance as key priorities for my ministry, and so I have focused on those in the early months. One of my deepest satisfactions in ministry is making the connection between the ancient words of Scripture and the deep needs of modern spiritual seekers, and I seek to lead worship that is joyful but also profound. Supporting people through difficult times and celebrating with them in good times is likewise satisfying and meaningful. And I fully appreciate how important it is to support the other leadership of the church as we discern the future and direct next steps into that future.

The clearest other need that I have identified is to develop a strategy for reconnecting with younger families. Sunnybrook has a lot to offer children, youth and their families, but we need to find a way to get that word out. If it is true that it takes a whole village to raise a child, we can be that village as parents seek to shape children who are spiritually mature community members and global citizens.

We also need to develop a strategy to communicate with people beyond our own community. I am reluctant to use the term "marketing" but perhaps it partially conveys what we need, I think Sunnybrook is the steward of good news that needs to be shared. The most effective way to share that is through word of mouth, but social media and other communication strategies are also important.

Thank you again for your warm welcome and your commitment to serving God through Sunnybrook United Church.

Ross Smillie

SUNNYBROOK COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

"We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

We here at Sunnybrook are called - to love God, to worship God and to serve God.

We have been blessed over the past year to have the work and dedication of so many to bring about a renewed hope and vision for our church. The final work of Rev. Peter Kugba-Nyande, the Transition Team, the JNAC Committee and then the Joint Search Committee has brought us to the beginning of a new ministry. Through an honest look at who we are and then focusing on where we want to go as a congregation, now gives us a renewed vision and mission for our future.

We are blessed again to have been able to call a new minister and to have Rev. Ross Smillie accept the call to come to Sunnybrook. We have already experienced his strong faith, his dedication to the ministry, and to the welfare of our congregation. We know that because of his previous work in the ministry and along with the dedication and commitment of the members of Sunnybrook, there will be many accomplishments done in the name of the Lord.

As we continue to work together, to share things with each other and to pray for each other we as a congregation will continue to do God's work here at Sunnybrook, with-in Red Deer and into the world. We will continue to seek new opportunities to worship, to reach out to others in need, and to welcome all to become a part of our community of faith.

Yes, the work of the church through our various committees and activities is ever demanding upon our time and our talents. Many are contributing to this ongoing work, but we also need others to step forward and share in this journey. As we work together then the 'work' is less of a burden and more of a blessed ministry.

We are ever grateful this past year for the ministry of:

Music by Laren Steppler, Allison Clark, Vernon Murgatroyd, Terry Macham, Donna Reay and the choir:

Sunday Club by Angela McKay and Nursery Care by Carrol Atkinson Bible Study by Jeff Challoner;

Thursday Morning gathering led by Jodi Dore, Lynn Goertzen, and Glynis Wilson Boultbee;

UCW;

Church Council;

Church Committees (as you read their reports note the tremendous amount of work and commitment each have made to the ongoing work of SUC);

Office Administrator – Linda Bryant; Custodian – Chess Nesom;

Volunteers for sound, power point, greeters, scripture readers, decorating, serving in the worship services, coffee makers, and help with the many activities; and the many more groups and individuals sponsoring and promoting various functions and activities.

As we review all this work done by so many it is a fulfillment of the scripture passage that each member is an important part of the whole body.

In the fall our Stewardship campaign had the theme 'Salt and Light' as stewards of our time, talent and our money. We were encouraged to look at how we can serve, worship, and contribute to the needs of Sunnybrook and the church in the world.

Many of you have been and are involved in so many ways of serving the wider community in Red Deer and throughout the world. There will be more opportunities as some of the Syrian Refugees will be settled in Red Deer.

There are some new families attending Sunnybrook and we want you to know that you are always most welcome.

It is with sadness that we have lost some of our honoured and respected members through transfers, illness, accidents, and death this past year.

The arrangement with the Korean Church is a wonderful close spiritual relationship with the minister, Pastor Kim, and the members of his congregation.

May God bless us as we work together to fulfill the commandment "to love God and to serve others" here at Sunnybrook and the community beyond.

In His service, Marvin Pickering, Council Chair

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL - 2016

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Dave Savage Gerry Winia Chess Nesom Jeremy Danderfer Christy Hambling Connor Evans

Keith Rispler

Coordinator of Greeters, Coffee Hosts, Scripture Readers

Andrew & Liza Morrison

Communion Preparation

Loretta Winia

Wedding and Funeral Assistant/Sanctuary Preparation

Shirley Thomas Chris Hume

Baptism Assistant

Shirley Thomas

Various Events

Jodi Dore Lyn Goertzen

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Mel Arnold	12
Dale Ferguson	13
Christy Hambling	14
Bill Reid co-chair	15
Keith Rispler	16
Derek McNaney	16

Additional Finance & Property Resource Volunteers

Ken Baltimore (Carpentry) Bill Hanrahan (Insurance)

Laurel Charlton (Offering Deposit)

Betty Smith (Phoner)

Caron Murray (Envelope Secretary)

Dick Lemke (Yard & Building Maintenance)

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL	Req'd 3-7
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CAMP KASOTA EAST REPRESENTATIVES Vern Lowe 11 16 Jim Watson **HERITAGE COMMITTEE** Alice Williamson (Chair) **Website Volunteers** www.sunnybrookunited.org Chris Hume (Update Manager) 11 Catherine Rispler (Assistant) 11 Loretta Winia (Visual Advisor) 11 TRANSITION TEAM 2014-2016 Roberta Dubois Mike Evans Wayne Carey **Brenda Corney** Kathy Drok Dave Savage Marvin Pickering - Council Chair (ex-officio) Margaret Lange Presbytery Rep. Barbara Lieurance Presbytery Rep. Peter Kugba-Nyande - Interim Minister **SEARCH COMMITTEE** Roberta Dubois Mike Evans Wayne Carey Kathy Drok Dave Savage Brian MacNairn

Thank you to these and the many other volunteers of our church family

Keith Rispler

SUNNYBROOK UNITED CHURCH STATISTICS - 2016

The following statistics are offered for information:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Members (January 1, 2015 & 2016)	391	390
Removed by request	0	0
Removed by transfer	3	4
Removed by death	2	8
Added by Profession of Faith	2	0
Added by Transfer	2	0
Funerals	5	4
Weddings	1	0
Baptisms	4	5

Baptized:

Tori-Lynn Marie Traverse, daughter of Justin and Amanda Cali Anna-Sondra Tysoski, Daughter of Chris and Michelle Colton Floyd Kirk Hawthorne, son of Craig and Katrina; Braxden Stewart Ivan Williamson, son of Regan and Ashley Luka Eleanna Deering, daughter of Jason and Reagan

Those removed by Death:

Ed Aronitz Sadie Braun

Gladys Saunders

Eileen McLane

Stan Sims

Albert Heft

Sharon Freeman

Margot Hanson

Those removed by Transfer:

Landon Carey Delmer Hammond Ruth Hammond Les Heintz

Those received by Profession of Faith: - Nil

Those received by Transfer: - Nil

Those married: - Nil

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The Sunnybrook United Church Trustees formally met on November 30, 2016. The following were present at this meeting:

Jim Horne – Chair Bill Hanrahan Merla Gibson Ross Smillie - Minister Gord Traverse – Asst. Treasurer Molly Nesom – Recorder

The following items were reviewed:

- 1. Property and Liability Insurance
- 2. Sunnybrook Church Financial Position
 - a. 2016 Operation statement to October 31, 2016
 - b. Investment Review
 - c. Special Gifts Fund
 - d. Benevolent Fund
 - e. Roof Fund
- 3. Roof Project and Grocery Certificate Program
- 4. Minister's Report
- 5. Discussion regarding future directions/issues for Sunnybrook and the United Church in general.

It was reported that an appraisal of the building and its contents has been recently completed. The church building was appraised at \$4,450,000.00 and the contents were appraised at \$308,808.00. An investigation will be conducted regarding coverage for the minister's personal property which is held on site. It was also noted that the value of the roof repairs was included in the appraisal.

The church budget, as in past years, continues to be in a deficit position. However, as in past years, frugal spending and careful management will hopefully carry the day. The Mission and Service Fund budgeted amount will be provided to our national church office, regardless of the givings. Concern was expressed that we may have to dip into savings, in order to honor our budgeted/pledged amount.

