



# Squamish United Church

2016 Annual Report

AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY SERVING GOD'S WORLD

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## *Minister's Report*

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### ***Praying During Time of Transition***

O Faithful God, as your people we cherish our memories  
and our history as a sacred gift.

We ask you to guide us in our time of transition.

We need your wisdom, that we might be receptive  
to change, conversion and growth.

We need your grace to redirect our hearts  
that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

Do not allow our fear, ignorance or pride limit the work of your Spirit,

Nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit.

Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel.

Give us courage and renewed hope,

That we may meet the challenge of being the church of our time.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

The above prayer was the prayer I offered us as we left our facility on 4th and Victory and that I encouraged us to carry into the year of 2016. It still holds true today and as I read it I recognize that we have all had days of transitioning with grace and ease, and we have all had days when it caused us stress and anxiety. A special

thank you this year to the board who has been very intentional and faithful to the task of trying to listen to where God's Spirit is calling us at this time.

It is hard to believe that in last year's report I expressed frustration with the lack of movement on the build for Centrepont. I encourage you to go by any day now and see the progress taking place. I have had several opportunities to walk through the space and I assure you it is amazing. For this reason, I would like to take a moment now to thank a special team of people; Peter Gordon, Bert Ionsen, and Ken Tanner. These gentlemen have spent an unfathomable amount of time working on making this project happen because they care deeply for Squamish United Church, all of you and the wider community of Squamish. There is no way we would be where we are today without the extensive work from each one of them. I would like to encourage all of you to personally take a moment to thank them for all they have done to create the physical space we all will have the opportunity to minister in together in just a few short months.

As we have been in this time of transition it is exciting to see the ministry that has continued within our congregation. Thank you to all who continue to work on providing a new life for Syrian Refugees. You have been living into the faith in a beautiful way, offering the kingdom of God to the stranger is exactly the call God has for us today.

It has been a pleasure and a gift to be working in team ministry with the Reverend Nick Parker and the folks of St. John the Divine. The more Nick and I work together the more we enjoy having a colleague to discuss, plan, prepare, resource and offer support to. We will continue to lead worship together as long as we worship as joint congregations. This week we will also begin conversations with a group of 8 to discuss what future ministry looks like whether it be shared in some capacity or not. We have not spent a lot of time engaging in the conversation yet but we know it is on folk's hearts and minds. Please feel free to speak to us about your thoughts, and know that no decisions have been made.

Every AGM we have the opportunity to stop and look at where we have come from and to refocus our ministry. To ask once again "Who are we? What is our purpose? Why are we here? What is our mission?" This report and meeting can be a stress

as we try to get everything just right. And yet it is especially in these times that we are called to remember our mission both as Christians and church community. Firstly, we are called to love. *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself”* (Luke 10:27) and secondly, as Squamish United Church we have been called to be *“an inclusive community serving God’s world.”*

I hope we are not stressed and overwhelmed by the thought of an AGM but rather excited to celebrate the year of life we have had together as a community of faith. As we head into an exciting new season I encourage us all to remember we are not a building, we are a community of faith. I look forward to seeing how we together create vital ministry in our current situation and as we head into Centrepont.

In the year ahead I will continue to pray that we open our lives to mystery, to beauty, to hospitality, to questions and to the endless opportunity of discovering the Holy in all we do. I look forward to the year ahead as we continue to seek to be faithful companions on the journey of life, faith and church together.

Blessings,

Karen



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### *Board Chair Report*

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I feel so blessed to be part of such an active and enthusiastic Board. We have twelve elected members of the congregation that chair various Church committees. Along with the elected personal, we have two staff members, Jody Villadsen, church secretary and Karen Millard, church minister that are integral parts of our church.

It is hard to believe that it is already a year since our last Squamish United Church Annual General Meeting. The past twelve months have flown by and we have accomplished much over this time. We moved out of our downtown home, way back in May of 2015, and we have all watched with interest and excitement as Centrepont is being built. It is now nearing completion. Hats off to our Facilities Development Committee for all the time and energy they have put into our new facility to ensure it comes in on time and on budget. We are eagerly looking forward to this summer when we move into our new Downtown church and celebrate our first service in our Sanctuary. I would like to thank our Anglican hosts for allowing us to jointly worship with them. We really appreciate the warm welcome we have received from Reverend Parker and his congregation.

One of the highlights this past year was our annual Church and Board Retreat held September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the beautiful West Coast Railway Park. We had a day and a half to get to know each other and vision together. Like in the past couple of years we invited the congregation to meet for an evening of hymn singing and updating on items the Board was grappling with. Saturday was for Board Members and we scheduled plenty of time throughout the day for the Board to discuss such items as church programming, finances, as well as considering how we wanted our relationship with St. John the Divine Anglican church to continue in the future.

We followed up our retreat with a congregational meeting and social on Friday, October 28, to share and receive feedback on a more detailed plan of what the direction of the board is for the future. We shared information from our Board's

Retreat day, our October Board Meeting and from the Shared Ministry Conference that a team jointly from SUC and St. John's attended at the beginning of October.

