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MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 1994

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Squamish United Church was held January 26, 1994 with 27 members present. Dessert and coffee was served. The hymns "Holy Spirit, Wind of God" and "Spirit of Gentleness" were sung. Chairperson, Walter Huber, opened the meeting with prayer.

M/S by Trevor Harris/Cathie Bourgh that all present be given voting privileges. Carried.

M/S by Bert Ionson/George Gilmour that the minutes of the 1993 Annual Congregational Meeting be adopted. Carried.

Pastoral Relations Report:

Acceptance moved by Trevor Harris/Bruce Manzer.

- Motion carried with following correction: change "Ordination Service" to "Covenanting Service".

B.C. Conference Report:

Acceptance moved by Patsy Riecker/June Halvorson. Carried.

Presbytery Report:

Acceptance moved by Patsy Riecker/George Gilmour. Carried.

Squamish United Church Board:

Acceptance moved by June Halvorson/Rainer Schwarz. Carried.

M & P Report:

Acceptance moved by Cathie Bourgh/Jill Gould. Carried.

Worship Report:

Acceptance moved by Patsy Riecker/Bert Ionson.

- Motion carried with the following amendment: "Highlight of our church year" should read "Significant event of our church year".

Outreach Committee Report:

Acceptance moved by Karen Charlesworth/Bruce Manzer. Carried.

Membership and Fellowship Committee Report:

Acceptance moved by Evelyn Dawson/George Gilmour.

- Motion carried with the following amendment: change "released from her duties" to "resigned from her duties".

Caring Ministry Report:

Acceptance moved by Maureen Gilmour/Norm Halvorson. Carried.

Senior Choir Report:

Acceptance moved by Evelyn Dawson/Norm Halvorson. Carried.

Junior Choir Report:

Acceptance moved by Judi Jenkins/Rainer Schwarz. Carried.

Sunday School Report:

Acceptance moved by Karen Charlesworth/Bruce Manzer. Carried.

- Diane Ionson should also be thanked for her help with the clay event.

Sunday School Financial Report:

Acceptance moved by Patsy Riecker/Bert Ionson. Carried.

Monday Night Bible Study:

Acceptance moved by Maureen Gilmour/Nancy Hutchinson. Carried.

- Note was made of the significant amount of money the group was able to send to the Bible Society.

Men's Breakfast Group:

Acceptance moved by Don Behrner/Rainer Schwarz. Carried.

U.C.W. Report:

Acceptance moved by Shirley Halvorson/Helen Bachuk. Carried.

M/S by Retta Behrner/Bruce Manzer that a letter be sent to the U.C.W. to thank them for their tremendous financial support with the manse renovations.

Supply Report:

Acceptance moved by June Halvorson/Maureen Gilmour. Carried.

- Thanks is extended to Lou Rempel for her work on these projects.

Judi Jenkins suggested that the congregation petition Save-On Foods to have them reconsider their decision to discontinue the Save-a-tape Program. As the grocery tapes are a U.C.W. project it was agreed that this suggestion should be forwarded to their executive.

Community Christmas Care Report:

Acceptance moved by June Halvorson/Patsy Riecker. Carried.

Cottage Visitation Report:

Acceptance moved by June Halvorson/Bruce Manzer. Carried.

Property Redevelopment Committee Report:

Trevor Harris spoke to the report.

- Trevor/Don Behrner moved acceptance of the report's recommend-

ations and that they be directed to the Board for action. Carried.

- This ad hoc committee has met its time frame and will now disband.

Mission and Service Fund Report:

Acceptance moved by Retta Behrner/Bruce Manzer. Carried.

- There was a shortfall in the M & S target this year of \$1,215.

Envelope Secretary's Report:

Acceptance moved by Retta Behrner/Bert Ionson. Carried.

Finance and Property Committee Report:

Acceptance moved by Bert Ionson/Bruce Manzer. Carried.

Budget 1994:

Acceptance moved by Bert Ionson/Retta Behrner.

- Carried with the following amendments: M/S by Trevor Harris/Cathie Bourgh that we take \$300. from the amount budgeted to "Music" and add it to "Guest Speakers". Carried. This change makes the amount budgeted for music \$200. and the amount budgeted for guest speakers \$620. The total of the 1994 Budget remains the same at \$81,000.

Nominating:

Bert Ionson presented the following slate of co-chairs, officers and committee members for 1994:

Executive - Chair: June Halvorson, Past-Chair: Walter Huber, Vice-Chair: (to be elected next board meeting), Treasurer: Bert Ionson, Secretary: Retta Behrner.

Worship - Chair: Patsy Riecker. Members: Rev. Claire Bowers, Carol Finnie, Helen Bachuk, Teresa Wilson, Syd Pudney, Joanna Schwarz.

Membership and Fellowship - Co-chairs: Murray Falconer, Evelyn Dawson. Members: June Eaton.

Finance and Property - Chair: Bert Ionson. Members: Retta Behrner, Shirley Halvorson, Mary Larcombe, Don Behrner, George Gilmour.

Caring Ministry - Co-chairs: Maureen Gilmour, June Halvorson. Members: Evelyn Dawson, Karen Charlesworth.

Outreach - Chair: Karen Charlesworth. Member: Sue Puchmayr.

Ministry and Personnel - Member: Grace Halvorson. Committee needs members. Cathie Bourgh no longer wishes to be on committee but will continue to chair it until replacements can be found.

Christian Education - Co-chairs: Karen Charlesworth, Laurie Manzer.

Stewardship and Mission Interpretation - Chair: Linda Coukell
Member: Bruce Manzer.

Members at Large - Trevor Harris, Don Behrner, Bruce Manzer.

U.C.W. - Arlene Smith

U.C. Men - Walter Huber

Presbytery Representative - Patsy Riecker

- Nominations were taken from the floor. Jill Gould was elected a Member at Large.

