

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Life is a journey and we are always on its road. Every AGM we have the opportunity to pause and see the paths we have travelled in the last year. Our eyes are opened to how far we have come, what we have carried with us and what we have left behind. We are also given an opportunity to clear our vision, take stock of our resources and refresh our dreams as we set out on the next step of the journey that is ours. *“The firefly flickers of God’s grace are enough to embrace the unknown. A surge of powerful surrender takes over all my looking back, and ever so gently and hopefully I risk the road of another new year.”* Joyce Rupp

Sometimes I have to remind myself we have only just begun this journey together. As I write this I have been ministering with you at Squamish United Church for about seven months. In some ways we are just getting to know one another and in other ways we have settled right in. As I reflect back I recall landing back in Southern BC to one of the most beautiful summers I have seen in a long time. I recall reassuring people that I lived in the lower mainland before so I know it rains but now that it has been raining for a couple weeks straight I really remember. But, even though currently the clouds are blowing by I am still in love with the mountain peaks I see out my window and I feel quite at home in this place.

As I reflect back, the summer is a bit of a blur with moving and settling in, whilst meeting new people every day. It was a conversation in the first week here at a meet-n-greet that brought on the arrival of Bernie my guard dog in the office. (I still enjoy watching people jump and then pause as they realize - it’s not a live animal). But Bernie is a bit of a symbol of the welcome I have felt in this place. Generous, listening, caring spirits fill our pews every Sunday morning. And we want people to be a part of that and so we began the year with a kick off service and BBQ. We invited people to “Come and See.” Come and worship with us and see

who we are and what we believe. The success of this day encouraged us to carry the theme on for a few weeks because we need to be reminded at times who we are and what we have to offer as we discover the path God is leading us on together. October led us in the direction of feeding our souls, spirits, and one another as we engaged in the harvest season of giving and receiving. And Advent and Christmas filled us with the regular business and beauty of the season.

As we have worshiped together we have also planned, worked and dreamed and this report will share the variety of ways we have done that. From worship to outreach to property maintenance and planning there are many who engage in the work of this place. I have been encouraged, impressed and at times in awe of how the people of Squamish United Church work, grow, worship and play together. It has been a gift to witness and be a part of. In a time of economic and global environmental crisis it seems our faith must speak to us and our world. At a time when you hear the question asked “Will the church die?” we must live in hope as we turn our eyes back to the stories of our faith. Stories of hope in despair, light in the darkness, good over evil, and life conquering death.

At BC conference in May Peter Short encouraged us on our journeys as leaders and people of faith to get a grip on letting go. We were reminded that faith is destroyed by stagnant certainty if it does not welcome growth and new life. Jesus encouraged the disciples to “come and see.” So as we hold on to the centre of our faith which is Christ I look forward to journeying this faith-lined path with you as together we ‘come and see’ where the Holy One will bring us more, abundant life together. Amen.

Rev. Karen Millard

MINUTES FROM THE 2009 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Squamish United Church was held on Sunday February 8, 2009 following a Potluck Supper and a Congregational Meeting to accept the Joint Search Committee Report.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. with Board Co-chair, Trevor Harris presiding.

- **M/S** by Judy Rhodes/Peter Gordon that all present be given voting privileges.
Carried
- **M/S** by Bert Ionson/Billie Hildering that the minutes from the 2008 Annual Congregational Meeting be accepted with the following corrections:
 - 1) to the Nomination Report add "**Caring Minstry:** **Co-chair:** Maureen Gilmour, **Co-chair:** Moneta Neighbor"
 - 2) under the heading **Executive:** change "Chair: Trevor Harris to **Co-chair:** Trevor Harris" and add "**Co-chair** Grace Halvorson."
 - 3) the name "Cathie Bourgh" changed to "Cathie Greenlees.")
Carried

2008 Committee and Group Reports:

- The following reports were opened in block for questions and/or discussion: Squamish United Church Board, Board of Trustees, Worship Committee, Squamish United Church Choir, M & P Committee, Caring Ministry, Membership and Fellowship Committee, From Our Church Registers 2008, Sunday School, Web Report, United Church Women, U.C.W. Financial Report, Men's Breakfast, Property Committee, Property Use and Scheduling, Vancouver Burrard Presbytery, Envelope Secretary's Report, Mission & Service.

The following correction was made:

- Pg. 15 **Caring Ministry Report.** "Nancy Bogert-Tardif" be corrected to read "Nancy Bogle-Tardif".
- **M/S** by Louise Martin/Carol Grolman that the above reports be accepted as corrected. **Carried.**

2008 Finance Report:

- Bert lonson presented the 2008 Financial Statements.
 - The \$34,641.88 year end balance in the General Account was due mostly to being without a full time minister for part of the year.
 - A \$25,000 cashable GIC has been purchased. It is felt we will be in need of the money before the end of next year.
 - The Building Fund carry over of \$9,200.69 will be used to complete the annex roof repair.
 - The firm of Smythe Ratcliffe will be engaged again this year to carry out a review of the church accounting procedures.
- **M/S** by Bert lonson/Philip Harness that the 2008 Financial Reports be accepted.
Carried.

Proposed 2009 Budget:

- Bert lonson presented the proposed 2009 Budget and highlighted some of the items.
 - The amount under Housing was corrected to read 12,600 instead of 11,400.
 - Questions about the amounts budgeted for Youth and Christian Education were explained.
- **M/S** by Bert lonson/Kevin Haberl that the Proposed 2009 Budget of \$138,030. be accepted as corrected. **Carried**

Nomination Report:

- Bert lonson presented the following slate of Chairs and Officers for the 2009 Squamish United Church Unified Board.