Another big project we took on this past year was in helping Syrian Refugee families relocate to our community. Thanks to Hugh Kerr and his committee, Squamish is now home to three new Syrian families. This is very exciting to be a part of a Mission and Service project of this magnitude.

We know that 2017 will be an even more exciting time in the life of Squamish United Church as we prepare to move into our beautiful new facilities and we continue to look forward to our time together in God's name.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ian Kent

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### *Board of Trustees Report*

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The Board of Trustees had another fairly quiet activity year..... but some substantial changes in our financial investment picture occurred. More will happen in 2017.

The biggest change is that we transferred a large portion of our investment funds to our local bank account for disbursements for the construction of our new sanctuary at Centrepont. Most of that money will be expended by June of this year.

An additional \$100,000 will be needed to cover off some unexpected soft costs related to the project. Unfortunately, this was brought to our

attention after the construction cost cutting budget review was completed so we were not able to reduce our project scope to accommodate it. That will leave us with an approximate balance of \$350,000 in our investment fund.

We must also budget approximately \$75,000 for furnishings, chairs and audio-visual/sound system etc. for the new sanctuary. We (congregation) must decide on what all we would like to have in this regard. Unless we raise more funds in a fundraising drive, that expenditure will come in whole or in part from our investments.

With these deductions, it is estimated that on September 01 this year our investment account balance could be/will be approximately \$250,000 (note: I purposely use round dollar numbers. It might be slightly higher or lower).

As a congregation, we must then decide on the best use of our remaining funds. This past 3 years we have spent \$60,000 per year to support our operating account. This will likely continue and may well increase (as long as the money holds out). This will depend on whether we can increase our giving's. Potential rent revenue is another factor.

In conclusion, 2017 will be the year to decide on revised directives to your Board of Trustees on the future disbursement of our investment funds. The options will require your careful consideration. Indeed, some important decisions need to be made. We look forward to the discussion.

Thank you once again to all our trustees.

This report is respectfully submitted.

Peter Gordon, Chair



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## *Ministry and Personnel Report*

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Committee members: Marilyn Caldwell, Kevin Haberl, Trevor Harris, Louise Martin, Karen Millard (Minister) and Nairn Stewart (Chair)

The M&P Committee had a relatively uneventful year in 2016. The committee met in February and discussed the possible need to alter Jody's work hours at such time as the sponsored Syrian families arrived in Squamish and the oversight role of the Refugee Sponsorship Sub-Committee began. In the end, no such alteration was needed. However, after discussion with members of the committee Jody did take on the job of secretary to St. John's Anglican Church in addition to those of Squamish United when their secretary resigned.

The committee recognized that having 1.5 full-time ministers between the two congregations during the period of joint ministry provides an opportunity for creative innovation to energize our congregation. The committee supported Karen's desire to do adult ministry while recognizing that it is within her role as minister to ensure that Children's Church remains a vital part of our congregation.

There were few other issues identified during the year and those that were (such as approval of staff holiday times), committee members handled largely on an informal basis. A proposed review and possible revision of the Minister's job description and the annual staff performance reviews were deferred but will be conducted in 2017.

No conflicts or significant concerns were brought by the congregation to the M&P Committee during 2016.

Respectfully submitted, Nairn Stewart, Chair

## Treasurer's Report



**Summary:** In aggregate, SUC's financial results for 2016 were slightly better than our beginning of year budget & expectations. Costs came in largely as forecast except for an unexpected municipal expense (taxes), while revenues from investments exceeded expectations, compensating for an unfortunate 10% drop in donations. Overall our net worth remains healthy, and our overall annual performance has been close to beginning-of-year predictions.

### Synopsis of interim results:

Investment income 2016 totaled \$ 56,048, plus \$7071 in capital campaign funds. Investment expenses 2016 totaled \$1370 for fees, plus \$20,400 for the Minister's Housing Allowance.

Income from operations 2016 totaled \$ 53,437 while operating expenses totaled \$112,722.

Net Income for SUC YTD is minus \$21,987. SUC Net equity = \$2.32M.

<b>SUC Financial Report</b>				
End 2016		Housing Fund (\$455K) - End 2016	Building Fund (\$739K - GICs) - End 2016	<b>YTD Total 2016</b>
	Operating			
Revenues	\$ 53,437	\$ 43,818	\$ 18,703	<b>\$ 115,958</b>
Expenses	\$ 112,722	\$ 21,770	\$ 3,453	<b>\$ 137,945</b>
Net income	\$ (59,285)	\$ 22,048	\$ 15,250	<b>\$ (21,987)</b>
<i>Compare: FY Budget 2016</i>	<i>\$ (45,792)</i>	<i>\$ 2,500</i>	<i>\$ 14,500</i>	<i>\$ (28,792)</i>
Special to purpose Accounts:	Donations Year to date	Expenditures Year to date	Current Balance	
Benevolent Fund			\$ 2,850	
Mission & Service:	12,656,60	\$ 12,657	\$ -	

For 2016, investments generated equivalent funds to donations and other revenues – both almost \$60K. The variance in operating loss is largely due to less than anticipated donations (\$7K) and the unexpected mid-year tax bill (\$7K). The result is that our actuals tracked remarkably close to our budget plan.

