

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18



*Growing & deepening our spiritual lives
in an affirming and inclusive community*

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**ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 11:30 a.m.**

Growing and deepening our spiritual lives in an affirming and inclusive community

1. Debra Charnuski, Chair, called the meeting to order and establishment of quorum (20 members) was confirmed.
2. Rev. Peggy McDonagh opened the meeting with a prayer.
3. Approval of agenda:

MOTION: That the agenda for this November 26, 2017 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

Moved by: Marion Whitman Seconded by: Brenda Wallace **Motion carried.**

4. Participation of adherents:

MOTION: That St. David's United Church adherents who are at this meeting may vote on all matters except Ministry and Personnel matters and property matters requiring the consent of Presbytery.

Moved by: Colin Outtrim Seconded by: Frans Heynen. **Motion carried.**

5. Approval of minutes of the congregational annual budget meeting of June 4, 2017:

MOTION: That the minutes of the St. David's United Church congregational annual budget meeting on June 4, 2017 be approved as written.

Moved by: Bruce Sunderland Seconded by: Kyle Carroll. **Motion carried.**

Action

6. In Memory

The names of those who have died over the past year listed in the Annual Report were read by Rev. Peggy McDonagh and words of remembrance were shared.

7. Voting Results for the United Church of Canada General Council Remits 1 & 4

Debra Charnuski reported to the congregation that St. David's United Church received a letter from General Council dated July 6, 2017 advising that Remit 1: Three Council Model and Remit 4: Funding a New Model passed with a majority.

The voting results are as follows:

Remit 1: Three Council Model

Presbyteries: Yes: 74 No: 7

Pastoral charges: Yes: 1,672 No: 222

Remit 4: Funding a New Model

Presbyteries: Yes: 70 No: 12

Pastoral charges: Yes: 1,472 No: 398

Now that the remits have passed the committees assigned to these remits will now focus on the task of developing the "how" these transitions will take place.

8. Presentation and Approval of the 2016/2017 Annual Report – Debra Charnuski

Thanks went out to all the committees for submitting their reports in a timely fashion and to the office for preparing the report. The annual report is a very important document that communicates the life of the church to its congregants and the Chair, Debra Charnuski, encouraged everyone to take time to read it.

MOTION: That the 2016-2017 Annual Report for St. David's United Church be approved as printed.

Moved by: Bruce Sunderland Seconded by: Ian Halliday **Motion carried.**

9. Treasurer's Report for 2016-2017 – presented by the Finance Committee

MOTION: That the Treasurer's Report for 2016-2017 and the financial statements be accepted as printed.

Moved by: Bob Clare Seconded by: Colin Outtrim **Motion carried.**

10. Report Regarding Ongoing Initiatives to Address Deficit – Finance Committee & Council

Council reported to the congregation that meetings were held in August, September and October to discuss the deficit and to explore options on how to address it. Meetings were held with the Trustees and with Calgary Presbytery respecting using some of the monies held in the Facility Development and Contingency Restricted Fund, which monies were derived from the sale of the church manse, to offset the deficit. After confirmation from Calgary Presbytery that the monies contained in the fund were at the discretion of the congregation in terms of spending, council approached the trustees, who are responsible for overseeing the use of the fund, with a proposal to withdraw from the fund monies

to cover 2 years of operating deficit. After much discussion, the trustees agreed to permitting council to withdraw up to a maximum of \$60,000 from the fund. All monies withdrawn must be authorized by a Council motion before being made. It was acknowledged that this was a "stop gap" measure, to allow Council the time necessary to pursue other options for addressing the deficit.

MOTION: To use part of the Facility Development and Contingency Restricted fund to cover any operating deficit for the next 2 years to a maximum of \$60,000. Such sums will be authorized by a Council motion.

Moved by: Bob Clare Seconded by: Ian Halladay **Motion carried.**

11. New Committee Member Appointments

Kathy Koehler and Dana Young have stepped forward to fill vacancies for the Ministry and Personnel Committee (M&P). The congregation accepted the nominations.

MOTION: That the names of Kathy Koehler and Dana Young be approved as a slate of nominees to the Ministry and Personnel Committee.

Moved by: Marion Whitman Seconded by: Dave McMurtry **Motion carried.**

Closing

12. Rev. Peggy McDonagh blessed the congregation.

MOTION: That St. David's United Church Council be empowered to carry on the business of St. David's United Church until the next annual general meeting.

Moved by: Bruce Sunderland Seconded by: Kyle Carroll. **Motion carried.**

13. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
Annual General Budget Meeting Minutes
Sunday, June 10, 2018

"Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an Affirming and Inclusive Community"

The Meeting was called to order at 11:50 am.

Reverend Peggy McDonagh opened with a prayer.

1. Establishment of Quorum

After a attendee count by the Chair it was determined there was a quorum present. At least 50 active members must be present to achieve quorum.

2. Participation of adherents.

MOTION: That St. David's United Church adherents who are present at the meeting may vote on all subjects except ministry personnel matters and property matters requiring the consent of Presbytery.

Motion made Ruth Cross. Seconded by Colin Outtrim. **Carried.**

3. Approval of Agenda

MOTION: That the agenda for June 10, 2018 Annual General Budget Meeting be approved as presented.

Motion made by Gary Koehler. Seconded by Bonnae McTavish. **Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes of the Congregational Meeting of November 26, 2017

MOTION: That the minutes for the St. David's United Church Congregational Meeting on November 26, 2017 be approved as presented.

Motion made by Colin Outtrim. Seconded by Bob Clare. **Carried.**

Action Items:

5. Presentation of the 2018-2019 Budget (see attached budget sheet)

a) Looking Back – 2017- 2018 Budget

Bob Clare, Treasurer of St. David's presented and discussed the 2017-2018 budget. As St. David's year end falls on June 30, 2018, finals are not available at this time, however, Janet Zatka has "projected forward" on where it is anticipated we would finish up for the end of the 2017-2018 budget year. It is looking like we will finish with approximately a \$31,381 deficit, which is less than the projected deficit of \$51,970.00. We will therefore be drawing down \$31,381.00 (the deficit amount) from the sum of \$60,000 the Trustees and congregation approved at the

2017 Annual General Meeting, such monies being derived from our "nest egg" from the sale of the manse which was deposited into a Building & Capital Improvement Fund. What is most concerning is that our present level of offerings is not sufficient enough to cover our ministry and personnel costs. The good news is that everyone kept their expenses to a minimum so our expense line came in under what was budgeted for. Bob commended the staff and all the committees for their diligence and hard work in keeping the expenses in check.

b) Looking Forward – 2018 - 2019 Budget

Kyle Carroll presented the Finance Committee's proposed 2018-2019 budget. Finance is projecting another deficit budget in the amount of \$40,240.00. Note that finance has deliberately kept in the budget, under Ministry & Personnel, the full cost of Kelley Warner's ministerial position. Kelley will be leaving St. David's, however, finance chose to keep the line item as is in order to account for any supply ministerial assistance required for Peggy during vacations etc. as well as allowing for the Needs Assessment to make their recommendations on the vacant position. It is fully expected we will realize a degree of cost savings as their will be lead in time before a decision is made on the position and as such, that position will remain unfilled.

Discussion ensued as to what was being done to address the fact that we are unable to continue to operate indefinitely on a deficit basis. Deb Charnuski, Chair of Council advised that Council has begun to undertake initiatives, and such initiatives will be more fully discussed later on in the meeting.

Kyle asked the congregation to approve the budget, given the fact that the measures being undertaken to ensure our continuity, such as the Edge initiative, have only just begun and will need the time to come to fruition in the upcoming year. We owe it to this community we value so much to explore all our options for continuing onwards.

MOTION: That the 2018-2019 Budget presented by the Finance Committee be accepted by St. David's United Church Congregation as its annual budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018.

Motion made by Bob Clare. Seconded by Eldon Godfrey. **Carried.**

c) Needs Assessment

Kathy Koehler reported that St. David's is required to do a Needs Assessment before any work on finding a replacement for Kelley Warner's position may commence. A full Joint Needs Assessment (JNAC) is not required to be completed at this time, however, a shorter modified process does still need to be undertaken. Debra Charnuski informed the congregation that 4 people will be required to form a committee to undertake the work and that Council is looking for volunteers to fill this important role.

d) Covenant of funds to the Mission and Service Fund – Bob Clare

Each year the congregation sets a funding goal for the Mission and Service Fund. Bob Clare went over the figures representing giving's to the Mission and Service Fund from previous years and is recommending that the St. David's congregation covenant \$40,000 to the Mission & Service fund for the 2018-2019 St. David's budget year.