Executive:

Co-chairs: Trevor Harris
Grace Halvorson
Vice Chair: Ian Kent
Past Chair: Louise Martin

Treasurer: Bert lonson
Secretary: Retta Behrner
Board of Trustees: Peter Gordon

Worship Committee:

Chair: (vacant)

Finance Committee:

Chair: Bert lonson

Membership and Fellowship:

Chair: Patsy Riecker

Mission & Service

Chair: Barbara Stover

Ministry & Personnel Committee:

Caring Ministry:

Co-chairs: Billie Hildering
Christine Tribe

Neighbor

Co-chairs: Maureen Gilmour
Moneta

Property Liason:

Chair: Donna Harness

Property Committee:

(vacant)

Facilities Development:

Chair: Louise Martin

Presbytery Representative:

Trevor Harris

United Church Women:

June Halvorson

Men's Group:

Walter Huber

Sunday School/Youth:

(vacant)

Choir:

Marilyn Caldwell

Members-at-large:

Richard Miller, Sue Puchmayr, Elizabeth Kerr, Mary Larcombe

Nominations were opened from the floor:

- No further nominations were received.
- **M/S** by Bert Ionson/Louise Martin that the 2009 slate of Chairs and Officers be accepted with the power to add any additional members. **Carried.**

Facilities Development Committee:

Louise Martin presented a few updates to the Facilities Development Report:

- The new volunteer architect Don Nicholson has met with the committee. He is now aware of the needs of church and has been informed of the programs/space requirements of the Sea to Sky Community Services Society.
- We are trying to be prudent in what we are able to afford and are counting on having the majority of the cost of the building covered by SSCSS.
- During the last few months SSCSS co-ordinator Jan Durocher moved on and has been replaced by Dr. Russia. Progress a bit slow but things are starting to move ahead now.
- It is anticipated that this project will take at least 5 years before there is any visible result.
- Ken Tanner has joined the committee.
- **M/S** by Donna Harness/Jim Stevens that the Facilities Development Report be accepted. **Carried.**

Sound System Update:

Presented by Donna Harness

- The UCW has donated \$5,000 toward improvements to our sound system.
- It is an opportune time to do this as we are able utilize the expertise of Ryan Brubacher to advise us on what purchases to make.
- The congregation is asked to bear with us during the trail set up period. We are hoping to eventually make this an improvement in sound quality for everyone.

Vote Of Thanks:

- Trevor Harris extended a special thank you to supply minister, Janice Guthrie for her ministry with us and especially for all the “extra time” she has given. The congregation is very appreciative. A prayer shawl was presented to Janice by Sue Puchmayr.

Memorial:

- Janice Guthrie read the “In Memorium” names from our church register and a moment of silence was observed.

The New Creed was sung and Janice offered a Closing Blessing.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH BOARD

2009 has been a year of transition for our congregation and the Board. Our year started with the leadership of Rev Janice Guthrie, who led our worship on Sunday mornings, attended our Board meetings and even visited those in the hospital in Vancouver. At the beginning of June we welcomed our new minister, Rev Karen Millard.

Some highlights of actions taken by the Board in 2009:

- The Board approved the purchase of a laptop computer for our supply minister, Rev Janice Guthrie.
- The north side of the Annex roof was replaced.
- A committee has been established to research the possibility of erecting a sign that would direct people to our church in downtown Squamish.
- The Board held a special meeting to receive the Joint Search Committee report recommending the appointment of Rev Karen Millard.
- A summer painting bee was organized to repaint the front of the sanctuary building as well as the entry. Also painted were the outside areas of the Annex exposed to the weather.
- The Board approved the request for accommodation for the Edmonton Nordic Ski Club during the week of the Olympics. The team leaders are still awaiting confirmation on the availability of tickets.
- Congregational meetings were held on May 31, 2009, and on Jan. 6, 2010 to provide updates from the Facilities Development Committee.

The regular Board Meetings held through the year have been extremely well attended by executive members, committee chairs and members at large. Individuals, as well as committees, perform the work of the church by:

- Enriching worship with music, Squamish United Church Choir
- Assisting in other aspects of the worship service
- Working with the children

- Operating the sound system
- Keeping the church premises tidy
- Changing banners and decorating the church for worship
- Counting offerings
- Transporting food and supplies to First United Church in Vancouver
- Constructing new stairs and walkways to both buildings
- Preparing and organizing Sunday tea, coffee and refreshments
- Managing the Squamish United Church Website
- Greeting on Sunday mornings

And so on behalf of the Board, I would like to express my thanks to members of the Board, the committees and the congregation for all of their efforts in carryout out the many tasks that contribute to our community of faith in Squamish United Church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trevor Harris
Grace Halvorson

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees has experienced a very quiet year but has met on a few occasions to review our investments and to stay up to date on the activities with the Building and Development Committee.

As noted in the investment report prepared by Bert Ianson, we are slowly recovering value in our portfolio that slipped in the 2008 stock market correction. We continue to be happy with the management of our investment portfolio by Philips Hager North.

We met with representatives of our Facilities Development Committee (keeping in mind that there is cross-over representation on both of our committees) and continue to keep abreast of future development matters.