- M/S by Bruce Manzer/Norm Halvorson that the 1994 slate of officers be accepted with the power to add any additional members.

- a vote of thanks was given to Bert for his work on this committee.

Correction to "From Our Church Records 1993":

The following names should be added to Baptisms (1993):

Ian Fraser, son of Stewart & Morag Kerr, December 5

Aaron Keith, son of Kindra & Al Wilson, December 5

Daniel Paul Joseph, son of Jutta & Paul Savage, December 5

Business Arising From Minutes:

- M/S by Cathie Bourgh/Bruce Manzer that the action that should have been taken in having a plaque made with the Mission Statement on it be brought to the next Board meeting. Carried.

Votes of Thanks:

- Retta Behrner expressed her appreciation and thanks to Bill and Lou Rempel for all their help in printing and putting together the Annual Report. Thanks is also extended to George Gilmour for his faithful work around the church.

New Business:

- Rev. Bowers went over the Summary of Responses on the Congregational Programming for 1993 - 1994 Questionnaire and addressed one of the highest response categories "Programming for Adults". She presented two different programs to the meeting for their consideration. 1) A Video Series: "Parenting in the 90's" and 2) A Lenten Study: "Exploring Prayer". It was moved by Bruce Manzer/Cathie Bourgh that we have both a Tuesday morning and a Wednesday evening prayer study group and that we hold the video series at a later date. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 by George Gilmour.

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Ten years ago I attended a fund raising dinner for the Toronto L'Arche community held in North Bay, Ontario. Perhaps you know about L'Arch meaning "the Ark". It is now an international community established by Jean Vanier, a Catholic priest, here in Canada. The L'Arche communities themselves are small "family" communities where people who are mentally and physically challenged live along side of others who are committed to their care and well being.

After dinner a woman, a Catholic sister, whose name I have long forgotten, spoke to us about her experiences as a member of the L'Arche community. She told story after story of how the members of L'Arche had been for each other and for her the embodiment of Christ's community. Her stories of courage, of selfless giving, of sacrifice, of times of joy and laughter, of waiting with and for each other — sometimes the waiting was agonizing, sometimes painful — these stories touched my heart and I left the gathering that night knowing that I had been privileged to hear of and to know of a place where God's little ones are deeply loved and cared for. I was thankful.

But even more importantly, as a person new to ministry, only a few years into my first Pastoral Charge, I was struck by this obviously learned and skilled woman's insistence that L'Arche had been for her a learning place; a place where she felt privileged and gifted to be among those who formed the community. I knew I had much to learn.

1994 was a difficult year for us, for the people of Squamish and for so many whose lives have been touched by the tragic events of the year. I look back and know that so much healing still must work its way in the lives of many. I also look back and see a living community at work; people caring for each other, people willing and wanting to share the pain and joys of living, people making bread for one another, people caring for each other's children, people giving so much of their time especially at Christmas to see that others are provided for, people leaving warm soup on the doorstep, people writing

kind notes, people willing to sit in silence with each other, people praying for one another, people giving of their strength to others: and I know that here too the community of Jesus is embodied in its many members. And I feel blessed to be a part of it.

A community's strength is in its diversity. We who have such different stories held each other's hands in the night time of our fears. We also laughed, sang and breathed together in Sacred moments; moments when we felt the presence of God's Spirit among us. Amid lilies and a cross now covered with flowers as beautiful as the morning itself we celebrated the risen Lord. At the outdoor service in June, we shared in the joy of plants dancing and laughed heartily at the playful shenanigans of a weed that refused to let go. On Thanksgiving Sunday in the midst of a beautifully, sumptuously decorated sanctuary we cheered on a traveler come among a people who had forgotten about community and drew them back together through his wise and loving offer to make Stone Soup.

We listened to glorious choir music, laughed at Ginger (my clown) who came to visit on the Advent Sunday of Joy because she wanted to be Joy and not simply talk about it. We honored our children by listening to and taking seriously their prayers and offerings of worship. We heralded in Christmas night with carols and stories and excited children and a sense of participating in the magic of the mysterious act of God that first Christmas night.

We have been community. We have been the body of Christ alive and in action. For your many kindnesses to me, I thank you, for your listening and attentive ears, I thank you, for your wisdom and willingness to share of yourselves with me and with each other, I offer back my gratitude, for once again I feel privileged and blessed in experiencing Christ's community.

Rev. Claire Bowers

B.C. CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

Claire, Adam Manzer and I attended B.C. Conference from May 12 to 15. This was the 69th Annual meeting and was held at Cap College in North Vancouver. There were 569 delegates and 2 visitors in attendance. We were assigned tables to sit at each day with a facilitator and seven or eight people at each table. Just for your information Patsy Riecker is your presbytery representative and would have been attending with Claire but she was off to Germany visiting family.

Every year conference has a different theme. This year it was entitled "We Are Simply Asked" from a poem written by a Jesuit priest on the occasion of his ordination. Jim Strathdee also wrote beautiful music to it and we sang it throughout conference.

We are simply asked to make gentle
our bruised world
To be compassionate to all,
including oneself.
Then in the time left over
To repeat the ancient tale
And go the way of God's foolish ones.

For me the highlight of conference was the worship every day. Each morning started with prayer and song. Each afternoon a different format was used. One of the best was a presentation led by Tim Stevenson who had just returned from observing the elections in South Africa. Six hundred people singing and dancing to the South African national anthem was wonderful.

Of course there were the reports, elections, resolutions and petitions. The days were very long starting at 8:30 in the morning and going well into the evening on Thursday and Friday.

Most of it was interesting with the debates from the floor down right stimulating at times but for a new comer it was somewhat confusing.

On Saturday night a delegation of First Nations came to entertain with traditional dance and to acknowledge the gift of one million

dollars given by B.C. Conference for land claims. Conference also voted unanimously to establish a division of First Nations.

