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#### MINISTER'S MESSAGE



As this record shows, a great deal of ministry was accomplished in 1992 by a host of saints in this congregation. In our tradition, saints are not elevated or especially venerated individuals, but simply those who are committed to following and serving the Christ, as part of the whole people of God. In our tradition, this committment is not our own doing, but the gift of God's enabling grace. In our tradition, the ministry of the church does not belong to us but to God through Jesus Christ, who, as we so often say in our creed works in us and others by the Spirit, and calls us to be the church. Whatever we have accomplished, then, is God's gift to and through this congregation. Please remember, as you read these reports, to lift a prayer of thanksgiving to God for enabling these ministries of Jesus Christ among

One good thing about an annual report is that it calls to remembrance how much we have to celebrate. That's good, because everyone's lifes are very busy and as each of us does our little bit, we're often not aware of all the other little bits happening. It's good to see the whole picture and give thanks to God and to each other for this church family and its work. A very special thanks to the choirs and organists for their inspiring ministries; to Don Behrner for countless responses to crises of leaks, faulty furnaces, sundry repairs and upkeep; to Retta Behrner who goes far beyond the call of duty in her labour of love as church secretary and book-keeper; to Bill Rempel, retiring after 10 years of serving as church treasurer with the utmost wisdom and fidelity; and to all who work with our children.

None of us can look back on 1992 without awareness of the grief and sorrow of experiencing the untimely deaths of Mary Bloxham, Zachary Glover and Sonny Davis, so dear and deeply missed. Several young couples in our congregation also experienced the death of a parent in 1992 and these, too, are sorrows shared.

We face a particularly large challenge in 1993. Our buildings desparately need costly repairs and renovations. The hard working ad hoc committee appointed by the Board last April has completed phase one of a property redevelopment process that has opened the door to some interesting possibilities, and many ideas collected from you for future plans. The new committee for "Redevelopment, Phase 2" is in place and will be working towards bringing in some concrete proposals this year. You'll be hearing from them soon. Knowing the many talents, creativity, vitality and committment inherent in this congregation, I'm confident that "Phase 2" will prove exciting and faithful as the momentum grows.

God's blessings to you and yours for 1993.

In loving service, Rev. Chris Burnett

# MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING 1992

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Squamish United Church was held February 2, 1992 with 17 members present. Dessert and coffee was served. Chairperson, Bert Ionson, opened the meeting with a devotional based on Mark 8:22-26.

M/S by Evelyn Dawson/Lou Rempel that the minutes of the 1991 Annual Meeting be adopted. Carried.

# Conference Report:

Acceptance moved by Celia Huber/Cathie Bourgh. Carried

# Presbytery Report:

Acceptance moved by Celia Huber/Marilyn Caldwell. Carried.

Maureen reported Rev. Burnett is feeling better.

Thanks to Celia for her work as presbytery delegate.

Bert encouraged everyone to consider who might be the new presbytery representative.

# Board Report:

Acceptance moved by Linda Coukell/Walter Huber. Carried. Thanks to Bert for his term in office.

## Worship Committee:

Acceptance moved by Patsy Riecker/George Gilmour. Carried. More members needed for this committee.

# Adult/Family Life Ministry:

Acceptance moved by Elizabeth Glover/Linda Coukell. Carried. Elizabeth reiterated that there is no need for this committee as the education evenings are being covered by other committees like U.C.W. Linda Coukell said that the parent free nights are excellent, and the quality of child care excellent, also.

#### Caring Ministry:

Acceptance moved by Maureen Gilmour/Walter Huber. Carried.

June Halvorson "voted" thanks to Maureen for keeping the committee going.

Patsy said that the patients at the hospital enjoy George visiting.

#### Ministry & Personnel:

Acceptance moved by Don Behrner/Linda Coukell. Carried.

Bert discussed the different options available to us as a congregation for filling the pulpit.

## Monday Night Bible Study:

Acceptance moved by Lou Rempel/Nancy Hutchinson. Carried. Nancy thanked Lou for her leadership.

## Wednesday Bible Study:

Acceptance moved by Walter Huber/Elizabeth Glover. Carried.

# Senior Choir:

Acceptance moved by Marilyn Caldwell/Evelyn Dawson. Carried. Cathie thanked the choir on behalf of the congregation for the wonderful ministry of music produced by the choir.

## Junior Choir:

Acceptance moved by Walter Huber/Linda Coukell. Carried.

Thanks to Carol Finnie for her ministry in this area.

# Sunday School Report:

Acceptance moved by Marilyn Caldwell/Patsy Riecker. Carried.

Jan will be needing a replacement for herself at the end of this church school year.

Thanks to Jan for all the work she has done in the Sunday School.

Cathie Bourgh suggested that the Board look at forming an Education Committee to run the Sunday School.

June Halvorson wanted to know how many of the 60 children mentioned in the report attend regularly. Statistics could be given to the Board.

Thanks to Ollie Adams for her post mistress duties and a successful secret pal program.

# Sunday School Financial Report:

Acceptance moved by Patsy Riecker/Don Behrner. Carried.

# Nursery Report:

Acceptance moved by Cathie Bourgh/Marilyn Caldwll. Carried.

The tape recorder request has been addressed.

# U.C.W. Report:

Acceptance moved by Maureen Gilmour/Evelyn Dawson. Carried.

Bert thanked the U.C.W. for the support they give the church.

# U.C.W. Financial Report:

Acceptance moved by Maureen Gilmour/Shirley Saugstad. Carried.

The T-shirt's are a dead issue.

# Men's Breakfast Group:

Acceptance moved by Walter Huber/George Gilmour. Carried. Bert thanked Walter for his work with this group.

# Camp Fircom Family Retreat:

Acceptance moved by Maureen Gilmour/Walter Huber. Carried.

Great event, please repeat, thanks to Walter for the organizing, Bill for the transportation.

# Building & Property Committee:

Acceptance moved by Don Behrner/George Gilmour. Carried. Don thanked Walter for the professional carpenter help from time to time.

# Community Christmas Care:

Acceptance moved by Lou Rempel/June Halvorson. Carried. Lou said that more volunteers are always needed.