If any members of the congregation would like to become a Trustee by all means please speak up. We'd welcome your participation.

Thank you to all our hard working trustees.

Respectfully submitted.

Peter Gordon
Chair

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Investment Committee is a sub-committee of the Board of Trustees identified to oversee the Investment Fund of Squamish United Church. The Investment Fund originated with the sale of the manse – following a search, the Board of Trustees selected Phillips Hager North as our Investment Advisors and account administrators. The Investment Fund was opened on October 16, 2006 with \$1.8 M.

The purpose of the fund is to provide funding to support Minister's housing allowance and to provide support for any upcoming capital projects. Trustees are very concerned that the fund not be used to support ongoing church operating costs.

Currently, the fund is being used to support housing costs, the annual financial review (which we now do because of the increased capital we have available), some of our insurance costs, and costs associated with facilities development (geotechnical surveys, legal survey, legal costs etc). Since its inception, approximately \$77,000 has been extracted from the account (not including investment fees that are in the \$15,000 range annually) to pay for these costs.

Because of our desire to preserve capital as well as address potential development, the investment approach has been "semi-conservative" – about 45% of the account is in Bonds and the remainder in cash and equity instruments. This will vary somewhat depending on market opportunities as interpreted by our investment advisors. A full accounting is available on request.

For 2009, we started the year with the value of the account being \$1,496,156.53 – significantly down as a result of the global financial crisis - and we ended the year with \$1,730,960.83.

While the Investment Committee is concerned about the uncertain financial state, we are satisfied that our Investment Advisors are very helpful in meeting our Fund objectives.

Submitted by:
Bert Ionson

Investment Committee: Bert Ionson, Peter Gordon, Bill Rempel, Kevin Haberl

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Members of Worship Committee: Carol Grolman (chair), Patsy Riecker, Carol Tanner, Diana Pascuzzi, Walter Huber (when he can make it) and, of course, The Rev. Karen Millard.

Last Spring Janice Guthrie led worship with us while the Search Committee was busy looking for a permanent minister.

Since welcoming Karen to Squamish United Church in June, we have been a pretty active group. We helped to plan Karen's Covenanting Service where we welcomed her presence with open arms. We also welcomed many people from Presbytery as well as Karen's family.

We have been creating worship themes that tie a season together. For example, during the month of September we reminded everyone that Jesus encourages us to "Come and See." In the month of October we used "soul food" as the main theme for several Sundays, involving World Food Day (food for the body), World Wide Communion (food for the soul), and Thanksgiving Day (Giving thanks for Food and Harvest), etc. The children's stories, hymns and sermons were built around this theme. We have also used musical themes: For instance, we sang the same choir introit or commissioning or doxology each week for a season. The hope is that creating worship themes makes the service meaningful and the message memorable.

The Advent and Christmas seasons are always a highlight at Squamish United Church. The first Sunday of Advent culminated in a congregational Advent workshop where wreaths and luminaries that lit up our Christmas services we created. People of every generation gathered to make gifts that were later distributed to some of our members who can no longer worship with us on a regular basis or who may have had a challenging year. Karen felt that this was a very pleasant way for her to introduce herself to some of these people while also letting them know that they are not forgotten. What a blessing for

both giver and receiver! Many in the congregation ordered Poinsettias to add colour to the church sanctuary during the season of Advent, before the Christmas backdrop was set up. Some of the poinsettias were distributed with the Advent gifts.

A Quiet Christmas Service was held the evening of Dec. 20. It was a meaningful service full of poetry and song, holding the Christmas ritual in quiet gratitude.

The 7:00 Christmas Eve service was full of energy! A standing room only crowd filled the sanctuary. Many voices were lifted in the singing of our favourite carols. Karen graced us with her dramatic flair as the Innkeepers wife! The 10:00 service was much quieter. Although fewer people attended (about 40), it was an important community service, gratefully accepted by those who came.

In the New Year, brochures that explain who we are as the United Church in Squamish will be created. These will be a good introduction for anyone who has questions about our congregation or anyone seeking Marriage or Baptism

The Worship Committee would welcome more members. We meet during the day, usually on a Thursday morning. However, if you would like to join our committee but it would be better for you if we meet in the evening, that could be arranged. We have lively group discussions and welcome new ideas. Our goal is to make worship meaningful for everyone at Squamish United Church through prayer and planning.

Yours in Christ,
Carol Grolman

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH CHOIR

The Choir has completed another successful year of music ministry at Squamish United Church thanks to the dedication of its members and talented accompanists.

We sang regularly through the winter despite the challenge of members being volunteers in preparation for the Olympics.

We extended our season to be able to welcome our new minister in June. Welcome Karen!

The Choir also conducted a survey to help with the choice of music, organization of the choir itself and supporting the leadership.

I am happy to report that many tasks have been taken on by Choir members including the help of two music secretaries (Sue & Judi).

This fall we had a Saturday workshop to introduce all the new music for the fall. This really helped in our preparation. The Choir joyfully participated in Carol's Carols and sang throughout Advent and Christmas.

Respectfully submitted

Marilyn Caldwell
Choir Director

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

Roy Shephard officially resigned as of February 2009. Originally Christine Tribe, Nairn Stewart, and Billie Hildering accepted the M&P position in order to assist Roy. We still met once more at Roy's place and he offered his assistance. Nairn's, task was to speak to Youth coordinator to inquire if all was well. Christine's was to speak to the secretary to inquire if there were any problems. Billie's was to find out if all was well at the choir and music department. At that time no problems were reported.