The ordination and commissioning on Sunday afternoon was beautiful. There were five ordinands one commissionand and recognition of one lay ministry.

What an education it was to be there learning of the many ways our church is serving in the world, and to be reminded each one of us has a small role to play if that work is to be done.

Respectfully submitted by
June Halvorson

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VANCOUVER BURRARD PRESBYTERY

Our church belongs to the Vancouver Burrard Presbytery which encompasses 23 churches from Pemberton, Gibsons, all the North Shore, from U.B.C. to Boundary Road. Presbytery meets eight times a year at different churches, plus, at the May B. C. Conference meeting and is attended by ministers and lay representatives (approximately 60 at a meeting). The Executive also meets monthly which our minister also attends as Chairperson of the Home Mission Committee. Harlene Walker, part time minister at Whistler, was elected to the Presbytery Chair in June taking over from Bayani Baybay.

There are four Divisions with various working units, and these work closely with Conference personnel. I attend the Global Concerns division which Chris Burnett co-chairs. Each pastoral charge supports presbytery with an allocation for its general expenses plus we share a youth worker, Jen Carter, with Vancouver South Presbytery. There are various publications of interest such as Mandate, Globe, Info-Packs, and many speakers and workshops etc. around the lower mainland which some of the congregation have attended, which are advertized in the bulletin and on the notice board. Four of us enjoyed attending the Mission Festival in April in New Westminster and meeting some church friends.

As in most modern organizations changes are being considered — in January President of B.C. Conference, Jim Elliot, informed us of the Task Group on Structures and the proposal of changing from a four court system to a three court system — to be taken to the next General Council. Locally our presbytery meetings have changed to have longer division meetings every other month with Plenary business and program, plus worship and division reports the other month.

In April at the Longhouse the Global Concerns division heard Bob Smith speak about "Toward the Renewed Understanding of Ecumenism" and then in the general meeting Don Faris took an opposing viewpoint. In the fall our church watched a video and had a discussion on this paper.

In September we were given a report from our presbytery delegates

to General Council in Ontario including a report from a youth delegate.

In October we met at the Renfrew United Church and participated in a Celebration of Covenant between Renfrew United, Korean United and Presbytery culminating many months and hours of negotiating between the three groups. Claire then presented the Home Mission Support Applications for '95 and '96 for Bowen Island, Whistler, Longhouse Council and First United and later at the Conference level was able to obtain the increases requested by Presbytery. This committee meets bi-monthly and requires a lot of dedicated work by our minister.

It is interesting let alone humbling and enriching to meet all these dedicated United Church members who work for the wider church here in the lower mainland, Canada and overseas and try to bring the love of God into all areas of their lives.

Yours respectfully,
Patsy Riecker

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SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH OFFICIAL BOARD

Once again I look back on a year filled with good memories of our hard working board. How blessed our congregation is to have the faithful people who serve in this way.

We started the new year with a break-in and our electronic equipment stolen. In February Skai Stevenson kindly donated and installed a security system. A locked storage closet was installed for the electronic equipment.

In May we hosted a farewell luncheon for long time members Ruth and Bill Smith who were moving to Fort Langley. They were presented with a framed photograph of the congregation standing in front of the church.

A very successful Garage and Plant Sale was held in May. Thanks to Cathie Bourgh who convened this event and all who contributed.

In June a new roof was installed on the annex. New cement stairs, ramp, wall and metal railings were a wonderful improvement to the look and safety of the church. This huge project was organized and donated by Ueli Liechti and Walter Huber. Our sincere appreciation to them and the men who also volunteered their time.

For a change of pace in September we had an afternoon and evening retreat at the manse to do some visioning and just have some social time together over supper. One of the decisions was to continue with the unified board but to do some restructuring. Hopefully this will make us more efficient with fewer committees.

The Behrners' and the Rempels' kindly convened a wonderful congregational dinner in October which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

And of course the highlight of the year had to be the very successful Goods and Service Auction sponsored by the Finance and Property Committee in November. Many thanks to the small, hard working group who provided us with so much fun and made us so much money.

I would like to thank the board for their support during my

term as board chairman. I look forward to working with our new chairman, Don Behrner. It is a privilege to be a part of such a dedicated group.

June Halvorson,
Official Board Chairman

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CARING MINISTRY REPORT

When someone in our congregation suffers a loss, Caring Ministry wants to be in touch with them to express in a loving, caring way the concern and sympathy of our church family. The contact always seems to be much appreciated.

Individual members also do a splendid job of phoning, visiting and sending cards to those in need of a little caring.

The children in the Sunday School made get well cards for CM. Many folk in the congregation were recipients of these really neat and personalized cards.

Our outreach also includes co-hosting along with the Worship Committee the monthly hymn-sing at Hilltop House. The Sunday afternoon service is led by our minister. Thanks are expressed to pianists: Carol Finnie, Joanna Schwarz, Arlene Smith, Trevor Harris, Svea Mountenay and Peg Fairhurst for their musical accompaniment.

Anyone wishing to be part of the CM team is asked to be in touch with us. It is a most rewarding experience.

Blessings,
Maureen Gilmour, June Halvorson
Coordinators

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Worship Committee consisting of Carol Finnie, Syd Pudney, Helen Bachuk, Teresa Wilson, Patsy Riecker, welcomed this year Joanna Schwarz and Laurie Manzer as Sunday School Superintendant. We met five times during the year with the minister.

Throughout the year we have continued to make small changes in the order of our morning worship service, such as the announcements before the worship begins, Minute for Mission is after the Offertory and the congregation remains standing while the minister and choir process out of the sanctuary.

We sincerely thank all those who presided over the services while the minister was away. January 2 - Cathie Bourgh and Carol Finnie, April 17 - Syd Pudney, April 24 - Joanna Schwarz and Carol Finnie, May 15 - Men's Breakfast Group, July 31 - United Church Women, August 7 - Men's Breakfast Group, August 14 - Syd Pudney, August 21 - Rev. Bob Thompson, and November 20 - Jim Elliot from First United.

