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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*"But this is not the Story of a life.  
It is the story of lives, knit together,  
Overlapping in succession, rising"*  
-Wendell Berry

There is something arbitrary about the beginnings and endings of the years. While the calendar does have the logic of seasons, cycles of the moon and solstice, human lives and communities appear to correspond less to calendars than to other rhythms of the heart and mind. As I try to discipline myself to write something about the promise and events of the last year, I find it difficult to "freeze" a frame or two in what is an ongoing and evolving tapestry of life. Squamish United Church is not a bureaucratically ordered institution. It is a living community that cannot easily be describe or ordered bureaucratically. For this we should all give thanks to God!

However, the reality of human communities doesn't make it easy for those of us charged with theological leadership! It would be so much easier if the church was a machine that required only a mechanic to tighten valves, change the oil and adjust the timing. But, we are human; we have feelings, ideas and passions that flow in sometimes hidden streams. We are human, and that is the blessing and the curse. Our tradition tells us that it is in human form that we encounter Christ. God addresses us not in an ideal or mechanically ordered state but through and in the depths of our humanness. The church is called to be a human community, a place where in community with each other we find the sacred and our sacred calling.

So what is Daniel trying to say, here at the end and beginning of a calendar year and a "business" year for the church? First, I am trying to point out that this place is all about the human journey into God. This year we have known death, wept and grieved the loss of those we loved. We have felt the aches and sorrows of a broken world. We have tried to struggle to see what God's compassion is calling us to be and to bring into being. We have laughed together and known the joy of new life. We have tried to discern what the "New thing" God is calling us to be about in our time and place might be. But the journey continues, it is not finished and God has a new beginning in what we think are endings. God works eternally and our journey



into God is endless. We are always at the ending and beginning, the Alpha and the Omega. Every moment of our lives is a little death and a birth.

Second, the Christian story is all about recognizing and moving with the love of God working through these endings and beginnings. Fear can keep us from grieving the loss and from being open to the new birth. Peter and the others allowed their fear to prevent them from seeing the new thing even as it leapt up from the grave. I guess I am saying, to myself and to all of us, "Be Ye Not Afraid." It isn't that there won't be anymore difficulties or losses, there will be. But we are called to a journey into a life that can transform and transcend loss into gain. "In God," A. N. Whitehead wrote, "Even from the wreckage of human life new possibilities are offered."

Thirdly, I am trying to say that on this journey we will necessarily need to attend to our being together as human beings. The new possibilities will not come from some easily applied or found solution. Dreams take reality through the difficult and sometimes confused actions of human community, not through the mechanical processes of a cosmic machine. Our humanness is not to be denied or denigrated or ignored. Religions, societies and communities that run like clocks murder souls. *Squamish United Church is a human community reaching for God's dream.*

Finally, let's not forget to laugh—laugh, as Wendell Berry puts it, even though we know the facts! Humour and laughter are another form of prayer. They allow us to move beyond our fears and anxieties. In laughter we can stop taking ourselves so seriously and begin to be open to Holy surprise. Our God is a laughing God, I think, who through laughter breaks our serious hold on things so that we can know the new thing.

I could go on and on, just as life goes on and on, life overlapping life. But let me close with these thanksgivings and Blessings: Thanks be to God for every wondrous human member of this living Body of Christ. Let us know the risky blessing of the journey together in our fallible, yet Holy human church! Oh, and let me play the banjo so we can sing while we journey!

Dr. Dan, the banjo-man



## **MINUTES FROM THE 2006 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Squamish United Church was held following a congregational potluck supper on Sunday, February 5, 2006.

The hymn "We Have This Ministry" was sung and Rev. Dr. Daniel Bogert-O'Brien offered the opening prayer. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. with Board Chair, Louise Martin presiding.

- **M/S** by Kevin Haberl/Bert Ionson that all present be given voting privileges. **Carried.**
- **M/S** by Judi Rhodes/Trevor Harris that the minutes from the 2005 Annual Congregational Meeting be adopted. **Carried.**

### **2005 Committee and Group Reports:**

- The following reports were opened in block for questions and/or discussion: Squamish United Church Board, Worship Committee, M & P Committee, Vancouver Burrard Presbytery, Caring Ministry, Healing Pathway, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Christian Education Committee, Sunday School, Sunday School Financial, Youth Group, Squamish United Church Choir, Mission & Service, Building & Property Committee, Development Action Committee, United Church Women, UCW Financial Report, Community Christmas Care, Toques, Men's Breakfast, From Our Church Registers, Envelope Secretary's Report, Webmaster's Report.
- 1. Mission & Service Report – M & S donation for the year error corrected to read (\$11,961.22) instead of (\$11,176.22).
- 2. Squamish United Church Board – spelling mistake "Shephard" changed to read "Shepherd".
- 3. Envelope Secretary's Report – The column headings 2002, 2003 and 2005 be corrected to read 2003, 2004 and 2005.
- 4. Development Action Committee – It was brought to the attention of the meeting that there was some confusion between the role of this committee and the duties of the Board of Trustees. A discussion that clarified the differences took place.
  - **M/S** by Judi Rhodes/Kevin Haberl that the above reports be accepted as corrected. **Carried.**
- A vote of thanks was extended to everyone who submitted a report.

## **2005 Board of Trustees Report:**

- Kevin Haberl reported that the Trustees are in the process of choosing an investment advisor/manager.
- Due to the possibility of misunderstanding the last paragraph of the Board of Trustees Report will be deleted.
- **M/S** by Kevin Haberl/Bill Rempel that the 2005 Trustees Report be accepted as amended. **Carried.**

## **2005 Finance Report:**

- Bert lonson presented the 2005 Financial reports.
- Thank you was extended to members of the congregation who participated in the Pledge Drive request. Responses were received from approximately half of those contacted.
- The firm of Smythe Ratcliffe was engaged to carry out a review of the church accounting procedures. The report is being finalized. A draft has been received and shows everything to be in order.
- **M/S** by Bert lonson/Kevin Haberl that the 2005 Financial Reports be accepted. **Carried.**

## **Proposed 2006 Budget:**

- The proposed 2006 Budget was presented by Bert lonson.
- Bert explained that the Minister's Housing Allowance (\$15,000.) and the cost of the Financial Review (approx. \$3,000) will be taken from the Trustee's Account so those items haven't been shown in the 2006 Budget.
- The increase (\$700. from \$300.) in the Caring Ministry budget item was questioned. It was explained that the increase was to cover the amount requested and approved by Board for the Bereavement Workshop advertising. The Bereavement Workshop is no longer included with Caring Ministry. The Caring Ministry budget will be changed to \$300 and \$400 will be added to the advertising budget for the Bereavement Group.
- **M/S** by Bert lonson/Evelyn Dawson that the Proposed 2006 Budget be accepted as amended. **Carried.**

A thank you was given to the people responsible for looking after the weekly offering.

## **Nomination Report:**



- Louise Martin presented the following slate of Chairs and Officers for the 2006 Squamish United Church Unified Board.