We had two more meetings. This to a total of four in 2009. One was held at Christine's place, and one at Billie's place. Karen Millard joined us at the last one. We then found out that our job was more involved than we first thought. Therefore, we are very grateful that Grace Halvorson has decided to join us.

In the past year we did not have to deal with any problems. Only with requests for occasional replacements for Carol Grolman, our pianist and Karen Millard, our new minister. Karen also requested to attend a course in Vancouver. This request was granted by representatives of different Departments.

I so, submit our report.

Billie Hildering

CARING MINISTRY

“God – when I serve other people, I know I am serving you.

Your good works are done through me and I pray that I
will always be willing to serve those in need in any way I can.”

Caring Ministry welcomed our new minister, Rev. Karen Millard to her first meeting with us in October. After serving congregations at North Lonsdale and Smithers United Churches we are pleased that Rev. K. is here and is part of our Caring Ministry “team”.

Our committee has had a fulfilling year of caring in numerous ways but on a sad note, we were sorry to bid farewell to Irene Bryant, Vera Moule and Malcolm “Mac” MacDonald. We try to keep in touch with those who are ill and also to those who are caregivers to their loved ones.

At the suggestion of our minister, our committee made up Christmas baskets for folks we thought needed a little extra caring. Three of us also visited Hilltop House and gave out chocolates to: Fern Green, Isobel MacDonald, Thelma MacDonald, Ed Antosh and Bill and June Manson. We much enjoyed our visit.

It gives our members pleasure when we are able to celebrate a special birthday or anniversary or other special occasion with folks in the congregation.

One of our most dedicated members for many years, Irene Vickers retired from our committee this year and she will be truly missed.

Caring Ministry members are: June Halvorson, Moneta Neighbor, Lynette Halvorson, Christine Tribe, Evelyn Dawson, Maureen Gilmour and new members Doreen Shaw and Elizabeth Kerr. Our thanks to two busy gals, Vicki Haberl and Nancy Bogle who have resigned from Caring Ministry.

To help us in our ministry we would appreciate knowing when someone is in need of a little support or caring.

Blessings,

Moneta Neighbor
Maureen Gilmour
Co-coordinators

MEMBERSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

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

We continued to assist on various Church occasions with preparation and clean up of Pot Luck dinners such as the AGM and Rev. Karen Millard's Induction Service in June. We appreciate all those who sign up as readers & greeters on the sheets by the kitchen door & encourage others to perhaps try a new ministry within our Church by doing so. We like to identify any newcomers to our Church so they can be welcomed and included.

Respectfully submitted,
Patsy Riecker

MISSION AND SERVICE

In 2009 we did not achieve our target of \$12,00.00 but did raise \$11,530.19. Some members of the congregation collected change in Coin Jars and we would encourage them to continue in 2010 as this loose change really adds up.

Our new fundraiser was recycling bottles and cans. Individual members recycled the products themselves or were able to leave them at the church. We opened an account at the Bottle Depot at 38927 – Queens Way. We have a **new account #84** for 2010.

We also tried a Favourite Hymn Vote-A-Thon at the end of the year, but most people were too busy with other fund raising projects to participate. We plan to continue this fundraiser with the final results being announced on Mother's Day. The Vote box will continue to be in the church entrance hall. \$1.00 per vote or 15 votes for \$10.00.

Committee members Judi Rhodes, Muriel Shephard, Christine Tribe, Barbara Stover and others read the "Minute for Mission" regularly. If you would like to become a reader please contact any of the above members. Thank you for your continuing support of Mission and Service.

Respectfully submitted
Barbara Stover

FROM OUR CHURCH REGISTERS 2009

IN MEMORIUM: (3)

Irene Bryant – April 12

Vera May Moule – July 13

Malcolm “Mac” Matheson MacDonald – July 20

Katalin Sorban – August 27

MARRIAGES: (1)

Norman Lionel Knopp and Laurie Ann Sutherland – July 11

BAPTISM (1)

Logan Jaime Burch, son of Ryan Birch and Jennifer Steeves – October 11



WEB REPORT

Our web-page has been updated regularly once or twice per week, so that all of our members and adherents have regular access to a listing of coming events, Karen's sermons, and other material useful to our Christian development. The web-master is always pleased to receive good photos of current events for posting (mail to royjshep@shaw.ca, preferably in JPEG format).

Last January, I was hopeful that we might have an Assistant Web-master in view, but the person concerned has I think left Squamish. Karen has acquired the skills needed to post some information on the Minister's Web Page, and plans to expand this activity as time permits in the New Year. For much of the material such as sermons and pastoral letters, it will make good sense for her to post this material as she develops it. A more time consuming task is ensuring that all new members and adherents are included on the e-mail list, and changes are made to reflect alterations of internet server among the members of our congregation; there will certainly be scope for someone willing to undertake this task conscientiously in the days ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy J. Shephard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 2009

2009 has seen approximately 12 children meet on Sundays, after the gathering time, in Trinity Hall. The children ... Marco, Tia and Mira Pascuzzi, Jaxon and Vanessa Yendall, Brian Shillito, Connor and Samantha Lum, Orian Rupertus, Kendra Thompson and Megan and Caitlyn Bell are a welcome part of our congregation and they delight us all in their active parts of our worship.

Trinity Hall is a nice bright spot where the children hear Bible stories, pray, eat goodies and make crafts! We continue to use the Whole People of God curriculum for our Sunday lessons.