Communion was held six times during the year: February 6 in the pews without the children, March 27 with a child as one of the servers and when the new chalice set was dedicated, May 29, July 24, October 2 and December 4 with the children participating in most of the services.

We are offering Baptism twice a year at Easter and Advent with preparatory classes as necessary with the minister, a member of the worship committee and the parents.

Thanks to all those who have participated in the lectionary reading, please feel free to contact Patsy if you are able to assist in this service — all readers welcome!

We reinstituted the Church Picnic — after checking the pros and cons of various sites we decided on the Kinsmen Campground on Loggers Lane on June 12 — starting with a different outdoor service including a fire, followed by a BBQ lunch and games for the children — unfortunately curtailed somewhat by the inclement weather — thanks to Jeff Nash for the needed tent awnings — hopefully better weather next year.

After a late organizational start the Advent Clay Event and Pot Luck supper was well attended and a good start to the Christmas season. Thanks to the choirs and individuals, the teachers and children, the special banners and new wall greenery decorations among others for making this season special. The Christmas Eve Service was standing room only!

New members are welcome on the committee, which meets during the day at the church, as we strive to assist the minister in the spiritual and worship service of our church.

Respectfully submitted by,
Patsy Riecker

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SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH MEMORIAL FUND

In 1994, Communion Ware, two chalices and two bread plates, were purchased in memory of Mary Bloxham. Each piece is engraved. A service of dedication was held on March 27, 1994.

In addition, nativity figures were purchased with monies from the Mildred and William Campbell, the Mary Bloxham and Zachary Glover Memorial Funds.

Engraved metal decals recording the above information were added to the wooden plaques in the sanctuary. The balance in the Memorial Fund account as of December 31, 1994 is \$395.15.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Celia Huber

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MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The work of the Ministry and Personnel Committee is advisory and consultative in nature. The committee is accountable to and makes recommendations to the Official Board. Some of the major responsibilities are:

- to provide a consultative and support agency for church staff.
- to review working conditions and remuneration.
- to consult with staff about continuing education.
- to determine annual vacations.
- to review and revise, when necessary, position descriptions.

Current members of the M & P committee are Trevor Harris, June Halvorson, Rainer Schwarz and Grace Halvorson. The M & P Handbook provides a sample for scheduling a series of meetings during the year. The sample also provides potential agenda items for five meetings a year, scheduled as follows: early September, October, January, March and June.

The M & P committee is the appropriate body with which persons or groups may share their questions or concerns regarding church staff and their work. Concerns will be taken seriously by the committee and may be directed to any individual member of the committee. It is our intent to ensure that a harmonious relationship is maintained between the staff and the congregation.

Respectfully submitted by,
Trevor Harris

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SENIOR CHOIR

The senior choir met regularly on Thursday nights throughout the year from 7:45 to 9:15. We have 18 members most weeks, and are currently looking for new members. We participated in the ecumenical night of music in January, and also prepared a piece with the Catholic Church Choir. We prepared music throughout the spring focussing on anthems for Lent and Easter. The choir disbanded through the summer and reassembled in the fall. It has been expressed that there is a void during the summer months when the choir is not there to help lead hymns during the service, but unfortunately we are not able to continue through the summer on a regular basis.

The Choir began rehearsals in September, and was able to assist in services throughout the remainder of the year. We enjoy the support and friendship we find in one another, and continue to grow in our commitment to this ministry.

Special thanks to our accompanist Arlene Smith.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Caldwell
Choir Director

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Children's Christian education is offered on Sunday mornings during the morning worship service. Our calendar runs from September 18, 1994 to June 4, 1995. There are approximately 70 children registered with new registrations coming in often. The average weekly attendance from September '94 to December '94 has been 38. There are 4 classes. Each class has a team of teachers that rotate usually teaching one unit (approximately 6 Sundays) each rotation. We continue to use the Whole People of God curriculum.

There were a couple of activities that were enjoyed from January to July '94 that I would like to mention. Once again we hosted an "everyone welcome" congregational swim. The Anglican church was invited to join us. Several from their congregation enjoyed swimming with us. Thank you to the Men's Breakfast Group for the financial support for this event. In June the whole congregation gathered at the Kinsmen Park for an outdoor service and picnic which marked the end of Sunday School classes until September. A tent full of thank yous to Jeff Nash for providing us with picnic tents that kept us dry and made the day possible "rain or shine". During the third week of July Vacation Bible School was offered. Jesus is the Bread of Life was the theme. Approximately 40 children enjoyed the week's activities.

Starting September '94 each Sunday a child assists with the beginning of the worship service. This is done on a volunteer basis. Those who wish to participate should contact Claire or myself. The children have done a wonderful job in leading us. It has been a great experience for them and the congregation. On December 18, 1994 the entire worship service was conducted by our children. Thanks to the children and teachers who worked so hard to bring to us a meaningful Christmastime service.

I would like to send a great big THANK YOU to Walter Huber from the students, teachers and myself for his many years of loving, dedicated service to our Sunday School. After teaching eight years Walter has decided to take a break from teaching. Perhaps you'll

join us again after you've had a rest!?! Thanks once again, Walter.

To everyone who helps with our children's Christian education
I thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Submitted by,
Laurie Manzer

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SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT 1994

Receipts:

Bank balance December 31, 1993	357.01	
Sunday School offering	787.60	
Church picnic profit	45.00	
Church offerings for V.B.S.	<u>149.50</u>	
	1339.11	1339.11

Disbursements:

Sunday School curriculum	502.56	
V.B.C. curriculum	62.05	
Regular expenses	192.72	
Clay event	<u>65.52</u>	
	822.85	822.85

Outstanding M & S donation		<u>80.00</u>
Bank balance December 31, 1994		\$436.26

Respectfully submitted by,
Patsy Riecker

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YOUTH GROUP REPORT

Carol Finnie has undertaken the project of forming a youth group for teens in our church. We have a small but enthusiastic group of 8 - 10, some not affiliated with our church (a good outreach program!) We meet every other Sunday from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. and enjoy games, snacks and some lively discussion. Over the Christmas holiday, we helped out in the soup kitchen. Any teen attending high school (grade 8 - 12) is welcome to join us.

