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MISSION STATEMENT SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH

As a congregation of the United Church of Canada in the growing and changing community of Squamish, we will witness to God's love revealed through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

by gathering in worship, study, fellowship and outreach, while honouring our diversity of gifts, needs and spiritual experience, so that all may be nurtured to grow in faith, commitment and service to Jesus Christ.

and by reaching out to community, nation and world towards the healing, peace, and justice of God's whole creation, while seeking to be a faith community which is open, compassionate, inclusive, and celebrative of God's love for us and all people.

weeklong workshop in July on building healthy congregations. In the fall presbytery offered the first of four workshops for clergy and congregations on building vibrant faith communities. I am attending all workshops as part of my commitment to this church. In turn your board agreed to participate and encourage your participation.

The first workshop held in November focused on healthy congregations. As lay and ordained our Presbytery **CELEBRATED** being the body of Christ. Church is about change. People come to church to be changed and transformed into being followers of Christ. We often choose comfort over change. We do not ask to be changed. Heart is created in transformation. At it's worst, the church is a club where everyone is happy. At it's best, the church is about new life, making disciples in a world blind to God. New life finds us - not with easy snap answers but in the questions and our opening up to the reign of God. As I type this report, I prepare with enthusiasm for the next workshop in January 2002 on healthy leadership.

On a global level the terrorist attacks on the USA on September 11 set the tempo for the fall. It left us breathless, searching for words to describe our lament and shock. Religious leaders around the world searched for language to address this action and following response by the USA. We prayed for the victims of this tragedy. We prayed for peace in a world of violence. We prayed for the woman and refugees living under terrorist rule in Afghanistan. We had questions. As followers of Christ we seek peace, reconciliation, implementing God's vision of shalom in this world for all. As global citizens how do we respond responsibly, while at the same time, as followers of Christ, faithfully follow Christ's path of justice, mercy and reconciliation? We prayed some more. We prayed together. Within the community, we shared our collective lament by holding a public Prayer Service with St. John the Divine Anglican Church.

Jesus says to his small flock of disciples: "You are the salt of the earth ... you are the light of the world ... Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:13-16). As 2002 begins, I look forward to our mutual ministry at Squamish United Church as we help each other to be faithful to God in this place. God is working through our church in our ministry, our outreach, and in our desire for this small flock of disciples to be faithful followers of Christ.

Blessings,



Rev. Brenda Faust

MINUTES FROM THE 2001 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Squamish United Church was held on Sunday, February 04, 2001.

The Chairperson, Trevor Harris called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. and followed with an opening prayer.

M/S by George Gilmour/Carol Grolman that all present be given voting privileges. Carried.

M/S by Roy Shephard/Dave Elliot that the minutes of the 2000 Annual Congregational Meeting be adopted. Carried.

2000 Committee and Group Reports:

Church Committees and Groups were named and a representative from each was presented with a carnation. The following reports were opened in block for questions and/or discussion: Official Board, Worship Committee, Choir, Ministry & Personnel Committee, Caring Ministry, Vancouver Burrard Presbytery, Sunday School, Sunday School Financial, United Church Women, U.C.W. Financial, Men's Breakfast Group, Property Committee, Mission & Service Committee, Envelope Secretary.

M/S by Rainer Schwarz/Wilf Grolman that the above-named reports be accepted. Carried.

2000 Finance Report:

Philip Harness presented the Financial Reports.

M/S by Philip Harness/Dave Elliot that the Financial Reports be accepted. Carried.

Proposed 2001 Budget:

The Proposed 2001 Budget was presented by Philip Harness.

The proposed amount in the budget for our 2001 M & S target is \$11,000. The 2001 suggested allocation from Presbytery was \$12,500.

Following discussion it was agreed our target would be set at \$11,000 and Wendy Sellers will gather the signatures for the document to be returned to Presbytery.

M/S by Philip Harness/Vicki Haberl that the Proposed 2001 Budget be accepted as presented. Carried.

Nominating Committee Report:

Philip Harness presented the following slate of Chairs and Officers for the 2001 Squamish United Church Board.

Executive:

Chair: Trevor Harris, **Vice-Chair:** Dave Elliot, **Treasurer:** Philip Harness, **Secretary:** Retta Behrner.

Worship Committee:

Chair: Christine Tribe

Ministry and Personnel Committee:

Chair: Ian Kent

Caring Ministry Committee:

Chair: Carol Ann Epele

Members at Large:

Pat Pawlett, Laurie McRae, Heather Gigliotti, Peter Gordon

Presbytery Representative:

Wendy Sellers

Men's Group:

Rob Wotherspoon

Finance Committee:

Chair: Philip Harness

Property Committee:

Chair: Wilf Grolman

Mission & Service Committee:

Chair: Wendy Sellers

United Church Women:

Arlene Ingraham

Sunday School Coordinator:

Vicki Haberl

M/S by Jennie Anderson/Ian Brown that the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee be accepted, with the power to add any additional members. Carried.

Votes of Thanks:

A thank you was extended to retiring Members- at-Large, Laurie McRae and Heather Gigliotto.