Capital funds expended towards Centrepont as of end 2016 (construction draws) = \$1,044,397. Still to go to completion = \$846,141. The building fund was originally set up at \$1,782,000 - thus we will eventually need to draw \$106K ( or less depending on contingency remaining) from our remaining investment account. The precise amount of that extra withdrawal will not be known till June.

Respectively submitted, Ken Tanner, Treasurer

#### Refugee (Newcomer) Accounts

The refugee accounts are self-sustaining at this point, funded primarily from the G5 groups that we have partnered with.

		1 Circle of Hope	2 - Garibaldi	3 - SUC General	4 - Salam	5 - HS Helps	TOTAL
<b>Income</b>							
	410 • Cash Donations	11,000.00	850.00	13,025.44	500.00	42,251.00	67,626.44
	450 • Miscellaneous Revenue	12.62	17.87	9.82	23.90	7.90	72.11
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>11,012.62</b>	<b>867.87</b>	<b>13,035.26</b>	<b>523.90</b>	<b>42,258.90</b>	<b>67,698.55</b>
<b>Expense</b>							
	510 • Clothing Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
	515 • Fees Charges	95.64	15.75	15.57	0.00	4.00	130.96
	520 • Food Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
	540 • Housing Expense	9,600.00	0.00	5,400.00	0.00	6,100.00	21,100.00
	550 • Miscellaneous Expense	3,700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23,518.61	27,218.61
	570 • Utilities Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	946.91	946.91
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>13,395.64</b>	<b>15.75</b>	<b>5,415.57</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>35,969.52</b>	<b>54,796.48</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>-2,383.02</b>	<b>852.12</b>	<b>7,619.69</b>	<b>523.90</b>	<b>6,289.38</b>	<b>12,902.07</b>
	<b>Funds Available</b>	<b>7,217.26</b>	<b>18,052.17</b>	<b>11,410.29</b>	<b>25,723.90</b>	<b>4,789.38</b>	<b>67,193.00</b>

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					Bldg Invest Fund #463-09304-1-2	Housing Fund #463-10634-1-1	Operating	TOTAL
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>								
<b>Income</b>								
				<b>500 - Donations</b>				
				501 - General Donations	0.00	0.00	51,886.25	51,886.25
				503 - Open Donations	0.00	0.00	869.60	869.60
				506 - Donations - In Kind	0.00	0.00	83.39	83.39
				<b>Total 500 - Donations</b>	0.00	0.00	52,839.24	52,839.24
				511 - Other Income	0.00	0.00	-196.73	-196.73
				512 - Capital Campaign Income	7,071.50	0.00		7,071.50
				520 - Interest Received	0.00	0.00	59.62	59.62
				530 - Misc Income	0.00	0.00	735.10	735.10
				535 - Flow Thru Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
				550 - Investment Income	11,631.31	43,818.85	0.00	55,450.16
				<b>Total Income</b>	18,702.81	43,818.85	53,437.23	115,958.89
<b>Expense</b>								
				<b>600 - OPERATING EXPENSES</b>				
				610 - Advertising	0.00	0.00	586.82	586.82
				620 - Bank Charges & Fees	0.00	1,370.27	1,043.50	2,413.77
				625 - Church Office Expense	0.00	0.00	4,211.27	4,211.27
				645 - Insurance	0.00	0.00	729.00	729.00
				655 - Legal & Audit	0.00	0.00	4,100.00	4,100.00
				657 - Miscellaneous Expense	0.00	0.00	12,100.00	12,100.00
				660 - Municipal Services	0.00	0.00	6,093.36	6,093.36
				720 - Congregational/Event Activities	0.00	0.00	505.00	505.00
				785 - Presbytery Allocation	0.00	0.00	5,078.00	5,078.00
				791 - Worship Expense	0.00	0.00	1,906.80	1,906.80
				<b>Total 600 - OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	0.00	1,370.27	36,353.75	37,724.02
				<b>800 - MINISTERIAL EXPENSES</b>				
				800-1 - Discretionary Expense	0.00	0.00	374.39	374.39
				800-5 - Education & Resource Materi	0.00	0.00	264.00	264.00
				800-6 - Minister - Housing Allowance	0.00	20,400.00	0.00	20,400.00
				800-7 - Travel Allowance	0.00	0.00	1,144.10	1,144.10
				800-8 - Phone Allowance	0.00	0.00	1,952.28	1,952.28
				<b>Total 800 - MINISTERIAL EXPENSES</b>	0.00	20,400.00	3,734.77	24,134.77
				<b>850 - SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS</b>				
				850-1 - Salary Expense	0.00	0.00	56,940.28	56,940.28
				850-2 - WCB Expense	0.00	0.00	137.58	137.58
				850-3 - Benefits	0.00	0.00	15,555.74	15,555.74
				<b>Total 850 - SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS</b>	0.00	0.00	72,633.60	72,633.60
				<b>900 - CENTREPOINT EXPENSES</b>				
				900-3 - Centrepoint Direct Costs	450.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
				900 - CENTREPOINT EXPENSES - Other	3,003.11	0.00	0.00	3,003.11
				<b>Total 900 - CENTREPOINT EXPENSES</b>	3,453.11	0.00	0.00	3,453.11
				<b>Total Expense</b>	3,453.11	21,770.27	112,722.12	137,945.50
				<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	15,249.70	22,048.58	-59,284.89	-21,986.61
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>								
				<b>Other Expense</b>				
				990 - Suspense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
				<b>Total Other Expense</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
				<b>Net Other Income</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

