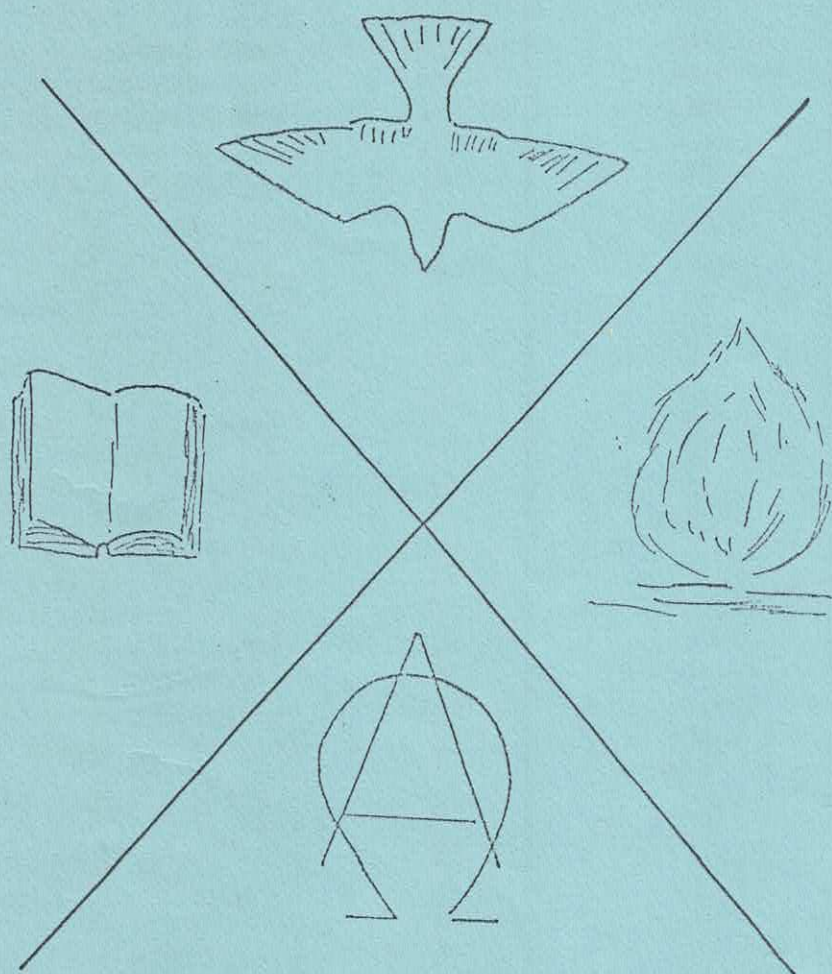


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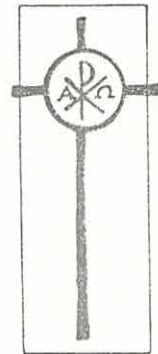


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Minister's Message

To all of you in the household of faith at Squamish United Church, greetings! Your name may not appear in the pages of the reports that follow, but be assured, each and every one of you, from the tiniest babe to the most elderly person among us, has been an essentially important part of our life and work together in 1986.

From earliest Biblical times, the gathered people of God have known themselves to be beth'el - house of God - joined in covenant relationship to God and to each other, for better and for worse, through all time. Even so, we are part of each others lives, and bound together also by Jesus' commandments: "Love one another as I have loved you." That's why each one of us is so important in the family of faith. We are loved by God-in-Christ. We matter to Him! He calls us to be His church! So each year of our church life is a year of celebrating that fact - in our worship and in our work of caring for each other and for others. It is your personal presence in this family of faith that really matters, whether you are in the annual report or not. We have been God's family together in this place in 1986. Nothing could be more worth "writing home about".

Yet - we must write (and read) our annual reports. To do so calls us to account for our stewardship of the gifts God gives to us. It helps us articulate what our faith has called us to do and to be in the past year, and to reflect on that. Where, in the reports do you hear needs and concerns that are not being met? Can you, as a member of the family, take some responsibility to help meet the need or address the concern? Are there things you strongly feel our church should be doing in our congregation or community that are not happening at present? How might we go about new ministries, and with your help?

Martin Luther King has been quoted as saying: "The church should never be a caboose. The church should always be one of the driving engines at the head of the train." Is Squamish United Church a caboose or a driving engine in the life of this community? In the work of the wider church? Is the ministry of worship and service to others in our church a caboose or a driving engine in your personal life? If it's a driving engine, where is it bound? If it's a caboose, are you satisfied with that and if not, what will you do about it and how can we as a church help?

In his new book "Steps in a Journey", Ralph Milton quotes: "None of us is as smart as all of us." It takes all of us together to faithfully discern, proclaim and do the ministry God calls us to do. It takes all of us together to be the family of God, in the ministry for God's family everywhere. I do thank you for enabling me, by your honesty, prayers and support, to minister among you and with you.

Yours in Christ,
Chris Burnett.

SESSION REPORT

2.

Part 1: from the chairperson of Session, 1986

What does the Session do? The United Church Manual assigns Session the oversight of the congregation's spiritual, education, outreach and fellowship life and work. Specifically, this includes responsibility for:

1. the conduct of public worship services
2. the administration of the sacraments
3. keeping the church rolls of membership (and adherents) including the registers of baptism, burials and marriages.
4. providing on-going Christian Education for all ages of people in the congregation and nurturing growth in faith, fellowship and service.
5. caring for the poor, the sick, the bereaved and troubled.
6. the outreach work of the congregation in evangelism and social action.

Who is on the Session? The Manual requires the minister of the congregation to chair the Session, and stipulates that elders of the Session are to be elected by the congregation from amongst those who are active as full members. Session chooses from its members a clerk of Session responsible for recording its proceedings as permanent records for the church as a whole, and for submitting records periodically to Presbytery for approval. Finally, all the records kept by Session are to be forwarded to the United Church Archives for protection and historical continuity.

As chairperson of your Session, I take this opportunity to affirm to you, the congregation, the high level of commitment of your 1986 Session, and to thank them for the dedicated, honest and faithful approach they have consistently brought to bear on our work. At times our discussions have been hot and heavy as we have tried to deal with the various faith issues arising in the wider church at this time, and to come to some consensus as to what is our faithful response. Some of these discussions have touched the deep places of our commitment, and I think it's safe to say that all of us value highly the opportunity to test and learn and grow together as we seek to be faithful to our Lord Jesus and to you, His church in this place.

There follows some highlights of Session's work as gleaned from the minutes by Maureen Gilmour, clerk of Session, to whom I also say thank you for a demanding and responsible job well done.