Thank you and congratulations were extended to Lou Rempel for her work with Community Christmas Care. Lou was this year's recipient of the Chamber of Commerce, "Citizen of the Year" award.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. by George Gilmour.

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH OFFICIAL BOARD

The Squamish United Church Board is comprised of 18 members: the chair, vice-chair, church secretary, the minister, members-at-large and committee chairs. Our first meeting after February's Annual General Meeting was held on March 14, 2001, and subsequent meetings were held on the second Wednesday of each month. Attendance of board members was a high priority, with most meetings having 13 or more members in attendance.

Some Board highlights from 2001:

1. A Facilities Planning Committee comprising of Peter Gordon and Tara Lynn was established. They developed a survey which was distributed to the congregation for response. The information collected was organized and used as the basis for a report entitled, Facilities Needs Assessment Study June 2001. The final draft of the report was presented to the January 2002 meeting of the Board with the recommendation that the report be referred to the first meeting of the new 2002 Church Board for action and response.
2. Joint Facilities Planning - Peter Gordon was authorized by the Board to represent the Church to research, along with Sea to Sky Community Services, the possibilities of developing a joint-use facility on our church property.
3. Problems with the sound system were discussed in the April meeting. These discussions eventually resulted in Philip Harness assuming responsibility for the fund raising, as well as undertaking the necessary research involved in purchasing the sound system. A new sound system was installed in time for the Christmas Services.
4. At the May Board Meeting Val Orchison presented a proposal to paint the exteriors of both church buildings. The proposal was happily endorsed by the Board. The old brown pews that were stored in the annex were sold for \$600.00 with the proceeds contributing to the cost of the paint.
5. The topic of youth ministry was addressed on several occasions. It was reported that Grace Halvorson had been meeting with a small group of youth during the spring. The Board was asked to help look for a replacement for Grace in the fall. Also Vicki Haberl completed her term as Church School Co-ordinator in June. During the fall, Erica Mee has attended as Sunday School Representative on the Board. Erica has advised the Board that she is willing to continue in this assignment until the end of June 2002. The most recent discussion of youth ministry occurred at the October Board Meeting when it was reported that a youth-oriented worship service will be held once a month where young people from the congregation will be asked to attend and participate.

6. A Board Planning Day was held on Saturday, Sep 22, 2001 at the B.C. Forestry Service Board Room. Brenda arranged for a resource person, Bruce Cowburn, to attend. His topic was stewardship and he provided us with an overview of material that he has prepared, entitled *Stewardship from Ground Zero*.

7. A special Board Meeting was held on Sunday Nov. 4 where there were decisions made about the Church Manse. It was resolved that:

- the Minister receive a housing allowance in lieu of the manse
- the Board hire Property Manager, Basil Milne, to oversee the property
- the Board have a recommendation by June 2002 with regard to the future of the manse property.

8. Much of the work of Squamish United Church is accomplished by the various committees, who devote many hours of service to a wide range of responsibilities from Worship to Finance. Many of the accomplishments of these committees, as well as the on-going challenges, will be presented in the individual reports. I cannot conclude this report without giving special recognition to Wilf Grolman, who is retiring this year as chair of the Property Committee. Wilf, his Committee, and his other helpers (we know who you are!) have done a wonderful job in maintaining a church facility of which we can all be proud. If you have not already done so, do take a tour of the church annex. This upgraded facility is now a bright, attractive and welcoming place to support the work of the church.

As I vacate my assignment as Board Chair I would like to thank the members of the Board for their dedication and commitment. I would like to say a special thank you to our church secretary, Retta Behrner, whose work in the preparation and circulation of Board Minutes and Agendas has contributed greatly to the efficiency of the meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trevor Harris

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Our Worship Committee meetings have ranged from quiet acceptance of suggestions to lively discussions both for and against new ideas!

We have met six times during the year though not at regular intervals (mostly due to my trips) but our members have accepted graciously the unequal timing.

All except one meeting have been held at noon, which most members find convenient. We will continue to hold the occasional one in the evening to enable Erika and Ian to attend.

Olly is to be congratulated for co-ordinating the Greeters each Sunday. In addition, we are encouraging regular worshippers to greet each other, and especially newcomers and visitors, after the service, even when we don't serve tea and coffee. (Maybe we will offer tea and coffee every Sunday in future.)

The Easter services followed the same pattern as last year. These included the Maundy Thursday feet washing; the Crucifixion Walk on Good Friday with an evening service at 7 pm; Easter sunrise service and the normal 10 am worship.

We have had two sessions of pre-service hymn singing, the second one during Advent to sing Christmas carols. We would like feedback on this.

Throughout the year there has been much discussion about the Sound System, so we are happy that the difficulties have been resolved with the purchase of the new one.

Graduation Bibles were presented to thirteen graduates in June. Gillian Bullen, Laura DeCook, Bryn Evans, Ryan Galloway, Heather Gordon, Erika Liecti, Nicholas Miller, Heather Ray, Tara Richardson, Jennifer Smith, Tara Smith, Stephen Sprague and Aliesha Timms were the recipients.

