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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

What an amazing year 2003 has been! A challenging year of discernment for providing meaningful ministry for the 2000's in Squamish. Family needs change rapidly in our current age of technology. The face of Squamish is rapidly changing. The place of the church in our culture is vastly different from even 20 years ago.

Statistics say Churches need to "re-invent" themselves every seven years in order to be relevant. Jesus tells us pouring new wine into old wineskins doesn't work. We know that God is constant but the world is not. Change is due. So like the Magi we set in 2002 to follow the star, and like the Magi we have faced many challenges. It is a lot harder to change a group of people than to change just one. But we have stuck to the quest. Thank you to those faithful ones who have stayed through the most difficult work of all - working through change. It is not a calling, nor a gift of everyone to grapple with change. Jacob wrestled with the angel of God through the night for a blessing. Because he persisted he was named Israel. And because we persist we too are blessed.

I offer a special thanks to our Board Chair, Philip Harness, who has worked hard to steer us into the future. A strong Chair is needed in a time of change. It hasn't been easy, but Philip has held the course.

If 2003 has been a year of intensive labour, 2004 will be a year of giving birth. New structure to help ministry happen, new focus on what gives life and hope, new mission statement to help us focus our energy, and a new vision to guide us to Bethlehem.

While working through change we have also been sustaining God's ministry through outreach and giving. 2003 was a year of extreme change in nature - fire, flood, snow. You have graciously and generously reached out to people of Squamish, First United, and countless others through M & S. God blesses each of you for your caring and dedication. God blesses each of you who have given time and energy to Squamish United Church in committees and ministry teams to support God's ongoing ministry to and through our faith family.

God's light continue to bless us and guide us as we enter 2004!

MINUTES FROM THE 2003 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Squamish United Church was held following a congregational pot luck supper on Sunday, February 2, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. with Board Chair, Philip Harness presiding.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Brenda Faust and Ian Brown led the congregation in the singing of hymns #507 and #647.

M/S by Roy Shephard/Trevor Harris that all present be given voting privileges. Carried.

M/S by Evelyn Dawson/ Billie Hildering that minutes of the 2002 Annual Congregational Meeting be adopted. Carried.

2002 Committee and Group Reports:

The following reports were opened in block for questions and /or discussion: Church Board, Worship Committee, Caring Ministry, Healing Pathway, Ministry & Personnel, Mission & Service, Vancouver Burrard Presbytery, Sunday School, Sunday School Financial, Nursery Report, United Church Woman, U.C.W. Financial Report, Men's Breakfast, Church Choir, Envelope Secretary.

M/S by Carol Grolman/Arlene Ingraham that the above-named reports be accepted. Carried.

2002 Finance Report:

Gen Kicinski presented the Financial Reports.

M/S by Gen Kicinski/Walter Huber that the Financial Reports be accepted. Carried.

Proposed 2003 Budget:

The Proposed 2003 Budget was presented by Gen Kicinski.

M/S by Gen Kicinski/Walter Huber that the Proposed 2003 Budget be accepted as presented. Carried.

Nominating Committee Report:

Kevin Haberl presented the following slate of Chairs and Officers for the 2003 Squamish United Church Unified Board.

Executive:

Chair: Philip Harness, Vice-Chair: Louise Martin, Past-Chair: Trevor Harris,

Treasurer: Gen Kicinski, Secretary: Retta Behrner

Worship Committee: Chair: Christine Tribe

Finance Committee: Chair: Gen Kicinski

Ministry & Personnel Committee:

Property Committee:

Chair: Ian Kent

Chair: open

Caring Ministry Committee:

Mission & Service Committee:

Chair: Wendy Sellers Chair: Alternates

Members at Large: Healing Touch:

Marilyn Caldwell Walter Huber

Presbytery Representative:

United Church Women

Trevor Harris

Carlotta Liechti

Men's Group:

Sunday School Coordinator:

Rob Wotherspoon (until June)

Debra Laishley

Kevin noted that that the Property Committee is in need of a Chair. There is also space for more Members at Large.

Nominations were opened from the floor. June Halvorson and Patsy Riecker were elected as Members at Large.