# Stewardship & Mission Interpretation:

Acceptance moved by Linda Coukell/Walter Huber. Carried.

All agreed the minutes for mission are a valuable addition to the morning services.

# Mission & Service Fund:

Acceptance moved by Lou Rempel/Nancy Hutchinson. Carried.

Lou thinks that the Minute for Mission in the church service has contrbuted to the fact we have met our M & S Budget.

# 1991 Every Household Stewardship Visitation:

Acceptance moved by Bill Rempel/George Gilmour. Carried.

Linda Coukell thanked Bill Rempel for his work on this committee.

Nancy Hutchinson reiterated that it takes courage to do the visitation, and thanked those who had the courage.

Bert suggested that the visitation be carried out annually so that people feel visited for reasons other than finances.

# Finance Committee Report:

Acceptance moved by Bill Rempel/Don Behrner. Carried. Walter thanked Bill for his work on the books over the year.

# Proposed Budget 1992:

 $\,$  M/S by Bill Rempel/Maureen Gilmour that the budget be approved as presented. Carried

Maureen Gilmour asked whether the unified board structure was working. Bert thought that generally things are going really well. Committees need more participants. Patsy thinks a C.E. committee would be helpful to help with the Sunday School. Walter would like to help with the youth program this year.

Memorial Fund Report (not included in booklet) Nancy Hutchinson has retired from the Memorial Fund and Celia Huber has taken her place. The memorial fund money from Mildred & Bill Campbell was spent in 1991 on, choir gowns, N.R.S. version of the Bible for the pew , and a television set, V.C.R. and stand were also purchased. Celia is having the plaques prepared. A small amount of money remains in the account.

Moved for adjournment at 9:15 by George Gilmour

# B.C. CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING Taky

BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA 67TH ANNUAL MEETING



The 67th A.G.M. of B.C. Conference was held at Chilliwack United Church and the Canadian Forces Base from May 21 - 25. Conference wa grateful to the Base for making its facilities available, since a strike shut down the planned site, the Agridome, only 2 days before the more than 500 delegates arrived. As always, the opening worship in the packed church was spine-tingling as exuberant voices by the hundred's raised hymns and prayers of praise. Indeed, worship throughout was both central and inspiring, and the music, wonderful, led by a group of ministers called "The Common Cup" whose instrumental and vocal talents are outstanding. (The United Church Bookstore sells their tape!)

Like the Presbyteries and congregations, Conference has been in the process of writing a new Mission Statement to reflect the church's call in a society and world radically changed over the past 10 years. Table groups worked hard on draft copies, providing feedback for the writing committee's revisions to be presented in final draft, May '93.

Table groups, of different 6 - 8 people each day, also worked on the many petitions and resolutions, which dealt with topics ranging from what to do to combat racism, how to provide more overseas exchanges for youth and young adults, to suggestions for United Church manual changes, to how to cover pastoral charges with liability insurance in case of permanent disability of current clergy, to health benefits for gay and lesbian partners employed in the church, to urging the Canadian government to to enact legislation to entrench the World Health Organization Code on the marketing of infant formulas, to concerns about how to help partner churches in the Philippines, Thailand and Japan work against the international sex trade in tourism which literally enslaves thousands of children and youth, to developing standards to keep church employees abreast of contempory improvements in employment standards, to how to help educate about and increase givings to the Mission and Service fund, to mention just a few.

A moment of silence and prayers of thanksgiving were offered for people on the Conference Roll who had died in 1992. Nominees for General Council and for President of Conference were interviewed and "Children at Conference" addressed the court with their voted upon. hopes and concerns and led a worship session as did the Youth. Beautiful theme presentations were delivered with wisdom, grace and humour. Father Emille D'Escoto, a priest from Nicaragua, brought the quiet passion of the Christ to life as he shared his peoples' faith and The Galo family, musicans from Nicaragua, delivered a experiences. stunning concert Saturday night and people literally danced the faith in response. A spectrum of opinion and Theological stance expressed itself in intelligent and often heated debate at the mikes. Teams from the various Conference Divisions presented their reports, a testimony to the breadth of work being done by B.C. churches. Bone-weary, hard working delegates rose stiffly and gratefully from steel chairs to line up for delicious meals, heading outdoors to eat in the fresh air after stifling hot sessions.

Amidst the varied hearts and spirits of almost 1000 people, each experiencing it in their own way, Conference celebrated Ordination and Communion, knowing that history was being made Tim Stevenson tells his story in the Jan '93 Observer.

The Rev. Dliver Howard (former skipper of the Thomas Crosby), placed his Conference President's stole on the shoulders of Mae Komiyamo, newly elected president. The Rev. Jim Elliot was introduced by Mae as the President Elect (to serve as President next year). (We all know Jim as Superintendent of First United.)

I know you would want to express your thanks, along with mine, to Maureen Gilmour, who generously took time off work to be our Conference delegate. We both experienced Conference as hard work, full of emotional ups and downs, but overall a great privilege and blessing.

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Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Chris Burnett

## VANCOUVER BURRARD PRESBYTERY, 1992

The Executive of Presbytery meets monthly and extra as needed, and includes the Chair, Past Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, and Chairs of the Divisions and Committees. The full Presbytery meets monthly except for December, July and August, and includes congregational reps. and ordained and commissioned ministers from all United Churches from Pemberton, south to Deep Cove, including Gibsons - Sechelt and Bowen Island North and West Vancouver on this side of the water, and from Renfrew and Lakeview in the east to University Hill in the west, from 16th Avenue down to the waterfront on the south side. Meetings are usually about 6 hours long, not including driving time, so for Squamish and other outlying areas it is a large committment to attend regularly. As well, the Presbytery reps. attend the annual conference meeting of all B.C. presbyteries for three or four days each May.

This congregation has been fortunate in having Celia Huber as rep. for the past 5 years, attending with the minister. Since September 1992, we have not had a congregational rep. as Celia is now attending U.B.C. School of Social Work full time. It is imperative that we find a new rep. for 1993. Everyone the Board has asked has declined. Is there anyone reading this who would volunteer? Though it takes a good chunk of time one day a month, the involvement in the wider work of the

church is very interesting, challenging and worthwhile.