Announcements have now been moved to a more convenient time in the service, as it's better for the choir and helpful for our intercessory prayer.

"Board Business" has now been given "One Minute" once a month, replacing the "Minute for Mission" on this Sunday.

Special services at Christmas were a joy to attend and we had a full church at both 7 pm and 9 pm.

As a committee we are concerned about the lack of "young people" in our church. Every few weeks youngsters take part in the service (i.e. reading the Scripture lesson) to encourage them to feel part of the church. Extra ideas are welcome.

The year 2001 has been an interesting one for members of the Worship Committee. We have been privileged to support our minister in this very important part of church life. We are always open to suggestions from other members of the congregation and rely on your prayer support to continue.

The position of chair of the Worship committee has been a rewarding experience for me and I hope it has for: Carol Grolman, Patsy Riecker, Lynette Halvorson, Dave Elliot, Philip Harness, Muriel Shephard and Erika Mee.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Tribe

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH CHOIR

We begin with an excerpt from our CD cover:

"What a fellowship, what a joy Divine, Leaning on the Everlasting arms!"

Fellowship and joy are what this choir is all about. Whether at rehearsal, at church on Sunday, or at community events, the **joyful fellowship** of this choir is always present. It has taken us a year to reach completion on this recording and we hope that the spirit and joy of our choir shines through! I would like to thank our singers, our accompanists, our minister, our church board and our congregation. Your support and encouragement has been invaluable. A huge thank you goes out to our dedicated *recording engineer*, **Brian Marchant**. He agreed to help us tackle this project a year ago; he committed hundreds of hours recording and producing this album; his expertise, devotion and manner has been forever inspiring and educational! Thank you Brian! We all hope this recording provides you with the same joy that we experienced creating it.

The choir has had another busy, busy year. We continue to lead the music ministry of the church, with hymns and anthems and weekly rehearsals. We have also sung at countless community gatherings, including the Singing the Faith, The Lantern Festival at Alice Lake, Carols by Candlelight and Carol's Carols. We sang at the Howe Sound Music Festival, the Festival of Canadian arts and, this year, we were the choir for the Remembrance Day Ceremony, at Brennan Park. We produced our first CD and are **enormously grateful** to our congregation for their unhesitating support of this project. The choir also hosted it's first **Flea Market**, in October.

We continue to enjoy serving the congregation with this ministry.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ian Brown

The Squamish United Church Choir

Sopranos: Jennie Anderson, Irene Bryant, Denise Evans, Carolyn Grass, Grace Halvorson, Val Orchison, Judi Rhodes, Ella Saugstad, Sue Timms.

Altos: Evelyn Dawson, Carol Grolman, Billie Hildering, Sue Puchmayr, Christine Tribe.

Tenors: Trevor Harris, Louise Martin.

Basses: Maurice Carlson, Graeme Galloway, Peter Gordon, Phil Harness, Norm Saugstad, Roy Shepard.

Director: Ian Brown

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Ministry and Personnel Committee is a committee that is confidential in nature. We provide the opportunity for consultation with and support and assessment of all staff persons, both paid and volunteer. We review working conditions and remuneration for the staff. As well, we are responsible for organizing replacements for our organist and minister when either is away. We meet and report quarterly to our Church Board.

Members of the M & P Committee this past year were Rainer Schwarz, Mary Larcombe, Louise Martin and Ian Kent.

We feel very fortunate to have continued to have had Retta Behrner as our secretary, Elisabeth Galbavy as our custodian and Brenda Faust, as our minister. It's a pleasure to work with these three ladies.

We have, however spent the year unsuccessfully attempting to find someone to accompany the Church Choir and someone to lead a Youth Group. Our hope is that someday soon we will have someone in these two key positions.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ian Kent, Chair

ANNUAL RETREAT - February 9-10 2001

"CRACKED POT THEOLOGY - GOD SHINES THROUGH EVERYTHING"

*Ring the bells that still can ring.
Forget your perfect offering.
There is a crack in everything.
That's how the light gets in.*

(Leonard Cohen)

Thirty people shared a wonderful time at our first annual congregational retreat. We met at the Easter Seal Camp Friday night and all day Saturday. The weather was wet but the inside rooms were warm and the fire toasty.

We shared fun, fellowship, reflection, relaxation, local entertainment, games, walks and talks. There was room for elders and teens.

Friday night began with potluck after which we entertained ourselves with games and laughter. Saturday began with breakfast and worship. Kevin Haberl gave a slide presentation on "Climbing the Mountain." It was an inspiring spiritual look into determination and faith as the group raised money for Alzheimer's research and lamented the loss of Kevin's brother.

In the afternoon we created group collages, played floor hockey (or cheered) and closed with worship. We then shared a wonderful outdoor BBQ and fire.

In the in-between times, there was space for walk and talk. Volunteer teams prepared the meals which created more time of bonding.

The evaluation was very positive and we look forward to our next Annual Retreat in February 2002. It takes time to be sacred and in the business of our lives what better gift can we give ourselves than the gift of time to be present to the Holy in the moment.