It was noted that the Grocery Card program is producing a much appreciated income stream. A special thank you to Dawn Danderfer for organizing and managing the program and also to Alana Lowe and others who are providing assistance.

Regarding the Benevolent Fund, money continues to be donated to the Fund, but demand is up. Ross Smillie reported that he and other Council members are reviewing the protocol for its distribution.

The Special Gifts Fund balance is down from last year by about \$2,000.00. The Fund requires some promotion in 2017 with the Roof Fund project now complete.

The Trustees are grateful for the work done by our treasurer, Gerry Winia, Assistant Treasurer, Gord Traverse, the Finance Committee and also by the members of the Property Committee. Our church home and overall operation requires their time, hard work and planning, in order to provide the members of the congregation a sacred place in which to socialize and worship.

Rev. Ross Smillie presented his report, stating that he is making an intentional effort to get to know the congregation and engage families. He stated that it was too early to make recommendations, but that he sees positive energy and strong potential in our congregation. We, as Trustees, are extremely pleased that Ross accepted the call to Sunnybrook and we look forward to our shared ministry.

The Trustees would also like to thank the members of the Committees in our church which plan, promote and implement the wide variety of faith and spiritual based programs as well as social programs in our church. A building without people and programs is nothing more than bricks and mortar. You make our building our Church home.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jim Horne, Chairperson Members also include: Bill Hanrahan Merla Gibson Tom Williamson

> Jim Horne, Chair 7 McMillan Avenue, Red Deer, AB T4N 5T6

Tom Williamson, 34 Rutledge Crescent, Red Deer, AB. T4N 5Y4 Bill Hanrahan, 335-260 Dustin Street, Red Deer, AB. T4R 3G5

Merla Gibson 203-4614 47 A Avenue Red Deer AB. T4N 3R4

SPECIAL GIFTS FUND COMMITTEE REPORT - 2016

The Sunnybrook United Church Special Gifts Fund was essentially inactive during the 2016 calendar year. The Sierra Leone School project was the last directed request to the fund. Of the \$3,000.00 provided to the School Project, the last \$1,000.00 was drawn out in January, 2016. The Special Gifts Fund December 31, 2016 balance of \$47,132.00 includes \$408.00 of interest paid on GIC investments and on a savings account. This total also includes the amount of \$1590.00 which is found in the Memorial Savings line on the Asset side of the Sunnybrook United Church balance sheet. The Special Gifts Fund provides an opportunity for members of our congregation as well as members of the community to make a donation in memory of someone, to leave a sum of money to the church as part of a stipulation in a will or to just make a donation for the long term benefit of the church. Funds are invested and may be used to support any one of the three areas listed below:

- Education support for lay members of the congregation or for individuals entering a religious studies program.
- 2. Programs/projects designed to help others in need. These programs/projects may be local, regional or international.
- 3. In cases or urgent need, funds may be used for our own church infrastructure requirements, but only in very limited situations.

2016 was the year of the Roof Fund and we are thankful that the campaign was successful and the new roof is completed. It was not the time, however, to promote the Special Gifts Fund or establish any parallel fund raising projects. There were no requests or funds received during the 2016 budget year. As stated in last year's report, the Special Gifts Fund Committee needs to meet with the Finance and Property Committee to talk about a plan which will support the growth and continued viability of the Special Gifts Fund.

Submitted by, Jim Horne – chair Alice Williamson Delta Rempel Molly Nesom

BENEVOLENT FUND ANNUAL REPORT 2016

During the first eight months of 2016, Rev. Peter Kugba-Nyande administered this fund. In September and October Marvin Pickering and Brenda Corney took over, and then in November-December I had the responsibility. Over the year, \$2824.60 was expended from church funds, mostly to provide gift cards for grocery stores. The UCW provided an additional \$600 in gift cards, of which we still have \$525. The practice when I arrived was that those requesting help with food could receive help from Sunnybrook every six months. Individuals could receive \$25 at a time and families could receive \$50, although the minister has some discretion for exceptional circumstances.

In recent years ministers have kept records of individuals and families who have requested assistance from the Benevolent Fund. There are 140 households on that list. In 2016, just over 60 households approached us for help.

In the first two weeks of my ministry, I had about ten requests for assistance, which seemed overwhelming. Most of those making requests were people otherwise unknown to the congregation, most of whom were of First Nations origin. Several of them had clearly timed their visits to coincide with the six months anniversary of the last time we had helped them, which was a red flag that the needs expressed were often not emergency relief. I worried that the gift cards were encouraging dependency or being exchanged for cash and contributing to addiction problems. While there have been many fewer requests after that initial rush, it was clear to me that the program needed to be evaluated.

I began consulting with other ministers in the area, and convened a meeting with Marvin, Brenda and Linda Bryant to evaluate the program and identify how we could provide more thoughtful support to those approaching us. I also consulted with those who work with First Nations people to ensure that the support we provide is culturally appropriate. As a result of that meeting and those consultations, I have been doing more referrals. The United Way's new 211 information service and a new service called Food for Friends are good resources for those who have genuine food security needs.

The Benevolent Fund remains available to provide short-term emergency support to members of the congregation and others who are referred to us for help. Most others I will be referring to other organizations and services who are able to provide more holistic and thorough assessment and support. As it becomes clear which organizations are most helpful in that regard, we may want to contribute some of the benevolent funds to support those organizations.

Ross Smillie

RED DEER PRESBYTERY AND CONFERENCE REPORT

During 2016 Brenda Corney and Gwen Shatford were lay representatives from Sunnybrook Church to attend the Red Deer Presbytery meetings. Rev. Jeff Challoner and Rev. Dr. Peter Kugba-Nyande also attended meetings during the year. Rev. Peter's interim ministry ceased at the end of August 2016. In November we welcomed Rev. Ross Smillie to Sunnybrook Church and he is now attending Presbytery meetings.

The Red Presbytery website is online with helpful information to keep us informed. You can find the site at reddeerpresbytery.ca

Using a quote from the website "The Red Deer Presbytery is a group of church leaders and ministers who represent the local congregations in the district. The Presbytery is a means of connecting each pastoral charge with others." This is an opportunity to meet for the business of the Court and to make new friends.

- Red Deer Presbytery held a Stewardship and Congregational Event in April
- Remits from the 42nd General Council are being considered
- Remit 6 was voted on and passed by motion
- Policy adopted 'Acknowledgement of Treaty Rights'

As we look forward to 2017 we will continue to consider the Remits from the 42nd General Council. Red Deer Presbytery members will vote on remits. Pastoral Charges will also be given opportunities to consider remits and will be asked to respond by a vote. There are changes to the governance structures proposed by the 42nd General Council and we are invited to be part of the conversation.

Red Deer Presbytery will host an Alberta Northwest Conference Mid-Triennium Event in Olds May 26-27, 2017.

Respectfully submitted

Gwen Shatford Brenda Corney

JOINT NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JNAC) AND SEARCH COMMITTEES REPORT

At the Annual General Meeting in February, Sunnybrook United Church moved from transition to the next phase, as we began looking for a new minister to fill the vacancy which would be created when Rev. Peter Kugba-Nyande completed his mandate as our Intentional Interim Minister, in September 2016.

The JNAC Committee worked very quickly, using the findings from the Transition Team and developed a Needs Assessment Report that highlighted what type of individual Sunnybrook United Church would need to fill the vacancy. In April 2016, the JNAC Report was accepted and we began the final phase in May as we formally began our search.

The Search Committee received a number of inquiries regarding our search but we recognized that Sunnybrook needed a specific individual to meet our needs and our selection pool was limited. As members of our congregation expressed their feelings and the Search Committee reply to everyone was to encourage the congregation to pray as we moved through the process. By June 2016, the Search Committee recommended Rev. Ross Smillie to the congregation and November 6 2016, Rev. Smillie began a new chapter with Sunnybrook United.

The JNAC and Search Committees were comprised of members from the Transition Team: Wayne Carey, Kathy Drok, Dave Savage, Mike Evans, Roberta Dubois and were joined by Keith Rispler and Brian MacNairn, as Brenda Corney transitioned in with Committee work. Our Presbytery Representatives were Margaret Lange and Nyna Marr, from Innisfail United as we began this stage of our journey.