**Executive:**

Chair: Louise Martin  
Vice Chair: Ian Kent  
Treasurer: Bert Ionson

Past-Chair: Philip Harness  
Secretary: Retta Behrner  
Trustees: Peter Gordon

**Worship Committee:**

Chair: (vacant)

**Finance Committee:**

Chair: Bert Ionson

**Ministry & Personnel Committee:**

Chair: Roy Shephard

**Property Committee:**

Chair: Philip Harness

**Caring Ministry Committee:**

Chairs: Maureen Gilmour  
 Wendy Sellers

**Mission & Service**

Chair: (alternate)

**Healing Touch:**

Chair: Walter Huber

**Presbytery Representative:**

Trevor Harris

**United Church Women:**

Donnaleen Miller

**Men's Group:**

Rainer Schwarz

**Members-at-large:**

Patsy Riecker  
 Jim Stevens  
 Nick Pascuzzi

**Sunday School Coordinator:**

Laura Thompson

**Youth Group Leader:**

Laura Thompson

- Louise noted that the Worship Committee chair will be filled from within the committee.
- There is also space for up to four additional members-at-large.
- Wendy Sellers asked that her name be removed from the Caring Ministry Committee.

**Nominations were opened from the floor:**

- No further nominations were received.
- **M/S** by Vicky Haberl/Evelyn Dawson that the 2006 slate of Chairs and Officers be accepted with the power to add any additional members. **Carried.**

**Election to Board of Trustees:**



- Bert lonson has agreed to let his name stand as a member of the Board of Trustees.
- **M/S** by Trevor Harris/Roy Shephard that Bert lonson be elected to the Board of Trustees of Squamish United Church. **Carried.**

### **Other Business:**

1. **Mission Statement and Statement of Values and Beliefs:** A new Mission Statement and list of Values and Beliefs for Squamish United Church was presented for adoption.
  - **M/S** by Roy Shephard/Philip Harness that the Mission Statement and list of Values and Beliefs be approved. **Carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

## UNITED CHURCH BOARD

At our most recent Membership Sunday service, I heard the words of part of liturgy in a more powerful way than I had ever previously been able to understand: "As those who have been baptized profess for themselves the faith of the Christian community in which they have been nurtured, we gather to reaffirm the power of the Holy Spirit and to celebrate their place in the people of God. We give thanks for their gifts as witnessed in this community of faith, and we promise to continue to walk with them. With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith we all share, and rededicate ourselves to the life and work of the Body of Christ."

I am also mindful of our Mission Statement: "Our mission is to be an inclusive community serving God's world."

When I reflect on this past year with my Squamish United Church Honorary Extended Family, I am very aware that we have very many reasons to celebrate as we walk together. On Sunday mornings, I notice a wonderful, warm positive energy. In a way that has been ever so slowly growing over my time here, I do indeed feel ever more completely part of this family of faith. Especially this past one year, I most certainly have felt nurtured, comforted, enriched and "walked with" by the people here. I consider myself richly blessed.

Over this past year, I have perceived this congregation as sturdy, strong and vibrant. I celebrate the vitality of each of our different church groups, each passionate about making their special contribution. I celebrate Dr. Dan and Loretta's "settling in" and I love the energy they bring to us. I am excited about coming future developments within our church and within our community.

It is my hope that all who come through our SUC doors are similarly aware of this excitement and warmth. I hope that they are also drawn to this sense of being part of a mysterious, precious Something. It is my hope that we will each continue to grow here,

becoming ever more sturdy and comfortable in our faith; that we will feel, with ever more certainty that we belong in this church family. It is my hope that the positive energy which I have so powerfully perceived this year will continue to grow. I can hope that each of us finds what we need here.

I ask for God's blessing in all that we undertake.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Martin



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT**

The Board of Trustees had another active year. Our primary goal was to find a permanent financial advisor to manage the funds from the sale of our manse. To assist us in this process we engaged the services of George Morfitt, FCA. Mr. Morfitt was the Auditor-General of BC for 12 years. He is the chair of the Board of Trustees at Cadboro Bay United Church. He also sits on the investment committee at Work Safe BC.

Our first task was to complete our investment policy. The devil was in the details and it took some effort to finalize it. However we believe it is a good document that will help guide us in the coming years.

We then sought out and requested proposals from 6 well known and reputable investment firms. After reviewing the written proposals we interviewed 3 firms. We then weighed the strengths and weaknesses of the 3 and chose the firm Phillips, Hager North to be our advisor. The funds have been transferred to our account with them and we are now in the process of planning how much we need to set aside for a permanent ministers housing allowance fund. That will help us determine how much money could be available for other projects.

Understandably there was some disappointment that Phillip Francis of RBC Dominion Securities was not chosen as our permanent advisor. He was not only very skilled but he is a loyal United Church member who manages the funds for the Vancouver South presbytery. Choosing an advisor was not an easy task. What I can say is that we followed a very thorough and complete search process on your behalf. We extended a letter of thanks to Mr. Francis for his assistance.

The trustees are now working with the regular church board and the planning committee as future planning matters are explored. We are endeavouring to communicate our activities and to offer our assistance wherever it is needed. We are also liaising with presbytery.

In closing if any congregation member wishes more information or specifics about our investments or policies, please feel free to ask and it will be provided. The trustees wish to thank everyone for your patience as this slow but necessary process was undertaken this past year.

Respectfully submitted

Peter Gordon, Chair

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE**

Another busy year has been completed in the life of Squamish United Church. Our thanks go out to all who have given so willingly of their time and talents offering those things that make our services meaningful – reading scriptures, participating in seasonal readings, lighting candles, bringing flowers, etc.

Thank you also to those individuals and groups who provided pulpit relief not only for the summer but also at times through the year. We are blessed to have such willingness within our congregation.

Finally many thanks to Christine for her dedicated service for many years on the worship committee, although no longer attending meetings, undoubtedly she will continue to offer her expertise where needed.

The New Year will bring new challenges, but be assured that this year's committee is already hard at work planning meaningful and spiritual services.

Submitted in faith,

Arlene Ingraham, Chair

## **CHOIR REPORT**

The Squamish United Church Choir met faithfully on Thursday evenings throughout the winter and spring seasons. Anthems were joyfully prepared and sung along with weekly hymns.

Throughout Lent and Easter many Choir members provided special music for the congregation at times when Arlene and Marilyn were away. The Choir finished up their season in late May / early June.

Once back in September the Choir has been very busy helping support Dr. Daniel in Sunday services and providing an anthem every second Sunday. Throughout Advent, anthems were prepared for all four Sundays and Christmas Eve. This was a joy! We also participated in the Evergreen Service at Squamish Funeral Home.

The Choir is truly blessed with so many talented and musically versatile members. We strive to bring Christ's message through music in a meaningful way.

Faithfully submitted

Marilyn Caldwell



## MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Ministry and Personnel Committee has continued their liaison with salaried staff throughout the year in efforts to facilitate and foster their sterling efforts on behalf of our church. Regular meetings as a committee and with individual staff members culminated in a Recognition Dinner, held at the Royal Canadian Legion in May. All of the group have continually impressed us by their willingness to undertake far more work than we might reasonably expect from them.