Blessings,
Brenda



VANCOUVER BURRARD PRESBYTERY

2001 Presbytery started with the same old format (dry) and then something wonderful happened! Instead of the usual monthly meeting we had a workshop on a Friday evening and Saturday. The work of the church was done AND we enjoyed ourselves. The decision was unanimous that this was a format that was much more user friendly and gave us more of a chance to work and worship together. We have met as a complete group less frequently but for a longer period of time, with the Executive continuing to meet on a more frequent basis.

The Rev. Faust continues to be kept busy as chairperson on the "Education and Students" committee as well as presently being on the Needs Assessment team for St. Andrew's United in North Vancouver. Within our Presbytery our church has been grouped with and therefore works more closely with St. John's in Sechelt and North Lonsdale and St. Andrew's in North Vancouver. Which means as the lay representative I have been kept busier. This past May I was part of the Over Site team to visit St. Andrew's. And unfortunately this past year we have been without a youth representative.

This past year Presbytery had the very difficult task of dealing with what is called a Section 363. Simply put, this is a very formal procedure that while adhering to the rules/laws of The UCC, presbytery must decide on what action needs to be taken to resolve problem issues that have been identified in a church (through an Over Site visit) involving both the congregation and the minister.

Keeping with the new format Presbytery met on Nov 23/24, where we shared meals, came together in worship and celebrated communion. The Guest speaker for the weekend was Tony Robinson addressing the theme "Healthy congregations". The next meeting is January 25/26 with Tony Robinson once again addressing "Leadership for Ordained and Lay Ministry". followed by a gathering March 22/23 where Tony Robinson will speak on "Working in Presbytery". It is very important to know that THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION. The actual business of the presbytery will take place on Saturday after the workshop.

Thank you for allowing me to be your Presbytery Representative. I have enjoyed the last year both learning more about how the wider church functions and meeting some absolutely wonderful people committed to discerning the will of God in our ever changing world.

Respectfully submitted by,
Wendy Sellers

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

In September three people assumed responsibilities for the Sunday School. A roster of three teachers per week offers classes to three age groups. We are currently using the *Whole People of God* multi-age resource.

Attendance varies between 10 - 15 per week. The children enjoyed performing the Christmas pageant on December 23rd. Marilyn, Vicki, Tara and Glenne worked with the children to make the pageant a rewarding experience. Our thanks to everyone for your hard work and extra time.

Submitted by
Erika Mee

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Bank balance January 1, 2001		192.90
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Sunday School Donations	<u>325.55</u>	
		518.45
<u>Expenses:</u>		
S. S. Curriculum	335.08	
Supplies	<u>69.99</u>	
		<u>[405.07]</u>
Bank balance December 31, 2001		\$113.38

Submitted by Patsy Riecker
Sunday School Treasurer

JUNIOR CHOIR

We began the Junior Choir in September with 10 enthusiastic members. These children included Hannah and Marnie Jarvis, Marien Evans, Michael and Samantha Mee, Alison Fitchen, Jaslyn Haberl, Ilona McCarthy and Daniel and James Nitschke. These numbers dwindled somewhat throughout the fall, but the children's enthusiasm for this Ministry never diminished. They sang short anthems on a variety of Sundays and sang several pieces at the church fall supper. A real highlight was our work alongside the Sunday School in the production of "The Legend of the Poinsettia" for Christmas. Our Thursday evening practice time as well as regular practice during the month of December during Sunday School really helped to learn speaking parts and music.

This ministry will continue in the new year, with perhaps a new format. Many thanks to all the Junior Choir helpers: Cheryl Caldwell, Carol Grolman, Ian Brown and Arlene Ingraham.

Respectfully submitted by,
Marilyn Caldwell



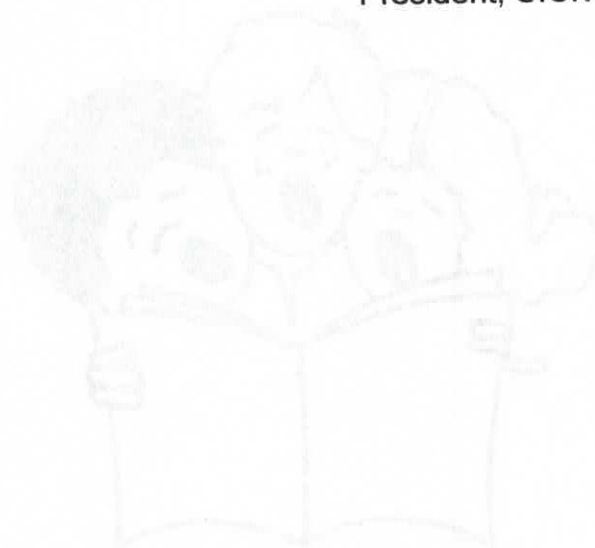
UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

2001 was a busy year for all Squamish United Church Women. We were involved with numerous fund raisers: a plant and garage sale in May, spring and fall chicken sales, a fall sale of coupon books, serving refreshments for Carol's Carols in December, as well as year-long Regal sales.