We would like to thank not only the Committee members for their work but to everyone who provided us with input and those who prayed ensuring that we made the best decisions for Sunnybrook. Finally, we would like to thank Rev. Peter Kugba-Nyande for all his guidance over the past two years as we, as a church looked inward and made some difficult decisions. Respectfully submitted,

Mike Evans Roberta Dubois

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE ANNUAL REPORT - 2016

Brent Rempel and Jim Watson continue as your Members at Large.

It is our goal to act as your independent voice on Council. We provide feedback and support and are your representative to Council. We also provide an outside perspective to the work of committees. We attend council meetings on a regular basis to convey your feedback. We can serve on ad hoc committees as requested.

If you have feedback for us please pass those on to us. We try to make ourselves available after church. You can also contact the Church office if you wish to arrange to meet with one or both of us.

In 2016 we received only a few notes of feedback. We do however keep our ears to the ground to try to provide feedback at council meetings, anticipating and reacting to ongoing Church issues.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Watson Brent Rempel

FAITH IN ACTION ANNUAL REPORT - 2016

In January, 2016 the Faith in Action committee was formed. The purpose of the committee is to support pastoral care, social justice, faith formation, worship and music at Sunnybrook United Church.

The reasons for the amalgamated committee are as follows:

- To share resources and information between the members associated with each former committee and members associated with the new, amalgamated committee.
- To enhance our work by avoiding duplication or overlapping activities.
- To reduce the number of meetings overall.
- To be open to transition to a new model while continuing the important tasks and focus of each former committee.

This committee meets 3 to 4 times a year. Members are asked for a commitment of 2 years. There are also ad hoc members who are involved in special projects which do not require a long term commitment. The committee reports to council on a monthly basis. The full list of members and "terms of reference" are available through the Resource Development Committee.

In November the new committee was reviewed. All members were in agreement that the cross communication of the sub-committees has been very effective. Approximately 10-14 people attend each meeting, bringing forth new ideas, opinions and energy. We have met the basic objectives of the sub-committees and as the Faith in Action committee continues to gel those objectives will grow.

I was given the opportunity to chair this new committee, and looking back at the year, I am pleased to say the cooperation I have received has been overwhelming. At each meeting I listen and watch the members communicate, brain storm, and volunteer where needed. These people are truly dedicated to making Sunnybrook United Church the best it can be. I am grateful for each member and thank you for your continued future commitment to Sunnybrook. We welcome new members to join and become involved in any capacity they feel comfortable.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Rispler

FAITH FORMATION ANNUAL REPORT - 2016

The objectives for faith formation include:

- To facilitate a learning community and develop events for all ages.
- To encourage the growth of an individual's spiritual faith.

Each year we provided a "*Program and Event Guide*" which outlines all the programs offered at Sunnybrook United Church. This guide is reviewed each year to see which programs met the needs of the members of Sunnybrook. A couple of new events were added this year. Tarts & Toppings was a yummy treat, with proceeds going to Camp Kasota. Seniors Afternoon Tea was attended by members arriving in their finest attire and enjoyed delicious delicacies. Healing Circle Group was started in September for people to come together and intentionally embrace prayer and healing.

The continuance of such events as the Magical Mystery Tours; Book Club; Spring Ham Dinner; Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper; Easter Egg project; Scott Woods Concert, Social Group; Men's and Women's Breakfast and both Women's Retreats were all well attended. A huge thank you to those involved in making these events such a success.

Our Faith Explorations included the second half of "Saving Jesus Redux". This was well received and led the committee to looking for other spiritual development events for the fall. "The Jesus Fatwah: Love Your (Muslim) Neighbour as Yourself" was a 5 week series with different facilitators leading each evening. A guest speaker from the Muslim community was invited to the last session and brought a wealth of knowledge and was able to answer some of the questions arising from the series. A special thank you to Marianne Lee for her expertise in organizing these events.

The ongoing Wednesday Bible Study and Morning Musings are always inspirational, thought provoking and fun. Thanks to Jeff and Glynis for their continued dedication and guidance.

We were fortunate to hire a new nursery supervisor, Carrol Atkinson. Carrol's love for the children is shown through the caring and inviting nursery she provides each week.

We are always looking for new ways to serve the members of our church. We encourage suggestions for new programs and where there is an interest, we will endeavour to meet that need. All the programs and events are put on the Sunnybrook website www.sunnybrookunited.org. Check it out Feedback is always welcome.

There were many, many hours dedicated to the planning and implementing of programs and events at Sunnybrook over the past year. We would like to acknowledge the commitment of these people, and from all of Sunnybrook United Church we thank you and are blessed to have your continued support of our church.

Respectfully submitted, Catherine Rispler

SUNDAY CLUB ANNUAL REPORT - 2016

Whole People of God: All Children start in the Sanctuary with their parents for the beginning of the service at 10:30am. They are asked to "Children's Conversation" for a congregational Story Time or message and a prayer, and then are excused. All Projects are created having in mind that anyone can join at anytime; there is always a place.

We start with a candle lighting and offering followed by a "Bible Buck Challenge". For the challenge the children are given a scripture name and number to look up. Sometimes Angela will read the story, sometimes the children will read the scripture and a third choice has been if there is a cartoon video 10 minutes or less to match the story it will be shown in order to be more engaging with the smaller kids.

The Bible Bucks are given out when they show the scripture to the leader. After 10 have been accumulated the children bring them to Angela and they are rewarded with a \$10 Gift Certificate to Bower Mall and the children requested a choice this year and agreed on Michaels Craft Store. This reward is donated by Angela and does not affect the operating budget and is given as an incentive to attend regularly.

AGES 4-5 YEARS 10:45 am No one has chosen to step in this role this year for the fourth year in a row. This is mostly due to smaller numbers. Angela takes this age group in with the Multiage group and adapts to their needs. If Angela feels the 4 or 5 year old needs some supervision the parent will be asked to join the group to help them or they can go into the nursery room with Carrol if we feel they aren't ready for a "regular" class.

AGES 6-12 YEARS 10:45 am is staffed and led by Angela McKay. There are 14 Children that are coming to Sunday Club including ages 13-17 that come all at different times. There have been as little as 2 kids per week up to 14 per week. Angela has adjusted the programming accordingly to keep everyone's interest. This is why Whole People of God was chosen this year to accommodate the age ranges. It is more prep work to do 4 lessons but has been easier to keep up the level of interest.

Vivian, Emily and Naomi Williamson, Marianne Lee, Alana Lowe, Catherine Rispler, Mary Ellen Moore and Tracy Evans have been a great help with supporting, leading and coming in as helpers especially throughout the summer when staff was off for July and August.

HOLIDAYS on certain long weekends when staffing or volunteers were unavailable all children were provided with an activity pack created with the weekly message in mind.

The new year was celebrated in January with our final version of The Happy Video being shown at 3 different services as well as been up on YOUTUBE with a link being sent out to the whole

congregation. This was extremely well received!

The summer Blue Jean Sunday Club from July and August, is a more relaxed atmosphere that is not staffed and relies on volunteers. It is always focused on fellowship and Godly Play.

September was kicked off with curriculum and projects with our Native Friends for 2 weeks including the Lord's Prayer Video and we made Talking Sticks to honour their culture. We had a scavenger hunt for The Food Grains Sunday and a special project of "smiles" to welcome Rev Ross Smilie.

On Christmas Eve a 4:00 pm service was planned to be conducted with smaller children in mind. Glow Sticks are always a part of this service for the children to have their own version of a candlelight service. This is always well attended by families we have baptized as well as lots we aren't acquainted with.

This year through the support of Ross Smillie advertising on Facebook and Angela on Kijiji, there was a significant change in numbers. There were over 50 children and at least 30 families attending. With approximately 30 of the kids dressed up and helped take part in the service.

Also with the helping hands of many volunteers: Alana Lowe, Marianne Lee and Catherine Rispler helping with the costumes and Brent Rempel and Andrea Rispler narrating, it was possible for Angela to successfully be present within the service and to be able to guide the children.

This was the third year that we did not see one formal registration for Sunday Club.

Respectfully submitted by

Angela McKay Sunnybrook United Church Sunday Club Coordinator

WORSHIP AND MUSIC ANNUAL REPORT - 2016

Attendance at Ash Wednesday evening services continues to be small.

Again this year we did not have an Easter Sunrise Service followed by breakfast. There has not been a request from the congregation to re-instate this service. We did however continue with hot cross buns and coffee following the Good Friday Service.