Sunday School is offered every Sunday from mid September until the end of May. At times, the children take part in our Sunday worship services by lighting the candles, leading us in prayer and/or reading for us from the scriptures. We also have been blest with music presented by Connor and Samantha Lum. Periodically the children are invited to return from Sunday School to take part in communion.

Intergenerational services take place periodically during these months and on those Sundays, the children stay in church and worship with the rest of the congregation.

A big thank-you goes to teachers Diana Pascuzzi, Julie Murakami, Glen Rupertus, and Sonya Pederson who share teaching duties and to Judi Rhodes, Grace Halvorson, Megan Kent and Walter Huber who offer help at special times. Sonya is new to us this year and we really appreciate that she has joined us! Another big thank-you goes to Diana who has agreed to be the co-coordinator for the coming year.

Our congregation values children and we continue to search for creative ways to offer Christian education. We are always encouraging new families to join us and also would welcome anyone who would like to join our teaching staff. The children are such a delight as they bring a smile to our faces and a shine to our eyes!

Prayerfully submitted

Grace Halvorson,

Board representative

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The U.C.W. again looks back on a year of good fellowship and many worthwhile projects. Although we have had fewer money making events, such as catering, the units continued to be active in the life of our congregation.

Those include:

- Monthly coffee hours after church services
- Luncheons for First United
- Luncheon for the Sam Project
- Refreshments for special events such as Karen's covenanting service, garage sale, Carol's Carols, etc.
- Packing groceries for those needing assistance
- Hilltop birthday parties
- Chicken sales
- Clothing drives for First United.
- 214 toques were taken to First United in 2009
- Overseeing the kitchen

Each unit meets monthly and the executive meet three times a year.

Officers for 2010 - Bethany Unit: Diana Pascuzzi

Harmony Unit: Evelyn Dawson

Mackenzie Unit: Donna Pederson

Executive - President: June Halvorson

Vice President: Carlotta Liehti

Treasurer: Deb Kent

Secretary: Barbara Stover

As we begin a new year I would like to thank the women of each unit for their willingness to serve. Each one in their own way making a positive contribution to the life of our church. Well done.

Respectfully submitted

June Halvorson, Pres.

UCW FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2008 Opening Balance **\$ 2,345.74**

Income

Chicken Sales (Profit \$1,611.68)	8,936.83
Coffee Hours Profits	403.10
Calendars	200.00
Love Offerings	55.00
Turkey Lunch for 1 st United	408.23
Luncheon for Sam's Project	396.00
Funeral	500.00
Misc.	50.00

Total Income	10,949.16	10,949.16
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Expenses

Chicken sale cost	7,325.15
Turkeys	343.08
United Church General Fund	1,650.00
M & S Fund	800.00
Project Fund	2,000.00
Kitchen Work Table	189.00
Women's Centre (surplus turkey lunch)	250.00
Sam's Project	357.00
Calendars	84.00

Total Expenses	12,998.23	[12,998.23]
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Closing Balance December 31, 2009 **\$ 296.67**

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Kent

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP



The Men's Breakfast Group meets together usually once a month at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings. Members take turns with the cooking and clean up

Members also, if they wish, can take a turn presenting topic for the morning discussion. The topics are on a variety of themes. Whenever the opportunity arises we invite a guest speaker. This helps to bring us ideas from other perspectives.

The fellowship and good humour shared over breakfast is fun. The meetings also give the men an opportunity to get together at a time other than Sunday morning and they give us an opportunity to invite friends to our church.

May God give us the blessing to be a creative group of men for our church and the community of Squamish.

Submitted by
Walter Huber

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARE

The Committee members were June Halvorson, Carol Parsons, Patsy Riecker and Lou Rempel. These four senior ladies began to attend meetings for CCC in September and worked together as a team on the food section of CCC.

They had the support of other United Church members like Sue Puchmayr, who kept the miscellaneous goods in check, Cathie Greenlees, Arlene Ingraham, Grace Halvorson and Lynette Halvorson all of who spent time at the depot.

Thor Halvorson continued his work with boxes and sorting cans and was our general gofer. Norm, Harv and Thor delivered tables to the depot and picked up food at the stores. They also acted as the main clean-up team after all the hampers were packed.

Wilf and Carol Grolman came to deliver hampers and Bill Rempel and Don Behrner helped wherever they were needed. I apologize if I have left out anyone.

Thank you to all of you who donated cash and goods to CCC. I believe that our church did their part well in this annual effort.

Respectfully submitted by
Lou Rempel

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

As is usually the case, many members of our church contributed to the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of our facilities.

The focus for this year was the re-shingling of the north side of Trinity Hall and painting of the front of the church and exterior portions of Trinity Hall not painted last year.

Our thanks to Thor and Harvey Halvorson for the addition of the shelter over the entry steps into Trinity Hall – upgrades like this are invaluable in keeping our facilities updated.

While the Property Committee has a number of volunteers willing to tackle tasks large and small, there is a need for a Chairperson of this Committee to interact with Board and be a point of contact for property related issues. If you are interested or know of someone who would be a good contact, please advise either the church office or contact Bert lonson.

Thanks again to all those unsung heroes who regularly mow the lawn, take care of snow removal, undertake touchup paint jobs and the many miscellaneous tasks that arise. Without your ongoing support we could not offer the welcoming facilities we currently can.