In March we enjoyed an evening honouring Helen Bachuk's receipt of her UCW Life Membership pin. In May the church enjoyed a Wing Ding dinner and entertainment presented by the Bethany unit.

During the summer a renovation of the kitchen was undertaken, kudos to Donnaleen and Richard Miller and the crew that they coordinated. The results are wonderful. A new refrigerator was purchased with a legacy left by the late Nancy Hutchinson. This pleasant environment makes it easier to provide catering for church functions, funerals, and monthly coffee hours, for the latter we were aided by the Men's group and by the church choir. Our thanks.

Respectfully submitted by,
Arlene Ingraham
President, U.C.W. Executive



U.C.W. FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2001 Opening Balance

\$ 3,232.32

Income:

Plant Sale	1,378.95
Chicken Sales	13,296.21
(profit \$1,831.64)	
Regal Sales	1,273.50
Carol's Carols	212.00
Coffee hour	158.63
Catering	1,880.00
Wing Ding	876.25
	<u>19,075.54</u>

19,075.54

21,649.20

Expenses:

Mission & Service Fund	1,000.00
U.C.W. Projects Fund	500.00
Squamish United General Fund	3,300.00
Chicken Costs	11,464.57
Kitchen Petty Cash	150.00
Calendars	167.50
Fridge	911.99
Kitchen Update	2,896.67
	<u>20,390.73</u>

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December 31, 2001 closing balance

\$1,917.13

Respectfully submitted by
Deb Kent,
Treasurer, U.C.W. Executive

THE HEALING PATHWAY

The Ministry of Healing Touch began for me in the fall of 1999 at Dave Elliot's Healing Service. I attended the service to give Dave prayer and support in his healing and I felt healing energy for my own arthritis and rheumatism pains. I realized then that we Christians do not make good use of the healing powers that God gives us.

Healing Pathway was introduced to our congregation last fall by Como Lake United Church Healing Team. I heard about it a year ago through Wendy Sellers who knew that I wanted to learn about church based healing. A visit to Mount Seymour United and the experience of Healing Touch inspired me to learn more. I was made aware of a Level One Healing Touch workshop at Shaughnessy Heights United Church which Laurie McRae, Gaby Schulte and I attended. It was a "one of a kind" experience, a very special three days and a wonderful guide in my journey toward wholeness.

Since then, Gaby and I have regularly attended the Highlands United healing group in North Vancouver. Every gathering is a different experience, the healing and learning is truly a gift of God.

This January (2002) we met for the first time in our new C.E. Center - a perfect place for our Healing Pathway Group. We felt blessed and appreciated the sacred place. May all the people who worked and supported it be blessed.

At this time our thoughts and prayers are with Dave and his family - their journey has been difficult but the love of God is there and I am thankful for the learning.

Submitted by
Walter Huber

MISSION AND SERVICE

Mission and Service as defined in our Constitution and by-laws is a committee, which *"shall plan and direct outreach and social action in the church, the community, the nation and the world as it pertains to our constitution. This shall include congregational outreach and social justice."*

2001 was the third and final year of Jubilee, which focused on Right Relationship with the land and it's people. We provided information on climate change, involving the Ecological Footprint and the "Koyoto" Agreement (Canada, eventually signed). Ueli Liechti brought slides of Guatemala and informed us of the work he was involved in through the Rotary Club. Basil and Marilyn Houtman organized an evening of folk dancing and raised \$817.00 for the United Church of Canada World Development and Relief Fund. 2001 was also the Year of the Volunteer which was touched on in March and again in October. April 22 was Earth Day and we had Dale Harry from the Squamish Nation come and speak, followed by a tree planting ceremony recognizing our commitment to God's World and our responsibility towards being better stewards of Creation.

December brought renewed emphasis on First United Church Mission and the work it does throughout the year. White Gift contributions were 1,194.00. We promised that our Mission and Service contributions to the larger church would be \$11,000 this past year. The total received from the congregation for the M & S fund in 2001 was \$10,251.28.

We remain a small but dedicated group and our goal is to change from the traditional structure of a committee to a ministry. We feel a Ministry has a greater openness to those who are called to service or mission within our church.

Respectfully submitted by
Laurie McRae

BUILDING AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The year 2001 turned out to be one of unprecedented activity as pertains to our church buildings. The sheer number and scope of major projects and volunteer hours qualifies this past year as perhaps the busiest since initial construction of our present church in 1963. This report will focus on the greater accomplishments of the B & P during the year.

The first major project was the vision and passion of new committee member Val Orchison. With full Board and congregational support the exterior of both the church and annex were completely repainted with a bold coordinated colour scheme achieving both an attractive visual appeal and weather protection of these wooden structures. With Val orchestrating her family and friends, as well as willing congregation members and even the paint supplier, a weekend of enthusiastic energy reminiscent of an old time barn raising transformed the corner of 4th and Victoria. More than 200 hours of volunteer work directed by Val achieved this success. She even helped defray costs by arranging the sale of 4 old unmanageable pews for \$600. A further \$500 was a welcome payment as the movie "Insomnia" leased our parking lot on two occasions. All in all, this endeavor exemplifies the positive benefits of working together in teamwork. Well deserved kudos to Val.