The January '92 meeting was at Lynn Valley United; February at Highlands; March at West Point Grey; April at Kitsilano United; May at Conference in Chilliwack; and June the Presbytery met here at Squamish United. The September meeting was at St. David's United; October at Bowen Island November at Lakeview United. The host church provides a supper, and all delegates contribute \$5 to the meal cost.

Each presbyter attends a Division meeting before dinner and the plenery session after dinner. The Divisions are: Administration and Stewardship; Ministry Personnel and Education; Mission in Canada; and Global Concerns. There are several specialty committees within the Divisions which carry specific parts of the work. You stay in one Division all year.

Presbytery work is funded partly by allocations from each congregation within its boundaries, and partly by block grants from the National Church's Mission and Service Fund. Our presbytery uses its funds for such projects as the First United Church downtown eastside mission outreach, the Longhouse Ministry, the Chaplaincy at Vancouver General Hospital which serves both local and out of town United Church people being treated there, the Youth Worker available to resource, nurtures and co-ordinates youth programmes for our congregations (Jan Carter and two youth reps. led our service here in September '92) and support to charges that are not self-supporting (e.g. Pemberton-Whistler; Bowen Island).

Figures for all projects are available if anyone is interested. Here is one example: When the former Youth Facilitator gave notice of leaving by June '92, Presbytery was responsible for searching for, interviewing and hiring a replacement. This work was done jointly with Vancouver South Presbytery, as the 2 groups jointly fund and share this staff person. The terms of employment were voted on in Squamish at the

June meeting as follows: \$20,920. as salary; \$14,400. housing; \$3,530. travel; \$300. books and \$700. continuing education (Total \$39,850. from congregations). Since this is a presbytery staff position, no national funds are used, whereas for mission projects they are. Thus, if national M & S monies are down, B.C. gets less, so when Van-Burrard Presbytery allocates a share of its Block Grant to First United or wherever, we have to make cuts. Deciding which projects get how many dollars is the work of all the reps., working in table groups of 6 to 8 before the votes are taken. Obviously, we learn a great deal, and exercise grave responsibilities. Much material is studied and debated before decisions are taken, but every rep. exercises a vote, so when Presbytery makes a decision, it expresses a majority opinion.

The Presbytery is undergoing significant change. Historic Chalmers United in South Granville sold its building and is working at finding ways to function and serve as a very small congregation. Chinese United Church downtown, always a strong support in our Presbytery, has completed a long process of change and moved into Vancouver South Presbytery, having united with the Chown congregation on Cambie. St. James United at 10th and Trutch and Kitsilano United at Vine and 2nd have united to form one new congregation, but have not yet decided what to do about their buildings. Presbytery is involved month by month in these and many other processes arising from congregations.

The Presbytery Divisions and committees also generate petitions and resolutions to go to Conference and General Council. Congregational petitions are also debated and passed on, either with Presbytery concurrence or non-concurrence.

Much more than can be said here goes on as Presbytery does its work. I hope this gives a flavour of how important it is for each congregation to exercise its vote at each meeting and to help do the necessary work. We need a new rep. NOW. Volunteering at this level of the church's life is an enriching experience, both in terms of personal learning and satisfaction and in the sharing of worship and fellowship with the wider church.

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Respectfully, Rev. Chris Burnett

## SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH BOARD

The Board met eight times in 1992. Monthly, with the exception of the months of March, July, August and December.

Mission Statement - In response to a request from Presbytery each Congregation who hasn't composed a new Mission Statement in the past 10 years is to update or rewrite one in light of their changed community. A committee was formed: Bert Ionson, Cathie Bourgh and Rev. Burnett. They have worked hard on this and a draft copy was circulated at the Cottage meetings in November for feedback. The final draft will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on January 31/93.

Presbytery Review Team - Every third year each congregation is visited by a three member committee to look into the life and work of the local congregation. Our turn was June 16 this year. The members were: Rev. Art Griffin and lay persons, Alice Frith and Irvin Strong. The details of this meeting are in the board minutes for June 16. The visitation went well and was a chance for us to review our life and work as a congregation, subsequently, we received a very favourable report.

Presbytery Representative - Many thanks to Celia Huber who resigned in June as the lay representative after 6 years of faithfully attending the monthly meetings with the minister, plus her extra involvement of committee work. A replacement rep. is yet to be found for this worthwhile commitment that gives you the opportunity to find out more about the wider work of our church.

The Annex - There have been some difficulties with sharing this building, partly due to maintenance problems of an old building, varied use, etc. Since the summer Cathie Bourgh has been our liason person and has met with the Squamish Community Services Society Pre-school rep. which has made communication and solving of problems arising easier. Our thanks to her.

Adult/Family Life Committee - This committee was de-activated until a need arises again.

<u>Dinners</u> - The April 26th dinner was not well attended and the Christmas dinner was delayed till February 14, 1993 due to conflict of dates.

Sunday Morning Nursery Roster - The Board received notice in June that the Bethany Unit was unable to co-ordinate this. Having a list for volunteers to sign passed around during church services is working fairly well, but need a co-ordinator other than the minister.

<u>Choir Tapes</u> - The Board gratefully thanks the choir under Marilyn Caldwell for their hard work in producing the wonderful tape. Also, for the funds raised for the roof repairs.

Property Development Committee - An initial ad hoc committee was formed in May to look at phase 1 of possible property re-development concerning the downtown church property and the Brackendale manse property. This was necessary due to our deep concerns over costly repairs pending and therefore the question of good stewardship arose. The Board hopes everyone is considering what we can do in the community and what facility needed for this outreach plus our congregational needs i.e. more storage, Sunday school space, lounge, nursery, choir practice, etc.

Two fine resource people came from Presbytery for the October meeting with the congregation. They were able to both inform and inspire hope that an exciting project could be chosen. A new committee is being struck at the January board meeting to begin Phase 2.

Cottage Visitation - Visitations were organized by June Halvorson and Maureen Gilmour and successfully held in November. Many thanks to them.