M/S by Kevin Haberl/Carol Grolman that the 2003 slate of Chairs and Officers be accepted, with the power to add any additional members. Carried.

Trustee Report:

Lynette Halvorson reported on the status of the present Board of Trustees: The members of the Board of Trustees that no longer regularly attend Squamish United were contacted and all have voluntarily resigned.

M/S by Evelyn Dawson/Kevin Haberl that the resignations of former members be accepted. Carried.

Norman Saugstad and Lynette Halvorson will remain as Trustees.

The following persons have agreed to let their names stand as members of the Board of Trustees:

Peter Gordon Trevor Harris
June Halvorson Don Behrner
Marilyn Caldwell Bill Rempel
Billie Hildering Kevin Haberl

M/S by Norman Saugstad/Vicki Haberl that the above slate be elected to the Board of Trustees of Squamish United Church. Carried.

There are two copies of the Trustee's Handbook available for new Trustee's to read.

Other Business:

- 1. <u>Votes of Thanks:</u> A thank you was extended to the 2002 Board members. June Halvorson expressed our thanks to Philip Harness for his work this past year.
- 2. <u>Coffee Hours:</u> The current practice of having "Pods" serve coffee every Sunday was questioned and the "pros and cons" discussed. It was referred back to the Worship Committee and Board for further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with the singing of the closing hymn #820

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

Changing Times

When I sat down to write my message as Chair of the Church Board, I was reminded again of how fast time flies by.

I want to say thank you to the many helping hands we are fortunate to have among us. What an inspiration. What a wonderful Christian family to belong to. I would like to encourage everyone to become involved in one of the many ministries within our church family. When you are active in UCW, Sunday School, Choir or any other ministry, you are less likely to criticise others and more likely to pitch in and help wherever you can.

One of the many opportunities for personal and church growth this year, was the "Power Surge" book study. It was a great read. All about how things are done in a growing church in Minnesota. This opened my eyes to other ways of doing things, and fresh new discoveries of what might help us to grow as a church family here, at Squamish United.

Are all the "Power Surge" ideas set in stone? No, I believe they are there to make us think about what will help us to grow. However, I do firmly believe in the "6 Marks of Discipleship" that the book presented.

Here they are:

- Pray daily
- Worship weekly
- Read the Bible
- Serve
- Be in a relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others
- Give of your time, talents, and resources

A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. I encourage you to become a Disciple of God.

Sincerely,

Philip Harness

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Another year has passed and it's time to record that our committee has met eight times in order to air new ideas for the services on Sunday mornings and to steer a course upholding our traditions and trying some new concepts.

Recently our meeting times have changed, as we all find it more convenient to come

together at 9:30 a.m. rather than at noon, on the first Wednesday of the month.

We held a Retreat on June 7th, which most of us were able to attend, where we discussed "Beyond the Worship Wars" by Thomas Long. Everyone had pre-read and "precised" a chapter, which we all discussed.

Communion has been celebrated six times. We thank all who have been servers.

At the end of the school year, Grad Bibles were presented to Andrea Bourgh, Josh Eppele, Katie Gordon, Christina Jarvis, Courtney Kent, Melissa LaRivierre, Kurt Stainton, Dayel Tayag, Kevin Smith and Catherine Whale.

Previously our Hilltop visits took place on the 4th Sunday of every month, but, as other churches are now taking their turn, we go every 7th week to lead a hymn sing and

present a brief message.

We thank Lynette and Norm Halvorson for greeting every Sunday and for arranging

someone else to perform this ministry when they can't be present.

We appreciate services taken by congregational members and visiting preachers when Brenda was absent, namely Constance Rulka, Doug Lobb and Ueli Liechti. The Choir and U.C.W. also took services. Many thanks to Roy Shephard, Judi Rhodes, Carol and Wilf Grolman who shared their faith with us; Peter Gordon, Grace Halvorson and Walter Huber who took the services.

On May 25th we held a service commemorating the tercentenary of John Wesley's

birth. Methodism being a founding denomination of the United Church.

Palm Sunday saw us waving Palm branches as we processed up the aisle of the church. Seder Supper was commemorated by some people on Maundy Thursday, followed by foot washing – a moving experience for those who participated – a precursor for Good Friday and the wonder of Easter.