In early March, the U.C.W. asked the B & P to deliver and install a new kitchen fridge, purchased with funds from Nancy Hutchinson's bequest. Apparently, that became the inspiration for a major overhaul of the church kitchen. New paint, new countertops and new flooring have created a whole new look and functionality. Particularly appreciated by B & P is the fact that U.C.W. arranged, worked on and paid for the entire project, from start to finish with no input requested or required from B & P. Much appreciated ladies! Good job!

During a Church Board visioning retreat in the fall of 2000 a number of sanctuary improvements were discussed. One such upgrade that emerged as a priority was the quality of sound in the sanctuary. After some testing and qualified input the project proceeded on two fronts. Wilf designed a sound absorption panel to "dampen" the reflected sound. Moses' portrait was replaced with a stylized cross at the back of the church that achieved the recommended surface area for sound absorption as well as coordinate the sanctuary in terms of colour, style and materials. Many thanks to Walter for the beautiful timber, Sue and Cathie for coverings and Thor and Norm for construction and installation.

Meanwhile, Phil Harness worked tirelessly with sound consultants Brian Marchant and Gord Durocher on deciding how, where and with what to replace the outdated and

inadequate sound system. Congruently, Phil also spearheaded the Fund raising drive. With seed money from the Memorial Fund and concentrated efforts from the choir (Cd sale proceeds and the New to You Flea Market) the Men's Group (Fall Supper), and many personal donations the target amount was very nearly met. After diligent research equipment was ordered, delivered and installed just prior to Carol's Carols. The hastily formed sound team managed to stumble through the program without too many glitches. Several "tune up" requirements have been identified and are ongoing in the attempt to create a rich full sound for our sanctuary. When that goal is achieved the sound system capability will be an asset for our church giving us the opportunity to host a variety of events both worshipful and secular that can increase our profile in the community. I believe the Sound Team could evolve into an exciting small group ministry.

As if these projects weren't enough a request that B & P rejuvenate the annex to usable standards had become a necessity. Being so neglected and grungy it had become an embarrassment. However, with the General Fund needing a \$4,000 loan from the Building Fund (a secondary purpose of the Building Fund) it looked as though this much needed facelift would have to wait.

We were back on track when an anonymous donor provided \$5,000 requesting only that it be used toward building improvement. God works in wondrous ways! The "Hallelujah Project" got started in mid July and as "Captain" I can tell you this project revealed a will of its own. As it proceeded it simply made sense to do a complete job rather than a quick coat of paint and new carpet. Volunteers showed up in just the right numbers all the way along allowing us to maximize our Thursday and Saturday work days. Working with community users groups input we were able to create a space to satisfy their needs (east side - green room). Also with thoughtful planning - the remainder (west side) of the building was sectioned off to allow simultaneous usage by church groups. A living room/meeting room area has been created that with initiative from church user groups, could be accessorised to create a pleasant environment.

This annex rebuild gives us a multi use facility that we can proudly offer to both the community and ourselves - rich with possibilities and hopefully growing into a beehive of activity.

While all these projects were ongoing, a less visible goal was also being accomplished. To address a request for an announcement/message board outside by the church entry - I had asked Hal Tribe if he might construct something basic but functional. Brenda fine tuned the idea. As is Hal's nature and skill - he created the finely crafted, artistic version that now graces the front entrance. While effectively drawing attention to church announcements it is very much a welcoming feature. Well done Hal!

On a different topic - our minister moved out of the manse in December. A property management firm has been retained for the manse to provide "arms length" supervision of rent collection, tenant and maintenance issues on behalf of the church. This was a Board directive and accomplished with much legwork - again by Phil Harness. This new arrangement seems well suited for all concerned.

Still on the manse topic, I wish to acknowledge Kyle Stainton for doing a fine job of grounds-keeping at the manse over this past summer. Thank you Kyle.

Through all of these projects of this past year there has been one constant: The countless hours of volunteerism done willingly, with humor and great fellowship is what makes it all work. Beyond those previously mentioned I wish to further recognize some very dedicated people connected with five months of "Hallelujah Project". Firstly to Carol for her love and help and support in allowing me to keep the ball rolling. Secondly to Mike for the miles of electrical wiring and upgrades, to Bill and Lou, to Bert, to Norm and Thor, I extend my sincerest gratitude. Also to Walter and the many others who all played important roles. Many thanks!

For three years I have headed up the Building and Property Committee. I regard this privilege as my ministry - my involvement in support of the church I love - Squamish United. It has been in some small measure an action of God's love for us. As I step aside, Carl Gimse takes the reins. Carl, you will come to know, is an enthusiastic, highly capable newer member of our congregation. He will be well supported by the dedicated B & P Committee. I trust that the congregation will offer him the trust and support I have been so blessed to receive during my tenure. It's a big job - I know Carl will be up to it.