Discussion ensued where it was clarified that this figure is a "covenant" and as such is a goal that the congregation is setting in terms of raising funds. This does not mean, however, that we will have to make up the difference if we do not receive donations in that amount.

MOTION: that St David's United Church covenant \$40,000 to the Mission and Service Fund for the 2018/2019 budget year.

Motion made by Bob Clare. Seconded by Colin Outtrim. **Carried.**

e) Reality Check – future of St. David's

Deb Charnuski pointed out that St. David's has much to celebrate. This congregation has done wonderful work. Examples are the work done by the Refugee Committee, Inn from the Cold, Ministry of Families, Pastoral Care, Affirming Ministry, our vibrant Music Ministry, the adult education programs undertaken by ACTS, the success of PSALT and the Sacred Service teams to help with worship services. Our revitalization of the sanctuary continues under the guidance of the Property Committee as the flooring will be laid down and finished over this summer and carpet being replaced by better flooring in the Tatangi Mani room.

Presently, however, there is no doubt that the congregation is facing challenges. We are running a deficit budget and for the first time in a long time our giving's no longer cover the cost of our M&P (staff) budget. Our attendance is declining. There is a lack of much needed lay leadership in church to support staff, such a Worship and Ministry of Families committees. The Council has run without a full executive for over 3 years due to lack of volunteers for key positions such as Secretary and Vice President. With the current Treasurer stepping down the only position that is filled on the Council Executive as at June 2018 is the Chair. That puts tremendous strain on the Chair role.

So what is being done about ensuring the future of our congregation? Since the November 2017 Annual General Meeting, Council has undertaken several key initiatives. Several individuals have joined other United Churches in the northwest as part of the "NW Spark" group. This group holds cluster meetings to discuss and come up with ideas as how to share resources and support each other. We are not the only ones experiencing declining attendance. St. David's has been approached to consider a merger with another congregation. That will be another option to explore.

There have been meetings held with John Den Hoed - Planning & Administration, Calgary Presbytery to discuss the general overall health of the city-wide United Church congregations and the United Church's Edge initiative was discussed. Edge is a program from the United Church of Canada which supports churches looking to renew and revitalize by providing resources and consultants. John De Hoed's church – Red Deer Lake United – undertook this process and he related

his church's experience with the program. Presbytery was also consulted about the program.

St. David's has begun looking into the Edge program and has formed an Edge Study Committee. Colin Outtrim has agreed to Chair this committee and is looking for volunteers to assist him. An Edge handout (see attached) was given out about the program and how it will provide some valuable insight into discerning options and possible directions for St. David's United Church.

6. Acknowledgement of Council/Committee Members Completing their terms of service

Deb Charnuski, Council Chair, thanked Bob Clare for his 8 years of service as Treasurer and Kyle Carroll for his 6+ years of service on the Finance Committee. Both individuals went above and beyond in their roles and are to be commended for their countless volunteer hours spent to ensure St. David's remained fiscally responsible.

7. Vacancies on Council/Committees

Deb Charnuski noted that there is an urgent need for volunteers for the Council executive. The following executive positions on Council need to be filled:

- Treasurer
- VP
- Secretary

In addition the following committees need volunteers:

- Finance
- Worship
- Ministry of Families

MOTION: *That the Council of St. David's United Church be empowered to appoint additional members to the Council and Committees on behalf of the congregation until the next Annual General Meeting.*

Motion made by Eldon Godfrey. Seconded by Colin Outtrim. **Carried.**

Revered Peggy McDonagh closed the meeting with a benediction.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debra Charnuski
Chair
St. David's United Church Council

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

BUDGET SUMMARY - JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

	PROPOSED BUDGET 1-Jul-18 TO 30-Jun-19 \$	PROJECTED RESULTS 1-Jul-17 TO 30-Jun-18 \$	APPROVED BUDGET 1-Jul-17 TO 30-Jun-18 \$	ACTUAL 1-Jul-16 TO 30-Jun-17 \$
REVENUE:				
OFFERING	318,100	317,876	330,120	319,235
OTHER	150,200	145,858	120,700	139,980
TOTAL REVENUE (A)	468,300	463,734	450,820	459,215
EXPENSES:				
MINISTRY & PERSONNEL	356,162	343,012	354,910	332,948
PROPERTY	78,750	73,331	67,800	79,297
PRESBYTERY ASSESSMENT	27,000	30,363	29,000	27,352
OFFICE	25,400	27,574	27,350	26,539
STEWARDSHIP	2,550	1,942	2,400	3,898
WORSHIP	2,053	2,161	2,000	2,633
HOSPITALITY	3,325	4,294	2,340	3,160
MUSIC	2,700	2,752	2,725	2,004
PASTORAL CARE	950	579	550	801
AFFIRMING	1,600	1,589	4,000	1,181
MINISTRY TO FAMILIES	4,200	4,120	5,265	5,169
ADULT SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	410	410	410	360
COUNCIL GOVERNANCE	250	219	250	1,149
PROJECTION, SOUND & LIGHTING	1,090	1,598	1,090	232
COMMUNICATIONS	2,100	1,170	2,700	2,425
TOTAL EXPENSE (B)	508,540	495,116	502,790	489,146
DEFICIT FROM OPERATIONS (A) - (B)	(40,240)	(31,381)	(51,970)	(29,931)
MISSION & SERVICE RECEIPTS	40,000	40,341	50,000	47,483

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH COUNCIL & COMMITTEES

2018-2019 (as of November 1, 2018)

CHAIR

Deb Chamuski (2015) Jun-19

VICE CHAIR

- vacant -

PAST CHAIR

- vacant -

A.C.T.S

Brenda Wallace (Chair) Jun-18
Jock McTavish (2003)
Bonnae McTavish (2006)
Marlene Holst (2011)
Joan Gray (2012)

Wayne Holst (adult ministry)
Peggy McDonagh (minister)

PSALT

Brenda Wallace Jun-19
PSALT members

MINISTRY OF FAMILIES

Rachelle Hardin Jun-19
Rebecca Chubb-Way Jun-21

Alison Demeter (minister)

FINANCE

Colin Outtrim (2018) Jun-21
Eldon Godfrey Jun-21
Bob Clare (advisory)

Paige Martin (Accountant)

EDGE COMMITTEE

Colin Outtrim (Chair) Jun-21

SECRETARY

- vacant -

TREASURER

- vacant -

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL

Kathy Koehler (Chair)
Dana Young
Bill Dickson

Peggy McDonagh

MUSIC

Ad hoc committee when required

Brent Tucker (music director)

PASTORAL CARE

Janet Clare Jun-21
Marlyn Outtrim Jun-21
Sharon Larson (2014) Jun-10
Janet Larson (2014) Jun-10

(Debbie Stockdale advisor)

PROPERTY

Bruce Sunderland (Chair) Jun-19
Sherri Melrose Jun-18
Dave McMurtry (2012) Jun-18

AFFIRMING COMMITTEE

Jennifer Ferleyko (Chair)
Lori McLaren
Darlene Heynen
Dianne Trew
Mike Trew

JOINT NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Bonnae McTavish

PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVES

Gary Koehler (2005)
Marion Whitman (2005)

(note Presbytery will cease to exist Dec 3)

WORSHIP

Rachelle Hardin Jun-19
Darlene Heynen Jun-21
Joeli Frank Jun-21
Tom Frank Jun-21

Brent Tucker (music director)
Peggy McDonagh (minister)

COMMUNICATION

Chantal Winslow Jun-20

TRUSTEES

(open-ended term)
Ian Halladay (Chair)(2000)
Dave McMurtry (2000)
Jack Beaton
Kerri Duncan-McCartney
Peggy McDonagh (minister)

FOUNDATION

Janet Frolich (Chair) Jun-19
Frans Heynen Jun-19
Bill Dickson Jun-19
Ruth Cross Jun-19
Norm Shannon Jun-19
Mike Stockdale Jun-19

In Loving Memory
October 2017 – October 2018

Ruth Moir..... July 6, 2017

David Richie..... February 3, 2018

Doreen Crowder..... February 10, 2018

Daniel McKinnon..... February 21, 2018

David Clement..... March 30, 2018

Myrtle MacLeod..... April 7, 2018

James Noble..... April 9, 2018

Jean Atchison..... August 23, 2018

Vanessa Zytaruk..... October 9, 2018

Beverly Pearson..... October 24, 2018

Stan Fong..... November 15, 2018



**Rev. Peggy McDonagh, Minister of Congregational
Operations and Worship
Annual Report for 2017/18**

As I reflect on the past year my heart is touched by the community love and care that has been extended to me by so many of you and how welcoming, kind-hearted and understanding the people are of this congregation. Throughout the year we have connected our voices, hearts and faith as we dreamed, shared, cared, volunteered, and grown on this journey of faith we continue to walk with one another.