I anticipate a larger group coming up next year, which will change the group dynamics, and I will be asking for help in establishing leaders and assistant leaders. This is a very worthwhile endeavour — helps the teens feel involved in their church — and offers great joy and rewards for the leader, too.

You'll be hearing more from us in the future.

Submitted by,
Carol Finnie

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UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

1994 was another busy and successful year in the service of our Lord for the Squamish U.C.W. During the first half of the year, coffee hours were hostessed each month, 98 tins of cookies were filled by the Alpha Unit for First United, and in March a delicious luncheon was served to a busload of handicapped people from Vancouver as well as to our Alpha Unit members. A variety of fund raisers was accomplished. The Bethany Unit held a mini auction at one of their meetings and they held a chicken sale in March; the rummage sale was managed by the Harmony Unit, and a congregational dinner in April was served by the Mackenzie Unit. Close to \$3,000.00 was realized.

After a summer break, coffee hours were continued, toques knit for First United, ten pumpkin pies baked for the Hilltop House Bazaar and Tea, ten new tablecloths were provided for the kitchen, as well as various projects undertaken to make items for the church goods and service auction held in November. Dedicated members have collected Super Valu grocery tapes for gift certificates to be used where needed, filled the grocery cart in the nave for the food bank at First United, brought flowers to each Sunday's church service. Approximately \$3,200.00 was raised in the fall through the sale of church calendars; the efforts of the Bethany Unit with their coupon book sales and a second chicken sale; the Harmony Unit with another rummage sale in October; and the Mackenzie Unit with Regal sales. These figures do not include monies received from catering and other offerings.

Thank you to all of you who have aided us throughout the year. Without the efforts of many hands these activities would not be possible. A special thank you to the ladies of the general U.C.W. executive for your willingness to share your strengths and talents during my term as president, and I am confident that your kindness will continue as the new executive begins their term.

Respectfully submitted by,
Arlene Smith

U.C.W. FINANCIAL REPORT 1994

Bank Balance as of December 31, 1993

\$709.88

Receipts:

Catering	400.00	
Rummage Sales	1684.19	
Regal Sales	1332.18	
Chicken Sales	8361.28	
Gold Coupon Book Sales	1020.00	
Church Calendars	150.00	
Unit Love Offerings/Dinners	1212.25	
Misc.	5.00	
	<u>14164.90</u>	<u>14164.90</u>
		14874.78

Disbursements:

M & S Fund	750.00	
Project Fund	1000.00	
Church Fund	4800.25	
Church Calendars	108.76	
Gold Coupon Book Purchase	731.00	
Chicken Purchase	7389.04	
Misc.	25.00	
	<u>14804.05</u>	<u>14804.05</u>

Bank Balance as of December 31, 1994

\$70.73

Respectfully submitted by,
Carlotta Liechti
General U.C.W. Treasurer

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SUPPLY REPORT

Grocery Tapes:

Save-On Foods did not redeem any cash tapes in 1994. When I.G.A. went out of business they did not honor any of the certificates we had previously obtained. Because these were supposed to be good at other I.G.A.s, I gave \$140 to the Soup Kitchen for their use. Super Valu continued their program of \$20 certificates for \$5000 of grocery tapes and we collected enough tapes to get ten vouchers. These were redeemed to buy stews and powdered milk for First United and cash to send for the Rwanda Fund as well as coffee for the church kitchen. (Some vouchers for '93 were also used up.)

Toques:

A new total to aim for and surpass in 1995 — 170 toques in 1994. Did you notice the picture of the man (in the Vancouver Sun) talking about the Downtown East Side? Was he wearing one of "our toques"?

Campbell Soup Labels:

3500 label fronts were passed on to Sherri Dubber for the Evangelical School for the Deaf in Puerto Rico. The UPCs were given to Merrilee Long to be sent on to a relative in Ashcroft.

Groceries for First United:

Thank you to those of you who remember those in need at First United Church in Vancouver. Thank you also to those who have taken the "stuff" to First United when the cart was full.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

The Men's Breakfast Group has enjoyed many hours of fellowship during 1994. The best thing about the group is the opportunity the men have to get to know each other better.

We held eight breakfast meetings throughout the past year. After the meal, we did a variety of activities including a theme presentation or short video followed by a discussion. After some of the meetings, we worked together on the church grounds and buildings to help with their maintenance.

In May we were fortunate to have Bob Bagshaw come to Squamish to help us with the music in a Sunday morning service. Bob is best known by the men who have attended the United Church men's annual spring conference.

May God bless us with another year of good fellowship and help us with our future plans. We would like to share our quality time and share our camaraderie with other men in our church community.

Respectfully submitted by
Walter Huber

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ADULT EDUCATION

In 1994 three programs in Adult Education were offered by the minister. During the season of Lent a morning and an evening session on Prayer and Spirituality ran concurrently. In total 30 people from the congregation attended these six week programs.

Many members of the morning group decided to continue meeting for a further two months to pursue a lectionary study based on the readings for following Sundays.

In the fall an evening program entitled, "The Quest for the Historical Jesus" was held with 13 - 18 people attending the four sessions.

I enjoyed working with these groups and look forward to continued study programs with you in 1995.