The committee is awed by Dr. Dan's broad understanding of scripture both in its English translation and in the original Hebrew and Greek texts. We also greatly value his ability to provide us with new insights for our spiritual journeys, based on this knowledge. We are inspired by his ability to draw people into our congregation through such innovative approaches as film nights and Celtic reflective sessions. We also hear often how well he meets the needs of our "shut-ins" through his diligent visitation. He has met with Dr. Strangway, President of Quest, and hopes that this contact may offer further scope for his academic talents as the new university develops. Our one concern is the heavy workload that he imposes upon himself every week, and we continue to urge him to take more time for the needs of himself and his family.

We began the year with Laura leading an enthusiastic Sunday School and Youth Group. Although we shared her personal rejoicing, we were naturally very disappointed when the demands of her adopted child precluded her continuing her ministry in September. But fortunately for the church, Judi Rhodes graciously agreed to assume the role of Sunday School Coordinator at very short notice. She has impressed the committee with her commitment, and the thoroughness of her preparation of both teachers and participants in inter-generational services. Judi has faced two main challenges this fall – serving the members of reconstituted families, who find difficulty in regular attendance at Sunday School, and working in the sometimes cold and often less than pristine physical facilities of Trinity Hall. We concur in her view that the latter issue may have deterred some

parents. However, we hope that proposals from the Facilities group may address this problem in the not too distant future.

Retta has continued her sterling service in the office, adapting quickly to the changes in staffing that the year has brought. We greatly respect both the accuracy and the tasteful decorative and humorous touches that she brings to our bulletin reading each week. We also have a high regard for her meticulous keeping of many church records.

Finally, we continue to glory in the music that fills our sanctuary each week, brought to us by the formidable consortium of Marilyn, Carol and Arlene, with very welcome assistance from Julie. We are truly blessed to have so many skilled musicians in a community the size of Squamish, and we are particularly pleased with the efforts that Marilyn has made to recruit new choir members and to revive the interest of former stalwarts.

The Committee can only wish that other churches are able to attract equally dedicated staff!

Respectfully submitted

Roy Shephard.



## VANCOUVER BURRARD PRESBYTERY

Our presbytery reflects as wide a diversity of congregations as might be anywhere in the United Church of Canada. Included within our boundaries are the churches in the city of Vancouver from Burrard Inlet to 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. and east to Boundary Road; North and West Vancouver, Squamish, Pemberton, Sunshine Coast and Bowen Island.

The congregations of Vancouver Burrard Presbytery have been organized in five groupings, Squamish United Church is grouped with Camp Fircom, St. Andrews (North Vancouver), North Lonsdale and St. John's (Sunshine Coast). This organization is to facilitate mutual care and support amongst congregations within our presbytery.

As a member and co-chair of the Congregation Oversight Committee I have participated in oversight visits to St. John's (Sunshine Coast), Bowen Island United, North Lonsdale United and St. Andrew's (North Vancouver) United. Some highlights of issues discussed and receiving on going attention are:

1. **Campus Ministry at U.B.C.** – University Hill United congregation's proposal to assume responsibility for the campus ministry at U.B.C. was approved
2. **Camp Fircom** – A decision was made at the conference level to close Camp Fircom effective the summer of 2006 pending a review of all camping programs in B.C. Conference. It is anticipated that some United Church Camps in B.C. will be sold and that the resulting funds would be utilized to provide major upgrades for the remaining camps. Fircom is expected to be in this latter group. Expect a status report on this program in either 2007 or 2008.
3. **East Vancouver Churches**
  - **Renfrew United** – The final worship service at this church was held in June. Discussions are currently underway to consider possible uses for the buildings of the former Renfrew United. A report on this topic is expected sometime during the current year.
  - **Lakeview United** – The minister of Lakeview United retired this year. A committee of presbytery is providing support during this time of change for the congregation.



- **First United Church** – First United Church congregation operates as a separated entity from First United Mission. The Mission is fully funded by United Church M&S. The congregation is experiencing a declining membership with accompanying funding challenges.

Reports and recommendations for these three East Vancouver congregations are currently underway and will likely be presented to presbytery during the current year.

A special highlight for me this year was the hosting of the June meeting of presbytery by Squamish United Church. The dinner and refreshments provided by the UCW were first rate, and I think, the best hospitality of the year. The worship, led by Dr. Dan and the musical accompaniment by Carol Grolman reflected very well on the life and ministry at Squamish United Church.

In closing the 2006 year has been a busy one this year for presbytery. I continue to find participation in presbytery activities to be rewarding and would be pleased to remain as our congregation's lay member to presbytery

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor Harris

## **CARING MINISTRY**

During this past year, our Caring Ministry members met in Feb, May, June and Oct and we were pleased to have our minister, Dr. Dan also in attendance.

We met in member's homes and it gave us an opportunity to share ways in which we might best serve our congregation.

Communication between CM members and the minister regarding those needing care was important as was input from the congregation regarding those we should be in contact with.

Our mission is to be in touch with those suffering a loss, those who are ill or in hospital, our seniors and folks at Hilltop House. We also like to acknowledge happy events like "milestone" anniversaries and special birthdays.

January started off on a happy note as we were pleased to visit Norman Saugstad on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In October we requested our church secretary to design a prayer request card and also an "I wish" card to be placed in the pews. This is a non-invasive way to enable members or visitors to put their requests in writing either to the minister or Caring Ministry.

Our members are also part of a Prayer Chain Ministry along with Lou Rempel, Carol Grolman and Retta Behrner. For prayer requests please contact Dr. Dan or Maureen Gilmour

In December, Lynette Halvorson and Dr. Dan visited eight residents at Hilltop House who are affiliated with our church. By all accounts it was a wonderful experience as they had a chance to speak to each of them. Each received a specially wrapped box of chocolates and Christmas wishes on note paper with a drawing of our church.

Members of Caring Ministry are: June Halvorson, Moneta Neighbor, Lynette Halvorson, Irene Vickers, Christine Tribe, Nancy Bogle-Tardif, Vicki Haberl, Evelyn Dawson and Maureen Gilmour.

Blessings,  
Moneta Neighbor  
Maureen Gilmour  
Co-cordinators

## **HEALING PATHWAY**

A core group have continued to meet together. The congregation hasn't appeared to have much interest or need for the healing touch ministry over the past year and we are undecided whether to continue this group.

As I have benefited in receiving so much healing and wellness, I would like to continue. There is still a strong connection to the Healing Hands group at Highlands United Church so practicing and participating there is still available.

Submitted by  
Walter Huber



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

### *About the Shawls . . .*

"In 1998, Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo, two graduates of the 1997 Women's Leadership Institute at The Hartford Seminary in Hartford Connecticut gave birth to a ministry as a result of their experience in this program of applied Feminist Spirituality. Care and love of knitting have been combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. Many blessings are knitted into every shawl.