Yours in God's rich blessings,

"Captain Hallelujah"

Wilf Grolman, Property Chair.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The year 2001 has proven to be a very exciting one at Squamish United Church. A number of major projects were successfully completed. The painting of the two church buildings, the renovating of the church kitchen, the upgrading of the Annex, as well as the addition of a brand new sound system, were all accomplished with fund raising and/or targeted donations made by individuals.

The General Budget is funded by weekly offerings. Although we fell a bit short in this area, we had enough carryover from the year 2000 to look after our shortfall. Hence the carryover into 2002 will be \$7000 less than last year's.

The day to day operation of the church (payroll, photocopying and other office expenses, heating, etc.) depends on the weekly offerings. Full financial support of church members and adherents is needed to keep on target with the budget needs. A number of solutions present themselves when dealing with consistency, including the P.A.R. (pre-authorized remittance) program and the weekly envelope program. The advantage to P.A.R is that funds are available to your church, even when you are not able to attend. The envelope program also takes this into account, providing we are diligent in making up for the Sundays we miss attending services.

We see that consistent giving is paramount to the basic financial needs of your church. Then special fund raisers like Fall Suppers and Flea Markets, etc. can be used for special projects when they arise.

Due to the hard working groups within our church, much was accomplished this year. The Finance Committee often is reminded of how awesome the family of Squamish United Church really is, and how our viability lies in the hands of each and every one of us.

Respectfully submitted by
Philip Harness, Chair

Committee Members:

Wilf Grolman, Kevin Haberl, Sue Puchmayr

**RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2001
SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT**

A. LOCAL RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS:

By envelope & P.A.R.	62,351.50
Open offering	4,275.55
Gifts & donations	4,018.82
G.S.T. Rebate	616.46
Fund Raising	1,180.00
U.C.W. donations	3,300.00
Observer	176.00
Annex & Church honorariums	2,749.00
Miscellaneous Credits	39.22
Manse Fuel Installments	650.00

B. MISSION AND SERVICE:

By envelope & P.A.R.	9,251.28
U.C.W. donations	1,000.00
Credited M & S	10,251.28
Special Appeals (World Development Dance)	817.00
First United Church Mission	270.00
White Gift Donations	1,194.00
Total for missions	12,532.28

C. TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS: 91,888.83

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2001

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT

EXPENSES:

1. Salaries & Related expenses	53,603.36
2. Extended Education	1,683.00
3. Worker's Compensation	176.91
4. Service Contracts (Organists & Janitorial, Lawn Care)	4,222.00
5. Insurance	2,607.00
6. Municipal Services	2,235.34
7. Heating Fuels	6,557.80
8. Electricity	1,632.44
9. Telephones & Inter-net	2,106.47
10. Maintenance	693.27
11. Security (Church & Manse)	1,117.13
12. Manse T.V.	193.51
13. Sundries	113.82
14. Mission & Service	10,251.28
15. World Development	817.00
16. First United Church Donations	270.00
17. White Gift Appeal (First United Church)	1,194.00
18. Presbytery Allocation	3,132.00
19. Observer	312.00
20. Seminars & Session	200.00
21. Guest Speakers	642.50
22. Caring Ministry	237.77
23. Church & Office Supplies	1,693.82
24. Duplicator Lease & Service	2,349.44
25. Advertising	425.59
26. Music	653.51
27. Christian Education	366.21
28. Congregational Activities	551.61

TOTAL:

100,038.78

**SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH
YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2001**

A. General Operating Account: (Royal Bank)

Carry over from 2000	11,843.70
2001 Receipts	91,888.83
2001 Expenses	[100,038.78]
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Carry over into 2002	3,693.75

B. Sound System Account

Donations	1,725.00
Men's Group Donation	200.00
Memorial Fund	2,000.00
Fall Supper	930.62
Flea Market "New to You" Sale	1,867.85
CD & Tape Sales	3,530.00
Tom Lee Music Ltd.	[5,894.52]
CMRRA	[316.35]
Pacific North Studios	[1,497.45]
Philip Harness (Sears, etc.)	[583.97]
Electronics & More	[227.95]
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Carry over into 2002	1,733.23

C. Benevolent Fund Account:

Carry over from 2000	822.76
Receipts for 2001	240.00
Expenses for 2001	[383.71]
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Carry over into 2002	679.05

D. Building Fund Account: (Nova Scotia)

Carry over from 2000	7,231.98
Receipts for 2001	4,592.50
Special Renovation Donations	5,100.00
Sleepless Films Inc. (parking lot rental)	500.00
Laura Fenton (pew sales)	600.00
Surplus paint sales	120.00
Interest	21.54
Wendy Sellers (tree for Earth Day)	[62.69]
Val Orchison (paint for church/annex)	[1,784.45]
Mountain Building Centres	[776.57]
Wilf Grolman (annex/sound panel material)	[6,897.96]
Elisabeth Galbavy (mop & bucket)	[90.24]
District of Squamish (false alarms)	[300.00]
Andy Laskovic (annex ceiling)	[300.00]
Thor Halvorson (plywood)	[109.00]
Service Charges	[12.75]
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Carry over into 2002	7,832.36

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
Envelope and P.A.R. contributors	88	82	82
Contributors by yearly donation	6	6	4
TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS	94	88	86
Contributors to M & S Fund	53	50	49
Special Fund Contributors	43	48	39

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.

