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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.

MINISTER'S REPORT - AGM 2000

As I reflect back over the past year, I am reminded of the words printed weekly in our bulletin: **"Ministers: All present** and Rev. Brenda Faust." I have added the highlights to emphasize that it is the ministry of everyone that is the church. The minister is there to lead, empower, inspire (all that good stuff) but is only one member of the family. All our various gifts and talents pooled together **"united in the bonds of God's love"** make up a healthy vibrant faith community.

This report reflects the abundant generosity and dedication of many caring volunteers. In true stewardship, you have given your time, talent and money towards building up the body of Christ. You have lived out your faith by: mowing grass, preparing food, packing for the food bank, singing and playing instruments (piano, guitars, recorder, flute), repairing the building, shipping food and clothes to First United and Christmas gifts overseas; to giving money for disasters, hosting the African Children's Choir, fundraising, offering special services (Christmas and Easter, Sacred in Arts, alternate services, youth services); and participating in committees, board...

All has not been work. We have taken the time and care to nurture our souls through worship, prayer, small group faith sharing, theological reflection, singing, eating and playing together.

We have lovingly, with tears of compassion, embraced one another and supported each other in sickness and death.

We have reached out to the world through participating in Jubilee 2000, using Fair Trade Coffee, adding our signatures to those presented to the G7 talks in Germany requesting elimination of Third World Debt.

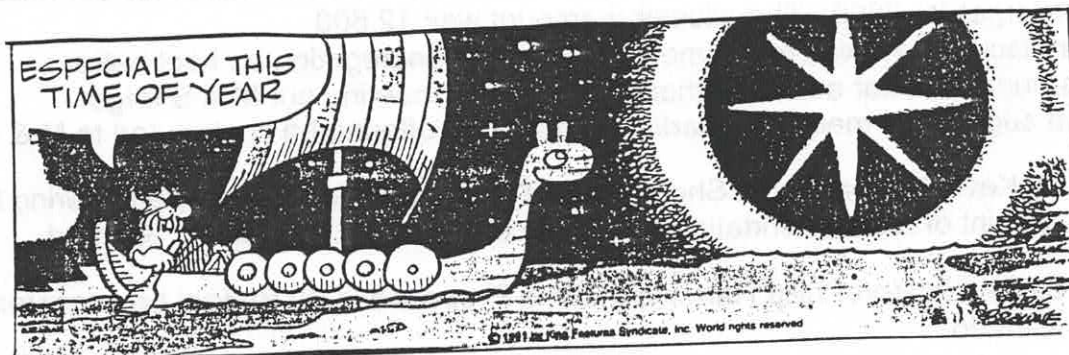
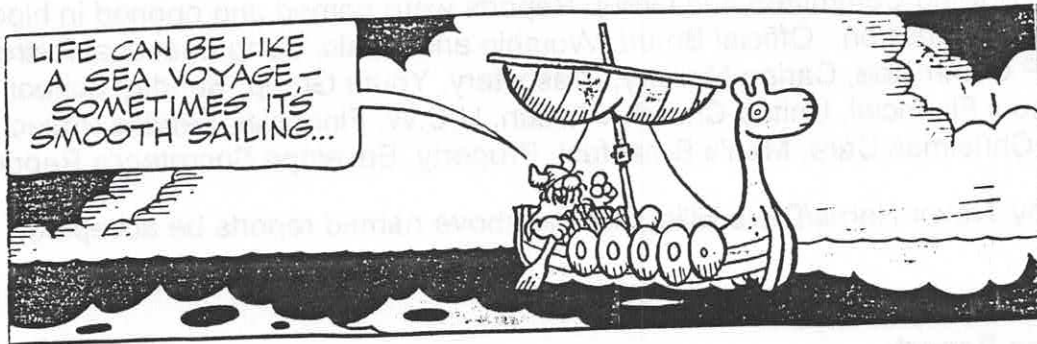
We have been written up in the *Observer* for our Fair Trade coffee and have been recognized in both *Mandate* and the *Cdn. Ecumenical Jubilee Initiative* for taking the Jubilee pledge. We have opened the doors to accepting responsibility for being accountable to Christ's teachings within the context of the global family.

Last, but certainly not least we have dared to dream about the future of our mission and ministry. Your Board has worked hard on your behalf to guide our church faithfully into the 21st century. As in any family, it has not been without its frustrations and trials. We have listened, debated, prayed; shared our dreams, our fears, and our desires, while being open to the grace of God in each other. We dream a future and place for youth in the church we dream of updating the facilities, we dream of more focus on community building.

What a year 2000 has been!

As a new year begins may each of you be blessed for all you do and have done. May our Board be blessed with wisdom and faithful leaders of vision and insight. May our family at Squamish United Church continue to be held in the "bonds of God's love." And, may each one of us, regardless of gender, age, or ability find this a place to be nurtured, inspired, challenged. May each one of you let your light shine as you share your gifts of ministry at Squamish United Church.

Blessings,
Brenda



MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2000

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Squamish United Church was held during the Worship Service on Sunday, January 30, 2000

The Chairperson, Syd Pudney, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

M/S by Kevin Haberl/Wilf Grolman that all present be given voting privileges. Carried.

M/S by Peter Gordon/Gill Hotston that the minutes of the 1999 Annual Congregational Meeting be adopted. Carried.

1999 Committee and Group Reports:

The following Committee and Group Reports were named and opened in block for questions and discussion: Official Board, Worship and Music, Congregational Retreat, Choir, M & P Committee, Caring Ministry, Presbytery, Youth Group, Sunday School, Sunday School Financial, United Church Women, U.C.W. Financial, Service Projects, Community Christmas Care, Men's Breakfast, Property, Envelope Secretary's Report.