## General Donations

Dollar Range	Number Giving	Total
\$0.01 - \$50	11	274.25
\$50.01 - \$100	6	558.39
\$100.01 - \$200	6	971.00
\$200.01 - \$300	3	820.00
\$300.01 - \$400	1	400.00
\$400.01 - \$500	2	990.00
\$500.01 - \$600	2	1,115.00
\$600.01 - \$700	1	678.00
\$700.01 - \$800	3	2,315.00
\$800.01 - \$900	1	880.00
\$900.01 - \$1000	3	2,858.00
\$1,000.01 - \$1500	10	12,060.00
\$1,500.01 - \$2000	5	8,890.00
\$2,000.01 - \$3000	4	9,435.00
\$3,000.01 - \$4000	3	9,725.00
\$4,000.01 - \$5000	0	0.00
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>51,969.64</b>
	Open Donations	869.60
<b>Grant Total 2016:</b>		<b>52,839.24</b>

## Mission &amp; Services Giving's

Dollar Range	Number Giving	Total
\$0.01 - \$50	8	\$225.60
\$50.01 - \$100	2	\$150.00
\$100.01 - \$200	7	\$1,014.00
\$200.01 - \$300	8	\$1,969.00
\$300.01 - \$400	2	\$690.00
\$400.01 - \$500	0	\$0.00
\$500.01 - \$600	2	\$1,198.00
\$600.01 - \$700	1	\$680.00
\$700.01 - \$800	1	\$740.00
\$800.01 - \$900	2	\$1,725.00
\$900.01 - \$1000	0	\$0.00
\$1,500.01 - \$2000	1	\$1,865.00
\$2,000.01 - \$3000	1	\$2,400.00
<b>Totals 2016:</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>\$12,656.60</b>

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## *Facilities Development Report*

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FINALLY!! All the work, the visioning, the planning, the reviewing of the plans, the revising of the plans and at long last, acceptance of the plans resulted in the welcome sight of Kindred's construction crew and trades starting site work in late April. Work continued in a very efficient manner throughout the remainder of the year so the shell of the project was completed by the end of the year.

You may recall that at the end of last year, we had redesigned the project in order to reduce costs. At the start of 2016, we were awaiting the result of the revised tender process. This came within budget limitations so the contracts were signed and the arrangements were made to start construction.

Construction has gone according to plan. To be sure, there were some unexpected hiccups which is expected with any project (who knew about the buried fuel tank that used to supply our furnace oil back in the 1960's?? And don't get us started on invasive species!!) but overall things have gone according to the plan laid out by our construction contractor Kindred Construction Ltd.. They have advised they are still on track to essentially complete the construction by mid to late May following which there will be a month or so of inspections. While the Committee has not started move in discussions, current thinking is that we should have the legal arrangements dealt with and be in a position move in by early September.

This has been a complex and exciting undertaking for our Committee and it is great to see our new home develop. From here, the possibilities and the opportunities that we have dreamt about can take shape. Our thanks to everyone who have provided support both for the project and for us a Committee.

Bert Lonson on behalf of the Facilities Development Committee

(Louise Martin, Rev. Karen Millard, Ken Tanner, Peter Gordon and Bert Lonson.

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## *Worship Report*

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We have shared worship with St. John the Divine Anglican church since June 2015. Over that time, we have all learned a lot from one another. We know there are elements of worship we all enjoy participating in together and there are some that the Anglicans are missing while the United's are missing other elements. It has been a pleasure to be on this journey with St. John's for so many reasons. What a gift and offering they gave us to have a place with a beautiful sanctuary to worship in every week. Rev.

Nick Parker and I have enjoyed having a colleague in worship planning and presiding, it adds so much to our work and enriches our service. As our time, together has progressed it has become easier and easier to work together and become more creative.

I would like to take a moment to thank Carol Grolman, Ian Brown, Julie Lum and Kayla Mak for stepping up when we needed a musician to fill in. You assist in providing welcoming, ecumenical excellent worship and we are truly grateful for your willingness to assist when you were able. Thank you to St. John the Divine for your generosity of space, worship and service.

I look forward to seeing where are worship will take us in the year to come.

Rev. Karen Millard

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## *Mission and Service Report*

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The Mission and Service (M&S) Committee represents a part of the United Church of Canada which focusses on needs beyond the local church. Canada is a wealthy and fortunate country. The needs in parts of Canada and other countries are very great, and can be overwhelming. M&S funds organizations and projects in Canada and elsewhere. A wide range of initiatives and organizations are supported. In Canada, these include; families affected by the justice system when a family member is jailed, local drop in centres in disadvantaged parts of communities, ministry for small churches, Christian camps, and chaplains at universities. In the broader world, M&S is involved with ecumenical organizations, a variety of social justice causes, and small groups in poor countries wrestling with unfair governments or companies. If there is a large-scale disaster, such as the Syrian refugee crisis, the United Church works collaboratively with other churches through an organization known as Action of Churches Together (ACT). This results in a more effective and immediate response to disasters. Often there is an appeal by M&S in such cases, and our local M&S committee informs the congregation about the appeal.