There were no candidates for confirmation this year.

High School Graduates were recognized in June. Eric Boshnick was the only student that could attend the recognition service.

On September 11 and 18, we welcomed Tanya Schur and members of the Native Friendship Centre to join us in worship in the spirit of Reconciliation.

Remembrance Day was celebrated November 6. Thanks to Gord Traverse for his time spent formatting the program. This year we had Buck Buchanan join us to play the bag pipes. We also honored War Brides with a display in the Narthex. Thanks to Mary Smith for sharing her mementos.

Two Christmas Eve Services were held again this year at 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. The early service focused on children and the 8:00 p.m. families.

Several communion services were held throughout the year, including World Wide Communion in October. The elements were served by intincture however there are plans to once again use the tray service on occasion in 2017. The Faith in Action Committee has recommended that communion be served the first Sunday of every month beginning in 2017. Many thanks to those congregation members who willingly served communion this year.

This year we again sent Tim Horton's \$10.00 Gift Cards to children and grandchildren of members of the congregation enrolled in post-secondary education programs. This year we have 15 students attending various educational institutes. This is a way of keeping in touch with these important members of our church family.

Thank you to Jeff Challoner for leading the choir until the new choir leader, Laren Steppler joined us. Thank you to the other members of the music team, Alison Clark, Vernon Murgatroyd. We are pleased to welcome Terry Macham to the music team. Thank you to the choir for their dedication and important contribution to our services.

Thank you also, to Dale Watson, Glynis Wilson Boultbee, Jeff Challoner, Fran Hare and Mary Ellen Moore for pulpit relief this past year.

November 2, 2016, we welcomed Ross Smillie as our new minister.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Thomas

PASTORAL CARE ANNUAL REPORT - 2016

The Pastoral Care Committee was pleased to join the Faith in Action Committee and share resources and information with Social Justice, Faith Formation, and Music and Worship during this past year. The Pastoral Care Committee provides pastoral care through hospital visits on request, home visits, prayer shawls, cards, flower deliveries, transportation and senior's gatherings. We coordinate a number of volunteers to provide these services to our congregation.

- "From Our Pew to You" cards are available in our pews to anyone wanting information about Sunnybrook United Church. This also allows newcomers to contact us for information and these folks are contacted by Jim Watson.
- Cards are sent out to offer messages of care, condolence, "thinking of you" and congratulations. Brenda Corney has sent 110 cards.
- We do two annual flower deliveries; Christmas and Easter to those who have experienced loss, illness or are shut-ins. 47 people received a plant at Easter and 48 people received Christmas Poinsettias and cards. These flowers are very much appreciated by the receivers.
- Transportation is arranged for anyone needing a ride to church or to special services.
- Friendly visitors are teamed up with folks from our congregation who no longer get out because of age or ill health. We currently have 24 people we visit.
- Prayer shawls continue to be delivered to those needing a message of care and compassion. A reminder is placed in the announcements quarterly to remind members that the knitters are busy and prayer shawls are always available.
- Family groups used during our transition have improved communication and built community.

Other events and activities included:

- Senior's annual soup and card party, 44 seniors attended.
- Annual senior's picnic, 70 seniors attended
- Support of the *Blue Christmas Service* with refreshments, 32 attended.

Many thanks to the committee members, volunteers and congregation members for your support during the past year. With your dedication and wisdom we look forward to the challenges of the coming year.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Hume, Chair

FAITH & SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNUAL REPORT - 2016

January - A meeting of former members of the Faith and Justice committee was held to review and determine the direction of on-going projects:

- Progress report regarding the school in Kojowolu, Sierra Leone will be forwarded by Peter to the Faith in Action Committee and the remainder of the designated funds will be endorsed for release by that Committee.
- Congratulatory letter was sent to the Waste Management Superintendent, City of Red Deer for introducing more plastics recycling and initiating a composting pilot project.
- Benevolent Fund- special envelopes will continue to be available for donations to the Fund each Sunday there is communion served.
- Shirley Thomas agreed to search out a post graduate institution that might be
 offering financial assistance to Aboriginal post graduate students, that Sunnybrook
 might consider supporting through the Special Gifts Fund.
- Merla will monitor Refugee Crisis Action and take information to Faith in Action Committee. She will be a contact on the Faith in Action Committee for suggestions regarding other social justice action.
- Records of F & SJ Committee were discussed and direction from Council will be sought in determining what needs to be archived.

March

- Former Faith and Social Justice Committee members met to review video of the Methodist Primary School in Kojowolo, Sierra Leone - progress was deemed satisfactory and Council was informed to release the remaining designated \$1000. to Rev. Mattu, the person in Sierra Leone in charge of the project
- Committee members urged to attend on March 31 at the Main Stage, the Red Deer College "Perspectives" speaker, Justice Murray Sinclair, the Chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Merla attended.
- Plans and resources for the June 21 Aboriginal Sunday Service were discussed

May

Following the announcement of inadequate distribution of funds to the Red Deer Friendship Centre from the Outreach Support Services Initiative administered by the City of Red Deer, a meeting of F&SJ Committee members was arranged with Lyle Keewatin-Richards to explain the situation. A letter drafted and approved by the Sunnybrook Council, was sent to the Mayor and each of the Councilors of the City of Red Deer and copied to the MLA's, in support of the Red Deer Friendship Society and our Indigenous neighbours. It called attention to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and asked the City to rethink the distribution of funds.

June

At the June 19 Service a report was given bringing attention to the congregation that this
day marked the 30th Anniversary of the first apology of the United Church to the First
Nations Peoples of Canada. That 1986 Apology and the subsequent 1998 Apology were
read, as well as some of the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation
Commission (TRC) regarding the next stage of promoting reconciliation between us and
our indigenous neighbours. A review of Sunnybrook's 2015 actions to promote more

understanding were highlighted with a power-point presentation of Our Home and NATIVE Land tour that took place June 2015.

July

 At the July 24 service a report was given about the completion of the Methodist Primary School in Kojowulo, Sierra Leone, funded by \$3000 from Sunnybrook Special Gifts Fund. Unfortunately the power-point pictures of the completed school were unable to be viewed that day so a collage of the pictures was prepared for viewing in the narthex. On August 28, Peter's last Sunday with us power-point pictures were shown and Peter thanked the congregation for their participation in completing the construction of the much-needed school.

September

Worked with members of M&P and Worship Committees along with Tanya Schurr,
Director of Red Deer Friendship Society to plan 2 services to foster more understanding
between Sunnybrook and the Indigenous community of Red Deer. Tanya gave the
message in the Sept.18 service outlining the work of the Friendship Center and the plans
for the new Assouahum location. Charlene Burns from Maskewacis conducted a healing
circle at the Sept.25 service.

October

- World Food Day Service was planned by Sam Denhaan with guest speaker, Andre Visscher, CFB Regional Representative giving the message followed by the annual Canadian Foodgrains Bank Soup and Bun Lunch provided by donations of the soup and buns by the congregation. Through donations, \$1230 was forwarded to CFB, for its work of feeding the hungry of the world.
- A prompt reply was received from the Rev. Peter Kugba Nyande in answer to a query about the Methodist Primary School in Sierra Leone. Due to a late application to the government of SL for the 3 teachers required, opening of the school is delayed until September 2017 at which time it will accommodate 100 students.
- Don Hepburn, past member and present mentor of our social justice committee was honoured by the City and County of Red Deer Historical Society and by the Province for his lifelong dedication to preserving the history of Red Deer, in and particular for researching and presenting the heritage of the indigenous peoples of the of Alberta. Don was instrumental in the creation of the Remembering the Children Society in Red Deer that has worked to locate and recognize the burial grounds of the children that died in the Red Deer Industrial Residential School. A picture of Don and Joan Hepburn with the award plaques is posted on the Social Justice bulletin board.

As we look around us and hear through media of the injustices in the world and in our own community, let us think of where and how Sunnybrook might continue to be a congregation of faith in action.