During July Brenda hosted a week long Summer School (VBS). Several congregational members gave her support, including Carol Grolman, Ella Saugstad and Erika Stevenson. Eleven children attended.

In Advent we enjoyed pre-service carol singing, to make up for the absence of carols in our services.

After Sunday morning services refreshments are no longer being hosted by the Pods, but we intend to continue the practice. Volunteers for this ministry are welcome.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Retta for all the "extras' she includes in our Sunday bulletins, to give us "food for thought' during the week.

On my retirement as Chair of the Worship Committee, I will take this opportunity to thank all my supportive co-members: Carol, Patsy, Muriel, Lynette and Phil.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Tribe

HEALING TOUCH GROUP

Our Healing Touch group meets on every second Monday evening in Trinity Hall and offers healing touch to members of our group and others. Walter Huber is our leader and has helped many of us learn the art of Healing with God¹s help.

Our group is usually small but many members are not available every time but come when they are able. In the past year we enjoyed videos that explained the history and Biblical references to the art of this almost forgotten but recently revived form of touch within the Christian tradition. We are working towards the purchase of a proper massage bed that will be more comfortable for clients (at present we are using a table covered with foam), and this will hopefully encourage more people. Walter has also encouraged us to take the workshops offered by The Naramata Centre brought to the Lower Mainland by other churches that have active Healing Ministries. We have a good relationship with The Highlands United Church Group from North Vancouver.

We would welcome anyone to join our group that would be interested in trying this form of healing for themselves and as most of us have found that we are healed not only by receiving but giving as well.

Submitted by:

Judi Rhodes

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Two thousand and three was another busy year for the Ministry and Personnel Committee. Last February we invited Treena Duncan, Conference Personnel Officer to present a series of workshops on the roll and responsibilities of M&P Committees. We were joined by other United Church M&P Committees in our Presbytery for this exciting series.

We helped organise the successful follow-up Presbytery Oversight Visit in March. Brian Smith and Janice Young, from St. John's United Church in Sechelt spend an afternoon and evening meeting with various individuals, committees and 25 members of our congregation to help us reflect on the work we have been doing since the original Presbytery Oversight Visit in April 02.

We continued to provide the opportunity for consultation with and support and assessment of all staff persons both paid and volunteer. We reviewed working conditions and remuneration for the staff. We met and reported regularly to our Church Board.

As well, the M&P Committee recognised that though we deal with a lot of confidential issues we needed to be much more visible and help ensure good working relationships between various staff members and congregational leaders. We continued to introduce ourselves at church and let members of our congregation know how to get a hold of us.

We feel fortunate to have had Retta Behrner as our secretary, Elisabeth Galbavy as our custodian and Brenda Faust, as our minister.

Members of the M & P Committee this past year were Rainer Schwarz, Mary Larcombe, Louise Martin and Ian Kent. However, this coming year will be a transition time as three members of this committee will be stepping down and enjoying a much-deserved break

Respectfully submitted by, lan Kent, Chair

MISSION & SERVICE REPORT

Our Committee started with four but, Laurie McRae moved away in the summer to complete her educational studies so presently we number three people, Muriel Shephard, Val Orchison and myself, Judi Rhodes. The past year has been a successful one for us.

In the Spring of 2003 Muriel read a report that informed our congregation about the AIDS pandemic in Africa and shared The Beads of Hope Campaign being launched by the United Church of Canada. Marilyn Caldwell and Vicki Haberl heard the message and with others from the UCW decided to hold a Church Mouse Luncheon to raise money and awareness of the pandemic. The church members responded overwhelmingly, attended this luncheon, purchased The Beads of Hope Pins at the cost of \$25.00 each. The total of \$1321.00 was raised and sent to the United Church of Canada Special Appeal Fund. The White Gift Sunday in December netted \$984.00 and the donations from our grocery basket added another \$849.00 for First United Church, but this amount is not included in our yearly giving to M & S so we found ourselves a little short of our targeted amount of \$10,500.00.

Our little group decided to start a coin drive to help us in this quest. Thanks to the coin jars in we raised \$218.29 and a \$500.00 donation from the United Church women. Although we started slowly by Dec. 31st we met and exceeded our target with a total of \$10,513.21.