The M&S committee also regularly informs the congregation, through the weekly “Minute for Mission” talk, about an example project of M&S. The Committee members are Christine Tribe, Barbara Stover, Muriel Shephard, Pat Wilson and Hugh Kerr.

Besides regular M&S designated giving’s by the congregation, funds also are raised by items taken for recycling to the local Bottle Depot, and donated to account # 205. In 2016 funds from recycling amounted to over \$125, and M&S designated funds through envelope giving’s were \$12,656, which is almost the same as in 2015.

The Committee is very grateful for these donations. We ask that you continue to support M&S through regular giving’s in 2017.



We would also welcome new members of the M&S Committee. No application forms, or experience, are needed. Only a desire to inform yourself and the congregation about M&S activities in Canada and around the world.

Hugh Kerr, Chair

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### *Newcomers Committee Report*

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The Refugee Committee was formed during the fall of 2015 as a result of the Syrian refugee crisis and the appeal to Canadians for sponsors. Four sponsoring groups were formed in Squamish to each support a Syrian family. They asked to work with Squamish United Church to help them in several ways. As a result, a Squamish United Refugee Committee was established. At present, it includes Vicki and Kevin Haberl, Nairn Stewart, Louise Martin, Elizabeth Kerr and Hugh Kerr. Ken Tanner, church treasurer, also has been instrumental in understanding and overcoming the many financial challenges associated with the sponsorships. Each sponsoring group includes at least one member of the Committee. Many family sponsorships are organized by a larger organization, such as the refugee office of the United Church of Canada. The local Refugee Committee has been a liaison between the local sponsoring group and the larger organization, and have been involved with planning budgets and tasks distributions of the groups. In addition, the budget, donations and expenditures of each group are monitored by the Committee. Two meetings of all the groups were also held, organized by the Church Refugee Committee, to discuss the many aspects of sponsorship.

There now are three Syrian families in Squamish. ("Newcomers", rather than "refugees" has been adopted as a more welcoming term.) One family with 2 children arrived in May, one with 6 children in October, and one with three children in December. Two of the families spoke very little English. A fourth family is still

awaited, (and has been for over a year). Their application is reported to be progressing recently, and we are hopeful they will arrive soon. Details about the families have not been publicized locally, on purpose. Politics in Syria are very complex, and there are concerns that publicity about the newcomer families might be detrimental to their families still in Syria. Furthermore, they deserve the privacy which other Canadians enjoy.

The sponsoring groups organized housing, furniture, initial food supplies, clothing and other needed items. They also organized who would help with the many required tasks. These arrangements have worked very well. The school age children in each family are enrolled in school, and are progressing well with English. The family which speaks English well has adapted to Canada very well, and the father has employment. The other two families arrived recently, but also are adapting well. They are enrolled in some special English classes as well as being tutored by members of the groups. All the families are enrolled in the government health plan, and family doctors have been arranged. Local dentists have donated examination services.

The tasks by the groups are ongoing, especially for the families with limited English. The District has donated bus passes for the families for the year, which is very helpful. But with the low frequency of bus service, and the need for coordination with school, doctor and other needs, transport by group members is often needed. The groups also have organized various outings for the families, as well as dinners.

The congregation has been very generous with donations for the families. A total of \$13,035.26 has been received, in addition to the funds which the sponsorship groups have raised. The families are very grateful for this help. Some of these funds were used as bridging funds between when rental space became available for the large family and their actual arrival. Other significant costs are expected, such as extensive dental care, and airfare repayment to the government.

Hugh Kerr, Liaison

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### *Men's Breakfast Report*

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We are a group of men who come together in the winter months for breakfast, fellowship and discussion on a variety of themes.

The Saturday morning breakfast starts at 7.30 am by the cooking crew and at 8.30am breakfast is served. A theme / topic is introduced by a participant of the group or a guest, and followed by discussion. There are usually around twelve men at the breakfast, enjoying men to men talk, meeting old friends and making new ones. The work of preparing the food, cooking and cleanup gives us also the opportunity to get to know each other better.

May God bless us with many more good discussions and gathering.

Walter Huber

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### *Healing Pathways Report*

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According to Matthew 9: 35 & 36 Jesus went around visiting all the towns and villages. He taught in the synagogues, preached the Good News about the Kingdom, and healed people with every kind of disease and sickness. As he saw the crowds, his heart was filled with pity for them, because they were worried and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 10:7 & 8 Go and preach, The

Kingdom of heaven is near! Heal the sick, bring the dead back to life, heal those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases, and drive out demons. You have received without paying, so give without being paid.