There are so many other people who work hard for our church and hopefully we can encourage others to give their talents and time to continue the growth and vitality of our church.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Riecker

## PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## Introduction

Due to a concern over the low level of church finances and several impending capital improvements required on church structures, an ad hoc committee was formed to investigate better use of existing church properties. Church properties consist of the 'downtown' property [5 lots] upon which the church is currently located, and the manse property in Brackendale [5 acres of mostly undeveloped land]. Both properties are zoned "institutional" and any development would require rezoning.

Because the manse property is currently underutilized it was generally felt that the sale of all or a portion of that property would fund the necessary capital upgrade. Initial investigation centered around legal impediments to doing something of this nature. While there are no legal impediments, it was generally understood that the land was sold to the United Church of Canada at well below market value with the understanding the new church would be located on the property when development in the valley warrented this. The Committee did not give the notion of building a new church on the Brackendale property more than a cursory look. It was felt the cost of such a venture would outweigh any benefit.

In late May 1992, the Administrative Division of Presbytery was advised of the intention of Squamish United to begin exploring property development options. The Division Chair, Rev. Bob Burrows, advised he would be willing to assist our Board in a further examination of options. Rev. Burrow inspected both properties and had several suggestions related to property development. His suggestions included exploring development of "affordable housing" on a portion of the downtown property. A congregational meeting was held on October 18, 1992, to outline the objectives related to property development and to receive feedback concerning the type of development that would be acceptable.

# Congregational Meeting

The meeting commenced with Bert Ionson outlining the dilemma of Squamish United and the objectives of any development proposal. It was indicated to those present that the purpose of the meeting was to get direction in which way the church should be heading.

Rev. Burrows outlined projects he had been involved in, both as minister where property redevelopment was/is currently taking place and in his position as Chair of Administration Division.

During his period of ministry at Wilson Heights United Church, a subsidized housing complex for families and seniors was constructed. In all, the complex houses 15 units. The complex is on property owned by Wilson Heights United; the property is on a long term lease to B.C. Housing Foundation with the proceeds from the lease financing ongoing church projects.

He also outlined that the West Point Grey charge had purchased 2 lots and the Presbytery was in the process of approving an equity co-op

arrangement. Rev. Burrows also commented on a proposed condominium development on the St. David's United Church site. This was especially helpful to further outline the process required before any redevelopment project can be started.

The meeting then moved into a different phase with people giving their thoughts about how the development should proceed. Generally speaking, people were in favour of retaining the church in the present location. Opinions regarding sale of the manse property and the method of obtaining the necessary funds to do the upgrades were more diverse with arguments presented both pro and con. However, the majority of people present appeared to support the notion that a project that would result in an infusion of funds is required.

Several action items were brought out specifically:

- a) Conduct a needs analysis of the community. It was recommended that SFU or UBC be approached to conduct the study as part of an assignment. This need analysis would ultimately indicate what direction housing should take as well as needs to be addressed in a new Christian education facility.
- b) Better explain the time lines required for any venture. The church facilities should be examined to attempt to get some idea of how much longer they can last before the expenditures are needed.
- c) Contact Terra Housing for advice concerning options for the property. This could be done concurrent with any needs analysis. Further discussion with them should be held as the project proceeds. Also, a video outlining the Wilson Heights project has been produced. This video should be reviewed by interested members of the congregation.

This represents the final report of the Property Development Committee. A new committee, representative of the congregation will be formed to carry the process further. It is the belief of the Committee that the pathway is now well marked; successful completion of the above-noted action items will take us as a congregation closer to our goal of providing for the needs of the community as well as achieving financial stability as we enter the next century.

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Respectfully submitted,

Bert Ionson, Chair

Ad-hoc Property Develpment Committee

# VISITATION REPORT

Cottage meetings were held from November 15 to 19 in the homes of families in our congregation.

When Presbytery visited Squamish in the fall of '92, Rev. Art Griffin mentioned the "Cottage Meeting" concept during our discussion on visitation. Our congregation traditionally does not have visitation regularly but there was a very positive response to the one held last year. This was a finacial visitation done door to door by a team of visitors.

The official board felt the numbers of people needed to mount such an ambitious undertaking again this year were just not available but a visitation was needed. The concept of an informal type of gathering that could be informative as well as social seemed an ideal solution. So a committee of three was formed to get the information needed and set the dates. Sheets went up in the church for sign up so that individuals could choose the best dates for themselves. Sign up was slow so a small group consisting of Cathie Bourgh, Bill Rempel, Trevor Harris, Maureen Gilmour, June Halvorson and Rev. Chris Burnett met to go through the membership lists and do some phoning. Finally approximately 10 people signed up for each meeting which were held on four evenings and one afternoon.

The meetings started with social time and refreshments. During circle time individuals shared their backgrounds and faith journeys.

Suggested format for each group:

Materials distributed - brochures, tracts, etc.

Discussion - Proposed mission statement
Stewardship - talents, money, M & S
Future Property Development
Needs for our congregation

# Feedback:

# Visitation

- Response very positive
- Suggested it be done annually
- More time for personal concerns
- Too much material

# Mission Statement

- Combine item 3 and 4
- too long
- 2nd paragraph, 2nd line could be deleted
- 4th paragraph rewrite "by honouring the diversity of gifts among us"
- last paragraph delete seeking; i.e. by modelling, etc. use supportive in lieu of 'is open'

# Development of Property

- Sunday School Facility
- Day Care
- Senior Housing
- Condos Manse Property

- Retreat Centre Manse Property

- Keep Manse Property for Future Development

- Teen Centre, Drop-in Lounge

- New Facility with Large Kitchen for More Dinners and Social Events Social Events
- Terra Development Should be Investigated

- Continued Multi Purpose Use of Downtown Buildings

## General

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  - Concern over Bible illiteracy in United Church

- Concern over losing young people

- Appreciation to Linda Coukell for her contribution to "Minute for Mission"

- Considerable discussion on budget breakdown

- Need to better inform congregation on status of accounts

- Reinstate givings to Benevolent Fund

Special thanks to Bill and Lou Rempel, Laurie and Bruce Manzer. Bert and Diane Ionson, Gary and Marilyn Caldwell and Alida Hoogenboom for having the meetings in their homes.