M/S by Trevor Harris/Dave Elliot that the above-named reports be accepted. Carried.

1999 Finance Report:

Bert lonson presented the Financial Reports.

M/S by Bert lonson/Philip Harness that the Financial Reports be accepted. Carried.

Proposed 2000 Budget:

The Proposed 2000 Budget was presented by Bert lonson.

Due to the fact that we have failed to meet our M & S target for the past 2 years the Board has recommended that we accept a reduced amount of 10,600 as our Mission and Service target for 2000. The allocated amount was 12,600.

After discussion it was recommended that the congregation be kept better informed through the year as to whether or not we are meeting our M & S target. There was a suggestion made that part/all of our open offering be contributed to M & S.

M/S by Kevin Haberl/Muriel Shephard that the suggestion about open offering be considered a point of recommendation and taken to Board for discussion. Carried.

M/S by Bert lonson/Philip Harness that the Proposed 2000 Budget be accepted as presented. Carried.

Nominating Committee Report:

Kevin Haberl presented the following slate of Chairs, Officers and Committee Members for 2000.

Executive: Chair: Trevor Harris, Vice Chair: David Elliot, Treasurer: Philip Harness, Secretary: Retta Behrner.

Worship Committee: Chair: Carol Grolman. Members: Lynette Halvorson, Muriel Shephard, Philip Harness, David Elliot, Christine Tribe, Patsy Riecker, Vicki Haberl.

Finance Committee: Chair: Philip Harness. Members: Kevin Haberl, Wilf Grolman, Sue Puchmayr.

Ministry and Personnel: Chair: Ian Kent, Members: Grace Halvorson, Rainer Schwarz, Mary Larcombe

Property Committee: Chair: Wilf Grolman. Members: Burt Minshall, Bill Rempel, Norm Halvorson, Jill Gould, Mike Smith, Gerald Mee

Caring Ministry: Chair: Carol Ann Eppele, Members: Maureen Gilmour, David Elliot, Irene Vickers.

Members at Large: Pat Pawlett, Laurie McRae, Heather Gigliotti, Peter Gordon

Presbytery Representative: Wendy Sellers

United Church Women: Patsy Riecker

Men's Group: Rob Wotherspoon.

Sunday School Coordinator: Vicki Haberl.

M/S by Trevor Harris/Wilf Grolman that the slate of officers presented by the Nominating Committee be accepted, with the power to add any additional members. Carried.

Votes of Thanks:

Votes of thanks were extended to Brenda Faust and Claire Bowers for their Ministry with us and also to Ian Brown, the Choir and the Organists for their Ministry of Music.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH BOARD

Squamish United Church Board is comprised of 17 members: the president, past president, vice-president, church secretary, the minister, four members at large and committee chairs. Our first meeting after last February's Annual General Meeting was held on March 13, 2000. Subsequent meetings were held on the second Wednesday of each month as follows: April 11, May 10, June 13, Sept. 15, Oct. 12, Nov. 12, Dec. 11 and Jan. 17, 2001. Average attendance was twelve members with the September meeting being our record high with 15 in attendance. Much of the major work in the life of the congregation is accomplished through the various committees of the Board and will be elaborated in their reports. Some Board highlights:

- Farewells for Syd and Shirley Pudney – June 4, 2000 and Dave Doubek and Jill Gould on Jan. 7, 2001.
- Staff/Board Planning Day held Saturday Sept. 16, 2000. During this planning event a church calendar was developed to ensure that all events are properly coordinated. The calendar is mounted at the rear of the church near the kitchen wall and Committee Chairs are reminded to post upcoming events on the calendar to ensure effective communication. As well, goals were developed with accompanying timelines and responsibilities in the following areas; Outreach, Worship, Community and Facilities. These goals will be brought forward to our March meeting to assess our progress to date.
- Congregational Retreat proposed for Feb. 9 and 10, 2001 at the Squamish Easter Seal Camp.
- Photo Directory – Pictures were taken in October, distributed to families and individuals in November with the photo directory for the church anticipated very soon.
- Renovation 2000 Project on transforming congregations was held on Sat. Oct. 18 at St. Andrews Wesley in Vancouver with two of our Board Members in attendance. Emphasis in the workshop was on growth and nurturing of the congregation rather than on the physical plant. A follow-up session is planned for February 2001 and it is anticipated that we will have representation from the board.

- Facilities Planning Committee established at the November meeting with Peter Gordon appointed as chair with the power to add two or more members. Purpose of the committee is to develop a process that will assist in short term and long term planning for church facilities.

Perhaps the most important function of the Board is in maintaining effective communication amongst the various committees of the congregation. This function has been achieved with varying degrees of success throughout the year and it's an area where we want to improve. Aside from the annual congregational meeting, the Board meeting is the one forum that serves to coordinate the various activities and responsibilities of the individual committees. It is essential that communication be two-way: from the Board to the congregation and from the committees to the Board. Committee chairs, as members of the Board, play a vital role in communication between their committees and the Board and ultimately to the congregation. In submitting this report I would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of the individual board members who have served this congregation through participation on individual committees as well as serving as a member of the Board.

Respectfully submitted by,

Trevor Harris, Chair

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Members of Worship Committee:

Carol Grolman (Chair), Lynette Halvorson (Board Rep.), Muriel Shephard, Christine Tribe, Philip Harness, Dave Elliot, Patsy Riecker, Vicki Haberl.

If you enjoy lively discussion and brainstorming creative ideas for worship, then this is the committee to take part in! We are here to support Brenda in service planning and preparation, with ideas and practical hands-on assistance.