Respectfully submitted:
Chris Burnett.

Part 2: from the clerk of Session 1986

January Session was pleased that 25 adults enrolled in the V.S.T. Knowledge Network course for 10 sessions. The Bible study on "Images of a Suffering God". Dr. Skai Stevenson and Dr. Louise Martin kindly offered their home for this Old Testament series. A Covenant Renewal Service and Communion was celebrated January 26. Session evaluated style of serving communion and felt that communion by stations was going well and would be continued during the year. An evaluation discussion raised some concerns of Sessions: follow-up needed for children who have been baptized; leaders needed for young teen group; broadening the participation by members of congregation in the work of the church because Session is aware that too few people are carrying too big a load. A kids workshop was in the planning stages and Session gave its full support.

February Session plans to send a card to children and parents on first anniversary of baptism and also to send a note to couples married in our church on their first wedding anniversary. Peace and Justice events for April and May were highlighted. Naramata Centre's quarterly magazine "Good News" gives information on courses being offered. Fern Green agreed to highlight these Naramata programs to the congregation.

March Kid's Workshop on March 1 was a great success with 43 children participating in puppetry, drama, Peace and Justice workshop, story telling, crafts, A swim for kids and families at Easter Seal Camp ended the day. Those who volunteered their time and talent in designing and leading the events are much appreciated. Youth teaching team discussed and leaders needed for September. Good Friday and Easter services planned. Our minister made several suggestions re: special ways to celebrate Maundy Thursday and Good Friday but it was decided not to introduce any major changes. It was agreed that the communion table and lectern would be draped in black for Good Friday Service.

April A National Church Women's Service was held on April 13 to celebrate the 50th anniversary since the first woman, Lydia Gruchy was ordained. in our congregation, many women participated and the history of some of the women in our church was highlighted. Our minister still feels we need to have a worship committee to help plan worship services on an on-going basis. The senoir choir agreed to participate in Sunday services until June. Stein Hoff reported that the AOTS Men's breakfast held in March was most successful with 25 men in attendance. More breakfast meetings planned.

May Rev. Burnett and Norman Saugstad attended B.C. Conference in Vancouver, May 2 - 6. Inclusive Language - United Church guidelines booklet on this subject will be read by each Session member. Confirmation classes - our teens should be encouraged to take the membership classes in the fall.

June Congregational picnic held at Brackendale Secondary School on June 15 was successful. Sunday Service on June 15 focused on church camping. Session and U.C.W. jointly planned a fellowship event for the congregation and Pattullo's in appreciation for their contributions to the life of the church for many years. Gary and Heather Pattullo and children Karen and Ken, (who moved to Prince George) were honoured with a congregational luncheon, special programme and gifts. A Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery visitation team met with our Church Board on June 17. The team was headed by Rev. Murray Henderson of Capilano United Church. A very good sharing time was experienced.

Session wishes to involve the children in the adult worship service by including them in the act of worhsip of the offerings.

The new hymn book supplement will be out in May '87. Session encouraged church members to contribute \$1.00 per person to help with publishing costs. As our congregation responded so well, Session was able to order 100 copies of supplement on "early plan". These copies will be at a cost of \$3.35 rather than \$5.50, which non participating congregations will pay.

The following highschool grads received Bibles: Glen Davis, Patricia Fairhurst, Joan Shipp, James Walker, Angie Wilson and Teresa Wilson.

September CANEC opened a Vancouver branch at Conference office, 1955- W. 4th Ave. Church school report given by Grace Halvorson and 10 teachers on the roster. Carol Finnie will assist with the music. Marily Caldwell will lead both junior and senoir choirs. Skai Stevenson, Linda and Trevor Harris and Graham Dickson will help with youth programme. No permanent leadership as of yet. Our minister has completed a three wekk Alcohol and Drug Education programme for counselling and teaching purposes.

October Carol Finnie is now leading the junior choir. Young people taking the collection with Stewards is working well. Rev. Burnett is participating in the Marriage Preparation Course offered by Squamish Ministerial Assoc.

At the October service, Norman and Shirley Saugstad reaffirmed their marriage vows on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, followed by coffee and a special anniversary cake for all. Discussion arose again concerning the overload of some church members. How can we spread the load? This is a concern we must respond to.

November When our minister was on holidays, Ian Andrews from West Vancouver and Mrs. Constance Rulka from Squamish officiated at Nov. 2 and 9 services. Chris Tinworth from Canadian Blind Missions spoke to the Sunday School. Confirmation classes were held with members to be received Dec. 14. Some visionary planning discussed and Session will make some requests in the 1987 budget. In order to inform the congregation on the subject of overload, a new format for the Annual Meeting will be planned by the minister, Grace Halvorson and Trevor Harris. The Advent-Christmas Season worship services have been jointly planned by Rev. Burnett and the church school so that there will be an intergenerational focus in our services. The special banners (previously made by Lou Rempel) will go up week by week through Advent to highlight the anticipation of the approaching of Christ's birth. The Advent Clay event for the first Sunday in Advent is becoming a tradition with adult and children participating. A committee is contacting the Anglican and Catholic churches to do joint planning for "10 days FOR WORLD DEVELOPMENT" in the new year.

December On each Sunday in Advent, an advent candle was lit in the wreath and the children brought forward symbols depicting the themes of hope, peace and joy and light and they were placed on a Christmas tree beside the Communion table. On White Gift Sunday, Dec. 7 special envelopes for First United and the M & S Fund were collected. The church school presented a play on the theme of "Christ the Hope of the World". The reception of members and celebration of Holy Communion took place on Dec. 14. The Christmas Sunday Family service on Dec. 21 and the traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carolling service were well attended. The members of Session I had the privileges of serving with: Nancy Hutchinson, Norman Saugstad, Don Halvorson, Skai Stevenson, Trevor Harris, Ruth Smith, Fern Green, Grace Halvorson, Syd Pudney and Stein Hoff. I have also worked closely with our minister, and she has always been most cooperative and helpful.

Sincerely,

Maureen Gilmour,
Clerk of Session.

5.

MINUTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING, 1986

The annual congregational meeting of the Squamish United Church was held in the church annex on January 26, at 7:30 p.m, with 31 in attendance. Dessert and coffee were served before the meeting commenced. Rev. Chris Burnett opened the meeting with a prayer and the singing of a hymn.

MINUTES: Chairman S. Pudney declared that the minutes be accepted as ammended with the addition of the memo of R. Schwarz N. & S. Saugstad being in attendance at the 1985 Annual Meeting.