In many ways St. David's remains a vibrant faith community. As is true with each year this annual report reflects the vibrant and active faith life of St. David's and the commitment, energy, financial support and time given by so many volunteers and leadership to enable us to be a spiritual presence not only in the lives of those who attend but within the wider community.

Staff members have continued to deepen and grow the spiritual life of this community with their creativity, insights, wisdom, gifts, and faith, and through their combined efforts to help bring our faith alive in meaningful and enlivening ways. I express my deepest gratitude to all the staff for their dedication, creativity, grace, and fortitude.

As we have traversed through the passage of months, our road has taken abrupt turns because of unexpected circumstances and changes. We said goodbye to Kelley Warner, our pastoral care minister. What a joy and delight it was to work with Kelley. She blessed this community and staff with her wisdom, warmth, laughter, stories, and social justice commitment. Kelley's busy life takes her down many roads and it is our prayer that she will continue to follow her path and find fulfillment in her ministry and other work.

We also bid farewell to Janet Zarka, a committed, tireless and organized accountant who gave many dedicated years of service to her position. Janet could be counted on to share some interesting tidbits about the political world, the royals, and numerous other organizations and events. Her humorous stories often made for some delightful laughter over lunch. I do miss Janet's accounting efficiency and her commitment to ensure the financial upkeep of St. David's.

During our worship times we have been pulled into moments of deeper reflection, of questioning more intentionally the meaning and purpose of life, of heartfelt laughter, and blessed hope. Together we have celebrated rites of passage, said farewell to long time members and friends, celebrated the lives of those who died, welcomed new people to the community, and volunteered hundreds of hours of time and energy to the variety of events, lunches, meetings, and activities that give life to our faith family. Even as we remain active and busy, we are always aware of that invisible dark cloud that rains down worry upon some hearts about our financial situation.

New Zealand's foremost Christian scholar Lloyd Geering observes that in the ancient world those seeking a new faith direction did not talk about Christianity because there was no Christian institution at that time. Rather, the first Christian communities viewed themselves in terms of a movement, people of the Way, the Jesus Movement. These spiritual communities were fluid, changing, and growing as they met the needs of people living in their time and place.

Perhaps one of the greatest struggles facing mainline churches and their leadership is how to empower congregations to be relevant and successful as they grapple with the newly presented 21st-century dilemmas. Churches are living in a time in which, like the first Christian communities, we must be fluid, changing, creative and committed so we can discover positive solutions for financial, personal, organizational and societal needs.

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For me, it feels as if there is a renewed energy and hope in the congregation but there is much for us to think about and reflect on as a community of faith in this changing world. 'Communities' are groups of people who share common interests, concerns or identify that the general meaning of self-empowerment is taking control of community life, setting goals and exercising power to achieve set goals, and making positive choices to maximize the quality of community life. It is time for St. David's to take control of our community life intentionally and empower each other to maximize the quality of our life together.

Some members of the congregation are engaging in an intentional review and information gathering to give us direction and help us set goals and mechanism by which we can achieve those goals. It is important that we understand our community's weakness and strengths and build trust. It is our hope that this process will enable St. David's to move away from deficit and defeat thinking to positive, constructive productivity and give us continued reason to gather and be committed to the present and future of our church.

The value we are honouring this November is empowerment. Empowerment goes to the heart of one's humanity because it recognizes the value, the skills, the abilities, and the inner power individuals need to effect change, to provide leadership, to run programs, and to believe in their own ability to make a difference.

Empowerment builds up the community because it sets us on the firm foundation of courage, hope and confidence. Spirituality is about bringing meaning and purpose to life, and empowerment is a vital way by which we nurture meaning and purpose as we build each other up and invite one another to explore our humanness, our faith and the future of our beloved community in an environment of respect, equality, understanding and love.

We are one body in Christ, each offering a different function – imagine what we could be together as we take risks, share our compassion and gifts, reach out, share the load, give back and make a difference not only in this community, but in our lives and in the world. We are on a road that leads to anywhere and it will take us wherever we wish to go. We will never know if we can succeed unless we venture out into new territory. We take the road less travelled with faith as our guiding light and the love of each other and God to walk with on the journey.

I encourage people to keep in mind what you value about this community and what you would miss if we no longer existed and let your insights provide the energy and perseverance that will enable you to remain dedicated, hopeful, and enlightened. As we move forward into the unknown future, let us be diligent in our collective energy, commitment, financial and human support, and compassion guided by our faith, dedication, hope, understanding and optimism.

*Namaste,
Reverend Peggy*



Council Chair Message

*Two roads diverged in a wood and I
I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.*

St. David's is on a cusp. A cusp of many possibilities. Our Edge initiative has begun exploring the possibilities for our future. On November 26, 2018, two members of Council will be attending a day long "Flourishing Congregations" seminar held at Ambrose College. It is an exciting time of conversations, hopes and dreams. A congregational update will be given on the status of our explorations at the November 25, 2018 Annual General Meeting. There will be many opportunities forthcoming for input and the congregation is encouraged to participate. We are looking for people to join the Edge Committee and help to shape the future of St. David's.

There is a quote that claims "*the only constant thing is change*". Indeed, this holds true for our wider organization, as the United Church of Canada undertakes a major structural change. At the end of December 2018, local Presbyteries and Conferences will no longer exist. These will be replaced by "regional councils". More decision-making power is being given to local congregations allowing more freedom to decide on what focus and programs they wish to undertake and support financially. The Church Council will continue to provide leadership and oversight of the life and work of the church and bringing to the table those issues, plans and ideas that need our attention. This means we must have a strong Council Executive in place to empower the congregation and provide guidance and leadership. Please reflect upon whether you are able to step up to meet this urgent need. Every executive position (Chair, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary) needs to be filled. You do not have to commit to a full three year term.

There is no doubt that St. David's is facing some major challenges. Our revenues are declining. We are struggling to find people to volunteer on our committees and do the work that is needed to keep our church moving forward. Our financial picture does not look promising for our continued future, however, Council firmly believes this can *change* IF the congregation has both the belief and will to keep the community alive by actively supporting and participating in determining the future of this congregation. More on how that will look will become clearer as options are presented and action plans evolve.

While we are facing challenges, we have many things to celebrate and for which to be thankful. You will read in this 2017-2018 Annual Report the many highlights from various committees as to their amazing and inspirational work. Please take the time to read their reports and I hope you feel proud of what has been accomplished, the result of many volunteers and their time and talents that have been given freely to ensure we have an active outreach program and a nurturing and spiritually focused congregation.

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We are grateful to all of our staff here at St. David's United Church: from our ministerial team of Peggy McDonagh and Alison Demeter, ably assisted by the recent addition of Debbie Stockdale, who is helping out with Pastoral Care, to our music director, Brent Tucker, for his work in leading and inspiring our beloved music programs, to our office administrator, Chantal Winslow and to Wayne Holst, who oversees adult spiritual development and growth. We welcomed Paige Martin as our financial administrator in August, after saying a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to Janet Zarka. Then there are all who ensure our nursery and Faith Quest programs are conducted in a safe and nurturing environment and of course there is Wally Pelley, who is much more than our custodian, he is the caretaker of our spiritual home. The ongoing efforts of each of these individuals are vital to ensuring that the *growing and deepening our spiritual lives* component of our mission statement is realized by all.

My personal thanks go out to all those on Council for their leadership and efforts. It has been a great privilege to work alongside all of you.

Yours on the journey in Faith,
Debra Charnuski, Chair of Council

Pastoral Care Ministry Annual Report 2017/18

September 2017 - 2018 was busy for the Pastoral Care Committee and its Petal Group ministries. The Pastoral Care Committee continues to focus on visioning and enacting ideas that are felt to benefit the community. Under the umbrella of the Pastoral Care Committee, the Petal Groups each work in their own unique way to share their love and talents with our church family.