Submitted by:

Bert lonson

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY LIAISON

The Property Liaison person is the one who co-ordinates the use of the facilities. If anyone wants to use a part of the property, I am the one you contact! No one wants to see a building sitting there empty much of the week so I am pleased to tell you that the two buildings are being well used. There are very few time slots left in the schedule for Trinity Hall. The schedule for the church building itself is also beginning to fill up. Great to see!

We are told that cost to use our space is more reasonable than most others in town and hence our popularity with non-profit groups. For such groups we charge only enough to cover the costs of our heating, electricity, etc. Thanks to the UCW's purchase of programmable thermostats, we can control the heat, limiting it to times when the buildings are occupied.

The UCW also provided money this year to complete the church sound system. Two more speakers and other electronic components were installed which make ours by far the best sound system in town! Thanks to the expertise of Ryan Brubacher our system is all balanced and EQ'd to perfection!

Year end is a good time to thank many others who help with so many tasks throughout the year. Thanks to the many "handymen" who help to keep the two buildings functioning. Harvey and Thor Halvorson have done several time consuming jobs that help to make things safer and more weather resistant. There were also several painting and fix-it bees last spring organized by Bert Lonson. They were well attended and much appreciated. Thanks also for the emergency "fixes" by Bert Lonson, Wilf Grolman, and Don Behrner throughout the year. There are also the people who mow the lawns, pull weeds, pick up garbage, take care of the recycling, shovel snow etc. etc. all the time. It is these quiet "behind the scenes folks" who keep things going at the church.

It is great to see the buildings being booked so much of the time. However, it can be a challenge if anyone assumes a space is available and sets up a meeting or event when something else is already scheduled. It is always best to check with me to avoid

disappointment or duplications, and to insure you will have enough heat to hold your event! Chairs of various groups, committees, or events can arrange for times by calling me well ahead of time. There is also a schedule on the bulletin board in the secretary's office which you can check to see if the time you want is vacant. We try to keep the calendar current but a phone call is still needed, please.

Respectfully,

Donna Harness
Property Liaison

FACILITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Members : L Martin (chair), T Harris, P Gordon, I Kent, W Huber, G Halvorson, K Tanner, P Harness, H Kerr.

The FDG, in concert with Sea To Sky Community Services, has continued to meet regularly over 2009, working toward creating a sustainable joint new facility to replace our present aging buildings, as per our mandate from the SUC Board. Within the FDG, we have created two sub-groups, one concentrating on legal, and one concentrating on building design.

Final Program Summary for both Sea to Sky and SUC has been achieved as of Dec 2009. (This is a list of all of the work spaces and approximate square footage desired for each of our identified needs; it forms the basis for further architectural design planning). Solicitor Ian Davis has been retained by SUC and has initiated work towards creating the Legal Agreements necessary for construction and long term shared use of the completed new facility.

Congregational meetings have been held to keep our congregation informed, and to elicit feedback and direction; Presbytery has also been kept informed.

Community Meetings have been held for neighbourhood residents who will potentially be affected by this development project, with the goals of keeping them aware, and of responding to their concerns.

The Facility Development Group has no power to make independent decisions; all matters will continue to be taken to the SUC Board, to the SUC Board of Trustees, to the congregation and to Presbytery for approval and further mandate to proceed.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise Martin
Chair.

VANCOUVER BURRARD PRESBYTERY

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

The properties of two congregations in our presbytery, St. John's United (West End) and Renfrew United (East Vancouver) have been sold. It is presbytery's hope that income generated by the sale of these two properties will provide the opportunity to finance new and creative ministries in the presbytery. Ministries currently supported by our presbytery include the UBC Campus Ministry and the Longhouse Ministry. The major upgrade of Camp Fircom is continuing and progress reports on this project can be obtained from Fircom's website www.campfircom.bc.ca

At First United Church Mission in the downtown eastside, work continues on redevelopment plans that include housing along with space for a re-imagined sense of church. The work of the Mission has received attention from the Vancouver media over the winter months, as Reverend Rick Matthews continues to be an articulate advocate for the homeless in Vancouver and for our church's ministry in that area. Both presbytery and First United staff are appreciative of the ongoing support from our congregation in Squamish.

In closing, I continue to find presbytery activities interesting and rewarding. It provides an opportunity to become informed and active in the ministry of the church beyond Squamish. Since I have served in this position for at least six or seven years, it is time to consider a replacement. There are great benefits to this ministry – fellowship with friendly people, worship and a good meal. My hope is that during the year a prospective candidate would indicate their interest and accompany us to a meeting or two as a means of orientation. In the meantime, I would be pleased to remain as our congregation's lay member to presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
Trevor Harris

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Envelope and P.A.R. contributors	73	63	56
Contributors by yearly donation	1	-	-
TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS	74	63	56
Contributors to M & S Fund	50	42	43
Special Fund Contributors	41	17	20

Are you interested in where you stand in the financial picture of the church?

The following figures are from the total Envelope and PAR contributions and include local support, M & S donations and special appeal donations.