REPORTS:

1. Session
2. Youth Ministry Support Team
3. Adult Study (Dimensions)
4. Wednesday Noontime Bible Study
5. Library Correction by Lou Rempel - money received is \$330.00
-need for helpers was expressed, this will be referred to Session
6. Memorial Fund Nancy Hutchinson reported that there is over \$700.00 in the fund
-the suggestion was made that the committee investigate the purchase of an industrial vaccuum cleaner for the church
7. Ministry and Personnel Chris Burnett will check the manuql to determine the procedure for choosing a new chairperson
8. Community Christmas Care Chris Burnett highlighted the report and stressed the importance of June Halvorson's contribution (as phone contact person) which was unfortunateely ommitted from the report
- Motion: - M. Maureen Gilmour; S. Evelyn Dawson that a vote of thanks be given to the Minister and the Committee for its contribution (Carried)
9. Squamish United Church Proposed Budget for 1986 Highlighted by Bill Rempel
-same budget as presented in previous 3 years. M. Bill Rempel, S. Nancy Halvorson that the 1986 Budget be approved (Carried)
10. Nursery Report
11. Church School No report from the Young Teen Group. This group meets each Sunday morning in the kitchen with an average of ten 12-14 year olds in attendance.
12. Squamish United Church Sponsors
13. Junior Choir Chairman Syd Pudney expressed thanks for the important contribution of this group
14. V.B.S.
15. Envelope Secretary's Report
16. B.C. Conference Report
17. Caring Ministry
18. Pastoral Relations Committee
19. Committee of Stewards Chairman Syd Pudney expressed a vote of thanks to Bill Rempel on behalf of the meeting for his leadership and dedication as chairman of stewards
20. UCW Lou Rempel reported that the Jean Neil Unit had also held a Church Mouse lunch in September
21. Mission & Service
22. Peace & Justice Working Unit Linda Harris reported that there are 10 members active on the committee
- A representative from our committee will serve as a liaison between our church and lower mainland churches

23. Hospital Visitation
24. Statistics and Records

6.

NOMINATIONS:

Stewards 1986 - 88

Gary Pattullo
June Halvorson
Derek Wilson
Ian Kent
Joyce Gilchuck
Brian Cheal

Stewards 86 - 87

Illaena Rudy
Bill Bachuck
Norman Halvorson
Walter Huber
Bob Wilson

Stewardship

Mildred Campbell
Bill Rempel
Norm Halvorson
Nancy Hutchinson
Patsy Rieker

Session 1986 - 88

Norman Saugstad
Nancy Hutchinson
Don Halvorson
Skai Stevenson
Maureen Gilmour

Session 86 - 87

Trevor Harris
Ruth Smith
Fern Green
Grace Halvorson
Stein Hoff
Syd Pudney

Board of Trustees

Ed Antosh
W. Boscarl
Lynette Halvorson
Mae Stack
Alita Armstrong
Illaena Rudy
N. Saugstad

There being no further nominations from the floor, the nominations were accepted as presented. A hearty round of applause was given the Nominating Committee and especially to Maureen Gilmour who "did 99 44/100 % of the work"

Motion: M. Stein Hoff, S. Walter Huber that all the committee reports be adopted as presented. (Carried)

Syd Pudney
Chairman

Trevor Harris
Secretary

BOARD OF STEWARDS

The Board of Stewards had a quiet year with no large projects undertaken or major repairs of buildings needed.

The budget was close to being met this year but without the honorarium from the nursery in the annex, our 1986 budget would have had an added \$4,000.00 deficit.

There are many worthy projects and groups that our members contribute to, which don't show in our budget - such as the \$30,000.00 commitment to Ventures in Mission, First United, Community Christmas Care, Christian Blind Mission and many others. These would show what a generous congregation we have.

Many thanks to Bill Bachuk, our faithful servant, who built the storage shed at the back property, fixed the hoses for watering in the summer and does most of our emergency work.

The Stewards sponsored the garage and plant sale in the Spring (\$691.30) and the congregational dinner in the Fall (\$342.00). Both were poorly supported, leaving the Stewards with the message that different projects need to be planned for the future.

The renovation of the bathrooms in the church will be undertaken in 1987 and a new roof at the manse will be the top priority in 1988.

I would like to thank the Stewards for their faithfulness this past year, each one has been a pleasure to work with.

Respectfully,

June Halvorson,
Chairman





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Though numbers were small (about 35 average attendance), V.B.S. was a successful outreach to many Squamish children again this year. However, there was a great shortage of staff and as I had to teach as well as co-ordinate this year, I really felt that I did no justice to either area. I could have used more involvement from our own church members, especially young people, who could assist the kitchen staff and the teachers. Those who did help out enjoyed the programme and have volunteered to do it again.

Many thanks to Nancy Hutchinson, Fern Green and Marnie Pool in the kitchen; teachers Shirley De Cook, Jackie Wilson, Linda Pickering and to Kindra, for coming when she could. Much appreciation to Maurlene Campbell for the posters.

Donations amounted to \$121.87, with much of that specified for our Mission project, which was the Christian Blind Mission International. Unfortunately, because we must prepare for numbers before the children show up, curriculum cost was \$220.24, leaving us with a deficit balance of \$98.37. Since at least half of the total givings was designated to CBMI, I feel that it should be forwarded to them and the Church cover the deficit.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Carol Finnie,
V.B.S. Co-ordinator.

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH SPONSORED
"BEAVERS AND CUBS"

The 1st Squamish Beavers have had a busy Fall. Ten new boys were enrolled. The highlights of this year included a Hallowe'en Party with safety talk from Constable Roy, an outing to the Upper Squamish Fish Hatchery and Christmas carolling in Valleycliffe.

Four boys were invested to the 1st Squamish Cubs this year and responding to invitations sent out to schools in the Valleycliffe area, five more cubs joined the pack, which now numbers twelve. The 1st Squamish Cubs have included camping, fishing and bird house building among their activities this year.

On February 16th, we will be having our annual "Lord Baden Powell Dinner" at Squamish United Church. The United Church Women have agreed to cater the event again this year and the Squamish Beavers and Cubs would like to thank them for their contribution.

choir

JUNIOR CHOIR - 1986.

Junior Choir was attended faithfully and enthusiastically by all the Choir members. Although small in number, we are a dedicated group.

Joanna Schwarz and I attended a choir workshop sponsored by Northwest Music last winter. A number of good music and leading techniques came out of that.



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Carol Finnie for

Joanna Schwarz, Junior Choir leaders.