Last year at this time, the discussion centered around including the AGM during the service. This was very new to all of us and required a lot of thought and careful deliberation. In the end, we decided to go for it. Feedback ranged from "Wow! I never realized how much goes on behind the scenes. I'm really glad we did this." to "Business has no part in worship - it ruins the ambiance."

A sub-committee got together to discuss and plan JAM 45, (Joyful Alternate Moments), a monthly evening worship service to provide a less formal approach to worship and at a time when families otherwise involved on Sunday mornings would have the chance to attend church. Attendance has been small, 16 or fewer, but those who have come feel it is a meaningful contribution to our Church life. At this time, leadership is changing, so we wait to see where this idea will be heading in 2001.

On March 5, we held an intergenerational Jubilee service which included Communion and was followed with a "Stone Soup Lunch", which proved that when people share, a lot can be accomplished with, seemingly, nothing.

In April we celebrated Palm Sunday with a "palm" waving procession by the young and young-at-heart. Those who attended the Maundy Thursday Seder Supper and Foot Washing found it reflective and meaningful, and set the tone for Good Friday Service.

The Good Friday Service, usually held at 11:00 a.m. was moved to 7:00 p.m. The dark atmosphere allowed for setting a more somber mood. Some said they missed the early service, as it stayed with them throughout the day. Those who had attended the Thursday evening said the mood stayed with them all day Friday.

Easter Sunday morning, Brenda conducted a Sunrise Service in the estuary. It was a drizzly morning, but right on cue, the sun broke through a cloud and warmed us all in body and spirit! This was followed by Easter breakfast, prepared by Lou and Bill Rempel. By 10:00 a.m. we were ready to celebrate with a Joyous Service! Christ is Risen! Allelujah!

Four young people were confirmed in June. For several weeks leading up to Confirmation, Erica Stevenson, Kyle Stainton, Joe Eppele, and Ryan Pedersen were teamed up with mentors Carol Grolman, Dave Elliot, Walter Huber, and Christine Tribe. They spent time together, discussing church life and what faith means, often in couples and sometimes as a group. Brenda also held classes for them, and they attended many group meetings to get a taste of what their church is all about. A very successful program!

On June 4, Rev. Ruth Wright from First United spoke of the sorrows and the joys of serving in Vancouver's Downtown East Side. Also in June, Bibles were presented to our Grads: Dana Ionsen, Crystal Caldwell and Christopher Kent.

In September, Carol began a Pre-service Hymn Sing, designed partly to sing favorites, but also to introduce some of the many beautiful unknown hymns in Voices United. It is also a time to prepare the congregation for sung responses that occur later in the service. The response to this was overwhelmingly in favour.

In October, we celebrated World Wide Communion and Thanksgiving.

In November, we celebrated All Saints Day with Communion and prayers for those loved ones who have gone before us. On November 19, many families participated in Children's Sabbath.

The four Sundays of December each focused on a different theme for Advent. Communion was held on Advent 2. Because December 24 fell on a Sunday this year, we held three services at 10:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m. During the first two services, we were blessed with a special play, *Christmas Time*, presented by the Sunday School and the Choir. This special offering starred Michael Mee and his Dad, Gerry. Many thanks to those two and Ian Brown and Vicki Haberl, Phil Harness and everyone else involved.

In retrospect, it's been another involved year at Squamish United Church. Worship Committee members are pleased to serve. Thanks for all the ideas and feedback from members of the congregation. WE ARE THE CHURCH! THANKS BE TO GOD!

Respectfully submitted

Carol Grolman

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH CHOIR

The year 2000 was a year filled with anticipation, challenge, excitement and joy!

We began with a challenge. Two of our long-term, faithful choir members would be leaving Squamish to move to Barriere, and Arlene Smith asked for a break from her position as accompanist. The prospect of losing half of our tenor section and our principal accompanist was not pleasing. Reaction? We needed to tackle that long-anticipated project, to record a CD, before they left! Our choir members responded with enthusiasm and a date was set for May. The Eagle Eye Theatre was booked and Brian Marchant generously volunteered to be our recording engineer. The recording session was a success and we were able to put down 12 tracks, but due to technical difficulties, it was decided that we would need another recording session to complete the process, sometime after the summer break. The choir sang anthems almost every week in the New Year and found a special place for many moving selections for the Lent and Easter season.

September arrived without Syd and Arlene, and without the choir director. Howe Sound Players had taken on the major challenge of producing the Broadway musical, Camelot. Ian Brown, and Evelyn Dawson were in the production. The commitment was considerable and, in the last minute, Ian asked for a temporary leave from his choir director's role - great thanks go out to former director, Marilyn Caldwell, for stepping in through September and early October. A new recruit to the choir, Louise Martin, filled Syd's position in the tenor section, but we were unable to find a new accompanist. Thanks to Carol Grolman who has added this responsibility to her already rather full plate.

The choir remained relatively unchanged in the New Year and we thank sopranos: Jennie Anderson, Irene Bryant, Ella Erickson, Denise Evans, Carolyn Grass, Grace Halvorson, Val John-Orchison, Judi Rhodes and Sue Timms; altos: Evelyn Dawson, Carol Grolman, Billie Hildering, Sue Puchmayr and Christine Tribe; tenors: Trevor Harris and Louise Martin; and basses: Maurice Carlson, Graeme Galloway, Peter Gordon, Phil Harness, Norm Saugstad and Roy Shephard, for their inspirational service, commitment and musicality - now resplendent in their new choir stoles, created by Sue Puchmayr.

We look forward to our 2001 odyssey, completing the recording this spring, continuing to provide musical leadership and ministry in our church, and always appreciating the support we receive from this wonderful congregation.