Respectfully submitted,

Merla Gibson

SENIOR CHOIR ANNUAL REPORT - 2016

The Senior Choir has enjoyed another year of fun and music under the direction of our talented and creative music director Laren Steppler. Allison Clark continues as our accomplished pianist. Our choir is very fortunate to have such gifted talent. I want to also thank Terry Macham and Vernon Murgatroyd, who provide Allison with some relief when she is unable to attend. This team of musicians also share their musical talents at weddings and funerals. The skills of our current music team members, complement each other very well and as a member of the choir, I really appreciate those talents. Most importantly I appreciate the time and commitment made, as the majority of our choir members have been involved at Sunnybrook for many years. Sunnybrook choir remains a close family for both our regular members and those who can only attend when they are able. Our choir has benefited by the commitment of our members over the years.

To our choir team we acknowledge and very much appreciate the number of hours spent in choir practice, choosing music, directing the choir, playing at services and playing at weddings, funerals and special events.. We also acknowledge this time spent, on top of having busy lives and full time jobs. Some of our Choir members such as Brent LaBrosse, Jeff Challoner and Donna Polutnik, have also contributed special music on several occasions. We always appreciate Ben Dubois on the drums when he is in town to join us.

The Senior Choir has welcomed some new members this year but will always welcome people who would love to sing in our choir. The ability to read music is not mandatory. If you enjoy singing and have a good ear for music, please come and join us.

Currently we meet on Sunday mornings at 9.00 a.m., prior to church services. This schedule appears to fit everyone's busy schedules.

So please join us at 9.00 am on Sunday mornings at the church

On behalf of our choir, and our music team, I want to thank you for your support and the positive feedback we receive throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Watson

President, Sunnybrook United Church Choir.

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

At the end of last year, a subcommittee for M and P was struck. This committee was struck to complete an organizational manual for the Sunnybrook United church office. Committee members were Linda Bryant, Gwen Shatford, and Lynn Wilson. This project was completed in the spring of 2016, and is now in the office and being maintained by Linda Bryant. This provides a complete current procedure manual for the office. Thank you for all your work Linda and Gwen.

At the beginning of 2016, we were sorry to lose Donna Reay, our choir director. Subsequently, we were able to find a new choir director and hired Laren Steppler. The choir continues to surprise and delight us under the leadership of Laren.

As the Joint Needs Assessment Committee drew to a close, we were pleased to welcome Brenda Corney as the latest member of the M and P Committee. Brenda has been our recording secretary ever since and we very much appreciate her work.

During the year the M and P Committee was able to participate in training provided by the United Church. We took a webinar called Ministry and Personnel 101 training and were joined by Gerry Winia and Marvin Pickering. Later in the year we took a second webinar, both of which were useful to us. Lynn was in regular contact with Earl Raeburn from Conference office for support and clarification of some of the work we were doing.

The new Staff and Volunteer Handbook, with updates, has been distributed.

One of the mandates of the M and P Committee is annual staff evaluations and these were all completed, with the exception of Laren Steppler who will be having his first evaluation in the spring of 2017. This year we implemented a self evaluation which was met with mixed reviews. Next time we are going back to the format of following the job descriptions when we meet with the staff.

When we discovered that we were getting a new minister, the M and P Committee set about organizing an extensive orientation plan to welcome and support Ross Smillie. We created a written plan and assigned names to each task and date when they were completed. By all accounts, this orientation has been a success. The M and P Committee looks forward to the coming year and our new relationship with Ross.

Sam Denhaan has completed his term on the M and P Committee. We thank Sam for all the work that he has done over the past few years. We are open to a new volunteer for our committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Wilson Brenda Corney Cheryl Robertson Dave Savage Sam Denhaan

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT - 2016

The Resource Development Committee's purpose is to recognize and acknowledge God's gifts of time, talent, resources and skills and to help facilitate the wise and generous use of those resources in the Church community and in the world.

After careful consideration, the committee structure of Sunnybrook was modified last year in an effort to help facilitate better communication, decrease the overlap of activities at any given time in the Church, reduce the number of volunteers needed to fill committee positions and also make it more manageable for a minister to support the committees by having less meetings to attend. A new committee was formed from the amalgamation of four existing committees. These committees were Faith Formation, Faith and Social Justice, Pastoral Care and Worship. The new committee selected the name, Faith In Action. This amalgamated committee model seems to be working really well together. Upon reflection in the fall, UCW was invited to become part of the committee and that bridged another communication channel to the group. The church council model was also reviewed and revised. We do try to let everyone know about the opportunities available for volunteering at Sunnybrook United Church but if we have missed inviting you, please approach us, we would love to have you help out in whatever capacity that works for you whether it be committee work or on an event or activity.

Our committee introduced a new opportunity for the congregation to donate to the Church this year. This opportunity is the grocery card program. This is a way for you to increase your donation to the Church without using any of your disposable income. Basically, you purchase grocery cards from the Church with cash, and then use the grocery cards to make your regular grocery purchases from your favorite grocery stores. The Church purchases a large quantity of grocery cards from the grocery stores which results in a discount for the Church. The Church will earn 4-6% on all purchases. The cards never expire and are available for Coop, Sobey's/Safeway and Save on Foods. Thank you to all of you who have supported the program so far, we raised \$1,776.25 in our first quarter of running this program.

We would also like to thank everyone that has graciously donated their time to sit on a committee in the past. We would like to specifically mention the following people that have finished their committee work in 2016.

Finance and Property - Gord Traverse, Mel Arnold and Dale Ferguson.

Presbytery representative – Gwen Shatford,

Ministry and Personnel - Sam Denhaan and Dave Savage

Transition Team - Roberta Dubois, Mike Evans, Wayne Carey, Brenda Corney, Kathy Drok and Dave Savage. Marvin Pickering – Council Chair (ex-officio), Margaret Lange and Barbara Lieurance Presbytery Reps and Peter Kugba-Nyande - Interim Minister

Joint Search Committee - Roberta Dubois, Mike Evans, Wayne Carey, Kathy Drok, Dave Savage, Brian MacNairn and Keith Rispler

Council Chair – Marvin Pickering

We apologize if we have missed anyone. We are grateful for your work. There are also many "helpers" and you are also very important to the work and community of Sunnybrook United Church. Thank you to all who continue to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Alana Lowe Joyce Moore Liz Reid Dawn Danderfer.

REFUGEE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT-2016

After applying for two refugee families in 2012 we received wonderful news in mid 2016 that the family from Somalia who were living in Yemen but when situation worsened moved to Ethiopia were given an interview at Ankara visa office and were accepted to come to Canada. They passed their medicals and were awaiting a flight to Canada. THEN, because the oldest son had married, we were informed that we needed to complete his wife's paperwork before they would be accepted! Paperwork was completed in Aug. 2016 and forwarded to CPO-W (Central Processing Office in Winnipeg). We, and more importantly the family now WAIT again! When in fact they do arrive, their family here in Red Deer have assured us they will take full responsibility and support them.

The second family who are from Afghanistan and were living in Tehran until recently when they moved to Ankara, were also given an interview in October and were approved, however we learned in December that more paperwork was required for the new baby. Abdulla, the cousin here in Red Deer, assisted me in completing required paperwork and forwarded same Jan.2, 2017. So the family anxiously awaits word that they will be coming to Red Deer to be united with family. We sponsored Asad and Zoheila Bayat and their son Mohammed in 2010. The family of 6 waiting to come is Zoheila's sister and family. Asad and the extended family here are very keen to welcome their loved ones and are planning to provide all necessary support.

It continues to be a privilege to walk with several of the previous families we have supported and who are now independent and we look forward to meeting the new families and walking with them on their journey to independent living as new Canadians.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Challoner

HISTORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT - 2016

The history book is an ongoing project. Today's events are history tomorrow.

Many thanks to those folks who are taking pictures and sending them to the church office. The photos are printed in the office and put into the scrap book.

As folks are 'down sizing' they are finding treasures which are very interesting and valuable.

Lyn Goertzen has been helping with the book. She has a lot of very good ideas especially when it comes to formatting the book. She is also doing the printing.

Thanks Lyn and to all who are sending articles and pictures and also making suggestions.

Another project is a history of women who have been and are now UCW members. Lyn is now seeking pictures and many of you may be hearing from her.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Williamson.

OBSERVER REPORT

The United Church Observer is our national church magazine - a valuable communication vehicle of the Church that gives us up-to-date information of the people, places and problems in Canada and the world.

We started 2016 with 52 subscriptions. We cancelled three and added two, which has us starting 2016 with 49 subscriptions. The Observer Envelopes are available from the office, and your contribution will be added to your church givings. Remember names can be added or deleted from our subscription at any time of the year. Call the church office if you wish to be added to our Group Plan.