ENVELOPE OFFERINGS

With a new budget for 1987 this report is designed to help you decide what part you wish to play in the whole financial picture of our church. These figures below are from envelope offerings only and include M & S , local support, special donation and Sunday School envelope offerings.

	Number of Givers in:	
	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>
\$1. - \$100.	25	20
100 - 200	14	9
200 - 300	19	11
300 - 400	9	6
400 - 500	3	8
500 - 600	2	6
600 - 700	5	6
700 - 800	4	2
800 - 900	-	1
900 - 1,000	-	4
1,000 - 1,100	1	2
1,100 - 1,200	-	3
1,200 - 1,300	2	-
1,300 - 1,400	1	-
1,400 - 1,500	1	-
1,800 - 1,900	1	-
2,500 - 3,000	2	-
3,000 - 4,000	1	1
4,000 - 5,000	-	1

These figures when summarized show where we stood in meeting our budget for 1986.

	<u># of people</u>	<u>% of Givers</u>	<u>% Envel. Givers</u>
\$1 - \$200.	29	36.25%	6.52%
201 - 500	25	31.25%	23.00%
501 - 1,000	19	23.75%	34.63%
1,001 & over	<u>7</u>	<u>8.75%</u>	<u>35.85%</u>
		100%	100%

As you can see we must appeal to the people at the lower end of the giving scale.. We have 29 people giving 6.52% of the budget while 7 people have donated 35.85% of the budget.

Report Approved by:

Squamish United Church Official Board





We had another busy year, 1986, in the Church Nursery. The Mackenzie Unit of the UCW once again organized and staffed the nursery. The nursery provides babysitting to babies and toddlers to enable parents to enjoy the church service.

On average there were seven to nine babies in the nursery each Sunday morning with as many as twelve little ones present. It makes for an interesting hour and a half!

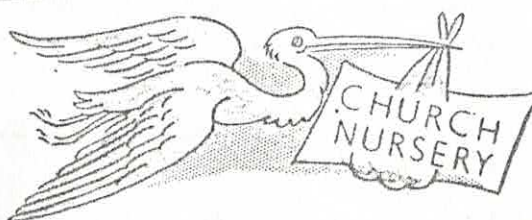
This year there are many new people in the church and some of them have infants using the nursery. Best of all, many of the new people are taking their turn helping out. This makes it easier to provide ongoing service of nursery care fifty-two weeks of the year.

Many thanks to all helpers from the Mackenzie Unit and to these people as well: Debbie Kent, Jenny Anderson, Sheila Hurford, Judy Mitchell, Tina La-Riviere and Cathie Bourgh.

The Nursery is in need of toys so if you have any toys in good condition, please drop them off in the nursery in the Annex. Thanks.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Pat Pawlett and
Betty Iverson



MEMORIAL FUND REPORT 1986

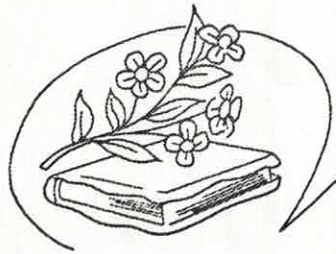
The monies remaining from 1985 were used towards the new dishes, Kairos student fee and a vacuum cleaner. The balance of the 1985 fund will be used to purchase the new Hymnals which are on order. The above gifts are remembered by the three new plaques on the Memorial Board.

An anonymous gift of \$1,200.00 was received from a Vancouver businessman before Christmas with the request that it be distributed to several needy families in the Squamish Community. This is being done at the discretion of Rev. Burnett in consultation with Nancy Hutchinson.

Our congregation is most grateful for the many Memorial gifts received through the past years.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
BY:

Nancy Hutchinson
Treasurer



MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL REPORT

During 1986, members of this committee were: Nancy Hutchinson, Norman Saugstad, Maureen Gilmour and newcomers Geoff Larcombe and Brian Cheal.

A Ministry and Personnel Committee consists of persons appointed by the Official Board to provide a confidential setting for consultation with and support and assessment of all staff persons on a Pastoral Charge.

To this end, the committee has met on a regular basis and has been in consultation with our minister on several occasions. Good communication has also been maintained with our secretary and janitor.

THE MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

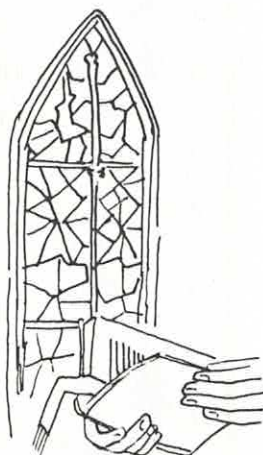
ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>
ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTORS	80	80
CONTRIBUTORS TO M & S	43	53
SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS (W. Gift, Thanksgiving, Lent etc.)	27	39
BANK CHEQUE OFF USERS (2 of whom are envelope users)	6	5
CONTRIBUTIONS BY YEARLY DONATIONS	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS	90	90
SUNDAY SCHOOL ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTORS	13	18

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BY:

Mildred Campbell



THE CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

A Very happy time of fellowship was experienced by about twenty families who gathered at the Brackendale Secondary School on the muggy afternoon of June 15 for our annual congregational picnic.

The Home Economics room and outdoor patio area of the school, the use of which was arranged for us by Graham Dickson, was just perfect for our needs and the weather, which was never as bad as it threatened to be, did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the friendly crowd who came.

While Geoff Larcombe took the children and more venturesome adults out onto the playing field for a time of fun and games, the Wilsons and Gilmours lit up the barbeque that had been set up on the patio off the Home Ec. room and proceeded to prepare hamburgers and hot dogs complete with all the trimmings.

Thanks to the expertise of Frieda Hoff in the purchase of the ingredients for these delicious entrees, which were sold for \$1.00 each. We not only met all the expenses but even came out slightly ahead. While the enticing odours of the barbeque floated through the air, Norm Halvorson set up picnic tables on the patio. Nancy Hutchinson and Ruth Smith, with a crew of volunteers, made the drinks and set out the delicious salads and desserts which had been brought.

Our M.C., Stein Hoff, called everyone back and a time of appreciation and fulfillment followed over a hearty meal.

Later, while the crowd was sent scurrying about on a well-planned treasure hunt prepared by Ian Kent, the helpers cleaned up and got everything ship-shape for its return. We then gathered in the Home Ec. room where the results of the treasure hunt were tabulated and the winners given their reward.

The afternoon was completed with an inspiring devotional prepared by Lynette Halvorson and a sing-song led by Joanna Schwarz and Carol Finnie ended a perfect day.