The knitter begins each shawl with prayers and blessings for the recipient. Intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. When the shawl is completed it is offered a final ritual before being sent along its way ... the blessing is rippled from person to person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, mothering God!" (See: [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com))

Prayer Shawl Ministry continues to be one of the most active groups within our Church community, as knitters meet on a regular basis to knit, pray and share stories of those who have shawls and those in need. In our second year of being, over 90 shawls were created and blessed. Several dedicated knitters enjoy weekly gatherings, while others prefer to knit on their own. The shawls take an average of 20 hours to complete with a new source for yarn (e bay!) the cost per shawl has been reduced to less than \$15.00. All time and money is donated, and shawls are freely given at no charge.

Shawls are given for a variety of reasons, many for consolation in times of illness or loss, some to celebrate life transitions such as a wedding or a new baby. A few recipients have in turn begun to knit shawls themselves. We are happy to have been able to again give a number of shawls to Pearl's Place Transition house, where they provide comfort to women in crisis. Our feedback is that they have been very gratefully received and cherished.

There are usually several completed and blessed shawls on hand available for giving, along with pre printed cards and a variety of appropriate prayers. Anyone who is aware of someone who would benefit from the gift of a shawl is encouraged to take one.

We meet Friday afternoons, in member's homes. Newcomers are always welcome, and instruction is available for novice knitters. We look forward to continuing this valuable ministry in the future.

Sue Puchmayr

604-898-9372

*"I was so deeply touched by your most beautiful shawl"*

*"Thanks....to all the Prayer Shawl Ministry Team, for the warm, loving thoughts and prayers wrapped up in the shawl. When I wear it I feel wrapped in God's loving care – and yours."*

*"I accept your wonderful gift with joy, pleasure and gratitude. I thank each and every one of you for blending your energies and for joyfully together supporting and encouraging me. Love really is the most powerful healing force there is..."*

*"Thank you for the beautiful shawl....your 'Shawl Ministry' must bring comfort to many – it did me."*

*"...when I wrap it around me I think of you and of God's love for me."*

*"May God bless your very busy hands. Thanks for thinking of me."*

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

This Year the Christian Education Committee met several times throughout the year to review the following:

1. Role of Sunday School Coordinator.
2. Roles and Responsibilities of C.E. Committee.
3. The need for a nursery program.
4. The need for materials to occupy young people in the pews on long weekends like Easter, Victoria Day and Thanksgiving. There will be no Sunday school on these long weekends.
5. Update on Outdoor Worship Service Plans.
6. To organize Sunday School Registration Form.
7. To search for new Sunday School Coordinator.
8. To commend Dan on a job well done with the Adult Christian Education.
9. Setting of Goals for next year in terms of CE for Youth and Children:

The goals noted were:

- a. Enlarge the C.E. Committee with a member from one of the Adult C.E. groups.
- b. Identify the groups and their needs as they are very different. (Nursery Group, Ages 4-7, Ages 7-12, Youth or senior Class ages 13+)
- c. Professional Development for Sunday School Teachers
- d. Review Resources in the Fall including Music
- e. Need to buy a 2<sup>nd</sup> CD player
- f. Need to organize Youth Group and find a leader or facilitator
- g. Need to get more parents involved in Youth Group and Sunday School.

The Christian Education Committee is a much needed service in the Church. Unfortunately the Sunday school does not always get the support of the congregation in terms of time and energy. I myself maintained the position of Christian Education Chair



until October and then found time constraints made it difficult to continue. It is a vital committee and we are fortunate that Dan has done a great job with the Adult Christian Education Committee.

My hope is that someone will step forward in this New Year of 2007 to provide leadership from the congregation.

In faith,

Donnaleen Miller

Past chair of Christian Education.

## **YOUTH PROGRAM JANUARY-JUNE 2006**

Coming into 2006 our Senior Youth Group took a rather informal shape. All but two of the six members had jobs, the same youth also were very involved in volunteer programs as well as evening classes. Also, three of the members were working towards High School graduation. Many of our 'meetings' were online, networking through emails and many, many phone calls. The group felt frustrated with this situation, but there seemed to be no resolution to the scheduling difficulties. However, we were able to gather three times as a group before the summer. Two members also participated in the Youth Presbytery Conference that our church hosted the end of January. Going into the fall, only three group members remained and it appeared as though it would not be possible for them to gather.

Junior Youth Group had a strong lift off in the beginning of 2006 with eight core members. It was a busy, enthusiastic group. Occasionally less than eight would be at a meeting due to conflicts with extra curricular commitments, but all consistently turned up for events often with friends in tow. The goal to organize monthly events was very successful with activities such as Laser Bowling, a hike and wiener roast at Alice Lake, as well as another hike at the Estuary, and our very wet wind-up at Shannon Falls. The potential to 'grow' this group is very exciting. As everyone knows I have been away this fall to spend time with my new little beautiful wonder; I have really missed being with the youth. In December, we did manage to pull together a float for our annual participation in the Santa Parade. Everyone worked very diligently and we were rewarded with first prize in our category. The float was very full of youth – eleven I believe. I was not able to be present all day, but thanks so much to all who gave their time to a very important part of our Advent church family tradition. I strongly encourage the congregation to continue to acknowledge the need for – and give their support to the youth program.

Submitted by,  
Laura Jeanne Thompson



## ADULT EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

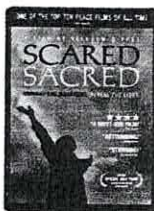
This was a year of films, conversation and study. We saw a series of films last advent that moved us from the despair of a child (Liam) experiencing the pain of loss, to the hope of brothers reconciling after a journey on a lawn mower! (The Straight Story). We studied the history,



archaeology and formation of scripture, discovering other gospels along the way. We explored faith and reason, faith and justice, and heard the voices of authors and theologians wrestling with faith.



We heard Graham Fuller and Doug Todd in a full church (100) bringing us into a conversation about Islam, Christianity and Politics. We joined with the Adventure Centre and National Film Board in a Fall Film series on hope in a time of despair.



Now we have begun reading Marcus Borg and soon will launch into a new "Saving Jesus" DVD series from the Living the Question folks with interviews with Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Rita Nakashima Brock, Bishop Spong, Walter Brueggemann, Jim and Jean Strathdee, and many more!

We are just beginning to explore another evening of conversation with experts on the environment and spirituality. It has been a year of stretching our understanding and our reach out into the community. Join us in the coming year of further journeys into faith, film and God.



Submitted by

Dr. Dan



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

In August of 2006, Donnaleen Miller approached me on behalf of the Christian Education Committee to ask if I would be interested in coordinating Sunday school for the fall term as Laura-Jeanne Thompson found her time was too limited with a new daughter to continue with the job. It was with fear and trepidation that I agreed to take this on again after many years and as I no longer personally had any children involved.

We started by trying to get families to register their children for the fall term so we could see how many children we would be serving and then to try and recruit some teachers. After three weeks we had about twelve students, four teachers and two helpers who would assist with special projects like the Christmas Pageant.

I attended Worship committee meetings, Christian Education meetings and Board meetings to learn what the expectation of my job entailed.

The ages of the students ranged from 2½ to 15 years and with the teaching staff available we decided to offer two Sunday school classes – one for Primary ages 2½ to Grade One inclusive, and one an Intermediate class for those in Grade 2 to Grade 6 inclusive. The older students would be offered a Youth group or Sunday school and Youth group if teachers could be found, unfortunately, no one has offered to take on this older group of students.