We would welcome anyone who would like to join our group in 2004/2005 and with God¹s Blessings and prayer many things will be possible in the coming year!

Prayerfully In Christ,

VANCOUVER BURRARD PRESBYTERY

By the end of this month I will have completed my first full year as lay Presbytery Rep for Squamish United Church. Our Minister, Brenda, is the clergy member of Presbytery. Although I had previously attended one or two meetings last year as the alternate rep, I really considered this to have been my orientation year.

A document entitled, Vancouver Burrard - Our Vision, was circulated in final form in March. It contains a statement of the primary focus of presbytery: "To serve God we are called and enabled by the church to care for our congregations and our people. This is reflected in The Manual as Oversight of Pastoral charges and Oversight of Ministry Personnel". There are three standing committees in presbytery that deal with our people:

- Human Relations
- Pastoral Relations
- Education and students

And three that deal with our congregations:

- Congregation Relations
- Long Range Planning
- Faithful Public Witness

A major recommendation in the document is the proposal that all presbyters be asked to serve on one or another presbytery committees as "a way of entering into our processes and engaging into our work together". In the past new presbyters have been left alone to find their own place during the first year, before being assigned to committees in their second year. The new process is intended to engage new presbyters from the outset and hopefully benefit from their contributions of gifts and time. To that end, both Brenda, as our clergy member of presbytery, and I, as the lay member, served on committees this year. Brenda continues to chair the committee for Education and Students. This committee arranges interviews, discernment committees, and annual reviews for students and candidates. I have volunteered to serve on the Congregation Relations Committee, which conducts pastoral oversight visits once every three years for all congregations in our presbytery.

Some highlights of decisions made at presbytery meetings during 2003 are:

- Our minister, Brenda, was nominated by Vancouver Burrard Presbytery to be the clergy representative to attend General Council in Wolfville, Nova Scotia.
- The 2004 budgets were approved for the Longhouse Ministry, First United Church and the UBC Campus Ministry.
- Vancouver Burrard Presbytery endorsed the Vancouver City Resolution on the two year time limit for the receipt of welfare benefits

I am looking forward to my second year as a lay member of presbytery.

Respectfully submitted, Trevor D. Harris

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The United Church Women continues with its ministry of fellowship, faith sharing, and supporting our congregation.

We have 3 active Unites; each unit meets once a month:

Bethany meets on the 1st Monday @ 7:30 p.m. Harmony meets on the 2nd Thursday @ 1:00 p.m. Mackenzie Unit meets on 1st Monday @ 7:30 p.m.

The UCW is well known for the wonderful catering services for church functions (friendship dinners, funerals, picnics, etc.). Although we often lead busy lives, we are the "glue" that helps bring our congregation together, taking time to share the joys, sorrows, and daily events in the lives of our church congregation.

In May, the Mackenzie Unit hosted the Plant, Garage, and Bake Sale, with Harmony Unit providing the baked goodies for sale.

In June, the Bethany Unit hosted our church picnic.

Also in June, the UCW along with some from our choir traveled to Vancouver's First United Church in the downtown Eastside. First United hosts a weekly evening of light refreshments and entertainment for the people living in the area. We served sandwiches and brought cakes with strawberries and whipped crème along with coffee and tea. Some of our choir, along with our wonderful guitarist, Carolyn Grass, sang old time camp songs and other favourite tunes called out by the guests! It was an awesome evening and the generosity of the guests was inspiring. Some latecomers arrived when all the sandwiches were gone. Other guest, who had wrapped up a few sandwiches for later, freely opened their bags and shared what they had. They were eager to ask us questions and to tell us what they liked. We even had a movie critic in the audience! They were polite and thankful for the shared food and music.

The following day, back in Squamish, the UCW led the Sunday Church service and our theme was how we serve this ministry. We related our experiences from the night before. This was truly a moving and faith confirming event for many of us. We give thanks for the opportunity to show our faith.