Respectfully yours,
Ian Brown, choir director.

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 summer replacements for our organist and minister. We meet and report quarterly to our Church Board. Members of the M & P Committee this past year were Rainer Schwarz, Mary Larcombe, Grace Halvorson and Ian Kent.

We feel very fortunate to have had the services this past year of Retta Behrner, secretary, Elisabeth Galbavy, custodian and Brenda Faust, as our minister. It continues to be a pleasure to work with these three ladies.

However, this past year has also been one of change in other areas of our personnel. After many, many years of playing the organ for our services, Joanna Schwarz is taking a well-deserved rest. We have all enjoyed and appreciated her vast musical talents. Fortunately, Carol Grolman has kindly taken over this position. Marilyn and Gary Caldwell have stepped down from coordinating the Youth Group. As we have had a tough time finding someone willing to replace them, the Church Board is currently looking at alternate solutions. As well, Arlene Smith, our Choir accompanist, stepped down and we are still in the process of trying to find a replacement.

After many years of Chairing the M & P Committee, Grace Halvorson has decided to step down and concentrate on other aspects of the church. A big thank you Grace for all you have done for the Ministry and Personnel Committee. You will be missed.

Respectfully submitted by,
Ian Kent, Chair

CARING MINISTRY REPORT

The Caring Ministry has been fairly quiet this year with respect to meetings. This was due mainly to personal commitments and to the low number of members.

However, even with this, we did manage to visit or contact a number of people whom had experienced loss or illness. We continued to work under the idea that the role of the Caring Ministry is to let people in the congregation who are going through times of trouble or times of joy know that their spiritual family is keeping them in their prayers. To this end we want everyone to know that we depend on their help to inform us of anyone they are aware of who might be in need of a call or card. We know that this does not replace the visits of personal friends nor the aid of the Men's and Women's group when extra help is required.

It is our hope that in the new church year we will be able to hold more meetings and to increase the size of our group. Those of us who have had the opportunity to make a call or visit have come to realize that the comradeship and feeling of belonging that develops is certainly two sided. This is definitely part of our Christian Call.

Submitted by,
Carol Ann Eppele

VANCOUVER BURRARD PRESBYTERY

The United Church of Canada presently operates within a four court system. Which starts with a "pastoral charge", consisting of an individual church with it's board of directors, followed by Presbytery which consists of a group of "pastoral charges". The groupings for Presbytery have been constructed on a geographical basis. Our church belongs to Vancouver Burrard Presbytery. The next level is B.C. Conference which consists of all the Presbyteries throughout the province, the final court is General Council where representatives from each of the Conferences across Canada come together.

Presbytery consists of one "lay" and one "ordered" and on "youth" representative from each pastoral charge. It meets seven times a year from September to June. The purpose being to do the work associated with the running of the regional church which is carried out through various committees. The Rev. Faust oversees "Education and Students" where it appears she has been kept very busy. Gillian Bullen our Youth rep finished in June and at present we are without a Youth Representative. Myself, I have spent the last year learning how the church operates from the local level up to the national level.

Once every two years all Presbytery representatives both lay and ordered come together at B.C. Conference's General Meeting. B.C. Conference 2000, held it's 74th General Meeting May 11-14, 2000 in Esquimalt, B.C. The Rev. Faust, myself and Jaslyn Haberl were able to attend. The conference theme was "Displaced & Abundant", and through the four days there were many theological discussions surrounding the theme. Jaslyn participated in the children's conference joining the adults for different events.

All Petitions and Resolutions that have come through Presbytery with concurrence or non-concurrence are presented at Conference. If a Petition is directed to Conference they make a decision (by motion) to reject, accept and act on, or refer (usually for study). If the Petition is directed to the General Council, Conference has two decisions to make (1) to transmit to the General Council, (2) with Concurrence or Non-concurrence. The Petitions were as follows:

- Petition 37-02 to B.C. Conference. Call to Address the Child Poverty Issues. Concurrence
- Petition 37-03 to 37th General Council. Expansion of the Interfaith Dialogue between the Sikh and Christian Communities. Concurrence.
- Petition 37-04 to 37th General Council. Changing Church Polity. Non-concurrence. Motion to transmit opposed.
- Petition 37-05 to 37th General Council. Compensation for Order of Ministry Personnel when the Pastoral Relationship is Terminated Without Cause. Concurrence, with recommendations regarding legal convenantal nature.

- Petition 37-06 to 37th General Council. Proposed Cap on Ministry Personnel Housing Deduction. Concurrence.
- Petition 37-07 to 37th General Council. Retention of a National Gathering of Elected Representatives from the Women of the United Church. Concurrence.
- Petition 37-08 to 37th General Council. Timeline for Task Group on Women in the United Church Report Implementation. Concurrence.
- Petition 37-09 to 37th General Council. Appointment of President - National Consultation of Women of the United Church as Commissioner to General Council. Concurrence.
- Petition 37-10 to 37th General Council. Church Sponsorship for New Immigrants. Concurrence.
- Petition 37-11 to 37th General Council. Human Sexuality Affirmation Petition. Concurrence.
- Petition 37-12 to 37th General Council. Anti-Racism. Concurrence.
- Petition 37-13 to 37th General Council. Residential Schools Issue. Non-concurrence. Motion to transmit opposed. Petition 37-13 received Concurrence with a recommended addition.
- Petition 37-14 to 37th General Council. Concepts behind the 20 Articles of Faith. Concurrence.
- Petition 37-15 to 37th General Council. Standardized Church Ads in Telephone Directories. Concurrence.