Number of givers in:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>
1.00 - 100.00.....	9	9	9
101.00 - 200.00.....	14	11	10
201.00 - 300.00.....	7	5	8
301.00 - 400.00.....	8	6	4
401.00 - 500.00.....	4	6	6
501.00 - 600.00.....	3	6	2
601.00 - 700.00.....	8	4	5
701.00 - 800.00.....	3	4	5
801.00 - 900.00.....	3	3	2
901.00 - 1000.00.....	2	3	4
1001.00 - 1100.00.....	5	2	6
1101.00 - 1200.00.....	6	3	2
1201.00 - 1300.00.....	3	5	6
1301.00 - 1400.00.....	1	2	1
1401.00 - 1500.00.....	3	2	1
1501.00 - 1600.00.....	4	2	1
1601.00 - 1700.00.....	-	3	2
1701.00 - 1800.00.....	3	2	2
1801.00 - 1900.00.....	1	2	2
1901.00 - 2000.00.....	1	-	-
2101.00 - 2200.00.....	-	2	-
2201.00 - 2300.00.....	-	-	1
2501.00 - 2600.00.....	-	-	1
2901.00 - 3000.00.....	1	1	1

3001.00 - 3100.00.....	1	-	1
3101.00 - 3200.00.....	1	1	-
3201.00 - 3300.00.....	1	2	2
3801.00 - 3900.00.....	1	-	-
5601.00 - 5700.00.....	-	1	-
7301.00 - 7400.00.....	-	-	1
7601.00 - 7700.00.....	1	-	-
7801.00 - 7900.00.....	-	1	-
9601.00 - 9700.00.....	-	-	1
	<u>94</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>86</u>

Respectfully submitted by
 Retta Behrner,
 Envelope Secretary

FROM OUR CHURCH REGISTERS 2001

IN MEMORIUM: (5)

Ralph Kitchener Marsh - January 31

John Benjamin Morey - April 9

Rose Lamport - May 16

Michelle Lee Routbard - July 16

Anne Cameron Martin - September 11

MARRIAGES: (2)

Norman Randolph Saugstad and Ella Caroe Erikson - September 17

Aron Hugh Eastwood and Shelley Darlene Behling - December 8

BAPTISMS: (1) child

Angela Webber, daughter of Gwyer and Laura Webber - October 28

COMPARISON OF 2001 BUDGET VERSUS ACTUAL EXPENDITURES SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT

<u>Category:</u>	<u>Budgeted:</u>	<u>Actual:</u>
Remuneration	54,599.00	53,603.36
Extended Education	1,500.00	1,683.00
Worker's Compensation	180.00	176.91
Service Contracts	4,616.00	4,222.00
Insurance	2,600.00	2,607.00
Municipal Services	2,500.00	2,235.34
Heating Fuel	8,500.00	6,557.80
Electricity	1,650.00	1,632.44
Telephone/Internet	2,200.00	2,106.47
Security System	800.00	1,117.13
Copier Lease/Service	1,850.00	2,349.44
Maintenance	1,000.00	693.27
Manse TV		193.51
Sundries	500.00	113.82
Bank Costs	150.00	
Mission & Service	11,000.00	10,251.28
Special Appeals		2,281.00
Presbytery	3,132.00	3,132.00
Observer	360.00	312.00
Seminars	850.00	200.00
Guest Speakers	800.00	642.50
Caring Ministry	300.00	237.77
Church & Office Supplies	2,400.00	1,693.82
Advertising	350.00	425.59
Vancouver School of Theology	200.00	
Christian Education	600.00	366.21
Music	600.00	653.51
Youth Group	300.00	
Congregational Activities	800.00	551.61
TOTAL:	104,337.00	100,038.78

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH PROPOSED 2002 BUDGET

Remuneration

Minister's Salary	32,004
Housing	12,000
Pension, Insurance, Medical	5,500
WCB	180
CPP & EI	3,900
Book Allowance	400
Extended Education	1,500
Travel Allowance	3,000
Secretarial	10,395
Janitorial	2,800
Organist	1,816

Subtotal	73,495	73,495
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Secular Expenses

Insurance	2,600
Municipal Services	2,500
Heating Fuel	4,000
Electricity	2,000
Telephone/Internet/Website	2,200
Security System Monitoring	650
Copier Lease/Service	2,300
Maintenance	500
Sundries	250

Subtotal	17,000	17,000
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Outreach

Mission and Service	10,500
Mission and Service Committee	200
Presbytery	3,132
Observer	300
Seminars (B.C. Conference)	850
Guest Speakers	800
Caring Ministry	300
Church & Office Supplies	2,500
V.S.T.	200
Music (keyboard)	200
Christian Education	500
Youth Group	300
Congregational Activities	800
Paper Advertising	450

Subtotal	21,032	21,032
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND

\$111,527