Rev. Claire Bowers

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MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Ten women met in homes on Monday nights to do Bible study. We enjoy visiting with one another as well as studying scripture together. In 1994 we completed a study of John 14; then a six-week Lenten Study. Later in the year we turned to the lectionary readings for the following Sunday and chose one or more to look into or talk about. For advent we again had a small workbook that allowed us to gain some fresh insight into the preparation for the coming of the Messiah.

We enjoyed a couple of "banquets" together with our spouses — one when Bill and Ruth Smith were leaving us in May and again in December. In late September, two car loads drove down to Fort Langley to visit Ruth Smith. She treated us to lunch and we had a wonderful visit.

Our Bible Society box yeilded \$544.00 and was all sent to the Canadian Bible Society.

Submitted by,
Lou Rempel

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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CARE

This project has evolved into an annual event sponsored by the Ministerial Association. I am certain that the ministers would agree that without the support of their congregations and the broader community, they could not provide this service. Squamish United Church people were active on the committee and members and adherents were well represented on the three "working days" — sorting, packing and delivery.

In 1994 a new system of hamper application was instituted. Previously applications were phoned in and necessary information was written down by "Gloria" or "Jennie". With over three hundred applications, this proved to be too time consuming so in 1994 application forms were provided at several locations and applicants filled them in and mailed them.

By the closing date we had reserved requests for 262 hampers — 360 adults and 292 children under age 15. As always, there were late requests for hampers and these were accommodated as best we could.

Contributions in 1994 totalled over \$27,000 in cash and many wonderful toys as well as non-perishable food items.

On behalf of committee members, Tora, June, Gwen T., Irene, June, Claire, Gwen R. and myself I would like to thank our congregation for your donations in time, money, gifts, and trucks. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted by
Lou Rempel

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SANCTUARY REDEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT TASK GROUP

The Sanctuary Redevelopment and Improvement Task Group met four times to discuss both short and long term goals for the development, use and improvement of the main sanctuary building, and in more general terms the Annex. The group was intentionally not composed of specific members but was open to anyone and everyone who had an interest in and a desire to give input into the future use and structure of the buildings. Consequently the numbers and membership of the meetings varied considerably from month to month.

The meetings were structured with both educational and information gathering components. We looked at the theology inherent in church buildings, including our own (what the building says about our belief in God and our participation in a community of faith) as well as some nuts and bolts issues such as painting, roof repairs and the expected life of the buildings. We viewed a video, Places of Worship which points out the importance of being intentional about the church building as a visible and physical manifestation of our belief about who God is and our relationship to God and each other and to the world.

At our final meeting in January we agreed on the following short (immediate), medium (3 - 5 years) and long term (5 - 10 years) goals. We are proposing that a fund raising campaign begin this winter to cover the costs of the short term improvements and remodelling pending their approval at the Annual Congregational meeting. It is our assumption that the Property and the Finance Committees would work together to get both the financial campaign and improvement projects underway.

Short Term:

Annex:

There are a few minor repairs to the Annex that need attention this year.

- The exterior needs some minor repairs and to be repainted.
- Exterior doors need to be rebuilt.
- Ceiling needs some repairs from water damage.

- An enclosure needs to be built around the furnace.

Main Building:

Sanctuary:

- The major short term project includes removing the wall panelling in the sanctuary, foyer and washrooms (the panelling no longer meets fire codes) and replacing it with drywall. We recommend that for fund raising purposes the project be divided into sections and that individuals or families in the congregation pledge to cover the costs of replacing a section of wall. Any changes or repairs to sanctuary windows could be done at this time.
- The carpet runner in the sanctuary is dangerous and needs to be replaced.
- Speaker wires need to be properly installed, speakers mounted in permanent positions and any speakers not in use be removed.
- The library has not been in use for some time. We recommend that books no longer needed be removed and that the book case be removed from the sanctuary.
- We are aware of the multi use of the sanctuary and the labor involved in moving pews around for events other than Sunday worship. We recommend that the four dark pews be sold and that they be replaced with comfortable stacking chairs.
- The drapery track is no longer in use. We recommend that it be removed along with the unused dividing wall. The fan outlet in the rear section of the sanctuary which is no longer in use could be removed at the same time.
- The Minister, Choir Director and Organist will look at and recommend any changes to the chancel area of the sanctuary.

Entrance and Foyer:

- The entrance way to the sanctuary is dark and unwelcoming. The lighting in the foyer will be greatly improved with the new drywall. We also recommend that the light fixtures be replaced with more efficient lighting.
- The ceiling in the foyer needs to be replaced. We recommend it be done at the same time the new drywall is installed.
- The bulletin board when taken down to install drywall would

be replaced with a smaller framed cork board with an adjacent shelf for pamphlets.

- Areas where the roof leaks need to be patched.

Bathrooms:

- The ceiling tiles need replacing in both washrooms, particularly the men's washroom. We recommend that this be done at the time of drywalling.
- The extra custodian's sink in the women's washroom we recommend be removed.
- The doors both to and in the washrooms do not close properly. We recommend they be repaired.

Medium Term: (3 - 5 years)

Sanctuary:

- We recommend that in at least the back section (from the entrance way back) the pews all be replaced with comfortable stacking chairs.
- We recommend a double glazed window be placed in the backwall (where the Moses painting now hangs).
- The roof of the sanctuary and foyer will need to be replaced.

Long Term:

Washrooms:

- A washroom for persons with physical disabilities will need to be installed.

We are recommending a number of minor changes for the consideration of the Annual Congregational meeting. All of these seem easily obtainable to us. We are further aware of the larger questions of long expectancy of the Annex building and future needs of space for the Sunday School. While this larger concern is obviously missing from our report we consider it to be beyond the resources of this ad hoc group to make recommendations in this area.

Respectfully submitted by,
Rev. Claire Bowers for the Task Group

FINANCE AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE

We went into 1994 with a financial situation looking rather grim. We were starting to feel the pinch caused by the exodus of the daycare from the annex and the rather significant honorarium that went with it. Also it was very apparent that weekly donations were not really sufficient to meet commitments and we were being hit with increasing expenditures from a number of sources. However with increasing numbers of participants we were full of hope for the year. As it turns out, you responded with willing hands and generous hearts and our needs were met.