Although the meetings were organized in a short time, they went well and were a very positive experiment. Hopefully more people will join in next time now that they know this was an enlightening and enjoyable evening.

A prosperous and healthy new year to all.

June Halvorson and Maureen Gilmour Visitation Committee

# WDRSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

According to the new constitution members of the worship committee shall be full members in active participation of the Unite Church of Canada. This year's members consisted of Patsy Riecker, Carol Finnie, Theresa Wilson, Helen Bachuk, Celia Huber for half the year and Elizabeth Glover who is on compassionate leave at present.

Looking back over the year we had some special services including guest missionaries Rev. Norm and Ann Petterson from Trinidad and Tobago in January; Dr. John and Kathy Potts from a medical mission in Kenya in February; Keith and Pauline Worsley-Brown from an education mission in Kenya in March. Each service was followed by a lunch and time of fellowship and further information with our guests.

Easter Sunday, April 12th went well with the modern "T.V. reporting" style thanks to Ollie Adams, Peter Gordon and others.

We had a busy intergenerational Pentecost Sunday June 7th including the presentation of Bibles to our High School graduates Erik Halvorson, Andrew Riecker and Monika Schwarz.

Communion was served 6 times in 3 different styles, thanks to all those who helped serving and ushering for these services

Members of the committee assisted the minister in welcoming new members of the church during baptisms helf 4 times this year.

May and June were busy months as we helped organize the pot luck supper and evening meeting of the musical Gallo family from Nicaragua and guest speaker Father D'Escoto who increased our awareness of the problems there.

On June 23 we organized and cooked for the Presbytery meeting which it was our turn to host. Unfortunately far less than expected travelled to Squamish for the meeting but those who did really appreciated the good dinner we had prepared.

On May 26 while our minister was at B.C. Conference the U.C.W. ably took the service thanks to them.

In September we had a Youth service attended by the Vancouver Burrard Presbytery Youth team: staffer Jennifer Carter and 2 delegates Bronwyn Cerrodes and Brian Baybay, followed by a wonderful pizza lunch at Carol Finnie's with teens from our church with enthusiasm engendered for the Youth retreat at Naramata in November. We are looking forward to the Presbytery Youth meeting to be held here in the Spring.

Thanks to Geoff Burnett who beautifully decorated the church for the Thanksgiving service in October.

The Christmas season started off with it's usual exciting happy Advent Clay Event with every one busy working on the ceder boughs, ribbons and bows, and clay figures ready for the hall tables beautifully lit nativity scene, followed by a delicious pot luck supper.

On December 13 the Junior Choir beautifully presented their Christmas musical with participation by Sunday School members which all of the congregation much enjoyed. Thanks to the choir and their hard working leader Carol Finnie.

The committee wishes to joyfully acknowledge the wonderful contribution of our organist Joanna Schwarz and her alternates, Carol Finnie and Linda Halvorsen, the Senior Choir under Marilyn Caldwell. We also wish to thank various members of the congregation who have helped with the lectionary readings, luncheons, service participation, etc., hoping you will all continue in 1993 to make our worship more meaningful and joyful.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Riecker

## CARING MINISTRY

Sadly in 1992 our congregation suffered the loss of a number of loved ones and caring ministry tried to be in touch with those who were bereaved to express the love and sympathy of the congregation.

We continue to send cards to those in hospital or recuperating at home. We remind everyone to let either our pastor or someone on the committee know when there is a need so that no one will be overlooked.

Many people in the congregation are faithful in phoning, sending cards or visitation of seniors and shut-ins and we thank each one for these acts of caring.

If anyone would like to join the caring ministry team we would be grateful for your help, so that more outreach could be done. You will find it a rewarding ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Gilmour

June Halvorson, Co-ordinators

#### MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

The 1992 M & P committee was comprised of Linda Harris, Bert Ionson, Grace Halvorson and Cathie Bourgh. We met on three occasions and kept in contact throughout the year. Offering Rev. Burnett support and clarifying hours of work and days off were some of the issues covered.

The committee would like to thank all those who work so hard in our church family. For pulpit relief we would like to thank Rev. Bob Thompson, Rev. Art Griffin, Ian Andrews and from our congregation Bert Ionson, Trevor Harris, Syd Pudney, Laurie Manzer and the U.C.W. Also, to Carol Finnie and Linda Halvorson for filling in for Joanna Schwarz.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathie Bourgh

# JUNIOR CHOIR LANGE OF STREET

September started off with 16 enthusiastic young singers, ranging in age from 7 to 12. We have participated in the church services and the Christmas Programme at the Art Gallery and put on a Christmas Musical for the benefit of the church. Thank you to everyone — Bryn and Sid, Denise and all the parents who helped out, and to the Sunday school children who paricipated.

New choir gowns are still an item on our agenda, but is on hold for the time being. Some fund raising will have to take place.

We are looking forward to singing at the Ecumenical Christian Unity Service next week and more church services.

All in all, choir is going very well. Every child is welcome to join anytime. "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Respectfully submitted, Carol Finnie

#### SENIDR CHOIR

The Senior Choir held practises Thursdays 7:45 - 9:15 from September until June last year. This was the longest season in recent years. We were able to help with services in the ministry of music. In late January our church hosted the first Ecumenical Night of Music in conjunction with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The thought of such an evening had been tossed around for about 9 months and finally became a reality through organization from the Squamish Ministerial and lay representatives from each church. [Our thanks to Carol Finnie!] The evening was very well attended and the Holy Spirit was truly present.

In February Joanna and I reviewed several Easter Cantatas, but none were applicable for our group. We sang throughout the Easter season with the exception of Good Friday. We regularly practised and prepared for the June 6th recording of our tape "Come Holy Spirit". We have sold approximately 200 tapes and raised \$975.14. Thank you to Joanna and choir members for their committment in this effort.