<u>Number of givers in:</u>			
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
1.00 - 100.00.....	6	2	1
101.00 - 200.00.....	10	4	5
201.00 - 300.00.....	3	6	1
301.00 - 400.00.....	4	4	4
401.00 - 500.00.....	4	1	3
501.00 - 600.00.....	7	5	2
601.00 - 700.00.....	1	2	3
701.00 - 800.00.....	1	1	2
801.00 - 900.00.....	2	3	1
901.00 - 1000.00.....	2	1	4
1001.00 - 1100.00.....	3	5	2
1101.00 - 1200.00.....	4	3	3
1201.00 - 1300.00.....	2	1	1
1301.00 - 1400.00.....	-	1	-
1401.00 - 1500.00.....	-	2	4
1501.00 - 1600.00.....	4	1	3
1601.00 - 1700.00.....	1	2	1
1701.00 - 1800.00.....	1	2	1
1801.00 - 1900.00.....	-	4	2
1901.00 - 2000.00.....	1	-	-
2001.00 - 2100.00.....	1	-	1
2101.00 - 2200.00.....	1	1	-

2201.00 - 2300.00.....	2	-	-
2301.00 - 2400.00.....		1	-
2401.00 - 2500.00.....	-	1	2
2501.00 - 2600.00.....	1	-	-
2601.00 - 2700.00.....	1	-	-
2701.00 - 2800.00.....	-	2	-
2801.00 - 2900.00.....	-	-	1
2901.00 - 3000.00.....	1	-	1
3001.00 - 3100.00.....	1	-	-
3101.00 - 3200.00.....	-	-	1
3301.00 - 3400.00.....	-	2	1
3401.00 - 3500.00.....	1	-	1
3501.00 - 3600.00.....	1	-	-
3601.00 - 3700.00.....	-	1	-
3701.00 - 3800.00.....	1	-	1
3801.00 - 3900.00.....	1	-	-
4001.00 - 4100.00.....	1	-	-
4100.00 - 4200.00.....	1	-	-
4301.00 - 4400.00.....	-	1	-
4501.00 - 4600.00.....	1	-	-
4601.00 - 4700.00.....	-	-	1
4701.00 - 4800.00.....	1	-	-
4901.00 - 5000.00.....	-	1	-
5001.00 - 5100.00.....	-	-	1
5101.00 - 5200.00.....	-	1	-
5201.00 - 5300.00.....	-	-	1
5701.00 - 5800.00.....	1	-	-
5801.00 - 5900.00.....	-	-	1
6201.00 - 6300.00.....	-	1	-
7001.00 - 7100.00.....	1	-	-
7501.00 - 7600.00.....	1	1	-
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	74	63	56

Respectfully submitted by

Retta Behrner,

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The healthy balance sheet experienced in 2008 continued into 2009. The main reason for this was lower than usual ministerial salary costs owing to using the services of interim minister Rev. Janice Guthrie for a part of the year prior to the arrival of Rev. Karen Millard.

As can be seen in the financial report, we started the year with over \$34,600 in the operational account and ended the year with almost \$28,573. In addition to our regular base of contributions, the congregation also assisted by contributing to the Spring Rummage Sale (\$1,205.50) organized by the Finance Committee and to the Auction (\$4,696.00) in late October.

Our appreciation is extended to the tireless members of the M & S Committee who work so hard to meet those worthwhile objectives. Through their efforts \$11,530.19 was raised. As well, \$1,062.00 was raised in other special appeals including direct financial support to the First United Church Mission.

The status of other funds is as follows:

Benevolent Fund	\$2,821.00
Memorial Fund	\$ 7.56
Building Fund	\$5,049.51

We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of a memorial gift of \$1000 toward a new computer for Rev Millard from the Tanner family.

The Committee continues to support the idea of planned givings (envelope and PreAuthorized Remittance (PAR)) as a means to help us better budget our expenditures.

It takes a great deal of effort by a number of people to support our church community. We appreciate the effort of groups that participate in fundraising activities and of

congregation members that give of their time and financial resources for our numerous activities as well as for weekly givings. It is through support like this we can ensure an active Christian presence in downtown Squamish.

Submitted by
Bert Ionson

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

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH

YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DECEMBER 31, 2009

A. General Operating Account

(Royal Bank)

Carry over from 2008	34,641.88
2009 Receipts	125,758.19
2009 Expenses	[131,827.15]
Carry over into 2010	28,572.92

B. Benevolent Fund Account

Carry over from 2008	1,313.72
2009 Receipts	2,045.00
2009 Expenses	[537.72]
Carry over into 2010	2,821.00

D. Memorial Fund Account

Carry over from 2008	85.96
2009 Receipts	-
2009 Expenses	[78.40]
Carry over into 2010	7.56

F. Building Fund Account	(Bank of Nova Scotia)
Carry over from 2008	9,200.69
2009 Receipts	3,409.00
U.C.W. donation	500.00
Interest	3.47
Squamish Roofing	[6,746.25]
Howe Sound Equipment (lawn mower)	[582.35]
United Rentals (Scaffolding)	[327.60]
Century Signs	[403.20]
Service Charges	[4.25]
Carry over into 2010	5,049.51

RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS:

1. Envelopes & P.A.R.....	69,892.00
2. Open Offering.....	2,869.19
3. Appeals and Gifts	1,891.24
4. Rebates ...(G.S.T. & Scaffold)	881.88
5. U.C.W. Donations.....	1,150.00
6. Fund Raising (Garage Sale, Fall Dinner, Auction).....	6,526.50
7. Annex and Church Honorariums	16,403.50
8. Trustee's Deposit	10,800.00
9. Memorial Gift.....	1,000.00
10. Mission & Service Fund.....	11,530.19
11. First United Church Mission	215.00
12. First United Church Mission (White Gift)	847.00
13. C.D. Sales ("A Time to Heal").....	1,230.00
14. Miscellaneous Credits.....	225.32
15. Observer.....	195.00
16. Interest (GIC).....	101.37