A Resolution is the means by which Conference makes a decision to pursue a given action or policy. The Resolutions were as follows:

- Resolution #BC-74-01 - Representation of the United Church Women Executive on the B.C. Conference Executive of the United Church. Non-Concurrence.
- Resolution #BC-74-02 - Matthew's Legacy. Concurrence.
- Resolution #BC-74-03 - Recognition of Gay Rights Awareness Week. With deletions, changing Resolution to Stop bullying and discrimination. Concurrence.

At B.C. Conference we had the opportunity to listen to two people from the First Nations Residential Schools, talk about their journey's towards healing which was covering three generations. Their stories while holding so much tragedy, also held so much hope and promise.

The United Church is presently starting to do some re-structuring. A recommendation was sent to the 37th General Council which met in August that the Church move from an organization and decision making structure of a four-court model to a "three council model" with a "pastoral council, regional council and general council". It is hoped this will come to remit by August 2003, and then by summer 2005 all Regional and Pastoral Councils would be in place and operational and that adjustments would be completed at the General Council Office. Some of the features of the new proposed structure would include:

- approximately 40 councils, in place of 13 conferences and 94 presbyteries.
- congregations (local councils) to meet, work and worship in clusters.
- needs assessment and search processes will be conducted solely by pastoral councils.
- elimination of conference and presbytery staff, a modest reduction of staff in General Council offices. Each regional council would have three full time equivalent staff.

In B.C. Conference it is presently proposed we have three regional councils. Squamish would be in B.C. South which would include 88 pastoral charges with 17,570 church members.

Moving towards this re-structuring Vancouver Burrard Presbytery has partnered it's pastoral charges into clusters of three or four churches. We are in a cluster with North Lonsdale, St. Andrew's and Sechelt. The Pastoral Oversight system is to be included in the partnering with the churches being responsible for each other's "Needs Assessment".

Thank you for the opportunity of being a representative of the Squamish United Church.

Respectfully submitted by,

Wendy Sellers

2000 SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Sunday School maintains modest success in reaching the younger half of our congregation's youth. Attendance is stable but low at approximately 15 children per week.

We continue to use the *Whole People of God* Sunday School curriculum. Consideration will be given to switching to a new curriculum next fall.

From January to June there were 4 classes offered. A roster of teachers taught 7 units to Beginner, Primary and Junior. A variety of older teens worked with the pre-school children, doing songs, games and crafts. However, pre-school attendance was so low that this was discontinued in September, and only three classes are currently being offered.

A Sunday School Picnic was held in June. It was planned for Alice Lake but due to threatening weather we stayed at the church. But when the weather cooperated at the last minute, we were able to hold the races and games outside on the annex lawn.

The popular trading cards were discontinued in the fall session due to the labour intensive nature of producing them. Volunteers are needed to assist with other methods of keeping the children's interest. Attendance incentives will not solve the attendance problem, but will encourage those who do attend on a regular basis to continue to do so.

The candle lighting tradition continues to be of interest, with different children lighting the worship candles each week. This was expanded during Advent, to include family units in the candle lighting and the Call to Worship. This approach will be used for other special occasions.

The annual Advent Celebration was held again this year. Creating a decoration for the church advent tree replaced the traditional clay figures. Children also made advent wreaths to take home. Older youth made a wooden Star of David. Lunch was provided, and it was a very enjoyable congregational event.

The final event of the year was a wonderful Christmas Musical, *Christmas Time*. Michael Mee and Gerald Mee played the lead roles, with the Sunday School children as the rest of the cast. The dedicated assistance of Ian Brown and the choir providing the musical

accompaniment made this a very special production. This report provides an opportunity to say thank you to the many people who offer so much time and energy to make the Sunday School a rewarding experience for our children. It also is a time to remind the congregation as a whole to consider the future of the Sunday School. This year we saw the unraveling of our Youth Group. If parents don't make a diligent commitment to bringing their children to Sunday School, and to making Sunday School a meaningful experience, we are in danger of losing it. That would be a most unfortunate result for the children and the entire congregation

Submitted by Vicki Haberl
Sunday School Coordinator

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Bank balance January 1, 2000		402.64
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Sunday School Offering	<u>275.55</u>	678.19
<u>Expenses:</u>		
S. S. Curriculum	402.09	
Supplies	<u>83.20</u>	[485.29]
Bank balance December 31, 1999		192.90

Submitted by Patsy Riecker
Sunday School Treasurer

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The U.C.W. continues to have 3 active Units with fairly consistent membership but would extend a warm welcome to any women of the congregation to join us for fellowship, friendship, service and spiritual growth.

The units meet each month as follows:

Harmony on the 2nd Thursday.

McKenzie on the 1st Monday.

Bethany on the 2nd Tuesday.

In January, we hosted a Friendship evening with Constance Rulka as guest speaker. During the evening we honoured Life Member, Helen Bachuk and long time U.C.W. supporters Lou Rempel, Lynette Halvorson and Retta Behrner by presenting them with flowers.

The McKenzie Unit sponsored the Plant & Garage Sale in May and had the most successful Regal Catalogue sales ever. The Bethany Unit continued their successful biannual Chicken Sales and Entertainment Book Sales. They gave a farewell dinner for Janet Douglas and helped plan the farewell for the Pudneys'. They also catered in December a 50th Birthday Lunch and the Advent Celebration.

All units took turns hosting after church coffee hours, the catering and working on the dinner for the African Children's Choir, Hilltop Harvest Tea, Christmas Shoe Boxes, Healing Service, Church Retreat, Community Christmas Care and 3 funerals of long time members in February and 2 in December.

December was an extremely busy month, so I especially thank members for their willing help on short notice during a stressful time.

Nancy Hutchinson left a legacy to the U.C.W. and we are preparing to buy a much needed new fridge for the church kitchen. We feel sure Nancy would be happy with the decision.