This year the pastoral care committee led by Rev. Kelley Warner hosted several events:

- There were three drumming circles led by Heather Johnstone in November, January and April with food provided by the Pastoral Care Committee. These sessions were very well attended.
- The Blue Christmas service was held on a Friday evening this year, led by Kelley with special music provided by Dana Young-Shermack and healing touch provided by the healing touch ministry group. The Pastoral Care Committee provided the snacks that followed.
- In May the Pastoral Care Committee hosted a one day workshop called *'Celebrating Wise Women'* facilitated by Kelley Warner. It was well attended.
- The Pastoral Care luncheon on June 10 thanked all those who helped in caring for our community under the umbrella of the Pastoral Care Committee over the past year. The Petal Groups were thanked with a luncheon and flowers to take home. Thanks so much to the many people who offer their gifts of love and compassion in such a variety of ways to our church family!

Each Pastoral Care Petal Group Ministry is dedicated in their service to the St. David's community.

- The Prayer Shawl Ministry continued to offer their gifts to those in need, by creating stunning prayer shawls and baptismal shawls, a physical reminder of this community's strength.
- Members of the Prayer Chain Ministry continued to offer their time and the meditation of their hearts to those who are facing difficult times. They meet regularly to share their understanding of both praying for those struggling and exploring the wisdom around prayer.
- The Healing Touch Ministry takes that same focus of care and offers it through their thoughtful healing of the 'whole person'. Open sessions are available the first Wednesday of each month.
- The Card Ministry shows their support to those who are sick or grieving by sending a card from the St. David's community.

The Pastoral Care Team at St. David's shows that it takes the gifts of many to care for a community. The St. David's Pastoral Care team supports this congregation with our many enduring programs and is always on the lookout to explore new ways to live out the values we uphold. A huge thank you to each and every one who offered gifts of love over the past year. Maybe you baked, visited, knitted, wrote cards of support, organized, supplied food, prayed or offered your gifts of healing touch. Every offering contributes to the loving heart of St. David's and is truly appreciated.

A very special thank-you to Rev. Kelley Warner for all the wonderful pastoral gifts she shared with us in her time at St. David's. In July we said a sad good-bye to Kelley, who provided dedicated pastoral care leadership at St. David's for several years. She helped us broaden our understanding of pastoral care and encouraged us to take on exciting new initiatives. We wish her well as she moves into the next phase of her life and ministry.

In the coming year the primary focus of the Pastoral Care Committee will be visiting our folk who are ill or shut-in, leading the Blue Christmas service and updating our vision of what our pastoral care ministry will look like going forward.

May the love of God, the light of Christ and the companionship of the Spirit be known to all as we move into a new year of caring at St. David's.

Faithfully submitted,
The Pastoral Care Committee



Family Ministries Committee

Annual Report 2017/18

FAITH QUEST & YOUTH

Statistics

An average of .05 children visited the nursery each Sunday,

No children were registered in the Nursery.

2 additional children in this age group from 2 families remain connected to St. David's.

An average of 9.9 children attended Faith Quest each Sunday:

19 children from 11 families were registered in the Faith Quest program.

14 additional children from 10 families remained connected to St. David's.

4 children from 2 families attended for a time and have not returned.

An average of 2.4 youth and .2 young adults (18-20 years) attended Youth Group on Sundays/Fridays

4 youth from 2 families were registered

1 additional youth from 13 families remained connected to St. David's.

Structure

- Most Sundays the children of varying ages worked together with the younger and older children often working together in pairs.
- Abby Hunter provided children in the nursery with care as well as helping with the Faith Quest program when there were no children present in the nursery. A flexible entry point for three-year-old children into Faith Quest remains.
- Although Alison continued to be connected with the Faith Quest children through the Faith Chat and cooperative units, most Sundays, she led the Youth Program.
- Nooshin was not able to return in September. After volunteering for many weeks, Stephanie Price was hired in February to work with Trent to lead the large group, concepts and activities. Abby joined them when there were no visitors to the Nursery. Many thanks to the staff and volunteers who assisted with the program.

Volunteers and Paid Staff

- Approximately 40 adults, youth, and children volunteered to lead, shepherd & help with Faith Quest, YAMF, Planting Sunday, Christian Family Service, and the Family Christmas Eve service.
- Although Alison continued to engage with the children at the beginning of the service, during the Faith Chat, within particular units, and with YAMF visits, Alison Demeter filled the Ministry of Families position with 19 hours per week. This involved supervising the Faith Quest leaders and leading the Youth Group.
- Trent Burke continued, and Stephanie Price was hired for 4.0 hours each to lead the Faith Quest program.
- Abby Hunter worked 3.0 hours per week in the Nursery/Faith Quest Program.

FQ Programming

Based on the book, "Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?" over the course of this year, the children explored seven different spiritual practices and how each relates to the spirit and scripture including:

Connecting with Creation explored Creation by taking short walks outdoors and then working together to create "Fall Quilt" banners for the sanctuary.

How Full Is Your Bucket? Through this unit, the children explored the concept of how we feel when our bucket is full, and when it's empty. We will begin through a Halloween Party and "Positive Affirmations."

Five Guys Named Nick: A White Gift Mystery. The Children and Youth participated in a secret mission that experientially taught them about the importance of Advent, White Gift Sunday, and the charities that St. David's supports during the Christmas Season.

Baptism. Using drama, art and embodied stories/experiences, we explored the story of Jesus' baptism from the Bible. We also led worship and participated in the baptisms of four of our Faith Quest children on Jan 28th.

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Forgiveness. Using drama, games and embodied scripture/experiences, we explored three stories from the Bible that focused on the concept of forgiveness and how the unwillingness to apologize and/or forgive can fill or empty our buckets.

Welcoming. Using art, creative writing and embodied scripture/experiences, we explored "Jesus Rides into Jerusalem" and then presented our interpretation of the story on Palm Sunday.

Loving Me, Loving You. Through the use of games, symbols, art and embodied scripture/experiences, we explored ourselves and each other as "God's Beloved Children."

Have You Filled Your Bucket Today? Through art and drama, we concluded our formal Faith Quest program by presenting the story, Have You Filled Your Bucket Today? to the larger congregation. The Children and Youth worked cooperatively to lead the service.

Youth Programming

In addition to collaborating with the children for the White Gift and Family Services, the Youth spent Sunday mornings exploring the book, "Daring Greatly" and supporting the White Gift Mission as well as the May service. In addition to this they came to together one Friday evening per month for Teen Spirit. Activities included Games nights, Service Projects, Escape Room, Bowling, and a Bake Sale to raise money for the Hearts & Hands Foundation.

YOU ARE MY FAMILY

Celebrating its ninth year, **You Are My Family (YAMF)** is a time set aside to spend time intentionally with our nuclear families and our church family. It is through these shared experiences that we create community within and beyond the church. Three times this year in November, December and May, we met in community, shared a meal, and engaged in activity. For the remaining months, Alison shared lunch and visited with families in their homes. This year included the Church Decorating & Pizza, Advent Intergenerational Brunch, Year End BBQ and Home Visits with Families.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- **Ice Cream Sunday:** Parents registered their children for nursery and Faith Quest and families were invited to share ice-cream and fellowship.
- **White Gift Sunday Service:** This year we engaged in a mission that involved the story of St. Nicholas. (25 adults, youth & children led worship)
- **Christmas Eve Service:** All families were encouraged to take part in a Christmas Eve play at 10:00 am. Fifty-seven adults, youth and children were given speaking roles (practised ahead of time)/parts/helper roles and all were encouraged to dress up in costume and take the lead in the service.
- **Baptism Service:** Four Faith Quest children were baptized. Faith Quest leaders worked with Claire Sharp, Rachelle Hardin and Yvonne Adams to assist with the service.
- **Maundy Thursday Service:** Thirteen staff, adults and children worked together to tell the story.
- **Family Service:** With Kelley, Trent, Stephanie, Abby and Alison's help, the young families led worship. Five of seven children received their bibles. Two children moved up to youth church but did not attend the service. (30 children and youth participated)
- **Confirmation/Graduation Service:** Five young adults were confirmed into the United Church. Two Youth graduated from Grade 12.
- **Flower Planting:** The children planted the gardens under the direction of Stephanie, Trent, Marie Couch and Karen McKeown.
- **Church BBQ:** Held in partnership with other committees, the BBQ & Potluck was a success. Games and face painting were offered outside after lunch. A cake offered congratulations to those who had graduated and those who had been confirmed.

Respectfully submitted by Alison Demeter on behalf of the 2017-18 Family Ministries Committee:
Rachelle Hardin, Lisa Hay, Claire Sharp



ACTS
(AWAKENING COMPASSION THROUGH THEOLOGY & SPIRITUALITY)
ADULT SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
Annual Report 2017/18

Mission:

To affirm and expand opportunities for adult spiritual development and learning within the context of the Christian faith both at St. David's and in the wider community.