The Choir was deeply saddened by the loss of Mary Bloxham. Her faithfulness and long time membership in the choir here and others across Canada are respected and an inspiration for us all. We were honoured to sing at her funeral service in March and continue to support Bill in ways we can.

Early December was time for the Annual Christmas Care fundraiser at the Brackendale Art Gallery. The Choir and many other groups participated.

I look forward to continuing to work in this ministry in 1993.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Caldwell

# MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Ten to twelve faithful ladies met most Mondays of the past year. We used study material ordered from the Upper Room and from the Lutheran Publishing house in addition to the Bible and other books. We have found this type of study both challenging and stimulating. The "tea and crumpets" at the end of our meetings provide welcome opportunities for visiting. Our "tea" money was sent to the Bible Society and totalled \$514. for '92.

Submitted by,

Lou Rempel

# MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

Through the year of 1992 the Men's Group had seven breakfast meetings. As in the previous years we have had good fellowship on these Saturday mornings. Breakfast is served at 8:30 a.m. followed by a short programme or topic to discuss. Two or three mornings were spent doing gardening and maintenance work on the church grounds and buildings.

I enjoy, most of all, the great comradeship and the interesting ideas and thoughts shared at these meetings. I wish we could make more time for the men of the church to come together.

I would like to thank the men who have come out to cook breakfast and everyone who helps to make these good Saturday mornings happen. May God guide us through the year ahead and help us to make a difference in our world.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Huber

#### U.C.W. REPORT

1992 has been another exciting year for U.C.W. We celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the U.C.W. by leading a Church Service May 24th using a program called "Journeying in Faith" taken from the Exchange Magazine. It was one of the opportunities for all four units of our U.C.W. to work together. It was also a great honour to present one of our members, Frances Marsh, with her life membership pin.

We have four separate U.C.W. units and each has contributed greatly:

Alpha Unit: In February 83 coffee cans of cookies were sent to First United Church. Members also helped other units with projects.

Bethany Unit: Catered a luncheon in February for missionaries, John and Cathy Potts. Held a chicken sale and sold "Shopping Spree" coupon books. They hosted a social meeting for the MacKenzie Unit in June. They also co-ordinated the Nursery until June 30.

Harmony Unit: Held two rummage sales with the March sale raising \$942.55 and the November sale proceeds were \$930.00. They alternate months with the Pentecostal Church in hosting the birthday party at Hilltop House. They also hosted the Harvest Tea in October at Hilltop with help from other units.

MacKenzie Unit: Spent the early months of the year doing a program based on the video "The Feminine Face of Poverty". They raised \$674.00 for Guatemala and \$200.00 for Chile on the sale of crafts at a booth in the Trade Fair with other units assisting. The unit hosted luncheon for missionaries from Kenya, following church service in the spring. They continue to fund raise with Regal sales co-ordinated by Patsy Riecker.

Coffee hours are hosted by the different units on an alternating monthly basis.

Grace Halvorson is in charge of flowers for the church,

We also hosted the Handicap Luncheon held May 28th for the group from First United. The catering committee headed by Evelyn Dawson co-ordinated this annual event.

We have contributed to the Building fund, the General church fund, the Project and the M & S fund as well as \$500.00 for minor repairs at the Manse.

Our new Executive U.C.W. President for 1993 will be Arlene Smith; Tresurer: Carlotta Liechti; Maureen Gilmour will remain as Secretary and Evelyn Dawson as Social & Catering Co-ordinator; Jacqui Wilson on Program; Devotional alternates and Retta Behrner, Kitchen Supplies. The four Unit Presidents also are members of Executive. They are: Vera Moule, Alpha; Marilyn Caldwell, Bethany; Shirley Halvorson, Harmony and Grace Halvorson, MacKenzie. These four also make up the life membership committee.

Many thanks to Shirley Halvorson who has been our treasurer and has done an excellent job. Many thanks also to Lou Rempel for co-ordinating the toques and grocery cart for First United Church and for looking after the grocery tapes for the Food Bank. I have enjoyed the last two years as U.C.W. president and wish Arlene the best as I pass the hat into her very capable hands.

Jacqueline Wilson President, U.C.W. Executive

# U.C.W. FINANCIAL REPORT 1992

Bank Balance as of December 31, 1991		964.01
Receipts:		
Catering Rummage Sales Regal Sales Chicken Sales Cook Books Calendars Shopping Spree Books Love offerings Miscellaneous o/s cheque (Project Fund)	395.00 1873.40 862.00 3218.31 112.00 145.50 351.00 239.00 28.00 500.00	I decided as well as a second control of the contro
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Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Halvorson
General U.C.W. Treasurer

# SUPPLY REPORT 1992

# Grocery Tapes:

121 sets of tapes worth \$2420 were redeemed and used to buy groceries for First United and for the Food Bank. (Some of these grocery tapes were collected by Maureen at the Times office.)

## Toques:

101 toques were knitted for First United. In addition several used toques were washed and sent to the city.

# Campbell Soup Labels:

Some 3000 labels were processed through me. They were given to Sherri Dubber who then sends them on the the School for the Deaf in Puerto Rico. As with the grocery tapes, labels left flat are the easiest to deal with.

# Groceries for First United:

The cart was emptied regularly and the contents taken to First United. No tabluation of approximate value happened this year.

Submitted by Lou Rempel

# COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARE

The committee, sponsored by the Ministerial and representing most of the churches in this area, began its work in September '92.

Squamish United was well represented both on the committee and on the volunteer worker level.

As of January 4, 1993, \$29,170. was donated along with non-perishable food and many wonderful toys. Hampers were provided to 225 households.

We would like to thank all those who donated food, toys and time for this effort yet again.

Respectfully submitted, Lou Rempel

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 1992

This year the Sunday School calendar runs from October 4, 1992 to June 6, 1993. There are 71 children (age 3 upwards) currently registered in Sunday School. Volunteers provide a babysitting service for children under age 3. The Sunday School is using the Whole People of God curriculum.

There are 5 classes: Nursery, Beginning, Primary, Junior and Intermediate with specific volunteer teams working with each class. We are finding this team approach works well for everybody concerned. The biggest advantage of this team effort is that each teacher is responsible for only 6 - 7 classes for the year and is free to participate in the adult service the rest of the time. So far, 24 people have volunteered to be part of the teaching team. We still need volunteers for the Nursery and Intermediate classes.