In September, we hosted a potluck dinner for families and new members. In October, we purchased new serrated knives and white side plates for the kitchen. Pat Pawlett and Patsy Riecker are our Kitchen and Catering directors and they are magnificent with their "jobs". They, along with all our members make true the adage, "many hands make light work".

Bethany Unit continued with their successful chicken sale fund-raisers. Mackenzie Unit (actually Patsy Riecker) had another good year with Regal sales. Harmony Unit was active with Hilltop Harvest tea and birthday celebrations.

December was a very busy time for our units. We hosted our first "Christmas Chili Night" for our own downtown residents at Trinity Hall, with some guidance from Ella Saugstad and the

Soup Kitchen crew. We served chili and buns and Christmas treats and sang Christmas carols. It was a modest success, and be hope to build on it for next year.

As well, all 3 UCW units celebrated a Christmas dinner and friendship night together. It was a wonderful way to end the year, with fellowship, faith sharing, and spending time to reflect on what the United Church means to each one of us.

In closing, we extend our hand to any women in the congregation to come and join us. You are very welcome.

Yours in faith,

Carlotta Liechti,

President UCW Executive

FIRST UNITED CHURCH

Groceries were regularly delivered to First United when the cart in the foyer filled up with food and clothing

Several industrious knitters (8) donated 200 toques for First United. A couple of the women have resolved to knit one toque a week, others one a month. If you don't knit maybe you could donate yarn for someone else to work with.

U.C.W. FINANCIAL REPORT

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Respectfully submitted by

Deb Kent, Treasurer, U.C.W. Executive

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The Men's Group usually meets about 8 times a per year (3rd Saturday in each month except for the summer). The purpose is to join in fellowship to discuss issues that can range from special interests to current affairs and how they effect each of us as Christians. This of course is done after a hearty breakfast.

After several years of co-ordinating the Men's Group, Rob Wotherspoon decided to seek out new work-related challenges and moved to Kelowna. Rob was very good about assigning tasks and keeping the group active; we wish him well in his new endeavours.

Since Rob's leaving, Wilhelm Schulte has agreed to take on the co-ordination role.

The group is also called upon to undertake ongoing maintenance duties around the church. In 2003, some members of the group banded together to assist one of our members to undertake house repairs that resulted from the floods in October.

We are looking forward to a new year and would welcome any new members.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARE

Many members of this congregation worked for and helped with CCC in 2003. Donations from the community included toys, food and money amounting to about \$38,000. There were 295 hampers delivered, most of them on Dec 19. Thank you to all who helped in any way – even if we couldn't provide enough work for you.

Lou Rempel, Carol Parsons, Patsy Riecker and Brenda Faust were our churches' reps.

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH CHOIR

The Choir has undergone a few drastic changes this year. In June we bade farewell to lan Brown, who had capably directed the choir for the last six years. With no one able to fill his shoes, and the fear that there might not be a choir, there was some rejoicing when Louise Martin and Carol Grolman offered to try their inexperienced hands at co-directing. With the additional help of Ann Thomson, Marilyn Caldwell, and a few others plunking out the notes on occasion, we are managing to keep up the interest and continue to have lots of fun while learning new anthems and leading the hymns. Arlene Ingraham and Carol Grolman continue to be our very able accompanists.

In the fall, Choir members pitched in to run a very successful Rummage Sale. The proceeds were used to purchase two monitor speakers, and a fair share was donated to general Church funds.

We were pleased to take part in the Remembrance Day Service at Brennan Park on November 11.

We still have room for more if any are inclined to join us. Choir meets every Thursday night at 7:30. Our soprano section is a little thin, so if there are any sopranos out there ready to serve with us, you'd be made more than welcome. For more info talk to Carol or Louise.

In service to God and Squamish United Church, we remain faithfully yours: Squamish United Church Choir.