Sunday school classes began by using the "Whole People of God Curriculum" and with the help of our minister, we decided to have inter-generational services once a month. In October we made our 'stone' soup and bread for Communion. In November we celebrated rain and in December we put on the Christmas "Through the Ages" Pageant. We included adults, youth and children in each of these services and the feedback has been very positive from the participants and the congregation.

The Sunday school students, although small in number and sporadic in attendance all seem to enjoy the lessons. I would like to thank all my teachers and helpers that have made the first four months of my job so rewarding and successful

This fall the Youth group has limped along with the help of Dr. Daniel, Nancy Bogle and Walter Huber, but I feel that we really need someone to take on this Ministry and perhaps join with the Anglican Church to give the youth of our community the feeling of belonging. This is your challenge: to either step forward yourself or recruit someone to work with our youth so we can say at Squamish United Church we are an inclusive church community!

Blessings,

Judi Rhodes

## **MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**

Members: Deb Kent, Sue Puchmayr, Marilyn Caldwell and Patsy Riecker

We are a new committee so hope to fill in the gaps where possible in the areas of Membership and Fellowship. We have made the guest book more visible and the greeter at the beginning of each Service now notes its presence. We then try to be in touch with any local newcomers who have signed the book. We also have made cards available for new people to request more information about our church. Any requests will be followed up by one of our members. We see there are greeters at the door (with the help of Lynette Halvorson). Barbara Stover has made name tags and will continue to update them.

On the fellowship side of our mandate we make sure there are supplies in the kitchen for "Coffee after Church" and we sometimes assist with the preparation and serving, though usually this is ably continued to be done by Muriel Shephard when no other group or individual has signed up for this task. We help with pot-luck dinners and any other social occasions as needed.

The committee is still working on an up to date Register for members and adherents, and a Church Directory without violating privacy laws.

In faith,

Patsy Riecker



# **FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

**Members:** Phil Harness, Walter Huber, Dr. Daniel Bogert O'Brien, Grace Halvorson,  
Ian Kent, Louise Martin, Peter Gordon, Trevor Harris, Vaughan Hoy.

This group was formed in April of 2006 to further the efforts of the Development Action Group which had presented its final report summarizing the needs, wishes and "dreams" of the congregation for facility redevelopment potentially possible because of the sale of the Manse.

In May 2006, the FDG was authorized by the Squamish United Church Board to outline the specific detailed options covering development of our church property for Board and Congregation consideration. Terms of Reference, Purpose, Scope, Governance and Composition were established.

We have been meeting every one to two months since, including a workshop in October 2006 under the expert leadership of Vaughan Hoy, and including professional building inspection of the present facilities. Next workshop is Jan 20./07.

At present, we have narrowed the possibilities to three definite options. We are now starting the detailed work of comparing these in detail in order to identify the most feasible and possible one.

Our immediate goal is to have an interim report presented "live" at the AGM Feb 2007, with final recommendation to the congregation (and Presbytery) by the end of 2007.

Respectfully submitted

Louise Martin

## BUILDING AND PROPERTY

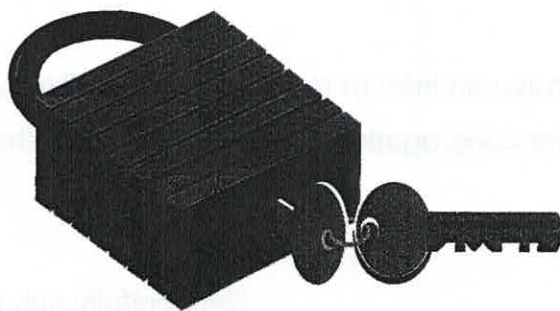
With all the strange weather we've had lately our old buildings have managed to stand steadfast. With some minor tweaks here and there, the main church building is in good condition. We renovated the minister's office this year, chased a few church mice around, and fixed a few broken windows. All in all though, it was a calm year in this building.

Trinity Hall experienced the removal of the tenants (raccoons) living in the crawl space by "Wilf's Eviction Team". The north half of the roof was replaced, although it did take a little bit longer than anticipated. No drips have been seen or heard from since. The ceilings in the green room and bathrooms have been painted, leaving a few stains in two rooms still needing attention.

Many thanks to all the keepers of these old buildings and a special thanks to Don Behrner for the countless hours he has spent on the lock to Trinity Hall!

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Harness



## **UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (UCW)**

The Squamish United Church has an active UCW consisting presently of three units – Harmony, Mackenzie, and Bethany Units. We actively meet in fellowship and study as well as fund-raise for the work of the church and community. This past year we have catered funerals, coffee hours, Church functions and dinners for church affiliated groups like the Bereavement group. Any funds raised through coffee hours goes back to the church kitchen, which the UCW keeps supplied in tea, coffee, sugar and milk as well as biscuits or cookies as required. Most of our funds raised are diverted back to the church. This year the UCW gave the church General Fund over \$4000.00. We also donated funds to the National UCW for projects. This year we managed to donate \$1000 to our National UCW Project Fund.

Our Harmony group has been actively supporting Hilltop. They have organized the Birthday parties for January, May and June this past year of 2006. In addition they have been busy packing groceries for the church to hand out. They have also been keeping the church kitchen cleaned. They have done a thorough cleaning of the kitchen in the spring and fall of 2006. The Harmony group is our most senior group but also our most precious group as they provide us with wisdom through their experience. We are thrilled that they are so actively involved in all UCW functions and activities. They are a blessing to all of us.

The Mackenzie group is our next most senior group. They keep lively discussions going over books and participate in book exchanges in their meetings. They busily support our church through their catering of the Garage sale and the Goods and Service Auction this past year. They also found time to sell Purdy's chocolates to raise funds. They are a very social group who found fellowship this year with group walks and dinners as well as a retreat this year at Bridge Lake.

This year the Bethany unit started their fellowship group off with a Baby shower for Diana Pascuzzi. The Bethany group is our source of Chicken in April and October. They have



been fund raising this year with selling chickens, hosting luncheons to supply the Emmanuel Boyz Centre in Nairobi as well as turkeys for First United. They also spent a meeting labeling jars of preserves and jam made by Pat Yendall. In addition the Bethany group has met to watch movies, take walks and enjoy dinner together.

In addition to meeting in our groups for fellowship and service we also participate in community events. We always participate in the World Day of Prayer in March. In 2006, the women of Africa wrote the service, which was beautiful. The Anglican Church Women hosted the event in 2006 providing us with a venue and refreshments. This March, our UCW will be hosting the event. I am looking forward to another spiritually refreshing and enlightening evening. All community members are welcome to attend. Watch your bulletin for further information.

As you can see 2006 has been a busy year for our UCW units. If any woman is interested in joining a UCW unit, they should contact our 2007 UCW Executive. This is my last report as President for 2006. It has been a pleasure to serve the UCW of Squamish.

Grace Halvorson will be the UCW President for 2007 and I will assume the past president role. This coming 2007 looks to be another busy year with UCW Units across Canada celebrating their Forty-fifth Anniversary. I am sure Grace will lead us well through this eagerly anticipated year of 2007 for all our UCW members.