A happy time of fellowship? It sure was! When is the next congregational picnic?

Sincerely,
Your committee,
STEIN HOFF, NANCY HUTCHINSON, RUTH
SMITH





1986 ANNUAL REPORT FOR:
MISSION AND SERVICE FUND

PRESBYTERY ALLOCATION	\$ 7, 850.00
CHURCH BUDGET	7, 000.00
MONIES RECEIVED	
Balance from 1985	95.83
UCW Donations	500.00
Congregational givings	6, 640.07
Bank Interest	.19
Total	\$ 7, 236.09
MONIES FORWARDED TO TORONTO	\$ 7, 225.00
Bank charges	3.36
Balance	7.73
	\$ 7, 236.09

The M & S Fund supports both Canadian and Overseas ministries. Among many ministries supported in Canada are five hospitals and one medical clinic, ten prison chaplaincies, forty-two hospital chaplaincies, twenty-two native congregations and outreach ministries, sixteen downtown missions and forty-one crisis response ministries. Besides these projects, the M & S fund makes possible theological education and training, Christian Education and new church development. Through Overseas Ministries, the M & S fund supports one hundred and twenty-eight missionaries in twenty-four countries. There are forty-one countries where the United Church supports missionaries and/or projects.

The above account does not include money donated by our congregations directly to First United, or the food donated to them. It also does not include pledges made to Ventures in Mission which are still being paid. The grocery tape project to provide vouchers for the Food Bank is a further outreach effort for our congregation.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BY:

Lou Rempel,

M & S Treasurer

1986 Mission & Service
Fund
Objective
\$32,000,000



UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The purpose of the UCW is "to unite the women of the congregation for the total mission of the Church and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian Witness, Study, Fellowship and Service."

The four units of the local UCW meet monthly on Thursday afternoons or evenings. All would be glad to welcome new members and we would be happy to help start a new unit especially for younger women.

The general president is Shirley Halvorson (898-3307)
Alpha (senior ladies) - Fern Green (892-3351)
Harmony (over 40) - Maxine Kent (898-3067)
Jean Neil (over 40) - Lynette Halvorson (898-3158)
Mac Kenzie (young ones) - Jackie Wilson (898-3448)

We take our turn in organizing "World Day of Prayer" each March for participants from all the churches. In October we were invited to a Fellowship Night at the Pentecostal Church.

In 1986 the women of the church knit 108 toques for First United and Christmas Care. We expect to continue this project and welcome contributions from anyone (including men). All the units participate in the making of camp kits for underprivileged kids. These consist of a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, a comb, towel and facecloth and are given to children from the inner city who arrive at camp with little more than a grin.

The food cart, to which many of you contribute, was emptied six times. The value of the groceries was approximately \$1,000.00.

We also collect labels from Colgate-Palmolive, Campbell soup and used stamps and glasses. A new project for 1986 was the collection of grocery receipts from the three major food outlets. We saved up \$5,000.00 worth of tapes and turned in each bundle for a \$20.00 grocery voucher. In the past year we collected enough tapes to contribute \$1,620.00 to the Food Bank.

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Volunteers there, redeem the vouchers for food. Clients do not get vouchers. If all of you would remember to bring your tapes (and your neighbours'), I'm sure that we could double that amount. The Food Bank is in desperate need.

The ladies of the Alpha Unit meet on the first Thursday of each month in the church kitchen. Their favorite projects include the baking of cookies for the Handicapped Unit at First United and organizing a Spring luncheon for the same group.

The Harmony Unit sponsors the two rummage sales each year. These ladies often go out for lunch or dinner together. Along with the Jean Neil Unit, they host monthly birthday parties at Hilltop House.

The Jean Neil Unit organized Church Mouse luncheons and made an occasional new banner. A first-time project was a highly successful garage sale.

The Mac Kenzie Unit is known for its interesting and informative programs. Their main money-raising project is from Regal sales. They also had a garage sale and sponsored a bake sale. A big service is provided to the congregation each week as Pat Pawlett (892-3450) and Betty Iverson arrange for infant care during the worship service. Adults are welcome to volunteer their time.

Each year the money we raise is donated to our local church, to the M & S Fund and to the Projects Fund (an umbrella group set up by Presbyterial to disburse money more evenly to other groups). We also uses about \$50.00 worth of coffee, sugar, tea, creamer and other goodies in the church kitchen each year.

In 1987 the UCW would like to co-operate with the Stewards in renovating the church washrooms. A substantial sum has been raised through special projects and Mrs. Rudy has set up a separate account to receive monies for this.

We value the support the congregation gives us and look forward to serving together in '87.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Lou Rempel



UCW FINANCIAL REPORT: 1986

Bank Balance as of December 31, 1985

\$ 93.62

Receipts:

Rummage Sales	706.02
Cook Books	95.00
Catering	360.00
Regal	300.00
Church Calendars	118.00
Garage Sales	671.33
Bake Sale	328.50
Bathroom Fund	342.60
Love Offerings	846.70
Miscellaneous	10.10
	<u>\$3778.25</u>

\$3778.25
\$3871.87

Expenditures:

Church Kitchen	50.00
Readers Dig. (Hilltop)	17.23
Church Calendars	84.00
Miscellaneous	5.00
Van. - Burrard	
Presbyt. Expenses	50.00
Bank charges	26.00

Donations:

North Shore	
Counselling Centre	100.00
Project Fund	700.00
Church Budget	500.00
M & S Fund	500.00
Bathroom Fund	1382.43
	<u>\$3414.66</u>

Balance December 31, 1986

\$3414.66
\$ 457.21



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Shirley Halvorson,
General UCW Treasurer





CARING MINISTRY REPORT

The Caring Ministry programme in our church was organized in 1985 when a group of concerned members felt there was a need for such a service in our congregation.

We are small in number and have had to change our original goal, which was to visit every family. Instead, we are trying to keep in touch with those who are ill, those who have suffered a bereavement and those in ordinary situations where a call or visit might just brighten the day. From time to time, our members put on a little lunch or tea to bring together for a visit some of our congregation who live alone.

The Caring Ministry team is very aware that this is a caring congregation and many of you in your own way are giving of yourselves to others on a regular basis, even though you are not part of the CM team.

Last Fall, our group hosted a meeting on the Hospice and Palliative Care Program. The guest speaker was Mary Ellen de Grace, who is the Hospice/Palliative Care Co-ordinator for the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster. We also viewed the film "The Last Days of Living". Some of our members will attend a Hospice training course in Squamish starting this month and led by Mrs de Grace.