I don't think that this passage can be taken literally because our small group has never brought anyone back from the dead but we have seen and experienced for ourselves the relief that comes from a session of healing touch. It can be a good

night's sleep, a feeling of peace, an inclusive feeling of sharing with like-minded friends or the soft touch of another human being that cares in our community. We have learned to work with the energy fields that surround people and become channels of healing light for the person's highest good. We don't claim to be powerful "doctors" that heal but are called healers for God, who heals. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Psalm 72:18.

Our Healing Pathways Group meet on every second Monday night at 7:00pm in the homes of our members and we'd welcome anyone who would like to experience a treatment. We like to be notified in advance of your willingness to participate with us so please phone Walter 604-898-4290 or Judi 604-892-5436

Submitted by Judi Rhodes

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### *Secretaries Report*

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2016 was another enjoyable year for me in the church office. Sharing office space with St. John's has worked out very well and taking on the administrator position with St John's has helped me coordinate the two churches. Working with both church boards has been a pleasure and I enjoy working with Reverend Nick Parker and of course, Reverend Karen Millard.

Watching Centrepont go from a hole in the ground to the impressive building it is becoming has been very interesting and exciting and I can't wait to see it once it is finished.

As always, I welcome your comments and/or suggestions so please don't hesitate to contact me either by phone, email or drop by the office. I always look forward to a visit.

Jody Villadsen, Secretary

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### *Knitting Report*

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There were 5300 volunteer hours of knitting logged over the months of 2016. That translates to over a year of 40-hour work weeks. Fifty-eight if you do the math.

We were awarded a certificate of excellence by the BC Injury and Crying Prevention Unit for our contribution to the Period of Purple Crying Program (PPCP). Parents of babies born in November/December are given printed information outlining why babies cry with a purple hat for baby.

During 2016, 51 shawls were given out, 198 toques delivered to First United Church Mission, and 93 purple hats donated to PPCP.

This is quite a ministry!

Arlene Ingraham

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### *United Church Women of Squamish United Church*

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During this transitional year of 2016, the Squamish United Church Women (UCW) continued to share fellowship, and to offer programs and activities to support the church. Many changes were made to our organization.

UCW is a regular monthly contributor to hosting coffee hour after church, providing treats to enjoy during our combined fellowship with the Anglicans. Special catering events included a 100th birthday celebration for L. Ingraham, and a 90th birthday celebration for Moneta.

UCW hosted a Family Snow Day at the Whistler Olympic Park on January 24 with approximately 15 members of the congregation coming out to ski or snowshoe.

World Day of Prayer was on March 4, 2016 with a theme of "Receive Children, Receive Me." Many thanks to Grace Halvorson who led the organization of the event, with the help of other members. There were 53 participants from 5 different church communities in Squamish.

UCW raised funds through its chicken sales, with one in the spring and one in the fall. Total profits from both sales was more than \$1000.

The annual "Let's Talk Turkey" luncheon was held on the Sunday before Advent. This luncheon raises money to purchase several turkeys for the annual Christmas dinner hosted by First United Church in downtown Vancouver. This year's donations of \$520 exceeded the cost of the turkeys, enabling us to also donate to the Women's Centre and Helping Hands.

A significant change in 2016 was the merging of the MacKenzie Unit and Bethany Unit. There was broad support to enhance the efficiency of the work of these two units by working together. The combined "Macbeth" unit eliminates the duplication of effort to organize and manage two separate groups, meetings, activities, etc. Soon thereafter it was also determined that UCW Executive was also a duplication of effort. The role of executive had once been to coordinate the various units of UCW, and to be the direct link to the board as a representative of all units. UCW

representation on the board will now be a position that is included in the Macbeth elections each year.

Harmony Unit continued meeting on alternate months during most of 2016, attending the Hilltop House birthday tea every other month, bringing friendship and comfort to the residents there. By the end of 2016, the Harmony unit transitioned to meeting on an as-and-when-required basis. The fellowship and support these members offer one another is not to be scheduled into weekly agendas, but to ebb and flow with the needs of its members.

Macbeth Unit meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. If any women are interested in the activities of the UCW, please contact any member and we will be happy to welcome you.

Respectfully submitted by Vicki Haberl

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## *UCW FINANCIAL REPORT*

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**December 31, 2015 Closing Balance** **\$1,793.60**

Correct 12/30 s/c s/b 7.05 (reported \$6.50) TOTAL \$81.93

Correct chq to M. Caldwell s/n \$92.21 (reported \$99.21)  
\$206.21

**JANUARY 1, 2016 OPENING BALANCE** **\$1,800.05**

### **Income**

Catering - Ingraham party 750.00

Chicken Sales (profit \$1079.98) 7,812.30

Turkey luncheon 520.15

Coffee Hour profits 10.00

Love offering 60.00

**Total Income** **\$9,142.45**

**\$10,942.50**

### **Expenses**

Turkeys First United 119.97

Chicken Cost 6,732.32

Refugee Fund 454.44

Service Charge 86.51

Supplies for Ingraham party 19.79

Women's Centre 200.00

Helping Hands 200.00

**Total Expenses** **\$7,813.03**

**Closing Balance December 31, 2016** **\$3,129.49**

Respectfully submitted by Deb Kent, Treasurer, UCW Executive

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*SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH*

*Annual General Meeting*

*March 13, 2016*

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The Annual General Meeting of the Squamish United Church was called to order by Chair, Ian Kent at 10:35am. There were 43 members and adherents in attendance.