Yours in faith,  
Donnaleen Miller

# UCW FINANCIAL REPORT

**January 1, 2006 Opening Balance**

**\$ 550.51**

## **Income**

Catering	\$ 2,300.00
Chicken Sales (Profit \$1243.65)	12,229.91
Calendar Sales	172.00
Coffee Hour Profits	349.27
Love Offerings	73.50
Turkey Lunch for 1 <sup>st</sup> United	393.44
Youth Luncheon	110.25
Clothing Party	150.00
Emmanuel Luncheon (M & S)	771.75
Purdies Chocolates (Profit \$284.62)	1,159.37
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>17,709.49</b>
	<b>\$17,709.49</b>

## **Expenses**

Chicken cost	\$ 10,502.59
Emmanuel (Mission and Service)	771.75
M & S	135.62
Youth Group	110.25
United Church General Fund	4,500.00
Calendar cost	83.95
Purdies Chocolates	874.95
Bank costs	178.63
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>17,415.56</b>
	<b><u>\$17,415.56</u></b>

**Closing Balance December 31, 2006**

**\$ 844.44**

Respectfully submitted

Deb Kent,  
Treasurer, UCW Executive

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

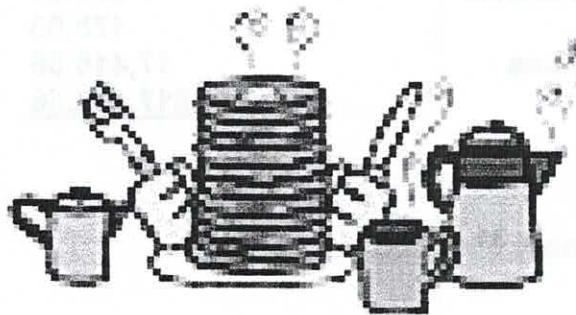
Lively discussion and good fellowship is always a part of our breakfast meetings. We are a progressive group and everyone's ideas and contributions are appreciated.

In the spring, we had Graham Fuller as guest speaker on Islam. That gathering was held at the Howe Sound Inn together with the men from St. John's Anglican Church.

In the fall, Dr David Strangway president of Quest University came and gave us an update on the university's plans and answered our questions.

We thank Rainer Schwarz for organizing the breakfast events and all those who bring their topics and ideas.

Submitted by  
Walter Huber





## SERVICE PROJECTS

### **Toques:**

Each year women from Squamish United church and Leona Ingraham knit toques. In 2006, 229 toques were sent to First United – some hand knit and some purchased. This total is 118 fewer than in 2005. If more people joined in this project by knitting, buying toques or donating yarn would we be able to reach the previous year's number?

The pattern is simple: *Using knitting worsted yarn, cast on 100 stitches using number 6 Can. Needles. Knit 2 tog. purl 2 tog. across each row for 9 inches. Knit 2 tog. Purl 2 tog. – knit 1, purl 1 for 8 rows; knit 2 tog. Across row and then finish off by gathering stitches on 6 inch length of yarn. Sew side seams together. Voila! There is another cover for a cold head.*

### **First United Grocery Cart:**

When Jack Lindquist was the minister here his wife Mary got a grocery cart from the co-op that was closing its doors. Since then, people coming to church have been encouraged to fill it with non-perishable food. The goal was to take a load to First United each month. The last several years the cart has not filled up quickly enough to do that because fewer people remember to bring their cans and boxes. Would the congregation be willing to take up the challenge of filling the cart once a month? Is there someone who would be willing to take the gathered groceries to First United one weekday morning a month?

# **SQUAMISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

**"Courage To Grieve"**  
**For Those Experiencing Loss Through Death**

The Bereavement Support Group started small in October 2005 from within our church and through out 2006 grew into a Community based program. The first two 6-week facilitated support groups were lead by myself and funded by the Living Through Loss Counselling Society of B.C. (LTLC). This funding was given with the understanding that a local organization would completely take over the program. This is where our church appeared with a financial commitment. With this support, two more 6-week programs were provided. At that time, a member of the community Liz Wood joined me as a facilitator. To assist us with group facilitation we both took a seven-week Bereavement Training Course in Vancouver.

With the backing of the church board in May 2006, I applied for and received a grant from the Squamish Community Foundation (SCF). This grant was given with the understanding that the church would provide a space for the group to meet, photocopying and limited advertising. As well, the grant money is only to be used for the Bereavement Support Group and not go towards the general workings of the church. This grant has made it possible to make plans and expand our program.

This past year we were able to produce a brochure that is currently being distributed throughout the Sea to Sky corridor. We were able to have Judy Capes, a Therapist with LTLC come up to Squamish and give a Bereavement Facilitator's Training Workshop to four people. This past Christmas we had an evening session entitled "Managing the Holidays", for those who have lost someone close through death and find the holidays a difficult time. As well, we continued to offer the 6-week facilitated program. We have provided support and information on the grieving process to a wide variety of people both male and female. People have come from as far away as D'Arcy and Britannia. Some have lost a parent, some a spouse, some a sibling and some a child. Each group has had between 6-10 people with the group maximum being ten. The course evaluations completed by each participant have been very positive. The Caring

Ministry graciously provided the baking, which always received favourable comments on the evaluation form, under the heading 'other comments'.

As we move into 2007, we continue to work towards our goals of expansion and educating the community about the available programs. Currently under development is a bi-monthly drop-in group. In March, Ray McGinnis an experienced Journalling Therapist is leading a workshop for those interested in using writing as a tool in their grieving process.

In summary, I have found the development of this program to be exciting and very rewarding. I have found it a real privilege to listen to peoples stories of loss and pain and watch as they discover hope in their healing. This has truly become a community-based program.

Respectfully submitted

Wendy Sellers



## REPORT OF THE WEBMASTER

As Webmaster, I continue to post fresh information on at least a weekly basis including Current Events, Sermon Notes, Sermons and Children's talks, Minutes of Board Meetings, Books to read, Videos, Photos of congregational events, Hymns and Prayers, and information about National and World Concerns. I also contact individual users at least once a month, indicating interesting up-coming events. I much appreciate the efforts of Retta, Daniel and many other members of our community who forward material for posting on a regular basis. There is little scope for anyone in our congregation to complain that "they have not been informed." Even those who do not have a personal computer can access all of this wealth of information in our public library and at other locations throughout Squamish.

We currently have 87 families enrolled in our e-mail network. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are not yet included or decide to change your server; sometimes I do not discover changes until a message is bumped.