I thank the Executive who met 4 times this year, plus members who worked very hard throughout the year for the well being of our church and also for the friendship of doing this together.

Respectfully submitted by,
Patsy Riecker
President, U.C.W. Executive

U.C.W. FINANCIAL REPORT

\$ 238.83

January 1, 2000 Opening Balance

Income:

Units	
Plant Sale	1,680.00
Chicken Sales	15,607.82
(profit \$2,286.14)	
Regal Sales	1,450.11
Calendars	309.00
Carol's Carols	208.35
Coffee hour	443.92
Misc. (donation)	1,000.00
Catering	<u>950.00</u>
	21,649.20

Expenses:

Friendship Night	109.21
Mission & Service Fund	1,000.00
U.C.W. Projects Fund	500.00
Squamish United General Fund	3,000.00
Chicken Costs	13,421.68
Kitchen Petty Cash	200.00
Fair Trade Coffee	95.59
Pudney's Goodbye gift	40.00
Calendars	<u>289.23</u>
	[18,655.71]

\$3,232.32

December 31, 2000 closing balance

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The Men's Breakfast group met on nine Saturdays in 2000. Average attendance per meeting was about fifteen. While the group is always open to new members, there are currently about 30 members listed on the phone list for the group.

The Men's Breakfast Group continued to operate on a fairly informal basis providing an opportunity for fellowship for members. At each breakfast one of the members presents a theme which is then opened for discussion. Most of the topics include strong spiritual or personal growth elements.

While not operating as a service-oriented group, the Men's Breakfast continued to provide some service functions for the Church in 2000. For instance, members of the group participated in Manse renovation work, landscaping, painting and maintenance work at the Church and setting up for functions at the church.

Submitted by
Rob Wotherspoon, Coordinator

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

It is the mandate of this committee to ensure the maintenance and effective use of the three buildings and two properties of Squamish United Church. To that end, our highly effective and almost completely voluntary efforts try to maximize the use of moneys from our Building Fund.

Year 2000 saw continued efforts to complete the "Enhance the Manse" project. After little maintenance work at the manse during Claire and Tom's years there, much needed doing before Brenda moved in and has continued while she is living there. Plumbing upgrades and driveway improvements have been completed. A final decision to NOT install a basement heating loop was agreed to. The costs simply couldn't justify the benefit. The manse by its very nature, is poorly insulated and despite a switch to a more efficient propane heating system last year, has become a very expensive proposition in view of rapidly rising propane costs. We can only hope for some relief in that area soon.

Also, in an effort to lighten and brighten living conditions in the manse, significant upgrades have occurred throughout the living area. A new clear glass window beside the front door allows more light into the hallway. Many trees were felled and/or trimmed to create greater sunlight penetration. Lastly, ceiling and wall gyproc application has added colour as well as light reflective capability to the living room and dining room. We hope Brenda will be happy and secure there for many years to come.

Our annex received attention this past year in the form of a new choir gown locker in the foyer area, which has eased traffic in the church kitchen. Church school rooms all received large bulletin boards for displays, etc. Also, both emergency exits landings and stairs have been replaced.

The church building itself had only minor upgrades. The general office received new thermal windows for better heat deflection during hot days. There have been electrical improvements, as well as washroom and paint cosmetics.

There is much effort that goes into the maintenance of our buildings - likely far more than you would expect. For that effort, I give thanks to all who "pitch-in" when required, especially the committee members. It is always rewarding to serve our church and congregation. However, the more volunteers who can help in any capacity the greater the effectiveness and willingness of your committee.

Generally, our buildings are in sound condition, if a little inadequate in terms of size and the needs required of them by an evolving congregation. We, as your Building and Property Committee strive to keep them as well maintained and useable as we can, given the parameters. It is a privilege to serve.

Respectfully submitted by
Wilf Grolman, Property Chair

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 congregation. This shall include congregational outreach and social justice."*

The M & S Committee consists of Laurie McRae and myself. Instead of forming a committee with a number of people we have tried instead to get people to rally round and participate in time limited projects. Cashing in on the congregations passions and talents.

Over the past year we have become a Jubilee Community working towards educating ourselves as a congregation to the social issues of our time. We participated along with other United Churches across Canada in letter writing campaigns to our Federal Government on debt cancellation for poor countries and urging them to address the National homeless issue. Our congregation is very active locally working on outreach projects such as, Christmas Care, packing food for the food bank, working in the soup kitchen, participating in the breakfast program at schools, and sitting on various boards within the community, to name only a few. Mission and Service participated in outreach at the annual local trade fair, by having a booth and drawing attention to fair trade, specifically fair trade coffee. Our presence was well received and led to further community outreach when Sea to Sky Community Services in partnership with Squamish United Church invited the community to "Community Living Day Celebration" held at the church.

By staying in touch with the church on a National level (thank heavens for the Internet and e-mail) we have been able to see just how our Mission and Service donations are currently being utilized, in times of crisis and then in the long term.

Through White Gift Offerings and other gifts our monetary donation to First United Mission totaled \$1,423.95, higher than ever before (all this without effecting our regular weekly offering.) Well done! ☺

It was decided to reduce our Mission and Service allocation for 2000 from the suggested target of \$12,400 to a target of \$10,600. We reached that goal, and more, by bringing in \$11,395.74. And I say again, well done! ☺

The projects on the go for this year are:

- ◆ In February being active in Ten Days for Global Justice and our Jubilee Initiative.

- ◆ In May participating in the Squamish Trade Fair.
- ◆ Start the ground work for "Twinning" with a church abroad.
- ◆ Start the ground work for a "Face to Face" which is to bring a person over for a visit from the church we have twinned with (paid for by the national church.)