The children enjoy the extracurricular activities of the church family such as the church picnic, clay Sunday, etc. Last year's Secret Pal project was enjoyed by children and adults alike and will take place again this year.

Our thanks to everyone who has helped out in the Sunday School work this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Hagedorn and Doris Whale

# SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT 1992

#### Receipts:

Bank balance December 31, 1992

Bank balance December 31, 1991 Sunday School offerings	562.26 676.47 \$1238.73	1238,73
Disbursments:		
Sunday School Curriculum Expenses M & S Fund	543.60 294.76 70.00	
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Respectfully submitted by, Patsy Riecker

## BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The year of 1992 saw the Building and Propery Committee holding the line on expenditures and using a repair only if absolutely required approach. This became necessary when the Ad Hoc Property Development Committee became a reality and future plans for our buildings and propery were/are for the time being in limbo.

Early in the year work was done both in the church and annex in order to pass the District fire inspection. This included wiring in an additional fire escape light in the annex. Our thanks to Mike Smith for doing the the electrical work for us. A programmable thermostat has also been installed in the annex.

A break-in occurred at the church during the summer and the V.C.R. amplifier and a tape deck were taken, resulting in a \$1100. insurance claim. A locked enclosure for the organ and equipment is to be built.

There were also several incidents of vandalism to the buildings through the spring and summer. Many thanks to George Gilmour who was kept very busy repairing the broken windows.

A lawn mower, donated to the Rummage Sale, was repaired for use at the manse. The church lawns were once again cared for by volunteers. Thank you to those who signed up for this job and also to the Men's Breakfast Group who help out with the yard work.

Roof repairs were done to both the sanctuary and annex and the steps and railings around the buildings were repaired.

As some of you may have "noticed" there were a few problems with the furnaces this fall. They have been repaired and although they are getting quite a workout, hopefully, will see us through the winter. The furnace at the manse also required repairs this fall.

The year also saw some improvements; one very noticeable improvement to the exterior of our buildings are the attractive signs painted and donated by Rob Pedersen. Another improvement is having a liason with the pre-school established. It is proving to be a great help, our thanks to Cathie Bourgh for taking on this job for us.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Rick Hunter for donating his equipment to keep the church parking lot clear of snow. Also, an appreciation to George Gilmour for faithfully opening the church, turning up the furnaces (when they work!) and checking the mikes every Sunday morning before the service.

The new Property Redevelopment Committee's planning mandate is very important to this committee, especially, as to how the major repair projects will be handled in the next year or two. Any help that the congregation can give them to expedite their mandate will be a benefit to us all.

The committee offers our thanks to each one of you who have helped with the care and upkeep of our church buildings and propery in 1992. We urge you to practise good stewardship by continuing to help again in 1993 and we also extend an invitation to any others in the congregation to join in.

Respectfully submitted,
Don Behrner

# STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION INTERPRETATION

We have enjoyed reading the "Minute for Mission" during the Sunday services throughout 1992 and have received positive, enthusiastic feedback from the congregation.

We would like to thank those members of the congregation who volunteered their time to read the "Minute for Mission".

Laurie Manzer, one of the co-chairs of this committee has resigned. We thank her for her participation and invite anyone from the congregation who may be interested in serving on this committee to join us.

Submitted by, Linda Coukell

# MISSION AND SERVICE FUND

Our congregation accepted an objective of \$10,000 for 1992. This was barely met by the end of the year. The U.C.W. contributed \$500. and the Sunday School \$70.

Donations for World Hunger were funnelled through the World Development and Relief Fund which is part of Mission and Service. Dur contribution amounted to \$1333.16.

Not included in the \$10,000. sent to M & S in Toronto was the \$220. designated for the Horn of Africa Appeal nor the money collected for First United.

Respectfully submitted,
Lou Rempel

# ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT 1992

Envelope Contributors (Inc. P.A.R.)	<u>1991</u> 79	1992 82
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Contributions by yearly donation	8	5
TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS:	88	88
Contributors to M & S fund	54	52
Special Contributions [Famine Relief, White Gift, etc.]	28	37
Sunday School Envelope Contributors	17	· 13

Are you interested in where you stand in the financial picture of the church? The following figures are from envelope and P.A.R. offerings only and include local support, M & S donations and special appeals.

		Number of g	givers in:
\$101.00 - \$201.00 - \$301.00 - \$401.00 - \$501.00 - \$601.00 - \$701.00 - \$1001.00 - \$1001.00 - \$1201.00 - \$1301.00 - \$1401.00 - \$1501.00 -	\$100.00. \$200.00. \$300.00. \$400.00. \$500.00. \$600.00. \$700.00. \$800.00. \$1000.00. \$1200.00. \$1200.00. \$1200.00. \$1200.00. \$1200.00. \$1200.00.	1991 9 16 3 4 5 13 8 3 2 1 3 2 1	1992 8 10 12 4 8 8 8 1 3
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Respectfully submitted by, Retta Behrner

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Once again we managed to balance our books without incurring any dept. Though total receipts into our general account were 8% below target, a carryover from 1991 together with expenditures 5% below budget, made this possible. Unlike the previous year, no transfers from the building fund were necessary to meet our operating expenses. Most of the savings were in lower fuel costs due to last years mild winter.

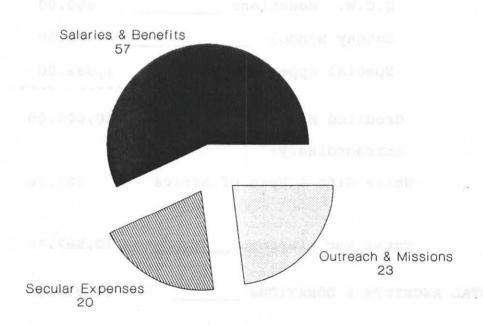
The congregation met it's Mission and Service target of \$10,000 as well as giving to other charities.