The ICDSOFT.com server continues to provide us with outstanding service for a very low annual fee. An interesting development this fall has been the introduction of the National web-site for the United Church at <http://www.wondercafe.ca>. This provides individual church members with a forum to air their views, and has also given our church two web-pages on which I have loaded pictures and information about our local community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roy Shephard (Web-master)

Church Web site: <http://www.squamishunitedchurch.org>

## FROM OUR CHURCH REGISTERS 2006

### **IN MEMORIUM:** (11)

Peter Arthur Edward Hess - January 6

Stanley Zack - January 13

Walter Matthew Clarke - January 30

Helaina Ruth Neeb-Kangdora - February 8

Jessie Muir Cameron - March 9

Howard Stanley Brown - May 8

Dennis VE Victor McCarthy - May 24

Oralia Gullen Smith - June 9

Hilda Winnifred Dublack - August 27

Barbara Ann James - October 20

Karen Viola Nichols - November 22

### **MARRIAGES:** (0)

### **BAPTISMS:** (2) children

Mira Teresa Pascuzzi, daughter of Diana and Nick Pascuzzi - March 19

Kendra Jeanne Thompson, daughter of Laura Jeanne and Shane Thompson - July 23

### **NEW MEMBERS:** (1) Transfer

Douglas Brubacher - May 28

## MISSION AND SERVICE



Well we did it again – our small but powerful group of women along with the generous help of our congregation not only made our M & S target for 2006 but we exceeded it by a little over \$1,000. Our final total was \$12,636.08 and our target was \$11,600. I would like to thank Christine Tribe (and her husband Hal), Muriel Shephard, and Barbara Stover for all their hard work rolling coins, attendance at Mission and Service meetings, wonderful ideas about fundraising (slide shows), and regularly reading Mission and Service minutes. I would also like to thank Andrea Lee for reading “Minute for Mission” and bringing our message to the congregation. A special thank you to Daniel Nitschke for willingly donating all the coins he had saved to our cause.

I am stepping down as Chairperson of this committee after 4 years and would like to invite anyone interested to take over this great position of leading a motivated and hard working group of individuals to another successful year. God has blessed our committee and now he will use the money donated to Mission and Service to create miracles in peoples lives that we could only hope to achieve. Thanks be to God!

Submitted by  
Judi Rhodes



## ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
Envelope and P.A.R. contributors	73	73	72
Contributors by yearly donation	1	3	1
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>73</b>
Contributors to M & S Fund	42	51	54
Special Fund Contributors	48	33	52

Are you interested in where you stand in the financial picture of the church? The following figures are from the total identifiable contributions and include local support, M & S donations and special appeal donations.

		<u>Number of givers in:</u>		
		<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
1.00 - 100.00.....		5	6	3
101.00 - 200.00.....		7	4	4
201.00 - 300.00.....		8	7	9
301.00 - 400.00.....		4	5	2
401.00 - 500.00.....		1	3	4
501.00 - 600.00.....		6	3	3
601.00 - 700.00.....		4	9	5
701.00 - 800.00.....		-	1	2
801.00 - 900.00.....		3	3	2
901.00 - 1000.00.....		2	1	4
1001.00 - 1100.00.....		5	5	5
1101.00 - 1200.00.....		2	4	4
1201.00 - 1300.00.....		4	2	2
1301.00 - 1400.00.....		-	2	1
1401.00 - 1500.00.....		2	2	3
1501.00 - 1600.00.....		2	1	1
1601.00 - 1700.00.....		2	2	-
1701.00 - 1800.00.....		1	1	-
1801.00 - 1900.00.....		3	1	2
1901.00 - 2000.00.....		1	1	1
2001.00 - 2100.00.....		1	-	-
2101.00 - 2200.00.....		1	-	-

2201.00 - 2300.00.....	1	-	1
2301.00 - 2400.00.....	-	1	1
2401.00 - 2500.00.....	1	1	3
2501.00 - 2600.00.....	1	1	-
2701.00 - 2800.00.....	1	-	1
2801.00 - 2900.00.....	3	1	1
2901.00 - 3000.00.....	-	-	2
3101.00 - 3200.00.....	-	4	-
3201.00 - 3300.00.....	-	-	1
3301.00 - 3400.00.....	2	2	1
3401.00 - 3500.00.....	-	-	1
3501.00 - 3600.00.....	-	-	1
5001.00 - 5100.00.....	1	1	-
5201.00 - 5300.00.....	-	-	1
5501.00 - 5600.00.....	-	1	-
6201.00 - 6300.00.....	-	-	1
6801.00 - 6900.00.....	-	-	1
6601.00 - 6700.00.....	1	-	-
7001.00 - 7100.00.....	-	1	-
7301.00 - 7400.00.....	1	-	-
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	76	76	72

Respectfully submitted by

Retta Behrner,

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2006 fiscal year for our church saw our church follow a typical pattern from a financial perspective; start out the year with a strong positive bank balance, by early summer see it dwindle to a state where commitments cannot be achieved without some help (thank the Heavens for our Building Fund!!) and then, by the end of the year swell to good levels once again. For 2006, this meant going from almost \$14,000 at the start of the year, borrowing \$4,000 from the Building Fund in July and ending the year with \$9,000 (and paying back the Building Fund). While your Finance Committee always enjoys a challenge, we are looking at ways to smooth out the level of givings to avoid having to entertain thoughts of doing yet another fund raiser.

Your Finance Committee sponsored a Rummage Sale in the spring and the biannual fall auction again in November. Through the contributions of many in the congregation (in terms of donation and also in participation), the rummage sale brought in around \$800 and the auction (particularly the pies!) was successful in raising almost \$5,000. I understand that people who track the financial health of congregations are impressed by our efforts. Other churches with larger congregations often raise less from individual congregation members; rather these congregations rely income from their properties to support their programs. It is hoped that recommendations from the Facilities Development Group will receive support so we too can work toward a firmer financial footing.

The Mission and Service Committee continued with efforts to keep M & S requirements in focus and \$12,606 was raised which exceeded the targeted amount by \$1,000. As well, almost \$2,000 was raised in other special appeals including "White Gift" donations.

The status of other funds is as follows:

Benevolent Fund	\$ 1,390
Memorial Fund	\$ 56
Sunday School	\$ 746



Building Fund \$ 9,100

The Finance Committee also undertook a Pledge Drive again – out of 52 envelopes delivered 26 were returned indicating a total commitment for the General Fund and M & S of \$36,500 (or about 24% of our requirement). Four givers/families responded to our request to consider giving through PreAuthorized Remittance (PAR).

It takes a great deal of effort by a number of people to support our church community. We appreciate the effort of groups that participate in fundraising activities and of congregation members that give of their time and financial resources for our numerous activities as well as for weekly givings. It is through support like this we can ensure an active Christian presence in downtown Squamish.