I would like to thank all those who brought their time and talents to make Mission and Service in the year 2000 a GREAT SUCCESS. We have appreciated your feedback and constructive ideas. Both Laurie and I have found the past year to be challenging, educational, rewarding and of course fun with lots of laughs. And we look forward to sharing in another great year.

Respectfully submitted by
Wendy Sellers

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Another successful year has passed for Squamish United Church. Congratulations to everyone for working hard to carry our finances into the year 2001 in the black.

We started into the new year with a positive bank balance of more than \$7,000. Our expenses totaled \$97,720.63. We carried over into the new year in excess of \$11,000 in the General Account. These figures coupled with the Building and Benevolent Funds will help us to make a solid start to 2001.

Our Mission and Service Goal this year was exceeded, and we ended up contributing \$11,395.74 which has started a new pattern for us in meeting our goal. This target was set at the Annual General Meeting of the congregation. We will be given the opportunity again this year to set a new target.

The Finance Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank the individual contributors, and the various organizations within the church for their fund raising efforts.

Respectfully submitted by
Philip Harness, Chair

Committee Members:

Wilf Grolman
Kevin Haberl
Sue Puchmayr

COMPARISON OF 2000 BUDGET VERSUS ACTUAL EXPENDITURES SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT

<u>Category:</u>	<u>Budgeted:</u>	<u>Actual:</u>
Remuneration	51,980.00	52,069.23
Extended Education	1,500.00	1,476.00
Worker's Compensation	160.00	165.70
Service Contracts	4,616.00	4,507.00
Insurance	2,300.00	2,483.00
Municipal Services	2,300.00	2,253.10
Heating Fuel	6,000.00	6,242.56
Electricity	2,000.00	1,487.75
Telephone/Internet	2,200.00	1,946.50
Security System	900.00	679.88
Copier Lease/Service	1,600.00	1,776.23
Maintenance	1,000.00	498.51
Manse TV		141.01
Sundries	800.00	55.54
Capital Acquisitions	500.00	
Bank Costs		126.79
Mission & Service	10,600.00	11,395.74
Special Appeals		1,423.95
Presbytery	2,860.00	2,860.60
Presbytery Dinners		32.00
Observer	360.00	336.00
Seminars	700.00	700.65
Guest Speakers	800.00	330.40
Caring Ministry	300.00	555.93
Church & Office Supplies	2,200.00	2,308.82
Advertising		337.22
Vancouver School of Theology	200.00	200.00
Christian Education	500.00	566.14
Music	1,100.00	285.59
Youth Group	300.00	
Confirmation Class		22.86
Congregational Retreat		400.00
Advent Celebration Lunch Expense		56.53
TOTAL:	97,776.00	97,720.63

RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,2000 SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT

A. LOCAL RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS:

By envelope & P.A.R.	62,017.42
Open offering	4,995.60
Gifts & donations	7,916.38
U.C.W. donation	3,000.00
Fund Raising (Auction, Fall Dinner)	5,501.41
G.S.T. Rebates (1998 & 1999)	1,551.26
Observer	199.00
Annex & Church honorariums	3,175.00
Miscellaneous Credits	15.63
Manse Fuel Installments	400.00

B. MISSION AND SERVICE:

By envelope & P.A.R.	10,099.29
U.C.W. donations	1,000.00
Other (Lenten Calendars, Mozambique)	296.45
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Credited M & S	11,395.74
Special Appeals	
First United Church Mission	1,423.95
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Total for missions	12,819.69

C. TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS:

101,591.39

EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2000

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT

EXPENSES:

1. Salaries & Related expenses	52,069.23
2. Extended Education	1,476.00
3. Worker's Compensation	165.70
4. Service Contracts (Organists & Janitorial, Lawn Care)	4,507.00
5. Insurance	2,483.00
6. Municipal Services	2,253.10
7. Heating Fuels	6,242.56
8. Electricity	1,487.75
9. Telephones & Inter-net	1,946.50
10. Maintenance	498.51
11. Security (Church & Manse)	679.88
12. Manse T.V.	141.01
13. Sundries	55.54
14. Bank Costs (Night Deposit, Custom Cheques)	126.79
15. Mission & Service	11,395.74
16. First United Church Donations	290.00
17. White Gift Appeal (First United Church)	1,133.95
18. Presbytery Allocation	2,860.00
19. Presbytery Dinners	32.00
20. Observer	336.00
21. Seminars & Session	700.65
22. Guest Speakers	330.40
23. Caring Ministry	555.93
24. Church & Office Supplies	2,308.82
25. Duplicator Lease & Service	1,776.23
26. Advertising	337.22
27. Music	285.59
28. Christian Education	566.14
29. Congregational Retreat Deposit	400.00
30. Confirmation Class	22.86
31. Vancouver School of Theology	200.00
32. Advent Celebration Lunch Expenses	56.53

TOTAL:

97,720.63

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH
YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT (unaudited)
DECEMBER 31, 2000

A. General Operating Account: (Royal Bank)

Carry over from 1999	7,972.94
2000 Receipts	101,591.39
2000 Expenses	[97,720.63]
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Carry over into 2001	11,843.70

B. Benevolent Fund Account:

Carry over from 1999	1,051.27
Receipts for 2000	335.00
Expenses for 2000	[563.51]
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Carry over into 2001	822.76