Voting Privileges

Moved by Deb Kent, seconded by Kevin Haberl that voting privileges be given to all members and adherents in attendance. Carried

Adoption of last year's minutes

Moved by Walter Huber, seconded by James MacDonald that the minutes of the February 15, 2015 Annual General Meeting be adopted. Carried

Committee Reports - Celebration of the Life and Ministry of Squamish United Church 2015.

Rev Karen Millard presented a slide show of the highlights from 2015.

Refugee Report

Hugh Kerr gave a review of the refugee situation to date.

Opportunity to discuss committee reports

No Discussion

Adoption of Committee Reports

Moved by Carol Tanner, seconded by Vicki Haberl that the Committee Reports except for Finance Committee Report, Nomination Committee and Facility Development Report be received. Carried

Trustees

Moved by Peter Gordon, seconded by Trevor Harris to accept Sue Puchmayr's requested resignation from the Board of Trustees. Carried



## Facilities Development Report

Peter Gordon gave a verbal report on the current situation on the new facility.

Moved by Kevin Haberl, seconded by Deb Kent that the Treasurer be authorized to release funds, not to exceed \$1.6 Million for the building of Centrepont, held to date as investments for that purpose, progressively as required per the draw schedule from the General Contractor, in order for Sea to Sky Community Services to complete the build of Centrepont. Carried

## Finance Committee Report and 2016 Budget

Kevin Haberl spoke on the 2015 finances and the 2016 budget.

Some questions arose;

- Office expenses up, why?
  - Property taxes included
- Why full time minister?
  - The board and Minister are very aware the nature of her job has changed. The Board and M& P committee are committed this year to a full time minister because of the transition we are in and in order to help keep the congregation vitalized.
- With the \$1,600, 000 being used to build Centrepont will the remaining interest cover our operating deficit?
  - Fund raising will be required, if not we will end the year in a deficit.

Moved by Peter Gordon, seconded by Kayla Mak to accept the 2015 financial statements as reviewed by the accountants Smythe LLP. Carried

Moved by Kevin Haberl, seconded by Ken Tanner that the 2016 budget as passed by the Board of Directors be accepted. Carried

The Nominating Committee presented the following nominations for the 2016 Board;

Chair - Ian Kent

Vice Chair - *vacant*

Past Chair - Bert Ionson

Trustee Chair - Peter Gordon

Treasurer - Ken Tanner

Finance Committee Chair - Kevin Haberl

Worship Liaison - Elizabeth Kerr

Ministry & Personnel Committee Chair - Nairn Steward

Stewardship Committee - *vacant*

Facilities Development Committee Chair - Louise Martin

United Church Women's Group President - Vicki Haberl

Mission & Service Committee Chair - Hugh Kerr

Men's Group Leader - Walter Huber

Presbytery – Trevor Harris/Peter Gordon

Children & Family Ministry Liaison – Kaija Belfry- Monroe

At this time, Chair Ian Kent called three times for nominations from the floor.

There being none it was moved by Carol Tanner, seconded by Susan MacDonald that the nomination report be approved. Carried

Covenant of Leadership Prayer (Together)

*As members of Squamish United Church, we promise to respect and care for each other through times of growth and joy and through times of sorrow and challenge. We promise to support one another with constant love, wholesome*

*example, Christian teaching and faithful prayer, ever mindful of the fact that we are all part of the family of God together. We affirm that on those occasions when we fall short, God's ever-living grace will help us re-orient again to love. Amen.*

#### Other Business

There being no other business a motion to adjourn was requested.

#### Motion to Adjourn

Moved by James MacDonald, seconded by Deb Kent to adjourn the March 13, 2016 Annual General Meeting. Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01AM.

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Chair - Ian Kent

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Secretary - Jody Villadsen

## ATTACHMENT A

**SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**December 31**  
**(Unaudited)**

	2015	2014
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash and term deposits	\$ 85,093	\$ 136,234
Cash - Refugee Sponsorship	58,201	0
GST receivable	425	559
Accounts receivable	420	345
Short-term investments (cost - \$856,766; 2014 - \$800,350) (note 4)	856,766	826,187
Short-term investments (cost - \$1,121,759; 2014 - \$1,069,376) (note 4)	1,131,898	1,140,202
Prepaid expenses	2,995	2,258
	2,135,798	2,105,785
<b>Fixed Assets</b> (note 6)	259,503	219,222
	<b>\$ 2,395,301</b>	<b>\$ 2,325,007</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,039	\$ 4,207
<b>Equity</b>		
Building Maintenance Fund	0	9,827
Benevolent Fund	2,851	3,066
General Fund	17,815	19,251
Fixed Asset Fund	259,502	219,222
Facility Development Operating Fund	64,229	103,045
Facility Development Capital Fund	856,766	826,187
Investment Fund	1,131,898	1,140,202
Refugee Sponsorship Fund	58,201	0
	2,391,262	2,320,800
	<b>\$ 2,395,301</b>	<b>\$ 2,325,007</b>

Commitment (note 7)

Approved by the Board:

\_\_\_\_\_ Director

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See notes to financial statements.