TOTAL:

125,758.19

**EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009
SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT**

1. Salaries and Related Expenses.....	44,449.62
2. Housing Allowance	11,630.78
3. Extended Education	750.00
4. Work Safe.....	234.24
5. Service Contract (Organists)	2,746.00
6. Service Contract (Janitorial)	4,162.00
7. Municipal Services.....	3,107.44
8. Insurance.....	4,051.00
9. Heating Fuels	4,638.99
10. Electricity	1,361.97
11. Telephone and Internet	2,375.42
12. Security	348.60
13. Maintenance.....	1,262.06
14. Janitorial Supplies & Garbage Bin.....	626.79
15. Banking Costs	1,350.96
16. Mission & Service	11,530.19
17. First United Church Mission (White Gift & Donations).....	1,062.00
18. Cd's ("A Time to Heal").....	630.00
19. Vancouver Burrard Presbytery Allocation.....	4,168.14
20. Pulpit Supply (including computer)	5,450.00
21. Church and Office Supplies.....	2,712.97
22. Duplicator Lease & Service	2,218.92
23. "Stepping Out" Workshop	50.00
24. Christian Education (Adult/Congregation)	324.06
25. Sunday School	259.53
26. Caring Ministry.....	85.49
27. Congregational Activities	124.50
28. Observer.....	245.44
29. Advertising.....	668.90
30. Music (Choir)	641.10
31. Sound Equipment.....	4,883.28
32. Smythe Ratcliffe (Financial Review)	3,675.00
33. Minister's Computer.....	1,847.09
34. Office Chair (Minister's Office).....	89.56
35. Moving Costs.....	7,009.50
36. Race & Company	1,055.61

TOTAL: 131,827.15

COMPARISON OF 2009 BUDGET VERSUS ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

(*from manse fund returns)

	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>
Remuneration:		
Minister's Salary	20,930.00	20,930.00
Housing	12,600.00	11,630.78*
Pension, Insurance, Medical	4,500.00	4,252.78
Work Safe	250.00	234.24
CPP & EI	3,800.00	2,766.84
Book Allowance	300.00	
Extended Education	1,200.00	750.00
Travel Allowance	3,400.00	
Secretarial	16,500.00	16,500.00
Janitorial	4,400.00	4,162.00
Organist	2,700.00	2,746.00
Christian Education Coordinator	2,000.00	
Subtotal	72,580.00	63,972.64
Secular Expenses:		
Insurance	4,000.00	4,051.00*
Municipal Services	3,100.00	3,107.44
Heating Fuel	5,300.00	4,638.99
Electricity	1,800.00	1,361.97
Telephone/Internet	2,500.00	2,375.42
Security System Monitoring	500.00	348.60
Copier Lease/Service	3,400.00	2,218.92
Maintenance/Janitorial Supplies	1,000.00	1,888.85
Sundries (CD's & Stepping Out Workshop)	700.00	680.00
Banking Costs	1,300.00	1,350.96
Capital Expenditure	3,000.00	1,936.65
Search Committee/Moving Costs	7,500.00	7,009.50
Sound System	5,000.00	4,883.28
*Audit	3,800.00	3,675.00
Subtotal	42,900.00	39,526.58
Outreach:		
Mission and Service	12,000.00	11,530.19
Other Outreach (First United Mission, White Gift, etc)		1,062.00
Mission and Service Committee	200.00	
Presbytery	4,500.00	4,168.14
Observer	300.00	245.44
Guest Speakers (pulpit relief/computer)	1,300.00	5,450.00
Caring Ministry	400.00	85.49
Church and Office Supplies	2,700.00	2,712.97
Music	350.00	641.10
Christian Education	1,200.00	324.06
Sunday School/Youth Group	1,500.00	259.53
Congregational Activities	600.00	124.50
Paper Advertising/Web site	1,200.00	668.90
Ministerial	300.00	
Facilities Development	1,000.00	1,055.61*
Subtotal	27,550.00	28,327.93
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	143,030.00	131,827.15

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET

(*from manse fund returns)

Remuneration

Minister's Salary	37,000
Housing	19,200
Pension, Insurance, Medical	4,600
Work Safe	250
CPP & EI	4,000
Book Allowance	300
Extended Education	1,200
Travel Allowance	3,000
Secretarial	17,100
Janitorial	5,000
Choir Director	
Organist	2,900
CE/Youth Coordinator	2,000

Subtotal	96,550	96,550
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Secular Expenses

Insurance	4,400
Municipal Services	3,200
Heating Fuel	5,300
Electricity	1,800
Telephone/Internet	3,700
Security System Monitoring	500
Copier Lease/Service	2,800
Maintenance/Janitorial Supplies	1,000
Sundries	700
Banking Costs	1,500
Capitol Expenditure	3,000
Audit	3,800

Subtotal	31,700	31,700
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Outreach

Mission and Service	12,000
Mission and Service Committee	200
Presbytery	3,715
Observer	300
Guest Speakers (pulpit relief)	1,300
Caring Ministry	400
Church and Office Supplies	3,000
Music	350
Christian Education	1,200
Sunday School/Youth Group	1,500
Congregational Activities	600
Paper Advertising/Web Site	2,700
Ministerial	300
Facilities Development	1,000

Subtotal	28,565	28,565
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TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$156,815
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