In a nutshell as far as the local church was concerned, we were able to stay ahead of our commitments for most of the year. We did have to borrow \$1,000 from the Building Fund in September. Since that time the borrowed funds have been repaid. Due to the somewhat increased levels of support, our church finished out 1994 in better financial shape than what we entered it.

As far as the Mission and Service is concerned, while we did very well in supporting many of the different outreach programs, we fell somewhat shy of our base congregational commitment of \$10,200.

While we certainly have reason to be optimistic, we must be aware of the various types of donations. Four very special individuals were very generous and gave anonymous donations totalling almost \$5,500. And the U.C.W. very kindly donated over \$4,400. from many of their ventures. Together these two categories resulted in a contribution of over 12% of the total amount raised. Each of us has to work to ensure we do our part to carry out our Ministry of Stewardship to meet our ongoing commitments.

The major project of the Finance and Property Committee was the very successful auction. It turned out to be a wonderful night of fellowship and through your work and generosity over \$4,000. was raised.

The leaky annex roof was replaced during the year and after considerable experimentation with colouration, the trim on the church was painted. Ueli Liechti contributed expertise, time and materials

to rebuild the front outside entryway. In addition, there was the usual host of repairs and touch-ups that one would expect with the manse, the church and the annex. And we unfortunately had to contend with a couple of break-ins. On the first occasion we lost some of our electronic equipment. Subsequent to that we installed an alarm system and suffered one more burglary attempt with only very minor losses.

Our thanks to the many volunteers who help out on a regular basis to make sure the church and it's buildings are warm and inviting to all who come to worship.

Respectfully submitted by,
Bert Ionson

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MISSION AND SERVICE FUND

For M & S Fund:

World Development & Relief	835.13
U.C.W. donation	750.00
Congregational Donation	
Incl. Sunday School donation	<u>8475.92</u>
	\$9985.05

Also Remitted in '94:

Horn of Africa	100.00
Rwanda Relief	<u>801.00</u>
	\$10886.05

Our budget was for \$10,200. but the \$901. for Africa doesn't count toward our M & S allocation. Our donations to First United in Vancouver also do not come under the M & S umbrella.

We remitted \$1,000. more in '94 than in '93. Recommended target for '95 is \$10,200.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lou Rempel
M & S Secretary

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ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT 1994

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>
Envelope Contributors (Inc. P.A.R.)	82	83	80
Bank check off users	1	1	1
Contributions by yearly donation	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS:	88	90	87
Contributors to M & S Fund	52	53	50
Special Fund Contributors (Rwanda, White Gift, etc.)	37	33	35
Sunday School Envelope Contributors	13	12	11

Are you interested in where you stand in the financial picture of the church? The following figures are from envelope and P.A.R. offerings only and include local support, M & S donations and Special Appeals.

	<u>Number of givers in:</u>		
	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>
\$1.00 - \$100.00.....	8	7	7
\$101.00 - \$200.00.....	10	7	6
\$201.00 - \$300.00.....	12	15	10
\$301.00 - \$400.00.....	4	8	5
\$401.00 - \$500.00.....	8	3	6
\$501.00 - \$600.00.....	8	5	7
\$601.00 - \$700.00.....	8	6	8
\$701.00 - \$800.00.....	8	9	4
\$801.00 - \$900.00.....	1	2	5
\$901.00 - \$1000.00.....	3	3	3
\$1001.00 - \$1100.00.....	1	3	1
\$1101.00 - \$1200.00.....	-	3	2
\$1201.00 - \$1300.00.....	2	4	4
\$1301.00 - \$1400.00.....	1	1	1
\$1401.00 - \$1500.00.....	2	2	2
\$1601.00 - \$1700.00.....	-	2	1
\$1701.00 - \$1800.00.....	3	-	2
\$1801.00 - \$1900.00.....	1	1	1
\$2001.00 - \$2100.00.....	-	-	1
\$2401.00 - \$2500.00.....	1	-	-
\$2501.00 - \$2600.00.....	-	-	1
\$2801.00 - \$2900.00.....	1	1	-
\$2901.00 - \$3000.00.....	-	-	1
\$3001.00 - \$3100.00.....	1	1	1
\$3301.00 - \$3400.00.....	-	-	1
	<u>82</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>80</u>

Respectfully submitted by,
Retta Behrner

RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1994
SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT

A. LOCAL RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS:

By envelopes & P.A.R.	46,315.67
Open offering	3,772.00
Gifts & donations	5,491.50
Annex & church honorariums	1,564.05
Capital gifts & grants	1,000.00
U.C.W. donations	4,450.00
Fund raising events	6,136.37
Benevolent Fund donations	722.25
G.S.T. rebate	816.13

Subtotal	70,267.97
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B. MISSION AND SERVICE:

By envelope & P.A.R.	8,255.80
U.C.W. donations	750.00
World Development donations	899.15

Credited M & S	9,904.95
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Special appeals: (White Gift, First United Church, Horn of Africa, Rwanda)	1,455.50
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Total for missions	11,360.45
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C. TOTAL RECEIPTS AND DONATIONS	\$81,628.42
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COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF PROJECTED EXPENSES VS. ACTUAL
SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH - GENERAL ACCOUNT

EXPENSES:

	1994 PROJECTED	1994 ACTUAL
1. Salaries & related expenses	47,550.00	46,518.36
2. Insurance	2,500.00	1,991.00
3. Municipal Services	1,800.00	1,852.89
4. Heating Fuels	6,445.00	5,994.27
5. Electricity	1,500.00	1,399.18
6. Telephone	900.00	1,060.34
7. Maintenance	1,900.00	1,324.34
8. Capital additions	-	457.48
9. Sundries	100.00	72.75
10. M & S (incl. World Development)	10,200.00	9,904.95
11. Special Appeals*	-	1,455.50
12. Presbytery	2,335.00	2,335.00
13. Observer	450.00	360.00
14. Seminars & Session	500.00	250.00
15. Guest Speakers	620.00	205.00
16. Caring Ministry & Benevolent	800.00	733.20
17. Stationary & Church Supplies	1,600.00	1,924.43
18. Duplicator Lease & Service	1,900.00	1,657.56
19. Music	200.00	206.32
20. Christian Education	500.00	357.39
21. Vancouver School of Theology	100.00	100.00
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TOTAL:	81,000.00	80,109.96

(incl. Horn of Africa, Rwanda, First United Church, White Gift)

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH						
FINAL REPORT - 1994						
	1ST Q	2ND Q	3RD Q	4TH Q	TOTAL	
SALARIES & EXPENSES	11651.16	11597.72	11530.06	11733.42	46518.36	
INSURANCE	0.00	1961.00	30.00	0.00	1991.00	
MUNICIPAL SERVICES	0.00	1852.89	0.00	0.00	1852.89	
HEATING FUEL	2534.57	986.49	391.16	2032.05	5944.27	
ELECTRICITY	484.66	352.43	341.39	220.70	1399.18	
TELEPHONE	252.11	238.70	268.93	300.60	1060.34	
MAINTENANCE	496.86	215.48	139.65	472.35	1324.34	
CAPITAL ADDITIONS	284.95	0.00	0.00	172.53	457.48	
SUNDRIES	29.00	43.75	0.00	0.00	72.75	
MISSION AND SERVICE	2258.78	2615.52	2585.00	2445.65	9904.95	
PRESBYTERY	0.00	0.00	0.00	2335.00	2335.00	
OBSERVER	360.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	360.00	
SEMINARS AND SESSION	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	
GUEST SPEAKERS	0.00	0.00	125.00	80.00	205.00	
MINISTERIAL	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00	
CARING MINISTRY	159.55	161.76	303.83	108.06	733.20	
STATIONARY/SUPPLIES	632.71	407.88	166.11	717.73	1924.43	
DUPLICATOR LEASE	335.16	652.08	335.16	335.16	1657.56	
MUSIC	35.63	32.98	137.71	0.00	206.32	
CHRISTIAN ED.	114.16	63.08	83.65	96.50	357.39	
PASTORAL RELATIONS					0.00	
PROPERTY REDEV.					0.00	
WHITE GIFT & SPECIAL	0.00			1455.50	1455.50	
V.S.T. DONATION	0.00			100.00	100.00	
PRESBYTERY STUDENT	0.00				0.00	
AID FUND						
TOTAL	19879.30	21181.76	16443.65	22605.25	80109.96	

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH
YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Unaudited)

A. General Operating Account: (Royal Bank)

Carry over from 1993	3,715.92
1994 receipts & expenses	81,628.42
1994 expenses	[80,109.96]
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Carry over into 1995	\$5,234.38

B. Building & Maintenance Fund: (Bank of Nova Scotia)

Carry over from 1993	8,804.44
1994 donations	4,214.50
Check off deposits	48.00
Interest	20.34
Insurance claim	2,060.47
Electronic equipment replacement	[2,300.35]
Church foyer enclosure	[1,026.13]
Annex roof	[3,809.59]
Church paint	[278.86]
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Carry over into 1995	\$7,732.82

SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH

PROPOSED 1995 BUDGET

RENUMERATION

Ministers Salary	30,000
Pension, Insurance, Medical	3,300
W.C.B.	100
C.P.P., U.I.C.	2,550
Book and Study Allowance	500
Car Allowance	3,000
Secretarial	8,000
Janitorial	2,800
Organist	1,458
 SUBTOTAL	 \$51,708

SECULAR EXPENSES

Insurance	2,100
Municipal Services	1,900
Heating Fuel	6,600
Electricity	1,500
Telephone	1,000
Duplicator Lease	1,900
Maintenance	1,000
Sundries	100
 SUBTOTAL	 \$16,100

OUTREACH

Mission and Service	10,200
Presbytery	2,550
Observer	400
Seminars	500
Guest Speakers	620
Caring Ministry	300
Benevolent	500
Stationary and Church Supplies	1,600
V.S.T.	100
Music	500
Christian Education	500
Youth Group	100
 SUBTOTAL	 \$17,870

TOTAL	\$85,678
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FROM OUR CHURCH REGISTERS 1994

BAPTISMS: (3)

Thomas Samuel, son of Ann and Daniel Wilson - April 3
Jessica Katherine, daughter of Ann and Daniel Wilson - April 3
Anthony Kieren, son of Kindra and Allen Wilson - November 27

NEW MEMBERS: (2)

Jill Gould - April 3
Dave Doubek - April 3

MARRIAGES: (4)

Jens Robert Hansen and Claire Louise Rayland - April 9
Darren Douglas Baxter and Shirley Anne Passegger - May 21
Mark Stuart Harrison and Darcy Janet Peskett - July 2
Roy Lee Bliss and Marissa Vinzon DeLeon - August 27

DEATHS: (16)

Robert Edward Hills - January 12
Antony John Schmidt - March 16
James Edward Aldridge - April 21
Edith Margaret Magee - June 17
Iris Allison Farrow - July 1
Douglas Scott Eaton - July 16
Charlotte Anne Nord - August 15
Norma Eileen MacNeil - September 14
Dale Jerry Ethier - September 17
Frederick Charles Elliott - October 14
Sean Godfrey Watson - October 30
Oliver Schulte - October 30
Mary Elaine Eaton - November 7
Leigh Lynne Schoenberger - November 15
Paul Pete Hoodikoff - October 11
Erik Knud Peterson - December 3