Members of the Caring Ministry team are: June Halvorson, Nancy Hutchinson, Lou Rempel, Mildred Campbell, Lynette Halvorson, Irene Vickers, Maureen Gilmour. There is always room for new members. If you think this might be part of your ministry, please contact one of the above.

God Bless,
Maureen Gilmour





SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH MEN

With considerable encouragement from Chris Burnett several very successful Men's Breakfasts were held at the Church this year.

Our inaugural Breakfast was held March 22 with the cook, Norm Halvorson and his capable attendants arriving very early (7:30 on a Saturday morning!) to prepare a breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausages, orange juice and coffee. By 8:00 am some of the early birds began to arrive and by 8:30 there were some twenty-five men in attendance. Following breakfast there was discussion of tentative plans for mens' activities in the church. Guest speaker, Rev. Bob Thompson, United Church Chaplain at Vancouver General Hospital, briefly shared his experiences of his mens' group at his home church of Deep Cove United before leading an informed devotional/meditation on "building relationships".

The second breakfast was held on May 31st. After breakfast and a devotional led by Chris Burnett, there was some discussion of future projects which could be undertaken by the group. Chris' challenge was for the men to raise funds for a T.V. and Video Recorder for the church. Major activity of the day was the work-bee for the Spring clean-up of the church grounds. With a dazzling display of pre-planning, Stein Hoff arrived with a load of "Pemberton's best" along with numerous flats of bedding plants. For the next three hours men swarmed over the grounds with lawn mowers roaring and lawn trimmers whining. Holes were dug for trees and shrubs and the flowers expertly planted.

Our third breakfast meeting of the year was held in November. The programme was viewing the film "Last Days of Living", which describes the hospice and palliative care program at Royal Jubilee in Montreal. "Hospice" is being considered in Squamish. The film initiated a most reflective, insightful discussion on the issue of providing support and care for the terminally ill and their families.

These three successful, though sometimes tentative ventures, have clearly demonstrated a need for and an interest in a United Church Men's Group in

continued..

Squamish. Saturday morning breakfast meetings appear to be the most appealing and convenient format. And there appears to be a preference for informality rather than structure in meetings. Plans for 1987 already include a breakfast in February and certainly one in May for the church gardening project. There is a need for a co-ordinator to set dates for meetings and to delegate responsibilities but for the present the system of selecting an organizer each meeting may be working... and "if it ain't broke, don't fix it!". Perhaps too, in 1987 the group can rise to Chris' challenge to launch a project that would both contribute to the church's outreach while, at the same time providing a specific target for the group.

Respectfully submitted,
Trevor Harris.



ANNUAL REPORT - SENIOR CHOIR - 1986

A sprinkling of singers began the New Year after a successful Christmas season under the direction of Chris Burnett. The group grew in numbers and in spirits for Easter and sang special anthems on Good Friday and Easter morning as well as on a number of Sundays during the Spring. The choir disassembled during the summer months.

In September the choir got underway with a small following again, this time under the direction of Marilyn Caldwell. Although the group was small on many occasions, a warm sense of fellowship and a joy in singing was enjoyed by all.

The group peaked over the Christmas season as it was celebrated with music and song.

The objective of having a Choir to lead the congregation in weekly hymns and to feature an occasional anthem has not been met but we will continue to try!!

Many thanks to Joanna Schwarz for always being willing to help with her expertise!!



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Marilyn Caldwell

in the ———
hospital |

HOSPITAL VISITATION - 1986

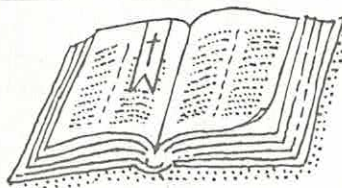
The purpose of Hospital visitation is to provide any patient with a smile, some conversation and a prayer. It provides a comfortable setting for the patient to discuss his faith and his church. All volunteers carry a Bible, "Have a Good Day" and any other appropriate literature.

Squamish United Church would like to thank these volunteers for their contribution in 1986: Evelyn Dawson, Shirley Saugstad, Mildred Frasz, Helen Bachuk, Mary Bloxham, Roseanna Rudolph, Fern Green and Pam Smith.

More volunteers are always needed. If you wish to contribute your time please contact Ruth Smith (898-5208).

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Lori Pederson for
Ruth Smith



SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT - 1986

It was my pleasure to be the church school Superintendant for 1986. We had approximately forty children each Sunday, ranging in age from three to twelve. Our enrollment was about sixty children total. In February we had a Saturday Children's Workshop featuring kite making to help us understand the concept of spirituality. There was also a Peace Seminar, dramatizations, singing, crafts and stories. Lynnette Halvorson, Linda Harris, Judy Jenkins, Graham Dickson, Frida Hoff, Kindra Wilson, Lou Rempel, Carol Finnie, Joanna Schwarz and Marilyn Caldwell were very helpful to us. Thanks! The day was perfect for kite flying and we finished with a family swim at the Easter Seal Pool. Everyone had a wonderful time.

During our open session times in October, we had a guest - "Chris Tinworth" who works for the Christian Blind Mission International. He, along with his family, came to tell us about their work. He left us with a Mobile Clinic "Bank Bus" for each child. The children and the congregation together collected \$90.00 to send to C.B.M.I.

For Christmas, the children celebrated each week of Advent by placing symbols made in gold, white and purple on a Christmas (Jesse) tree. We also presented a Christmas pagent called "Do You See, Do You Hear, Do You Know?" We enjoyed presenting this musical - the children did a beautiful job and were helped along by the Junior and Senior Choirs. Mrs Hoff, Mrs Cryer, Mrs Finnie, Mrs Caldwell and Mrs Schwarz were very helpful to us in preparation for the Pagent.

I would like to thank the teachers: Lou Rempel, Patsy Riecker, Laura Wilbur, Mary Larcombe, Celia Huber, Sue Dickson, Kindra Wilson, Frida Hoff, Walter Huber, Judy Jenkins and Marguerite Cryer for their service this past year. Thanks to Mrs. Hoff for taking on Church School Superintendant for the next year.



Yours in Christ,
Grace Halvorson

Budget report

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

FINANCIAL REPORT - 1986

RECEIPTS:

Bank Balance, January 3, 1986	\$493.66	
S.S. Offerings	666.87	
V.B.S. Offerings - Expenses	121.87	
		<u>\$1,282.40</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Reg. Expenses	\$544.55	
V.B.S. Curriculum	220.24	
Bank charges	20.00	
		<u>\$ 784.79</u>
In Bank, January 5, 1987		\$ 497.61



OUR FATHER
WHO ART IN HEAVEN...