Committee Members (as of June 30, 2018)

Brenda Wallace (Chair), Wayne Holst (Staff), Bonnae McTavish, Jock McTavish, Marlene Holst, Joan Gray and Peggy McDonagh (Staff)

ACTS News

The ACTS Ministry continues to play a vital role in the ongoing story of St. David's United Church. With our dual focus on spiritual growth and social justice, we are challenged to deepen our understandings and awareness of the complexity of issues facing us as Christians in the post-modern world.

Thanks to the continuing efforts of Kerry Duncan McCartney who ably stewards our books, we celebrate the circulation of books and the comfortable and enticing arrangement of books and furniture in the conversation/reading area in the foyer.

By the nature of our program, ACTS' presence is visible Sunday morning before and after church as members of the congregation have an opportunity to purchase books or register for programs that we offer. The ACTS banner with its overview of our programs offers a daily reminder to those visiting SDUC over the week.

Brenda Wallace, as the current chair of ACTS, keeps our Ministry informed by "Council Briefs" following monthly Council Meetings and, in her capacity of webmaster of SDUC.ca, keeps the congregation informed as well.

Special Events:

The South Africa Tour: October 2017 — Wayne and Marlene Holst, working with Rostad Travel, led a group of Spiritual Travellers through a journey of South Africa. As has become customary, the travellers shared their experiences with us during a Sunday morning service. The next Spiritual Travellers tour, set for April-May, 2019, has a complete roster.

Christmas Book Sale: Again, ACTS sponsored our annual Christmas Book sale. Samples of the books were added to the Library collection.

Silent Retreat: Our fifth annual retreat was held March 4, 2018 at Mt. St. Francis with Susan Campbell, director of MSF, leading us through a delightful afternoon of reflection. Mark your calendars for the beginning of Lent, 2019 and make it a goal to attend the ACTS annual retreat.

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Programming:

ACTS continued to offer our regular programs, including the following:

Monday Night Book Study - Our Monday Night Book Study has continued to draw in many participants and, for those unable to be present, many followers of the book studies do so online, thanks to Jock McTavish and Wayne Holst for their faithful input. Brenda uploads Session Powerpoints weekly on SDUC.ca

Our Fall Study 2017 was Marcus Borg's book, "Convictions", and our Winter 2018 study was the Jonathan Sacks' book, "Not in God's Name." Both studies had record attendance.

Thursday Morning Bible Study - A faithful group of adults joined with Wayne Holst in their study of the Bible. Participants use the study resource, "The DK Complete Bible Handbook" in their journey through the Bible. This program is entering its 15th year with Wayne Holst.

An exciting extension of our **commitment to outreach** has been the decision to support the **Calgary Alliance for the Common Good**. St. Davidians have attended seminars and planning sessions as St. David's has joined with several city churches and Calgary institutions to work cooperatively with other institutions to "**Organize the power of communities to shape a just and compassionate city.**" The hope is to create a broad-based shared diverse organization that is dedicated to building relationships from various community, ethnic, non-profit, labour and religious groups. CACG strives to use the principles and techniques of community organizing to address current issues of aging and poverty facing Calgarians.

St. David's Adult Spiritual Development Ministry, led by Wayne Holst, acknowledges Wayne's weekly Colleagues Blog with timely information regarding contemporary spiritual writings and events.

A new initiative this church year was to support Hearts & Hands' humanitarian trip to Guatemala during the Easter season. Five members from St. David's enjoyed building stoves and touring for two weeks, culminating in the Easter celebrations in Antigua.

Conclusion:

In the past few years, the ACTS ministry has contributed \$500 yearly to the general fund of SDUC in addition to being a self-funding ministry. The Monday Night Book Study continues to draw in well more than 30 registrants.

The fifth Spiritual Travellers Tour will take place in spring 2019, to Eastern Europe. This outreach program continues to meet congregational needs and wishes. Again, thanks to all who participated in or supported our programs through the year.



Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Wallace
Chair, ACTS Committee

Music Ministry **Annual Report 2017/18**

As always, music continues to thrive in various forms here at St. David's United Church. From choral to instrumental to hymn singing and beyond, here are the highlights from our 2017-2018 year:

- Two Evening Compline services were held – Sunday, December 10 (Advent) and Sunday March 11 (Lent). Pre-service organ recitals of 20 minutes in length were given by Colin Redekop and Doug Spreeman.
- On Sunday December 17, the Sanctuary Choir lead our annual service of lessons and carols.
- Our choral project this year was the Theresienmesse by Franz Joseph Haydn. The St. David's Chamber Choir was joined by the choir of Grace Presbyterian Church, soloists, and orchestra to deliver a fine performance of this exciting musical work
- The Men's Chorus under the direction of Clare Beers provided worship music on Sunday April 29 and Sunday September 30.
- On Friday October 26, a concerto concert was held at the church. Lindsay Johnston (French Horn) and Maury Michie (violin) performed concertos accompanied by the St. David's Orchestra.

I would like to once again extend my heartfelt gratitude for our two accomplished accompanists Colleen Charter and Garrett Krause. They are an indispensable part of our music program here at the Church.

I extend thanks to each choir member, instrumentalist, and "behind-the-scenes person" who generous gives of their time and talent to enhance music ministry at St. David's.

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!

Respectfully Submitted
Brent Tucker, Organist and Director of Music



Worship Committee **Annual Report 2017/18**

The Worship life at St. David's this past year was active, meaningful, event-filled and creative.

As of June 2018, the Committee has four members: Rachelle Hardin, Joeli and Tom Frank, Darlene Heynen and staff members Brent Tucker and Peggy McDonagh. Ruth Cross continues to oversee the Christmas sale of poinsettias and the Easter sale of Easter potted chrysanthemum and to change the seasonal paraments. Thanks Ruth, for your continued commitment to these areas of worship.

The values honoured this year were Eagerness, Generosity, Compassion, Suspense, Inquisitiveness, Daring, Adventure, Discovery, Significance, and Celebration.

The Sacred Service Teams have done a superb job overseeing ushering, greeting, coffee, set up, communion, to name a few of their responsibilities.

Our church season started strongly on September 24th with the Covenanting service and welcome back lunch. In October we celebrated World Communion, Thanksgiving, and World Food Sunday. November the Remembrance Service was graced with the beautiful artistic dance by Arise Dance.

The Worship Committee invited guest speakers throughout the year. As part of the Advent season and support for social services in Calgary through the Giving Tree: Emily Scott represented the Sheldon Kennedy Centre, Scott Perley, the Magic of Christmas, and Cathy Rigby (POST) Sheldon Kennedy Centre. The White Gift Service on December 10 brought again a powerful message of the love and compassion of Christmas followed by the Annual Pancake Brunch. The Choir presented their Lessons and Carols service on December 17th and there were two Christmas Eve services: Family Service at 10:00 am and Candlelight Service at 8:00. Alison led the December 31st service.

On January 14th the Spiritual Travellers group shared their experiences of the South Africa Tour. June 28th Sunday celebrated the baptisms of Edison Scott, Iris Goasdoue, Hugo Goasdoue, and Xavier Burke. What a profoundly beautiful experience for their families and for the congregation.

The April 1st Easter Service was beautiful, musical, and celebrative with many in attendance. The Men's Chorus under the direction of Clare Beers presented at the April 29th service. There were seven communion services and two evening Compline services. On June 17th we welcomed Marie Williams and Dorothy Walker for another inspiring First Nations Sunday.

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The Worship Committee would like to thank all the volunteers for making this past year memorable, successful, and meaningful, ensuring that the worship life at St. David's continues to grow and nurture our spiritual lives. Our gratitude goes out to all volunteers: to the PSALT team, and the Sacred Services teams. Thanks also to our scripture readers overseen by Eileen Ladd, Sunday morning office personnel, and the flowers in the sanctuary overseen by June Martin. Your dedication and commitment to serve in some aspect at St. David's to contribute to its vitality and ministry are invaluable and deeply appreciated.

This committee works with paid accountable staff to ensure that the worship life at St. David's is relevant, creative, meaningful, inclusive, and affirming. In the 2018-2019 year many worship preparations duties will continue to be covered by the Sacred Service program and we are delighted to report that this service has been of great benefit to the staff and congregation.

Respectfully submitted by Peggy McDonagh



Communications

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Chantal Winslow continues to develop our monthly Newsletters and other advertising matters as well as to ensure that our many computers are working at peak performance. We have updated our systems this year, including the computer in the balcony.