Submitted by Carol Grolman

FROM OUR CHURCH REGISTERS 2003

IN MEMORIUM: (7)

Donald James Ross - February 3
Ron Ross - August 29
Edmond Thomas Glover - September 5
Colin Victor Long - September 7
Charles (Chuck) Doherty - October 16
Gordon Reginald Sellers, December 12

Dolores Eveline Watt, December 21

MARRIAGES: (3)

Donald Andrew McDonald and Monica Karamonian - July 5
Shaun Swerdfeger and Gayle Boulier - July 6
Andrew Riecker and Tami Halstead - August 2

BAPTISMS: (4) children

Jaxon David Yendall, son of Wade and Patrica Yendall - March 30
William Fenn, son of David Fenn and Debra Laishley - June 3
Christian Fenn, son of David Fenn and Debra Laishley - June 3
Tia Georgina Pascuzzi, daughter of Nick and Diana Passcuzzi - June 29

BAPTISMS: (1) adult

Margaret Yun (Myeong-Gi) - June 8

NEW MEMBERS: (2)

Margaret Yun (myeong-Gi) - June 8 Ella Saugstad - June 8

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT 2003

Envelope and P.A.R. contributors Contributors by yearly donation	2001	2002	2003
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TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS	86	80	74
Contributors to M & S Fund	49	46	42
Special Fund Contributors	39	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.

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Number of givers in:

		2001	2002	2003
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101.00 -	200.00	10	11	3
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301.00 -	400.00	4	6	5
401.00 -	500.00	6	6	2
501.00 -	600.00	2	3	5
601.00 -	700.00	5	7	6
701.00 -	800.00	5	2	1
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Respectfully submitted by Retta Behrner,

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Bank balance January 1, 2003		279.01
Receipts: Sunday School Donations	107.50	107.50
Expenses: S. S. Curriculum Supplies	282.90 _17.13	[300.03]
Bank balance December 31, 2003		\$86.48

Submitted by Patsy Riecker Sunday School Treasurer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our congregation enjoyed many successes and faced many challenges on the financial front throughout 2003. We would like to recognize individuals for the vision around individual special projects and the support that was given by the congregation to support them.

We contributed in a significant manner to many outreach programs that are important to us. The Mission and Service Committee expended significant effort and moved us to address the shortfall situation in the M & S fund that was experienced in 2003. Other stewardship projects included the ""Beads of Hope" and special support for First United in Vancouver which combined brought in a total of \$3,100. Regrettably however, the General Fund experienced a noticeable decline; for the first time in several years we were not able to replenish money borrowed from the Building Fund that is used to see us through the summer period of normally low attendance and low donations. This situation if it continues will hurt our ability to carry out effective programs within the Church as well as undertake desired Capital Building projects and ongoing maintenance issues.

So while we have challenges, we also have much to celebrate from 2003. With your encouragement and (needless to say, your support) we are looking forward to address the challenges in the upcoming year.

Bert Ionson

Treasurer (Finance Committee Chair)

Committee members:

Kevin Haberl Sue Puchmayr Peter Gordon Carolyn Grass

RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003 SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT

A. LOCAL RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS:

By envelope & P.A.R.	63,360.57
Open offering	3,407.98
Gifts & donations	1,284.62
U.C.W. donation	4,700.00
Fund Raising (Flea Markets, Fall Dinner)	2,335.84
G.S.T. Rebate	691.91
Observer	144.00
Annex & Church honorariums	3,134.00
Labyrinth donation	50.00
Miscellaneous Credits	54.30
Study Books (Worship Wars, Power Surge)	587.23
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B. MISSION AND SERVICE:

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10,515.21
849.00
984.00
1,321.00
3,154.00

C. TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS:

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EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2003 SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT

EXPENSES:

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1.	Salaries & Related Expenses	51,916.06
2.	Housing Allowance	12,000.00
4.	Travel Allowance	3,000.00
5.	Extended Education	1,507.80
6.	Worker's Compensation	240.86
7.	Service Contracts (organists, choir & janitorial)	4,787.00
8.	Insurance	3,186.00
9.	Municipal Services	2,247.74
10.	Heating Fuels	3,406.06
	Electricity	1,690.79
	Telephone & Inter-net	2,432.23
	Maintenance	733.31
14.	Security	321.00
	Bank Charges	174.69
	Mission & Service	10,515.21
17.	Presbytery Allocation	3,346.00
	Observer	204.00
	Guest Speakers	226.00
	Caring Ministry	82.21
	Congregational Activities	318.02
	Church & Office Supplies	2,022.24
	Advertising	445.12
	Duplicator (lease & service)	3,028.39
	Christian Education	510.96
	Labyrinth	466.63
	First United Church Donation (incl. White Gift)	1,833.00
	Beads of Hope Campaign	1,321.00
	Vancouver School of Theology donation	200.00
	Study Books (Worship Wars & Power Surge)	632.50
	Ministerial	160.29