STATISTICS - 1986

New Members:

By affirmation of faith and adult baptism:	2
By affirmation of faith (confirmation)	1
By transfer and re-affirmation of faith	2
Total	5

Members removed by Transfer:

Gary and Heather Pattullo, to St. Andrews, Prince George, BC	2
Mrs Chris Shipp, to Beaconsfield United, Beaconsfield, P.Q.	1
Total	3

Members removed from the roll by death:

Mrs Mae Stack	Mr Raymond Patrick	
Mrs Mabel Nichols		
Mrs Jeannie Elliott		
Total		4

Total Members:*	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>
	184	184

Total Adherents:*	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>
	88	88

Marriages performed in 1986	9
Baptisms in 1986: 11 Dedications: 1	11 (1)
Funerals in 1986 (memb: 2 Others 1)	13
(There was no funeral for Mae Stack by her family's request)	

* membership review not yet complete

MARRIAGES - 1986

EDWARD PETER SMIT - KELLY LYNN PEDERSON
PETER GERARD GAGNON - TAMMY MARIE CYR
KEVIN ROBERT KNOX - NANCY LYNN HALVORSON
PHILIP CHARLES BRIDDON - LINDA ANNE TISLER
JOHN MICHAEL KRZANOWSKI - ELLEN MATILDA ELSIE HARNESS
EVERETT WILLIAM CORNELIUS VANDENBORN - MIA LAURA LOUISE DAWSON
JOHN LLOYD MORRIS - JUDY PATRICIA DRENKA
DONALD WILLIAM SERL - SUZANNE MARGUERITE SLADE
MICHAEL BRANSTON GEIST - O'HARA - WENDY LYNN HALVORSON

IN MEMORIUM - 1986

MR GORDON DELL CROWSTON
MR RAYMOND PATRICK
MRS CHARLOTTE MARGUERITE JUDD
MRS ROSALEEN DOLLY MAY O'NEILL
MR BRIAN MARVIN WRAY
MR WILLIAM SCOTT AULD
MR KENNETH GEORGE WILLIAMS
MASTER BRADLEE EVAN EVERETT - ZELINISKI
MR JAMES ARTHUR BOXALL
MR JEROLD WESLEY EATON
MRS MABEL DORIS NICHOLS
MRS MAE STACK
MR FRITZ VAN HORLICK
MRS JEANNIE MAGDALENE ELLIOTT
MR ELOF BROR MARTINSEN

BAPTIZED INTO THE BODY OF CHRIST: HIS CHURCH

CHRISTOPHER LEONARD LA RIVIERE
DANIELLE TINA LA RIVIERE
MARK CAMERON KARY
NICHOLAS CARSON JAMES BERGSTROM
CAITLIN NICOLE BOURGH
KEVIN DAVID PATRICK MC GRAW
VALERIE FRIEDA BERGER
KELLY LYNN SMIT
JUDY MARILYN MITCHELL
ASHLEY NICOLE TURNQUIST
MICHAEL DAVID TURNQUIST

DEDICATED: KYLE JAMES HALVORSON

JOINED THE CHURCH IN 1986

BY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

KELLY LYNN (PEDERSON) SMIT
JUDY MARILYN MITCHELL
CATHERINE LYLE BOURGH

BY TRANSFER AND RE - AFFIRMATION OF FAITH :

HANS AND IRENE BERGER - FORMERLY OF THE LUTHERAN SWISS CHURCH



HOSPICE TAKES SHAPE IN 1986

In mid-October, Sherry Genderton phoned me to see if our church would be interested in helping her sponsor a public meeting to see if there was a felt need and a will towards beginning a hospice unit in Squamish. Things fell into place very quickly and with the support of our Caring Ministry team, a public meeting was advertised for Oct. 29 in our church with Mary Ellen de Grace of West Vancouver, a well-known consultant in the field, as guest speaker.

Twenty-five people turned out, mostly from local congregations and the hospital nursing staff and the interest level was high indeed. Greatly encouraged, we offered a second public meeting on November 26, at which a full length film "Last Days of Living" was shown. This film depicted a hospice team from the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Montreal at work in the lives of five families, in each of which was a dying member.

Mary Ellen had presented the concept of hospice and palliative care and several different models - ranging from multi-disciplinary hospital based teams to community based teams. She indicated avenues of available network and funding support and assured us that in the past ten years, hospice has become a reality in several small B.C. communities. The movie gave us great insight into the skills and kinds of support work needed.

After two meetings, about a dozen people felt committed to the task of going ahead to try to establish hospice in Squamish.

Now (January) the Squamish Doctors Association is behind the project and has appointed Doctor Louise Martin as their co-ordinator. Sherry got the School Board to sponsor an all day workshop followed by five Thursday evenings to train volunteers (begins Jan. 31, 1987). Several of our church members have signed up. Mary Ellen will teach.

Hospice teams provide on-going support for dying people and their families. The emphasis is on quality of life. We ask your prayers in support of this important venture.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: CHRIS BURNETT



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The 1986 winter term Bible Study was "Images of a Suffering God", an in-depth Old Testament course of ten sessions, offered by V.S.T. Dr. Jim Lindenberger and an excellent group of three lay people provided content and discussion/reflection which was always stimulating and challenging. Twenty-five people signed up. The difficulty of the subject matter proved heavy for some, and attendance was not as committed as for the "Discipleship" series. Those who persisted reported important growth in their understanding of the Old Testament and all experienced a broadening ability to apply to our own situations new perceptions of the many dimensions of God and God's actions in human life and history. It was a tough course, but good.

In the Fall, the Wednesday noon group studied the Rev. Bob Wallace's new book "Christ, the Joy" - a study of Phillippians by Paul. Everyone in this group of twelve was excited by the quality content of this course, some saying it was the best Bible Study they had ever experienced. In the format, Bob Wallace assigned us homework, each chapter for personal study and practical application. At the lessons, we shared this as appropriate, worked the passage for the day, and thoroughly enjoyed Bob's own reflections which gave rise to much discussion. The study continued weekly until Christmas.

If you haven't joined an adult study group yet, do come. Here are a few comments from a participant which might encourage you.

"Take home something every day to enrich life ... time to think about meaning of scripture....much to apply to daily living Problems today not too different from Paul's - he rose above them with faith."

The good fellowship experienced in study groups is an important dimension, providing fun and laughter and opportunity for deepening friendships and affirming and supporting each other's journeys in faith.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Chris Burnett

Peace and Justice Working Unit

The Peace and Justice Working Unit of Squamish United Church has maintained contact with the church at the Conference Level in an effort to inform and encourage members to take an active interest in peace and justice issues.