A Monday task at our home is updating the **church website** sduc.ca . Coordinating and funding activities of the PSALT (Projection, Sound and Light Team) and providing sound and projection support for weddings, funerals, and other special events at the church is administered jointly by co-Chairs of PSALT, Brenda Wallace and Meryl Arnott in conjunction with Chantal Winslow, office administrator. Our new projection screen, donated by the Friendship Club, has been installed and the clarity of projection is first rate.

Work has continued on the improvement and maintenance of the sound, light and projection capabilities at SDUC with special thanks to the amazing and dedicated PSALT team. Special thanks go to members of the PSALT team who faithfully participate in the Sunday morning services and other PSALT functions: Mike Trew, Alison Slater, Tapas Sikder, Meryl Arnott, David Mitchell, Barry Marcellus, Jonathan Sharp, George White and Tauran Wood.

We are always looking for more people to be involved in this committee, so if you are interested, **please** contact the church office or Brenda Wallace.

Brenda Wallace, Chair
Communications Committee



Ministry and Personnel Committee **Annual Report 2017/18**

A new M&P committee began its work in Jan 2018 and spent time getting to know the staff and their roles within the church. The Committee attended a staff meeting and then assisted with organizing a staff Retreat, with the focus on working together in support of church programs and operations.

A new support person for Faith Quest, Stephanie Price, joined the children's program in the Spring.

During the Summer and early this Fall we welcomed Paige Martin as the new Finance Administrator, and Vanessa Hansen as the Nursery support person while saying goodbye to Kelley Warner and Janet Zarka.

Debbie Stockdale is currently assisting with the Pastoral Care needs for a few hours a week. The committee continues to be in contact with and available to the staff for any ongoing needs.

The members of the committee are Dana Young and Kathy Koehler, and recently Bill Dickson agreed to join us.

Respectively submitted
Kathy Koehler



Property Committee **Annual Report 2017/18**

The St. David's property committee continues to roll along dealing with incidental problems, emergencies and tenants who assist us in maintaining our church property.

First, on behalf of the committee I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the Friendship Club who once again presented a generous donation to the church to assist us in refinishing the floor in the TM room. In my humble opinion the result is spectacular and will continue to provide a welcoming experience for all who use it. Because food is often served in this room, it will also make it much easier to clean.

Like any well used building, regular maintenance is required to keep our building in good working order. I wish to thank Peter Adams for his diligence and skill in keeping every part of the building in excellent condition.

This year we renewed leases for the Iglesia Ni Cristo, Jamie's Preschool, and the Adult Recreational Choir. We were able to negotiate favourable increases in each case. We also welcomed back the Royal Conservatory of Music.

We now have a three person Committee made up of Sherri Melrose, Dave McMurtry and myself. Thank you to Sherri and Dave for their assistance throughout. Please feel free to contact any one of us if you have questions or concerns about the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Sunderland, Chair



Finance Committee **Annual Report 2017/18**

The Finance Committee is responsible for the annual budget, monitoring and reporting of our finances and working with Council to assist in the betterment of the Church's financial position.

This year we ended with an overall deficit of \$(29,204) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. This was anticipated, and somewhat less than the budgeted deficit of \$(51,970). This deficit included the expense of a full complement of Ministry and Support staff for the entire year. Revenue from receipted offerings was down slightly from last year by \$1,843 and is consistent with the decline in attendance. PAR donations decreased over the year from 91 to 85. Income from church parking and church rentals resulted in an increase of \$5,040 over last year. We again received rent of \$13,821 for space on a part time basis to the Royal Conservatory of Music for student exams. Our Rummage sale yielded \$4,872 so thanks to Ian McDonald and his team for that initiative. Other revenue was received from weddings and funerals and St. David's United Church Foundation, the Friendship Club, etc. A number of donors gave to restricted funds for specific projects for which we are very grateful. These donations helped to fund a number of projects such as new carpet in the foyer and new vinyl flooring in the sanctuary.

Overall total revenue was less than last year by net \$18,027 and 27% of operating revenue comes from renting out the parking lot and building. Our church programming continues with the support of facility rentals and parking revenue.

Our Committee expenses were close to budget target (98%) leaving \$9,141 unspent to contribute to reducing the deficit. We would like to thank all Committees for staying within budget.

A transfer of \$60,000 was made from the Facility Development and Contingency Restricted fund to the Operating fund to support any operating shortfalls over the next two fiscal years. This transfer of funds was approved at the November 2017 AGM. This fiscal year used \$29,204 of the \$60,000 leaving \$30,064 for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Looking to the current 2018-2019 year, the congregation has approved another challenging deficit budget of \$(40,240). This budget was passed at the June 3rd meeting. All expenses including Ministry and Personnel (M&P) will be roughly the same amount as last year. We need to have the existing ministry programs to gain new members and retain our current membership. Council will be working on various initiatives which will be presented to the congregation at the Nov 25th AGM to help reduce this deficit. We feel that this is a conservative budget and with new initiatives, such as the EDGE program, we are optimistic that our results will be better.

Our Challenge in the upcoming years remains in our membership. We have a vibrant and active community and we need to ensure that we continue to grow this base.

The Finance Committee wishes to thank our members, Colin Outtrim and Kyle Carroll for their contributions and also welcome Eldon Godfrey to the committee. We wish to thank Janet Zatka, Financial Administrator, who resigned August 31st, for her invaluable contributions and welcome Paige Martin to the position.



Respectfully submitted,
Bob Clare, Treasurer

Affirming Committee **Annual Report 2017/18**

St. David's United Church moved into its third year of being an official "Affirming Congregation" following receiving the designation from Affirm United.

We are always looking for ways we can support St. David's United Church continuing commitment to being an inclusive and welcoming place for all.

A blog has been created and is now functioning as a focal point for all things 'affirming' that we are participating in along with community links, etc. Check it out at www.sdug-affirming.com

In July, as a representative of St. David's United Church, I attended the Affirm United Annual Conference in Vancouver from July 28 – 30, 2017. The event was inspiring, and I returned to Calgary with some ideas to pursue in the future.

On September 3, 2017, representatives from St. David's walked in the Calgary Pride Parade carrying our banner. We were cheered on by the tens of thousands of people lining the parade route. After the parade I represented St. David's in the Affirming congregations' booth on Prince's Island Park. I made gift bags of multi-colored popcorn with St. David's name on them. These were handed out to people who came to the booth and in church the following Sunday.

At the February 2018 Presbytery Meeting, the Affirming Ministries presented a report and a request to hire a person to be the Director whose responsibilities would be to raise awareness about the Affirming congregations in Calgary, to assist congregations wishing to become affirming, and to be a resource to the larger Calgary community.

I invite you to check out the Affirming blog for information regarding Affirming programs.

Faithfully submitted by the Affirming Ministry Committee,
Jennifer McTavish (formerly Ferleyko), Chair



Refugee Committee

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The St. David's Refugee Committee exists to assist in resettling refugees in Calgary. Since 2013, there have been two parts to our mandate. In 2013, St. David's committed to support the Calgary Tibetan Project, and in 2014, St. David's also committed to sponsor and resettle an Iraqi Christian family of six from Baghdad.

St. David's Refugee Sponsorship and Resettlement for Abid Yalda Family

From the time that Abid Yalda and his family fled Iraq for the safety of Lebanon in August, 2014, to when they arrived in Calgary, two years later, individual St. David's donors and St. Thomas United Church as a whole, along with Abid's sister Sultana in Calgary, contributed living expenses for them.

Abid, his wife Aedah and their four children arrived in Calgary from Beirut on August 30, 2016, at which point our "official" one-year sponsorship of the family began.

Over that year, St. David's, along with significant support from St. Thomas, provided the Yalda family with financial resources and assisted in their resettlement in Calgary with such things as: setting them up in a home, assisting with the many federal and provincial applications, enrolling the three school-age boys into schools, getting parents Abid and Aedah and 19-year-old Mirna into ESL classes, providing friendship, driving them to appointments and for groceries and clothing, assisting Abid to find part-time work while learning English, helping the family to understand Canadian ways – and the list went on. Volunteers from our churches provided many hours of time to support Abid, Aedah, Mirna, Meron, Veron and Aider in their successful resettlement in Calgary.

St. David's' official sponsorship ended on August 30, 2017, but members of St. David's and St. Thomas continue to support the family with driving to appointments, answering the family's questions on confusing items or situations, and extending friendship to them. Several people have taken the family on special outings, which they enjoyed immensely. Please contact Ruth Cross at 403-284-9235 if you would like to take members of the family on other outings! That is one area where we feel we could do more.