D. Building Fund Account: (Nova Scotia)

Carry over from 1998	7,413.75
Receipts for 1999	4,069.50
Gift for Manse Improvements	500.00
Capital Gifts (vacuum cleaner)	307.79
Interest	18.66
Capital Additions (fax machine)	[421.78]
(vacuum cleaner)	[307.79]
(lawn mower)	[307.80]
Home Depot (office improvements)	[185.34]
Hal Tribe (choir cupboard in annex)	[357.69]
Mountain Building Centres (work at manse, annex & office windows)	[2,013.74]
Speedy Auto Glass (manse windows)	[219.14]
Valley Hardware (paint, etc.)	[259.55]
Hoffman Plumbing & Heating (manse)	[157.82]
Mt Seymour Plumbing & Heating (manse)	[53.50]
Gerald Mee (work at manse)	[200.00]
Land Luggers (driveway at manse)	[579.97]
Service Charges	[13.60]
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Carry over into 2000	7,231.98

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
Envelope and P.A.R. contributors	93	88	82
Bank Check off users	1	-	-
Contributors by yearly donation	7	6	6
TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS	101	94	88
Contributors to M & S Fund	56	53	50
Special Fund Contributors	66	43	48

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

	<u>Number of givers in:</u>		
	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>
1.00 - 100.00.....	12	9	9
101.00 - 200.00.....	12	14	11
201.00 - 300.00.....	8	7	5
301.00 - 400.00.....	6	8	6
401.00 - 500.00.....	8	4	6
501.00 - 600.00.....	4	3	6
601.00 - 700.00.....	8	8	4
701.00 - 800.00.....	5	3	4
801.00 - 900.00.....	4	3	3
901.00 - 1000.00.....	3	2	3
1001.00 - 1100.00.....	4	5	2
1101.00 - 1200.00.....	5	6	3
1201.00 - 1300.00.....	3	3	5
1301.00 - 1400.00.....	1	1	2
1401.00 - 1500.00.....	1	3	2
1501.00 - 1600.00.....	6	4	2
1601.00 - 1700.00.....	-	-	3
1701.00 - 1800.00.....	1	3	2
1801.00 - 1900.00.....	-	1	2
1901.00 - 2000.00.....	1	1	-
2001.00 - 2100.00.....	2	-	-
2101.00 - 2200.00.....	-	-	2
2201.00 - 2300.00.....	1	-	-
2301.00 - 2400.00.....	1	1	1
2401.00 - 3000.00.....	1	-	-

3001.00 - 3100.00.....	-	1	-
3101.00 - 3200.00.....	-	1	1
3201.00 - 3300.00.....	2	1	2
3401.00 - 3500.00.....	1	-	-
3801.00 - 3900.00.....	-	1	-
3901.00 - 4000.00.....	1	-	1
5601.00 - 5700.00.....	1	-	-
7201.00 - 7300.00.....	-	1	-
7601.00 - 7700.00.....	-	-	1
7801.00 - 7900.00.....	-	-	-
	<u>101</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>88</u>

Respectfully submitted by
 Retta Behrner, Envelope Secretary

FROM OUR CHURCH REGISTERS 2000

IN MEMORIUM: (8)

May Rowena Silva - January 3
Nancy Edith Hutchinson - February 1
Derrick Jenkins - April 9
John Jarvie Taylor - July 3
Laura Mae McDonald - September 18
Margaret Duff Walker Mee - November 21
Rosa Irene Bishop - November 24
Pearl Iris DeCook - December 6

MARRIAGES: (9)

Steven Charles Harris and Janine Kristen Walton - April 8
Warren Denis McDougall and Christine Amelia Anderson - May 6
Graham Edward Hill and Ann Elizabeth Liebau - May 20
Gordon Michael Durocher and Janice Rae Englehart - June 3
Matthew Garnet Miller and Brooke Katherine Hildbrandt - June 17
Tracey Neil Reynolds and Christina Ann Portman - July 15
Alan Gregory Tenta and Lisa Dianna Muscat - July 22
Christopher John Relling and Lisa Margaret Hildreth-Parker - July 22
Norman Kenneth Taylor and Christina Pearl Gillespie - July 29

BAPTISMS: child (1)

Tanner Robert Thomas, son of Robert and Shae Versluis - June 11

BAPTISMS: adult (1)

Catherine Smode - January 9

NEW MEMBERS: confirmation (4)

Joseph Epple - June 13
 Ryan Pedersen - June 13
 Kyle Stainton - June 13
 Erica Stevenson - June 13

NEW MEMBERS: (6)

Wendy Sellers - January 9
 Laurie McRae - January 9
 Catherine Smode - January 9
 George McKenzie - January 9
 Mildred McKenzie - January 9
 Miranda Sorenson - January 9

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH PROPOSED 2000 BUDGET

Remuneration

Minister's Salary	32,004	
Pension, Insurance, Medical	5,200	
WCB	180	
CPP & EI	3,600	
Book Allowance	400	
Extended Education	1,500	
Travel Allowance	3,000	
Secretarial	10,395	
Janitorial	2,800	
Organist	1,816	
Subtotal	60,895	60,895

Secular Expenses

Insurance	2,600	
Municipal Services	2,500	
Heating Fuel	8,500	
Electricity	1,650	
Telephone/Internet	2,200	
Security System Monitoring	800	
Copier Lease/Service	1,850	
Maintenance	1,000	
Sundries	500	
Bank Services	150	
Subtotal	21,750	21,750

Outreach

Mission and Service	11,000	
Presbytery	3,132	
Observer	360	
Seminars (B.C. Conference)	850	
Guest Speakers	800	
Caring Ministry	300	
Church & Office Supplies	2,400	
V.S.T.	200	
Music	600	
Christian Education	600	
Youth Group	300	
Congregational Activities	800	
Paper Advertising	350	
Subtotal	21,692	21,692

TOTAL GENERAL FUND

\$104,337