TOTAL 112,955.11

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT DECEMBER 31, 2003

A. General Operating Account	(Royal Bank)
Carry over from 2002	5,198.25
Receipts	106,709.10
Expenses	[112,955.11]
Building Fund Loan	6,000.00
Carry over into 2004	4,952.24
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B. Benevolent Fund Account	
Carry over from 2002	996.57
Receipts	2,686.13
Expenses	[2,932.23]
Carry over into 2004	750.47
C. Music Fund Account	e ye observato nakonena in in italia. Perioda en internacionalia en la meneral de la companya de la companya de la companya de la companya de la com
Carry over from 2002	432.68
Receipts	2,613.17
Expenses	[1,605.17]
Carry over into 2004	1,440.84

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	Carry over from 2002	8,536.39
	Receipts	3,012.50
	Interest	5.90
	Alta Lake Electric	[265.81]
	KMC Solar Control	[116.52]
	Service Charges	[3.40]
	Loan to General Fund	[6,000.00]
	Carry over into 2004	5,169.06

COMPARISON OF 2003 BUDGET VERSUS ACTUAL EXPENDITURES SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT

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Category:	Budgeted:	Actual:
Remuneration	67,504.00	66,916.06
Extended Education	1,530.00	1,507.00
Worker's Compensation	240.00	240.86
Service Contracts (Organist, Janitor, Choir,)	5,916.00	4,787.00
Insurance	2,800.00	3,186.00
Municipal Services	2,500.00	2,247.74
Heating Fuel	4,000.00	3,406.06
Electricity	1,650.00	1,690.79
Telephone/Internet	2,200.00	2,432.23
Security System	450.00	321.00
Copier Lease/Service	2,700.00	3,028.39
Maintenance	800.00	733.31
Sundries	200.00	174.69
Mission & Service	10,500.00	10,515.21
Mission & Service Committee	200.00	
First United Church (incl. White Gift)		1,833.00
"Beads of Hope" Campaign		1,321.00
Presbytery	3,346.00	3,346,00
Observer	250.00	204.00
Guest Speakers (pulpit relief)	500.00	226.00
Caring Ministry	300.00	82.21
Church & Office Supplies	2,000.00	2,022.24
Advertising	500.00	445.12
Vancouver School of Theology	200.00	200.00
Christian Education	500.00	510.96
Music (keyboard)	200.00	
Youth Group	300.00	
Nursery	150.00	
Congregational Activities	300.00	318.02
Study Books (Worship Wars/Power Surge)		632.50
Labyrinth		466.63
Ministerial	120.00	160.29
TOTAL:	111,856.00	112,955.11

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH PROPOSED 2004 BUDGET

Remuneration		
Minister's Salary	33,362	
Housing	12,000	
Pension, Insurance Medical	5,600	
WCB	240	
CPP & EI	3,400	
Book Allowance	420	
Extended Education	1,530	
Travel Allowance	3,000	
Secretarial	10,835	
Janitorial	2,800	
Choir Director	1,100	
Organist	1,816	
Subtotal	76,303	76,303
Secular Expenses		
Insurance	3,300	
Municipal Services	2,500	
Heating Fuel	4,200	
Electricity	1,750	
Telephone/Internet	2,600	
Security System Monitoring	450	
Copier Lease/Service	3,100	
Maintenance	800	
Sundries	200	
Subtotal	18,900	18,900
Outreach		
Mission and Service	10,800	
Mission and Service Committee	200	
Presbytery	3,541	
Observer	250	
Guest Speakers (pulpit relief)	500	
Caring Ministry	300	
Church and Office Supplies	2,000	
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Music (keyboard)	100	
Christian Education	500	
Youth Group	300	
Nursery	150	
Congregational Activities	600	
Paper Advertising/Web site	500	
Ministerial	120	40 064
Subtotal	19,861	19,861
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		\$115,064

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