In addition, the Refugee Sponsorship Restricted Fund still has some funds remaining, which we put toward such items as grocery cards, dental bills and gift cards for Christmas.

We would like to provide the congregation with an update on the family's progress.

Abid is working two cleaning jobs to support the family, along with the assistance of Canada and Alberta Child benefits and GST credits. Because he works daytime and evening jobs, he has not been able to continue his English classes. For many years in Iraq, he installed and maintained heating and air conditioning systems, and would very much like to find a position in that industry. So far, this has not occurred.

Aedah continues in her Bow Valley College English classes, and has reached LINC level 3/4, having started with no English at Level 1 in January, 2017. She is very pleased with her progress, but needs to practise much more outside of class.

Mirna has excelled in her English classes, winning a \$1,000 award last spring as the best new English speaker at Bow Valley College! She is now upgrading her high school courses in order to receive a high school diploma, and qualified for full funding until August, 2019 by Learner Income Support of the Alberta Government. She will need more courses after that, and intends then to attend Bow Valley College on a part-time basis so that she may work part-time to boost the family income. She hopes that, in so doing, her father will be able to work less hours and have quality time with his family. After obtaining her diploma, Mirna plans to attend post-secondary education.

The three boys, Meron, Veron and Aider, are now in Grades 12, 9 and 5, and their advancement in English is remarkable! We are so happy that they have all made friends at school.

The whole family is very, very grateful for all the assistance we have provided to them. They are delightful, happy people, with great senses of humour, and they love having visitors!

We thank and celebrate all those who have contributed financially and with goods and services – individuals from St. David's, St. Thomas, the Friendship Club, Woodcliff United, Symons Valley United and the St. David's Foundation. Our sponsorship of the family would have been impossible without your support!

St. David's Tibetan Refugee Resettlement Project

Our St. David's United Church Tibetan Resettlement Project was completed with a Celebration Service on September 16, 2018. The last family to complete the almost 400 Tibetans to resettle in Calgary arrived in early August and by mid September the parents were employed so did not need our assistance with grocery shopping any longer. Canada and Calgary Project coordinator, Nima Dorjee and I spoke at this special service. Many of the new Tibetans attended the service and after treated St David's to special Tibetan tea, snacks and dancing in gratitude for St. David's support.

In February, we were invited to a very large Calgary Project celebration of the Tibetan New Year and of the Project (near) completion. Eight of us from St. David's attended and were treated to colourful entertainment and a delicious buffet.

In August we had a free-will offering to assist the Calgary Project to help with expenses related to the death of the new-to-Calgary Tibetan woman, Gelek Wang. She was killed in a traffic accident near Jasper on a rare day off from her jobs in Banff.

This amazing and unique Canada-wide Tibet Project came to St. David's for support back in 2013. The Project started in 2007 when the Dalai Lama asked the Canadian Government to take in 1000 of the many stateless Tibetans living in camps in India.

When the arrivals started coming in 2014 it was expected that the planned 400 for Calgary would arrive within a year. Change happens though, and it took four years. Two of the many delaying factors were major immigration policy changes and the priority given to the huge influx of Syrian refugees.

From the beginning, the concept of personal involvement of St. Davidians was emphasized because of the belief that participation in the Tibet Project could become a very rewarding personal experience for those involved. And it has been. It was believed also to be a major benefit to the refugees to have personal involvement with people committed to their success.

There were at the outset, and continued to be, many offers of clothing, household goods, furnishings, language help, possible jobs, grocery shopping, and finding housing. Many also contributed financially.

A stand-alone Resettlement Fund was established and we commenced grocery shopping and cooking with the transition home residents in 2014. Individuals donations totalled \$13,000 over the four years. And the St David's Foundation provided \$5000 to help with Transition Home rental costs, general expenses and ongoing grocery shopping.

This project has enhanced the spiritual life of St. David's with its practical and personal service component, and with the warm cross-cultural friendships that have been created. We celebrated with the Canada Project Tibet Society their success in bringing a better future to the 1000 Tibetans, and can say it was a joy to work with them and the wonderful people they have brought to Canada.

The Board of Trustees **Annual Report 2017/18**

St. David's Board of Trustees holds title to St. David's real and personal property for the use and benefit of the congregation. The trustees are elected by the congregation and are governed by the public statute and the requirements of the United Church of Canada.

At St. David's, property matters are handled by the Property Committee and financial matters are the joint responsibility of the Trustees and the Finance Committee. The trustees endeavour to see that St. David's financial assets are managed to provide reasonable rates of return in line with prudent investment practices. All other relevant matters including insurance are handled by the trustees. Insurance coverage is regularly updated to reflect the value of St. David's assets and to cover its various activities.

St. David's Trustees Peggy McDonagh, Jack Beaton, Ian Halladay and David McMurtry take pleasure in serving St. David's congregation and the United Church.

Respectfully submitted
Ian Halladay, Chair

St. David's
Board of Trustees

Congregational Statistics

2017 – 2018

Confirmed Membership.....	491
Households Under Pastoral Care.....	283
Number of Households Financially Supporting Local Operations.....	240
Received by Transfer.....	0
Adult Baptism.....	0
Child Baptism.....	6
Adult Confirmation.....	5
Received by profession of Faith.....	0
Removed by Certificate of Transfer.....	1
Removed by Death.....	8
Marriages.....	6
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ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2018

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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of
St. David's United Church

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of St. David's United Church that comprise the statement of financial position as at June 30, 2018 and the statements of operations, changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

In common with many charitable organizations, the Church derives most of its revenues from its members (offerings revenue) the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory review. Accordingly, our review of this revenue was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Church and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues, assets and equity.

Note 2 describes the amortization policy with respect to the Church's assets. The note indicates that the Church is not and never has amortized any of its assets on the grounds that such amortization calculations are not relevant or useful for the Members. In this respect the financial statements are not in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. The effect of a provision for amortization is not reasonably determinable as the useful life of the assets has not been determined. If a provision for amortization had been made the excess of general receipts over expenditures would have decreased and property, equipment and furnishings and the capital fund equity would have decreased.

Qualified Conclusion

Based on our review, except for the effect of the matters described in the Basis for Qualified Conclusion paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements of St. David's United Church are not prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Calgary, Alberta
October 2, 2018

Owen Kirzinger LLP
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
(Unaudited)

	2018	2017
ASSETS		
General Fund		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 49,629	\$ 66,924
Term deposits and GIC's	155,866	175,483
Accounts receivable	18,016	27,010
Prepaid expenses	<u>17,472</u>	<u>16,468</u>
	240,983	285,885
Capital Fund		
Property, equipment and furnishings - Notes 2 & 3	1,172,005	1,172,005
	\$ 1,412,988	\$ 1,457,890
General Fund		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 23,326	\$ 24,024
Deferred income	1,675	3,178
Trust funds and deposits - Note 5	<u>1,897</u>	<u>1,314</u>
	26,898	28,516
Restricted fund equity - Schedule	180,552	255,132
General fund equity	33,533	2,237
Capital fund equity	1,172,005	1,172,005
	\$ 1,412,988	\$ 1,457,890

APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL:

Debra Charro Member of the Council

R. Cleave Member of the Council

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
(Unaudited)

	General Fund	Restricted Fund	Capital Fund	Total 2018	Total 2017
Balance - Beginning of year	\$ 2,237	\$ 255,132	\$ 1,172,005	\$ 1,429,374	\$ 1,486,882
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over expenditures	(29,204)	(14,080)	-	(43,284)	(57,508)
Transfer in (out) to fund - Note 6	60,500	(60,500)	-	-	-
Balance - End of year	\$ 33,533	\$ 180,552	\$ 1,172,005	\$ 1,386,090	\$ 1,429,374

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
(Unaudited)

	2018	2017
General receipts and expenditures		
Receipts		
Envelopes	\$ 304,910	\$ 306,753
Loose offering	14,453	12,380
Sunday school offerings	64	103
Sunday school	665	590
Youth registration	-	225
Parking	40,857	38,145
Stewardship initiatives	4,872	7,995
Church rentals	84,227	81,898
Weddings and funeral receptions - net	3,213	4,509
Interest	1,632	1,681
Other	<u>9,552</u>	<u>4,936</u>
	464,445	459,215
Expenditures		
Personnel	342,560	332,948
Property and utilities	74,691	79,296
Outreach and stewardship	29,795	31,250
Office, postage and telephone	23,885	22,009
Worship, music and church programs	17,613	17,964
Interest and bank charges	2,098	1,864
Official board	342	1,149
Financial statement assurance fees	<u>2,665</u>	<u>2,665</u>
	493,649	489,145
Excess (deficiency) of general receipts over expenditures	\$ (29,204)	\$ (29,930)