In the spring, a delegate attended a 3 day mini-conference/consultation with other United Church Peace Workers in the province. Sessions were led by David Pollock, Canadian Education Co-ordinator for Project Ploughshares and Rev. Donald Grayston, Director of the Shalom Institute. Study groups focused on such issues as nuclear testing in the Pacific, nuclear weapons and nuclear-powered vessels in Canadian waters, and non-provocative defense. Prayer and Bible study sessions reflected the spiritual aspects of peacemaking.

The Working Unit has delegates serving as liasons with the Squamish Citizens for Peace and is continuing the campaign against Star Wars and the escalation of the arms race.

At B.C. Conference in the spring, our unit requested that the 61st Annual Meeting of the B.C. Conference of the United Church urge the Provincial government to declare the province of British Columbia^{an} Nuclear Weapons Free Zone. The resolution reached the floor and was passed.

The work of the Peace and Justice Unit goes on. With prayer and in faith, we find joy in serving our Lord through an active concern for peace and justice.



Respectfully submitted
Linda Harris

The teenagers of Squamish United Church meet on Sunday mornings with Trevor and Linda Harris. Over a cup of tea, they discuss scripture and how it relates to their life experiences. The youth ministry magazine, Group, and the resource book It's My Life have been used to select activities and discussion topics.

On average 6 -10 are in attendance. On an ad hoc basis, the group also meets on Friday nights. They met at Dr. Stevenson's to view the film the Elephant Man. They have also seen the video especially prepared for Youth by the B.C. Conference.

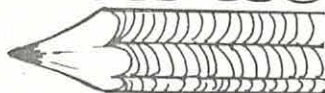
Alison Gear, the Presbytery Youth Representative, has visited our group to discuss her work and activities for young people in the church.

Some of the teens have brought friends along to our Friday meetings, offering an outreach and more fun for all involved.

We have enjoyed our work with this wonderful group of young people.

Trevor and Linda Harris

youth notes



SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1986 AND 1985
(Prepared without Audit)

	<u>1986</u>	<u>1985</u>
<u>INCOME</u>		
For Local Use	32,869.17	36,556.25
M and S	6,484.07	6,214.65
Benevolent Fund	50.00	364.85
Open Offerings	2,930.43	2,682.58
Honorarium	4,200.00	2,330.00
Other Income	8,785.70	5,458.27
	<u>55,319.37</u>	<u>53,606.60</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>		
Pastor's Salary	17,749.96	17,279.06
Car and Book Allowance	2,000.04	1,800.00
Postage and Photocopy	329.87	0.00
Payroll Assessments	2,988.91	3,477.82
Secretarial	2,353.02	1,782.72
Janitorial	1,540.00	1,480.00
Treasurer	800.00	750.00
Insurance	1,745.00	1,765.37
Municipal	939.12	992.03
Heat	3,619.40	5,136.93
Light	1,281.43	1,006.95
Telephone	541.16	619.86
Repairs and Maintenance	950.70	5,417.71
Presbytery	1,763.00	1,425.99
Missions and Service	6,236.67	6,534.79
Observer	473.00	455.00
Seminars and Session	70.00	120.00
Guest Speakers	255.00	375.00
Benevolent Fund	3.75	157.49
Ministerial	100.00	90.00
Outside Charities	122.00	60.00
Stationery and Supplies	2,212.46	2,869.57
Sundries	533.40	290.74
White Gift Sunday	203.60	309.52
Bank Charges	88.15	81.42
Church School	0.00	68.00
Supplies - Janitorial	122.85	0.00
	<u>49,022.49</u>	<u>54,345.97</u>
<u>EXTRAORDINARY ITEMS</u>		
Youth Program Income	0.00	7,571.81
<u>Less: Youth Program Expenses</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>7,601.15</u>
	<u>0.00</u>	<u>(29.34)</u>
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	<u>\$ 6,296.88</u>	<u>(\$ 768.71)</u>

January 28, 1987

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH

	1987 PURPOSED <u>BUDGET</u>
Pastor Salary	17,810.00
Car Allowance	3,200.00
Book Allowance	300.00
Pension - our portion	2,112.72
Wage Assessments - our portion	972.39
Secretarial	2,914.08
Janitor	1,657.50
Treasurer	800.00
Insurance	1,800.00
Municipal Services	1,000.00
Heating	6,200.00
Electricity	1,300.00
Telephone	650.00
Sundries	150.00
Bank Charges	50.00
Mission and Service	7,280.00
Presbytery	1,834.00
Observer	500.00
Seminars and Sessions	500.00
Guest Speakers	300.00
Ministerial Association	100.00
Outside Charities	350.00
Stationery Supplys	3,000.00
Repair and Maintenance - Church, Manse	6,000.00
Repair and Maintenance - Piano, Organ	250.00
Library	100.00
Teens	<u>100.00</u>
	\$61,230.69

Consideration for 1988 Budget

Organist
Continued Education for Minister
Manse Roof
Complete service of piano and organ
3 to 5 year plan (needs and wants of the Church)

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARE - 1986

Once again our congregation helped immensely in this ecumenical project, generously providing foods and money in steady quantities from October to December. Your "giving" spirit is indeed tremendous.

As you probably read in the "Times", total monies raised reached \$22,975.05. Food boxes, grocery vouchers and toys were delivered to 750 adults and children. (255 hampers plus vouchers)

People from our congregation on the committee were:

Mildred Campbell - Treasurer

Lou Rempel - Secretary

Carol Finnie - Food Convenor

Lynette Halvorson - Depot Manager

Chris Burnett - Co-Chairperson

June Halvorson, Jason Brown, Gwen Rattray, Doreen Barr, Rose Tatlow, Bob and Betty Clay - Committee workers.

People from our congregation also helped pack and drive and deliver on the last two days.

LIBRARY REPORT - 1986

THE BAD NEWS:

Our Library stood stagnant, rarely used, throughout 1986. Disappointingly, after the effort of Lou Rempel and Linda Harris extended in 1985, sorting our old books and buying some good new ones, then card-catalogueing them all.

THE GOOD NEWS:

Judy Mitchell has agreed to be Library Covenor for 1987. The plan is to promote one new book per month (an Illaena Rudy idea!) and to this end, \$100.00 has been budgetted.

For devotional, inspirational and "information on issues" reading, we have books that YOU WILL ENJOY! Make 1987 a "church book a month" reading year.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

Chris Burnett