Respectfully submitted, Linda Bryant

COMMUNITY GARDENS AT SUNNYBROOK UNITED CHURCH

We began this project in 2009 and it came to fruition in 2010 and expanded in 2011 and again in 2012. We asked the City of Red Deer about the possibility of developing a community garden and they said yes. So with the help of the City through garden soil and lumber, we began the building project in 2010 and it has grown. In June of 2010, we had the gardens blessed and then Mayor Morris Flewwelling joined us to open the gardens. The city brought us more dirt this year to refill the gardens.

We do not charge people for the use of the community garden. People apply for a garden box. There are community members, who participate in the community garden. All nine gardens were utilized this year and we have requests for next year already.

Issues that have come to our attention are:

- People raiding the gardens (especially the gardens closest to the street) some of the vegetables were taken and hopefully used while others were thrown around the plots.
- Wildlife sometimes helps themselves to the plants.

Our advertising is by word of mouth, and through the City via the Red Deer Advocate.

All ages are involved in the garden project. This is truly a great program and a wonderful opportunity for people to learn how to grow food and also know where the food comes from. It also builds community partnerships and breaks down barriers.

Linda Bryant

KASOTA EAST CAMP OVERVIEW 2016

We had a very successful year with an increase in the number of campers attending. Part of this is due to our relationship with Renert School out of Calgary and our offering of amazing programs. Our attendance of campers increased from 348 in 2015 to 502 in 2016, a net increase of 154. There was an unprecedented increase (22 new) in the number of families requesting assistance through the Campership Fund . This, combined with a large drop in donations resulted in a strain on our financial resources which we will not be able to sustain in the future. As a result a full overhaul of the Campership Fund will be happening in 2017 as we are aware this cannot continue. While we are committed to making sure all campers can attend camp, for the financial health of KEC, new guidelines and limits must be established.

Promotions had a successful year, with two Cow Patti Dinner Theatres and silent auctions. Our patio plant and Christmas poinsettia sales were also strongly supported.

Rentals are an important source of revenue, and exposure of the camp to others - an area which we intend to grow in the future. We have a challenge during the summer with renters wanting access to the kitchen in Ross Lodge. We hope to construct a pavilion and summer kitchen on the former Smith Hall site enabling us to satisfy requests for rental opportunities.

Although finances for the year look better than most years, this is mainly due to the fact that over the past two years, three congregations closed, sold their churches and donated a portion of the proceeds to Kasota East Camp. This is obviously not a sustainable source of income.

Our board has had three members resign, leaving only twelve people serving on the board which requires a quorum of ten to make and pass motions. The lower number also increases the work load on the remaining members. There are a number of pastoral charges that do not currently have representatives on the board. If Kasota East Camp is to survive, this situation must be remedied very soon. *Each charge is allowed two representatives. Please give this serious consideration and step forward to volunteer your talents.*

In June a teepee was purchased from Mukwa Teepees, a First Nations owned and operated company in British Columbia. We are pleased to say that our teepee was raised in "a good way" according to the traditions of the Treaty 6 Nations on whose land our camp was founded. We are grateful to our friend, elder Russell Barnes from Samson United Church and the Samson Cree Nation. Russell and his wife Charlene offered us wisdom, guidance, and humour as we raised the teepee.

In August the camp received accreditation visits from both the Alberta Camping Association (ACA) and the United Church Camp Association (UCCA). We have received confirmation that we were accredited by ACA and are still waiting for UCC but expect full accreditation. In October the camp was part of a tour by ACA and received high praise from all attending.

A pump house was constructed over the new well, which is operating satisfactorily, and the grounds around it were landscaped. The road into the camp was improved in cooperation with

Kasota West and is an ongoing project. In addition two loads of gravel were hauled on site in October to fill low spots which were filling with water. However wet weather prevented the completion of this task until spring.

With your help, we can look forward to continuing Kasota East Camp's long history of ministering to the youth and families of Red Deer Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted

Vern Lowe Vice-Chair Kasota East Board of Directors

UCW REPORTS

ELSIE CARLSON-KARA UCW

The average attendance of this group is 14 women. We also welcomed 48 guests to various meetings and events.

2016 Executive were:

President: Position shared by Laurel Charlton and Nora Styner

Secretary: Faye Hughes
Treasurer: Alana Lowe
Phoning: Shirley Poynter
Sick & Visiting: Merla Gibson

Our group catered to three funerals. We prepared 557 Easter eggs for a net profit of \$1,103.00. The Cookie Walk was held October 1 with the net profit of \$883.32. We organized the Christmas Bazaar on November 19, with a net profit of \$1,867.86.

We hosted Sunnybrook Church Annual General Meeting on February 7, 2016. Our members helped with the Shrove Tuesday supper and assisted with the World Day of Prayer Service held at St. Leonard's Anglican Church with an attendance of 90, representing 10 churches, with \$930.00 collected for offering. 39 'Poverty Dolls' were sewn and given to Alberta MLA's. We hosted a farewell for Reverend Peter on June 24, 2016, a Memorial Service for Albert Heft, on July 9 and a birthday party for Marvin Picking on December 17.

We bought 2 Bibles for Sunday Club and gave \$500.00 to the Kasota Campership Fund. \$50.00 was given for a Rwanda Healing Workshop. We bought 2 stove tops for \$500.00, framed Reverend Peter's picture for \$120.00 and donated \$831.60 for the 'Raise the Roof' project. We also gave Linda Bryant and Chess Nesom a gift of appreciation for their assistance with our events.

We enjoyed several interesting programs. In February, *Eileen Wagner*, Central Alberta Cancer Centre, spoke of the programs and support offered by the Cancer Centre. *Laurie Grande*, Manager of Clinical Services spoke to us in March concerning the education and support offered by the Alzheimer's Society. *Mary Ellen Moore* gave us a quiz on the beginnings of UCW, nationally and locally. We enjoyed looking through the UCW History Book.

Delta Rempel spoke about her spinal cord injury and her extensive rehabilitation and recovery. In October, we read Bible verses in order to find the recipe for a 'Scripture Cake'. Nora had made a 'Scripture Cake' which we all enjoyed.

Alice Williamson and Lyn Goertzen are documenting the history of Sunnybrook Church and the History of the UCW. They are requesting pictures and biographies of UCW members.

Some of our members attended the women's Retreat at Gaetz Church on October 16. We enjoyed June and Christmas potluck socials. The Food Bank and the Christmas Bureau each received \$117.62 from the Christmas offering. Many congregational members are remembered with visits, cards and gifts.

The Nina Warden members attended 3 meetings with our Unit.

A warm invitation is extended to all women of the congregation to join our group. Please note that we are now meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Hughes
Elsie Carlson-Kara UCW Secretary

NIAH WARDEN UCW

The Niah Warden UCW meet on the third Thursday of the month in the Church lounge of Sunnybrook United Church at 2:00 p.m.

Our President is Jean McKee and we have attending, on the average, of eight members.

For the months of January, February and March, 2016, we were invited to join the Elsie Carlson/Kara UCW at their meetings which were held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. We graciously accepted.

During the year of 2016 we were privileged to have a guest speaker from the Roayl Bank, namely, Gail Bellanger, who spoke on how seniors can identify and protect ourselves from fraud.

Alice Williamson provided a program consisting f discussions of the Seminars she attended of Saving Jesus Redux. It was very interesting.

Our June meeting was sharing a Pot Luck Supper with the Elsie Carlson/Kara UCW.

Our October and November meetings were held. At our November meeting we had the pleasure of Reverend Ross Smillie and his wife Therese joining us. Each on of us shared our experiences of the Church in our lives and in turn Ross and Therese then shared theirs. It was all so interesting and warming to us.

Our December meeting was with the Elsie Carlson/Kara UCW enjoying another delicious pot luck supper and good fellowship.