The "building and major maintenance fund" doubled during the year to over \$13,000. Several fund raising events by Joanna Schwarz and by the senior choir plus donations from the U.C.W. helped to raise this account. A committee is being established to rationalize our church facilities. The church Annex is in need of some major repair or replacement, the church furnaces should be replaced, and we still experience periodic roof leaks in the church building.

The proposed budget for 1993 reflects continuing restraint on discretionary spending. Any major repairs encountered will have to come from the building and maintenance account.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Rempel

# Projected Expenses



# RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1992 (General Account)

# A. LOCAL RECEIPTS AND DONATION:

By envelope & cheques 3	6.501.60
GO OF C TO SURVEY TO SERVEY	3,436.66
Appeals & Gifts	5,571.69
From U.C.W.	
G.S.T. rebate	429.72
Fund raising events	1,743.00
Annex honourarium	7,140.00
Insurance claim	903.20
Subtotal	58,225.87
B. MISSION AND SERVICE:	
By envelope & cheques	8,098.00
U.C.W. donations	500.00
Sunday School	70.00
Special appeals	1,332.00
Credited M & S	10,000.00
White Gift & Horn of Africa	587.16
Total for missions	10,587.16
C.TOTAL RECEIPTS & DONATIONS	68,813.03

# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF PROJECTED EXPENSES VS. ACTUAL SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH

EXPENSES:	1992	1992
1. Salaries & expenses	<b>PROJECTED</b> 42,120.00	ACTUAL 41,399.92
2. Insurance	2,000.00	1,760.00
3. Municipal Services	1,800.00	1,737.75
4. Heating Fuels	7,000.00	4,666.68
5. Electricity	1,500.00	1,290.52
6. Telephone	750.00	692.76
7. Maintenance	1,350.00	726.74
8. Capital additions	MRO13	1,095.93
9. Sundries	160.00	61.00
10. Mission & Service Special appeals	10,000.00	10,000.00 587.16
11. Presbytery	1,920.00	1,920.00
12. Observer	500.00	422.50
13. Seminars & Session	500.00	250.00
14. Guest Speakers	300.00	600.00
15. Ministerial	100.00	150.00
16. Caring Ministry	500.00	167.84
17. Stationery & Supplies	1,500.00	1,280.36
18. Duplicator lease & service	1,800.00	1,714.36
19. Library	100.00	
20. Music	500.00	472.53
21. Christian Education	600.00	362.74
TOTAL	75,000.00	71,358.79

# YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Unaudited)

A.	Current Operating Account: (Royal Bank)	
	Carry-over from 1991 5,925.75	
	1992 receipts & donations 68,813.03	
	1992 expenses(71,358.79)	
	Carry-over into 1993 3,379.99	

B.	Building & Maintenance Fund : (Bank of Nova Scotia)
	Carry-over from 1991 6,245.53
	1992 donations 4,904.50
	"Raise the Roof"concert 858.00
	Choir tape sales profit 975.14
	Interest 211.07
	U.C.W. donations 950.00
	Roof repairs ( 898.80)
	Carry-over into 1993 13,245.44

#### SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH

### PROPOSED 1993 BUDGET

REMUNERATION:	
Pastor's salary	25,145
Pension, insurance & medical	3,000
UIC & CPP	1,600
Car allowance (\$0.30/Km.)	3,000
Book allowance	300
Secretarial & bookkeeping	5,500
Janitorial	2,700
Organist	1,350
SUBTOTAL	42,595
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Insurance	2,000
Municipal Services	1,800
Heating fuels	7,000
Electricity "	1,500
Telephone	750
Duplicator lease & service	1,800
Minor repairs world man and modern	500
Sundries War Market Sundries	85
SUBTOTAL	15,435
OUTREACH:	10,200
Mission & Service	2,020
Presbytery	500
Observer	500 (28 1994)
Seminars & Session	500
Guest Speakers	111111 - 150
Ministerial	500
Caring & benevolent ministry	1,500
Stationery & supplies	100
Vancouver School of Theology	500
Music	500
Christian education	16,970
SUBTOTAL	IN mail committee with the last
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## IN MEMORIUM: (16)

Joshua James Delbert Boxall, February 11 Mary Susan Bloxham, February 19 John Kerr Lowe, February 22 Donald David McRae, March 11 Hilda Fairbanks, March 29 William Nathiel James, April 9 Orville Charles Clark, April 9 Hans Joachim Jahnke, April11 Gertrude Martinson, May 6 Lawrence Bartlett Gillard, May 10 Richard byron Wynne, May 28 Jay Alfred Carrat, June 30 Zachary David Glover, August 15 Hildering Mavis Bewley, August 17 Leo Lawrence (Sonny) Davis, August 26 Mary Pedersen, August 29

#### MARRIAGES: (8)

Robert Meruin Casey & Jessica Iris Silvey, June 6
Patrick David Magee & Lilibeth Teodosio, June 6
James Richard Fanzega & Shelley Maxine Rivett, July 18
Andrew John Dawson & Monica Jane Simpson, August 1
Mathias Leigh William Schulte & Caroline Anne Jackson, August 22
Karl William Mikkola & Vicky Irene Behrner, September 5
William Tate Patton & Carol Annette Versluis, September 12
Scott William Lynas & Lynette Ann London, September 26

#### BAPTISMS: (4)

Kelsey Elinor, daughter of Janice & Henry Beintema, January 5 Megan Alicia, daughter of Paige & Mark Butler, June 7 Douglas Gordon William, son of Barbara & Gordon Clendenning, September 13 Cameron Alexander, son of Katrina & Kevin Doherty, November 15

#### NEW MEMBERS: (16)

Murray Falconer, May 12 Valerie Stainton, May 12 Ollie Adams, May 12 Ivy Wilson, May 12 Roseanna Wilbur, May 12 Amanda Wilbur, May 12 June Eaton, May 12 Maureen Mackell, May 12 Nick Menicken, May 12 Janice Beintema, June 28 Harry Whale, December 20 Doris Whale, December 20 Alida Hoogenboom, December 20 Linda Halvorson, December 20 Marie Venekamp, December 20 Sheila Hurford, December 20