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**SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH**  
**Statement of General Fund Receipts and Expenditures**  
**Year Ended December 31**  
**(Unaudited)**

	2015	2014
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations	\$ 62,129	\$ 67,593
Mission and service	12,766	12,139
Gain on sale of assets	5,901	0
Fundraising and other	3,822	739
Property rentals	2,560	8,375
Investment	33	100
Memorial services, weddings and miscellaneous	0	385
	<u>87,211</u>	<u>89,331</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Salaries and benefits	68,629	78,565
Ministerial allowances	23,379	23,929
Office	18,694	9,684
Utilities	14,028	8,993
Mission and service	12,766	12,139
Congregational and sundry activities	5,778	3,947
Presbytery allocation	5,087	5,028
Professional fees	4,613	4,998
Insurance	3,638	2,109
Advertising	1,104	579
Service contracts	0	3,510
Donations and appeals	0	402
Guest speakers	0	291
Miscellaneous	0	243
	<u>157,716</u>	<u>154,417</u>
<b>Deficiency of Receipts over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ (70,505)</b>	<b>\$ (65,086)</b>

**SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH****Statement of Fund Equity****Year Ended December 31****(Unaudited)**

	Building Maintenance Fund	Benevolent Fund	General Fund	Fixed Asset Fund	Facility Development Operating Fund	Facility Development Capital Fund	Investment Fund	Refugee Sponsorship Fund (note 5)	2015	2014
<b>Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	\$ 9,827	\$ 3,066	\$ 19,251	\$ 219,222	\$ 103,045	\$ 826,187	\$ 1,140,202	\$ 0	\$ 2,320,800	\$ 2,220,412
Receipts	0	0	86,238	973	0	0	0	0	87,211	89,331
Expenditures	0	(215)	(157,501)	0	0	0	0	0	(157,716)	(154,417)
Facility contributions	0	0	0	0	1,355	0	0	0	1,355	11,365
Refugee contributions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58,201	58,201	0
Facility disbursements	0	0	0	40,171	(40,171)	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	0	0	0	(864)	0	0	0	0	(864)	(426)
Transfer into general fund from Building Maintenance Fund	(9,827)	0	9,827	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers into general fund from investment fund	0	0	60,000	0	0	0	(60,000)	0	0	0
Interest on short-term investment	0	0	0	0	0	6,531	16,078	0	22,609	56,131
Investment management fee	0	0	0	0	0	(3,055)	(6,347)	0	(9,402)	(17,090)
Increase in market value of investments	0	0	0	0	0	18,786	35,553	0	54,339	115,494
Interest on term deposit	0	0	0	0	0	8,317	6,412	0	14,729	0
	(9,827)	(215)	(1,436)	40,280	(38,816)	30,579	(8,304)	58,201	70,462	100,388
<b>Balance, End of Year</b>	\$ 0	\$ 2,851	\$ 17,815	\$ 259,502	\$ 64,229	\$ 856,766	\$ 1,131,898	\$ 58,201	\$ 2,391,262	\$ 2,320,800

See notes to financial statements.

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## ATTACHMENT B

**Budget 2016 - Squamish United Church**

As accepted at January 6, 2016 Board Meeting

<hr/> Income		
500 · Donations		
501 · General Donations	60,000.00	
503 · Open Donations		
507 · Benevolent Fund Donations	100.00	
509 · UCW Donations	500.00	
Total 500 · Donations		<hr/> 60,600.00
Expense		
610 · Advertising *	800.00	
620 · Bank Charges *	1,000.00	
625 · Church Office Expense *	6,000.00	
635 · Utilities & telephone	1,000.00	
645 · Insurance	1,000.00	
655 · Legal & Audit	5,000.00	
710 · Caring Ministry	300.00	
720 · Congregational/Event Activities	1,000.00	
730 · Benevolent Fund withdrawals	100.00	
785 · Presbytery Allocation	5,000.00	
Contribution to Anglican Costs	12,000.00	
791 · Worship Committee	1,000.00	
795 · Sunday School Expense	500.00	
Total Operating Expenses		<hr/> 37,340.00

800 · Ministerial Expenses

800-1 · Discretionary Expense	1,532.00	
800-5 · Education & Resource Materials	2,000.00	
800-6 · Minister - Housing Allowance	housing fund	
800-7 · Travel Allowance	1,200.00	
800-8 · Phone Allowance	960.00	
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Total 800 · Ministerial Expenses	5,692.00	

850-1 · Salary Expense	55,000.00	Net of housing
850-6 · Benefit Pension CPP EI	11,000.00	
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Total Staff Expenses	66,000.00	

Total Expenses	<hr/>	109,032.00
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Net Income Operating	<hr/>	-48,432.00
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Investment Account

Revenue inflow - interest		37,000
Revenue inflow - Capital Campaign	TBD	
Expense Outflow - Investment Fees		7,500
Expense Outflow - Minister's Housing		20,400
Monthly Retained Earnings		-39,332.00