We welcome ladies to join us for fellowship, discussions and coffee/tea break. We donate each month to the M&S Fund and to the "tea money dish". This in turn, for the year 2016, will be given to the Mustard Seed organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Billan Niah Warden UCW Secretary

U.C.W. 2016 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Bank Balance		2,204.75
RECEIPTS / Elsie Carlson-Kara Unit - 2016		
Gross income from Easter Eggs, Cookie Walk, Bazaar & Calendars	4,376.05	
Gross Income from Catering and Hosting	1,771.60	
Interest Income	39.59	
Miscellaneous Income: Donations & Christmas Offerings	320.25	
Envelope givings & donations Elsie Carlson-Kara Unit	522.00	
Elsie Carlson-Kara Unit Total Receipts	7.029.49	
DISBURSEMENTS / Elsie Carlson-Kara Unit - 2016		
U.C.W. Kitchen / Supplies & Miscellaneous expenses	961.32	
Invested to GIC	764.42	
Presbyterial and Conference U.C.W. allocation	208.00	
Contributions to SUC- roof & furnace funds, stove tops, photo framing	2,237.12	
Contribution to Mission & Service Fund	600.00	
Contribution to World Development & Relief & Rise Up Rwanda	350.00	
Donations to U.C. Projects: Kasota East, St. Stephens, Naramata	1,800.00	
Donations to community programs	1,635.25	
Elsie Carlson-Kara Unit Total Disbursements	8,556.11	
Elsie Carlson-Kara Unit Receipts over Disbursements		1,526.62
Elsie Carlson-Kara Unit Year End Bank Balance		678.13
RECEIPTS / Niah Warden Unit - 2016		
Opening Balance carried forward		0.00
Envelope givings & Donations - Niah Warden Unit	262.55	
Niah Warden Unit Total Receipts	262.55	
DISBURSEMENTS / Niah Warden Unit - 2016		
Contribution to M & S Fund	181.25	
Contributions to Mustard Seed	75.30	
Niah Warden Unit Total Disbursements	262.55	
Niah Warden Unit Receipts over Disbursements		0.00
Niah Warden Unit Year End Bank Balance		0.00

CASH & INVESTMENTS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016	•	
General Bank Account - Elsie Carlson-Kara Unit	678.13	
General Bank Account - Niah Warden Unit	0.00	
Additional Funds to add to appliance GIC – Elsie Carlson - Kara	3,428.65	
Combined Cash available		4,106.78
GICs (designated appliance fund) - Elsie Carlson-Kara Unit		2,002.48
Total UCW Cash & Investments at December 31, 2016		6,109.26

Submitted by

Alana Lowe, Treasurer

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT

AMOUNT (\$)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
0-50	59	47	36	23	30
51-150	32	23	16	16	33
151-300	38	36	29	25	21
301-500	34	27	27	19	20
501-800	36	31	32	30	26
801-1000	13	15	16	12	19
1001-2000	55	45	39	40	45
2001-5000	38	38	35	33	38
5001-7000	5	5	3	5	5
7001-21000	0	1	1	1	4
21001-26000	0	0	0	0	0
26001-45000	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	310	268	234	204	242
White Envelopes	90	82	67	59	56
Other / Post Dated Remittances	11	11	12	11	17
Pre-Authorized Remittances	105	98	85	80	80
Sub-Total	206	191	164	150	153
Small Buff Envelopes	94	76	70	54	89
Sheep & Cheese Contributions only	10	1	0	0	0
Totals	310	268	234	204	242

Receipts not picked up by February 28, 2017 will be mailed. Please pick up your receipt to help save mailing costs. I would like to thank Linda Bryant and Laurel Charlton for all their help, getting the tax receipts out early.

Respectfully submitted,

Caron Murray, Envelope Secretary

FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The Property/Finance Committee began the year prioritizing projects and it was imperative that the roof leaks of the past be fixed permanently. We knew that this would be one of the biggest projects at Sunnybrook in the past few years, which would also require substantial funds to make the repairs. We initiated the 'buy a shingle' fund raising project. The old tar gravel roof over the Narthex and offices was replaced with a new innovative membrane product that has a 25 year warranty against leaks. With congregation's generous contributions, along with an anonymous donor, we raised over \$50,000, which covered the expenses for the roof repairs and the interior ceiling damage but also provided just over \$4000 of extra funds collected. We recommend those surplus funds be transferred to the Property Capital Reserve fund for work in the future. Another project we completed was the refurbishing of the Sunnybrook sign on Stanton Street, which will now serve us for at least another 10 years.

In 2017, we have identified the following projects, refinishing the front main entrance doors, building a cover for our new sign and adding solar lighting to illuminate the sign on Stanton Street and also the 32nd Street sign, securing the exterior storage better, adding a digital recorder to the sound system to allow us to record and then upload to the website, our Sunday Service, for those who could not attend and finally repainting the parking lot to provide additional handicap stalls.

We continue to have our facility used on a regular basis, either by weekly user groups or by a one-time rental. We are glad to have the Red Deer Music Festival return to Sunnybrook, as one of their event locations, this next year. Our continued ongoing relationship with the Korean Church continues to grow as they have signed an annual renewal contract for another year.

Your Property / Finance Committee is represented by Keith Rispler, Dale Ferguson, Mike Evans, Christy Hambling, Gord Traverse, Bill Reid and Gerry Winia (Treasurer). Unfortunately, Mel Arnold tendered his resignation from the committee earlier this year due to personal reasons. Also, both Gord Traverse and Dale Ferguson will not be continuing with the committee next year and have resigned. I would like to thank everyone for their hard diligent work in keeping Sunnybrook looking great. These people have dedicated a countless amount of time working on this Committee. We will dearly miss Mel, Dale and Gord from our meetings and I would like to thank them for their dedication.

We have recently had Derek McNaney rejoin us and we continue to seek people who are interested or have a special talent for keeping Sunnybrook well maintained.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Evans – Property /Finance Committee

FINANCE ANNUAL REPORT - 2016

Sunnybrook United Church enjoyed a very successful year financially, reporting an operating surplus of nearly \$18,500 versus budget deficit of \$8,000.

Our balance sheet as of Dec 31, 2016 remains strong showing approximately \$286,000 in cash and bank investments in addition to our property assets that are all paid for. Of the amount above \$40,000 is held for the Church group (United in Action) who are working on obtaining approval from the Federal Government to sponsor two refugee families. We continue to hold a \$95,000 investment representing the proceeds from the manse sale (this use is controlled by United Church of Canada). Of the remaining funds \$72,000 is designated for specific purposes and the balance of \$79,000 is not designated. In addition at year-end we held \$16,335 in Grocery gift cards to be sold in January and March 2017. All of our banking is at Servus Credit Union.

The 2016 local offerings were \$12,300 lower than our budgeted \$215,000, however that was \$4,000 higher than 2015. Contributions to Mission & Service Fund were \$625 below our commitment of \$37,000 however this shortfall will be paid from general revenues. Fund raising and rental incomes were slightly lower than budgeted. Excluding the sale of grocery cards and the roof repair costing \$42,350 (not in our 2015 Budget), overall revenues were \$15,500 below budget and expenses \$31,200 less than budget, which nets a surplus of \$18,500. Lower expenses of \$15,500 were the result of not having a Minister for two months and property expenses lower than budgeted (mainly utility costs due to mild winter last year). We propose to transfer the net surplus of \$18,537 to capital reserve funds. In addition since we collected \$50,701 towards the Roof Fund and repairs only costing \$42,348, we also propose to transfer the net difference of \$8,353 to the capital reserve fund. With these transfers the Capital Fund balance will be close to \$47,000 which will give sufficient funds for any future major capital items such as: furnaces, sound systems and improved storage areas.

Receipt of funds via PAR is much appreciated by the Church during the summer months when monthly cash flow is reduced due to vacations. If you and/or your family are interested in knowing more about PAR, please contact Linda at the Church Office. The United Church of Canada provides this opportunity for people to make regular monthly contributions by bank or credit card deductions.

The Budget for 2017 has been based on staff receiving a 1.1% salary increase as per UCC guidelines. We are again challenging the Congregation with a local offering budget of \$215,000 (6.0% over actual last year) resulting in a proposed \$3,700 surplus.

Thank you to Gord Traverse and Christy Hambling for working with me as the Finance Committee and for their help in developing the Budget for 2017. Thank you to Linda Bryant for maintaining our financial records, to Laurel Charlton for coordinating the weekly cash counting and to Caron Murray for her work as Envelope Secretary and preparing the Income tax receipts. Finally a big "*Thank You*" to each and every family for their ongoing contributions to Sunnybrook in order that we were able to fulfill our mission this past year.