Members: B. Ionson (chair), S. Puchmayer, P. Gordon, K. Haberl

Submitted by:

Bert Ionson

**RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006**  
**SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT**

**RECEIPTS:**

1. Envelopes & P.A.R.....	78,539.25
2. Open Offering.....	4,653.64
3. Appeals and Gifts.....	3,580.34
4. Insurance Refund.....	337.00
5. G.S.T. Rebate .....	867.55
6. Fund Raising (Auction, Garage Sale, Fall Dinner, etc.).....	6,169.15
7. U.C.W. Donation .....	4,500.00
8. Trustee Account (Housing Allowance) .....	22,000.00
9. Annex and Church Honorariums .....	2,968.34
10. Mission & Service Fund. ....	12,606.08
11. First United Church Donations (includes White Gift) .....	1,475.00
12. Longhouse Ministry (Covenanting Service Offering) .....	455.00
13. Miscellaneous Credits .....	5.00
14. Observer.....	142.00
15. Youth Worker.....	235.25
16. M & P Donation .....	100.00
17. Choir Donation.....	100.00
18. East Meets West Discussion Receipts .....	525.00
19. Study Book Sales .....	250.00
20. Bereavement Group Advertising Payment .....	69.55

**TOTAL:** **139,578.15**

# EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR

## ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

### SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT

#### EXPENSES:

1. Salaries and Related Expenses .....	71,807.71
2. Housing Allowance.....	18,000.00
3. Travel Allowance .....	3,000.00
4. Worker's Compensation .....	203.78
5. Service Contract (Organists) .....	2,098.00
6. Organist's Music Allowance .....	105.94
7. Service Contract (Janitorial) .....	2,556.00
8. Municipal Services .....	2,466.60
9. Insurance .....	2,949.00
10. Heating Fuels .....	3,690.88
11. Electricity .....	1,715.73
12. Telephone and Internet .....	2,525.27
13. Security .....	460.52
14. Maintenance & Janitorial Supplies .....	1,230.08
15. Garbage Bin .....	252.20
16. Banking Costs .....	328.87
17. Mission & Service.....	12,606.08
18. First United Donations (includes White Gift).....	1,475.00
19. Longhouse Ministry Donation .....	455.00
20. Presbytery Allocation.....	3,916.71
21. Guest Speakers.....	495.00
22. Church and Office Supplies.....	2,625.47
23. Duplicator Lease & Service .....	2,864.60
24. Christian Education (Adult/Congregation) .....	384.24
25. Youth Group Expenses .....	333.33
26. Caring Ministry .....	294.13
27. Congregational Activities .....	567.40
28. Observer .....	237.00
29. Advertising.....	895.41
30. Music (Choir) .....	222.64
31. Study Books .....	305.07
32. Smythe Ratcliffe (Financial Review) .....	3,210.00

**TOTAL:**

**144,277.66**



**SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH  
YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**DECEMBER 31, 2006**

<b>A. General Operating Account</b>	<b>(Royal Bank)</b>
Carry over from 2006	13,883.26
2006 Receipts	139,578.15
2006 Expenses	[144,277.66]
<b>Carry over into 2007</b>	<b>9,183.75</b>
 <b>B. Benevolent Fund Account</b>	
Carry over from 2005	931.30
2006 Receipts	1,865.00
2006 Expenses	[1,405.74]
<b>Carry over into 2007</b>	<b>1,390.56</b>
 <b>C. Sunday School Account</b>	
Carry over from 2005	25.39
2006 Receipts	1,155.95
2006 Expenses	[435.25]
<b>Carry over into 2007</b>	<b>746.09</b>

**D. Memorial Fund Account**

Carry over into 2007	55.96
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**F. Building Fund Account****(Bank of Nova Scotia)**

Carry over from 2005	15,016.07
2006 Receipts	3,902.50
Interest	11.20
Rev. Dr. Daniel Bogert-O'Brien (new computer)	[926.82]
Mountain Building Centre (minister's office)	[ 353.84]
Valley Hardware (minister's office)	[277.62]
Walter Huber (bookshelves for minister's office)	[2,386.10]
All Key's & Locks (annex door lock)	[85.60]
Wilf Grolman (lawn mower parts, etc.)	[79.95]
Squamish Roofing (annex roof)	[5,693.28]
Service Charges	[7.65]
Bank Confirmation	[22.00]
<b>Carry over into 2007</b>	<b>9,103.91</b>

# COMPARISON OF 2006 BUDGET VERSUS ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

(\*from manse fund returns)

	<u>2006 Budget</u>	<u>2006 Actual</u>
<b>Remuneration:</b>		
Minister's Salary	38,354.00	38,354.00
*Housing	18,000.00*	18,000.00*
Pension, Insurance, Medical	5,800.00	7,454.00
WCB	240.00	203.78
CPP & EI	5,200.00	4,279.30
Book Allowance	420.00	420.00
Extended Education	1,550.00	
Travel Allowance	3,000.00	3,000.00
Secretarial	15,117.00	15,117.00
Janitorial	3,000.00	2,556.00
Choir Director	1,300.00	
Organist	2,000.00	2,098.00
Christian Education Coordinator	3,064.00	1,518.29
Youth Coordinator	6,281.00	4,665.12
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>103,326.00</b>	<b>97,665.49</b>
<b>Secular Expenses:</b>		
Insurance	3,300.00	2,949.00
Municipal Services	2,900.00	2,466.60
Heating Fuel	4,400.00	3,690.88
Electricity	1,900.00	1,715.73
Telephone/Internet	2,700.00	2,525.27
Security System Monitoring	450.00	460.52
Copier Lease/Service	3,100.00	2,864.60
Maintenance	1,000.00	1,230.08
Garbage Bin		252.20
Sundries (study books)	700.00	305.07
*Banking Costs		328.87*
*Audit	3500.00*	3,210.00*
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>23,950.00</b>	<b>21,998.82</b>
<b>Outreach:</b>		
Mission and Service	11,600.00	12,606.08
Other Outreach (White Gift, Longhouse, etc)		1,930.00
Mission and Service Committee	200.00	
Presbytery	3,920.00	3,916.71
Observer	260.00	237.00
Guest Speakers (pulpit relief)	500.00	495.00
Caring Ministry	400.00	294.13
Church and Office Supplies	2,600.00	2,625.47
VST	400.00	
Music (organist./keyboard)	200.00	105.94
Music (choir)		222.64
Christian Education	1,200.00	384.24
Youth Group	1,000.00	333.33
Nursery	150.00	
Congregational Activities	600.00	567.40
Paper Advertising/Web site	600.00	895.41
Ministerial	120.00	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>23,750.00</b>	<b>24,613.35</b>
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>151,026.00</b>	<b>144,277.35</b>



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## Remuneration

Minister's Salary	39,954
Housing	19,968
Pension, Insurance, Medical	8,000
WCB	240
CPP & EI	5,200
Book Allowance	450
Extended Education	1,600
Travel Allowance	3,216
Secretarial	15,872
Janitorial	3,000
Choir Director	1,300
Organist	2,268
Christian Education Coordinator	3,400

<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>104,468</b>	<b>104,468</b>
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## Secular Expenses

Insurance	3,300
Municipal Services	3,000
Heating Fuel	4,400
Electricity	2,000
Telephone/Internet	2,800
Security System Monitoring	500
Copier Lease/Service	3,100
Maintenance	1,300
Sundries	700
Banking Costs	450
Audit	3,500

<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>25,050</b>	<b>25,050</b>
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## Outreach

Mission and Service	12,000
Mission and Service Committee	200
Presbytery	4,268
Observer	260
Guest Speakers (pulpit relief)	500
Caring Ministry	400
Church and Office Supplies	2,700
VST	400
Music	350
Christian Education	1,200
Youth Group	1,000
Nursery	150
Congregational Activities	600
Paper Advertising/Web Site	1,000
Ministerial	150

<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>25,178</b>	<b>25,178</b>
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**TOTAL GENERAL FUND**

**\$154,696**