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
 STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - CONTINUED
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
 (Unaudited)

	2018	2017
Mission and services receipts and expenditures		
Receipts	\$ 40,764	\$ 47,483
Expenditures	40,764	47,483
Excess of mission and services receipts over expenditures	-	-
Restricted fund receipts and expenditures (schedule)		
Receipts	32,760	49,297
Expenditures	46,840	76,875
Excess of restricted fund receipts over expenditures	\$ (14,080)	\$ (27,578)

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOW
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
(Unaudited)

	2018	2017
SOURCES OF CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
General operating cash received	\$ 461,311	\$ 460,312
Investment income	<u>1,561</u>	<u>3,108</u>
	462,872	463,420
Mission and Service Fund receipts	40,764	47,483
Restricted fund receipts	<u>32,760</u>	<u>49,297</u>
	536,396	560,200
USES OF CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Salaries and benefits	341,597	333,247
Building operations and maintenance	75,347	63,189
Programming, outreach and social justice	<u>66,789</u>	<u>82,499</u>
	483,733	478,935
Remittances to the Mission & Service Fund of the United Church of Canada	40,764	47,483
Restricted fund expenditures	<u>48,811</u>	<u>76,453</u>
	<u>573,308</u>	<u>602,871</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(36,912)	(42,671)
SOURCES (USES) OF CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Redemption proceeds of term deposits and GIC's	20,000	122,000
Purchases of term deposits and GIC's	<u>(383)</u>	<u>(124,818)</u>
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	19,617	(2,818)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FOR THE YEAR	(17,295)	(45,489)
CASH - Beginning of year	66,924	112,413
CASH - End of year	\$ 49,629	\$ 66,924

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
(Unaudited)

NOTE 1 NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

The Church is a not-for-profit organization servicing northwest communities in Calgary, Alberta and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act.

RESTRICTED FUND DESCRIPTION

Facilities development and contingency fund

To receive and disburse funds relating to future capital expenditures.

Refugee Sponsorship

To receive and disburse funds for sponsored refugees and ongoing support for adoption to Canada.

Organ

To maintain and upgrade the Sanctuary pipe organ to appropriate operating standards.

Benevolent

To provide resources to those in need at the discretion of ministerial staff.

Memorial Garden and Flowers Fund

To provide flowers in the Sanctuary on an ongoing basis as a memorial or commemorative gift.

To receive gifts to support the Memorial Garden located on the north side of the Church building. This is a peaceful area surrounded by flowers, trees and shrubs for internment of cremated remains. A formal agreement is signed by families choosing this option. A commemorative name plate will be arranged by the Church office and placed on the St. David's Memorial Garden wall plaque located inside the Church. Donations to the Memorial Garden fund are encouraged and will be applied to cover the costs of engraving and garden upkeep.

United Church Observer

To receive and disburse funds for annual subscriptions to the United Church Observer magazine.

Building improvements

To receive and disburse funds to maintain and upgrade the Church building.

Inn from the Cold

To receive and disburse funds for Inn from the Cold and operations of temporary shelter. During the year the Church discontinued this program. Funds will be held while the committee explores future projects.

Music concert and workshop

To receive and disburse funds relating to concerts, drama performances and other musical events.

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
(Unaudited)

NOTE 1 **NATURE OF ORGANIZATION - CONTINUED**

Awakening Compassion through Theology and Spirituality (A.C.T.S.)

To receive and disburse funds relating to all adult education activities at the church.

Pastoral Care

To provide pastoral care for those in need.

Tibetan Refugees Resettlement Project

To receive and disburse funds related to the resettlement of Tibetans who are arriving from India with the assistance of the Project Tibetan Society and Catholic Immigration Society.

NOTE 2 **SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Accounting Standards

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and bank deposits.

Contributions

The Church follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. All revenue, excluding lease rental revenue, is recognized on a cash basis. Lease rental revenue is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. Contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund.

Property, Equipment and Furnishings

Property, equipment and furnishings are recorded at cost. The Church does not amortize its property, equipment and furnishings, accordingly no provision for amortization is recorded in these financial statements. The cost of property, equipment and furnishings is removed from the property, equipment and furnishings account and charged to capital fund equity in the year of sale or replacement. The fair value of property, equipment and furnishings donated is added to the capital fund.

Contributed Services

Volunteers contribute a significant number of hours to St. David's United Church to assist in carrying out its activities. Due to the difficulty of determining fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
 (Unaudited)

NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in the financial statements in the period in which they become known.

NOTE 3 PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND FURNISHINGS

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Church land	\$ 21,602	\$ 21,602
Church buildings	680,000	680,000
Equipment and furnishings	313,102	313,102
Organ	116,985	116,985
Elevator	30,650	30,650
Sign	<u>9,666</u>	<u>9,666</u>
	<u>\$ 1,172,005</u>	<u>\$ 1,172,005</u>

NOTE 4 CREDIT FACILITY

The Church has a commercial line of credit to a maximum of \$30,000 (2017 - \$50,000), with First Calgary Savings and Credit Union Ltd., with interest paid monthly at the bank's prime rate, it is secured with a term deposit with a carrying value of \$30,000 (2017 - \$50,000). As at June 30, 2018 and 2017, no amount has been drawn on the line of credit.

NOTE 5 TRUST FUNDS AND DEPOSITS

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Drama Club	\$ 1,759	\$ 1,314
JPS Playground Inspection	<u>138</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 1,897</u>	<u>\$ 1,314</u>

NOTE 6 TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS

During the year the committee overseeing the designated fund for A.C.T.S. allocated \$500 to St. David's local operations.

During the year the committee overseeing the designated fund for Facility Development & Contingency allocated \$60,000 to St. David's local operations.

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
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NOTE 7 COMMITMENT

The Church has an ongoing annual commitment in relation to funding its share of the annual costs of the Calgary Presbytery and the Alberta and Northwest Conference. This amount is determined yearly by assessment based on various factors. Consequently, this amount is subject to change from year to year. For the year ended June 30, 2018 the Calgary Presbytery and Alberta and Northwest Conference assessments totaled \$26,790 (2017 - \$26,352).

NOTE 8 CONTINGENCY

The Church has entered into an agreement to lease space to a Tenant effective August 1, 2013 for a five year term. Leasehold improvement costs, which will be paid for by the Tenant occupying the space, are estimated to be \$200,000. If the Lease is terminated by the Church prior to the end of the initial five year term, the Church will reimburse the Tenant for leasehold improvements as follows:

Year 1	100%
Year 2	80%
Year 3	60%
Year 4	40%
Year 5	20%

In addition, the Church is required to provide three years advance written notice to terminate the Lease. If the Church fails to provide three years notice, then the Church will pay the Tenant the equivalent amount that would have been paid in rent between the requested termination date and the three year termination date.

NOTE 9 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Church's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued liabilities and deferred income. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying value. The financial instruments are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at amortized cost adjusted by transaction costs, which are amortized over the expected life of the instrument and changes in fair value are recognized in income in the period.

The Church has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage the principal risks assumed with financial instruments. The risks that arise from transacting financial instruments include credit risk, interest rate risk, foreign currency risk, liquidity risk and market risk.

Credit Risk

All of the Church's revenue is recognized on a cash basis.

ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
(Unaudited)

NOTE 9 **FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - CONTINUED**

Currency Risk

All of the Church's revenues and substantially all of the Church's expenditures are transacted in Canadian dollars, consequently the Church has no significant exposure to fluctuations in other currencies.

Interest Rate Risk

The Church is exposed to interest rate risk on the commercial line of credit as described in Note 4. As at June 30, 2018 no amount has been drawn on the line of credit.

Liquidity Risk

The Church's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure, to the extent reasonably possible, that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet its liabilities when due, under both normal and stressed conditions without incurring unacceptable costs or losses or risking harm to the Church's reputation. As at June 30, 2018 the Church has a commercial line of credit, Note 4, available to a maximum of \$30,000 (2017 - \$50,000) to ensure the Church has sufficient working capital to operate. The line of credit is secured with a term deposit with a carrying value of \$30,000 (2017 - \$50,000) and as of June 30, 2018 \$30,000 (2017 - \$50,000) remains unutilized.

Market Risk

The Church does not have investments in equity securities.