Respectfully submitted

Gerry Winia, Treasurer

UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2016

	As at 12/31/2016		As at 12/31/2015	_
ASSET				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Petty Cash	100.00		100.00	
Servus Chequing	31,377.52		26,634.84	
Common Share	1.18		1.14	
Syrian Refugees	39,427.59		0.00	
General Reserve	4,498.70		19,481.86	
Servus - Savings Refugee	3,064.81		2,761.91	
Servus - Savings Special Gifts	5,141.70		5,136.49	
GIC - Savings Special Gifts Servus - Savings Mem	40,400.00		40,000.00	
Education	1,590.03		1,588.40	
Servus - Savings Music	528.38		527.83	
Reserve Funds - Capital	19,991.01		15,845.02	
Youth Account	80.84		80.72	
Benevolent	2,455.01		2,555.60	
Servus - Savings Mortgage	41,480.94		4,497.70	
T-Bill - Savings Mortgage	0.00		30,000.00	
GIC Manse Proceeds	95,950.00		95,000.00	-
Cash: Total		286,087.71		244,211.51
Accounts Receivable ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:	2,754.83		442.83	-
NET		2,754.83		442.83
Prepaid Expenses		16,335.00		0.00
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		305,177.54		244,654.34
FIXED ASSETS				
Land - Church		20,000.00		20,000.00
Building - Church		739,505.36		739,505.36
Equipment		209,795.24		209,795.24
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS		969,300.60		969,300.60
TOTAL ASSET		1,274,478.14		1,213,954.94

LIABILITY

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Accounts Payable		-139.66		-139.66
Mastercard payable		0.00		444.50
G S T Paid On Purchases	0.00	_	-22.50	
G S T Owing (Refund)		0.00	_	-22.50
TOTAL CURRENT				
LIABILITIES		-139.66	-	282.34
TOTAL LIABILITY		-139.66	-	282.34
EQUITY				
EQUITY				
Surplus		1,213,672.60		1,217,872.69
Current Surplus		60,945.20	_	-4,200.09
TOTAL EQUITY		1,274,617.80	_	1,213,672.60
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EQUITY	:	1,274,478.14	=	1,213,954.94

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UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF 2016 OPERATIONS

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements	Actual to 31-Dec-15	Budget 2016	Actual to 31-Dec-16	Budget 2017
GENERAL INCOME				
Local Offering	198,692	215,000	202,705	215,000
Mission & Service	37,260	37,000	36,375	37,000
Mission & Service UCW/Other	845	600	781	600
Sunday School	106	100	98	100
Observer Magazine	955	1,000	1,145	1,200
Grocery Card Sales	0	0	30,425	80,000
Fund Raising	3,655	4,500	3,938	4,500
Rentals	25,495	27,000	24,450	25,000
Weddings/Funerals	3,030	3,500	2,907	3,000
Interest	1,405	1,500	1,768	1,500
Refugee	300	250	300	300
Benevolent	3,214	2,500	2,722	2,500
Input Tax Credit (GST)	1,093	1,000	2,126	1,100
Special Gifts	20	0	0	0
Reserve Funds - Capital	1,033	5,000	4,129	5,000
Roof Repair Funds	0		50,701	0
Miscellaneous	166	100	36	100
Total General Income	277,269	299,050	364,607	376,900
GENERAL EXPENSE				
Assessments	9,476	8,052	8,052	6,026
Postage	1,059	1,000	777	1,000
Telephone	3,226	3,300	3,154	3,300
Advertising/Promo	2,389	2,500	2,367	3,000
Accounting/Audit	2,670	2,800	2,785	2,900
Stationery/Supplies	2,210	2,300	1,923	2,300
Web Site	241	1,500	1,465	500
Bank Charges/ADP	1,700	1,800	1,511	1,800
GST	2,186	2,000	4,252	2,200
Photocopier Maintenance	1,952 63	2,100	2,082	2,100

Lease - Photocopier	2,711	3,200	3,173	3,200
Mission & Service	38,105	37,600	37,781	37,600
Observer Magazine	1,067	1,400	1,242	1,400
Wedding/Funeral Disbursements	1,430	1,700	1,231	1,350
Benevolent	2,100	2,500	2,825	2,500
Grocery Card Expense	0	0	28,849	76,000
Miscellaneous	785	1,000	1,020	1,000
Total General Expense	73,307	74,752	104,489	148,176
COMMITTEE EXPENSE				
Faith Formation	2,196	2,200	2,263	2,400
Worship & Music	1,977	2,000	2,067	2,200
Faith & Social Justice	384	400	50	400
Pastoral Care	531	600	690	800
Ministry & Personnel	306	400	607	600
Resource Dev/Stewardship	39	50	60	50
Refugee	0	0	0	0
Transition Team	97	0	0	0
JNAC/Search	0	1,500	363	0
Heritage	52	0	15	50
Total Committee Expense	5,582	7,150	6,114	6,500
PERSONNEL EXPENSE				
Minister A Salary & Housing	0	22,481	11,729	68,185
Travel Allowance	0	200	74	1,200
Education	0	453	14	1,374
Telephone	0	270	100	600
Moving	0	6,000	3,976	0
SUC Payroll Expense	0	4,700	2,538	14,320
Minister B - Salary	48,756	33,154	33,154	0
Travel Allowance	234	400	374	0

Education	3,030	906	961	0	
Telephone	800	330	533	0	
Transitional Sabbatical	835	2,500	3,034	2,063	
Moving	0	0	0	0	
Housing	16,800	11,200	11,200	0	
Vacation Pay Repayment	3,891	0	0	0	
SUC Payroll Expense	13,316	9,400	9,133	0	
Office Administrator - Salary	35,913	36,631	36,631	37,034	
Travel Allowance	600	600	600	600	
Education	199	200	0	200	
SUC Payroll Expense	7,661	7,950	7,676	8,100	
Janitor/Caretaker - Salary	23,801	24,277	24,277	24,544	
Travel Allowance	200	200	200	200	
SUC Payroll Expense	630	650	548	650	
Sunday Club Sal/Ben	5,691	6,800	5,746	6,000	
Pulpit Supply	1,875	2,250	2,298	2,300	
Choir Director	0	4,500	2,775	4,500	
Musician	7,025	7,375	7,405	7,500	
Child Care Worker	742	1,300	1,067	1,500	
Total Personnel Expense	171,999	184,727	166,044	180,870	
PROPERTY EXPENSE					
Heat	4,097	6,000	3,765	6,000	
Power, Water	4,904	6,500	5,440	6,000	
Insurance	6,118	6,118	6,118	6,600	
General Maintenance/ Equipment	8,816	8,800	6,301	6,500	
Capital Improvement	3,175	5,000	0	5,000	
Interior/Roof Repair	0	0	42,348	0	
Computer Maintenance/Supplies	16	1,000	48	500	
Sound System Maintenance	1,068	1,000	423	1,000	
Cleaning Supplies	795	1,000	850	1,000	
Total Property Expense	28,988 65	35,418	65,293	32,600	

TOTAL EXPENSE	279,876	302,047	341,940	368,146
Income over Expense (Net)	-2,607	-2,997	22,666	8,754
Transfer to Capital Savings	1,033	5,000	4,129	5,000
Net Operating Income over Expense	-3,640	-7,997	18,537	3,754
DESIGNATED FUNDS				
Camp Kasota	25		368	
World Development	1,400		1,300	
Music	0		0	
Memorial Education Gifts	0		0	
Syrian Refugee	0		39,399	
Other	4,716		2,600	
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS	6,141	0	43,667	0
DESIGNATED DISBURSEMENTS				
Camp Kasota	25		368	
World Development	1,400		1,300	
Music	0		0	
Reserve Funds - Capital	0		0	
Special Gifts (Sierre Leone School)	2,000	1,000	1,000	
Memorial Education Gifts	250		0	
Syrian Refugee	0		0	
Other	4,059		2,720	
TOTAL DESIGNATED DISBURSEMENTS	7,734	1,000	5,388	0_
TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS TOTAL DESIGNATED	6,141	0	43,667	0
DISBURSEMENTS	7,734	1,000	5,388	0
DESIGNATED BALANCE <deficit></deficit>	<u>-1,593</u>	<u>-1,000</u>	<u>38,279</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL INCOME	283,410	299,050	408,274	376,900
TOTAL EXPENSES	287,610	303,047	347,329	368,146
BALANCE <deficit></deficit>	-4,200	-3,997	60,945	8,754