

# St. Paul's Anglican Church

## Annual General Meeting 2023

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**Annual General Meeting 2023**  
**February 5, 2023**

**Agenda for Annual General Meeting 2023**

**Annual General Meeting**

1. Signing of the Canonical Declaration – (Canon 5.90-91)
2. Call to Order and Opening Prayer (Paul Dowie)
3. Appointment of Asher Hebert as Recording Secretary (Paul Dowie)
4. Minutes of 2022 Annual General Meeting, February 6, 2022  
Motion: That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 6, 2022 be accepted as presented.
5. Presentation of Reports (Paul Dowie)  
Motion: That all ministry reports be accepted as presented.
6. Accounts Examiner Report: Financial Statement for 2022 Fiscal Year  
(Jason Spoor, Accounts Examiner)  
Motion: That the 2022 Financial Statements be accepted as presented.
7. Presentation of 2023 Budget (David Heritage, Treasurer)  
Motion: That the 2023 Budget be accepted.
8. Elections: Nominations for Vestry, for one Treasurer, and for one Accounts Examiner.  
Motion: That one person be elected to Vestry  
Motion: That Margot Byer's position as People's Warden be extended to the fall  
Motion: That David Heritage be elected as Treasurer  
Motion: That Jason Spoor be elected as Accounts Examiner for 2023
9. Motion to Adjourn
10. Closing Prayer (Paul Dowie)  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit be with us all forevermore. Amen.

# Minutes of Annual General Meeting, February 6, 2022

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**1. Agreeing to the Canonical Declaration (through Zoom chat) – (Canon 5.90-91)**

32 people indicated their agreement of the Canonical Declaration.

**2. Call to Order and Opening Prayer (Myron Penner)**

The meeting was called to order at 12:04PM by Myron Penner. Myron opened the meeting with prayer.

**3. Appointment of Asher Hebert as Recording Secretary (Myron Penner)**

Myron Penner appointed Asher Hebert as recording secretary. Asher accepted the appointment.

**4. Minutes of 2021 Annual General Meeting, February 7, 2021**

Myron stated that last years' minutes have been provided in advance and that members may review those. Myron opened the floor for questions.

Question was asked about multiple users of the same computer and polling. Answer was to write their poll response in the chat.

**Motion:** That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of February 7, 2021 be accepted as presented. (RJ C/Nancy W-S) Carried.

**5. Rector's Report (Myron Penner)**

Rev. Myron spoke about the struggles of this year during the COVID pandemic, and that this year might have been more difficult than last year. Myron stated gratitude to Michelle for her help in connecting our parish, and to God for Myron's health as he and his family contracted COVID. Myron stated that the parish is still not out of the woods, and Myron will not promise better things for next year. But Myron stated he's grateful to God and to the parish for their patience in navigating restrictions and changes.

Myron expressed thanks to vestry for their work, including, Connie P., Barb D., John G., Margot B., and Paul D., who have continued to work as normal, which has been a huge support to Myron. Particularly to Paul and Margot as the wardens. As well to John Green for his work with the technology. Thanks to RJ for his work through the pandemic, and to Asher for picking up the role since RJ's resignation. Michelle has done good work and for taking on Indigenous Ministry Support and for how she has loved the parish. She has become a full-time staff and have been able to expand her role.

Myron stated that it has been a difficult year to be Christ's body, and he is not optimistic about the pandemic, but is optimistic about the future. We have continued with restrictions and changed protocols and services. There were no extended in-person closures. We saw a change of Bishop with the election of the Rt. Rev. Stephen London. We've continued livestreaming, including funerals with help from Johanna, Jodi, Asher, Lauren, and John Green. We have mostly been able to have services of Holy Eucharist.

Myron gave an overview of the various ministries and their operations, including the new daily morning prayer service. Our events have expanded to the community in new ways with Michelle's work. A group started meeting daily for Morning Prayer service. The altar guild has also continued great work, pivoting according to new restrictions. Laura Rogers' card-making ministry continued to be a gift to the congregation. Pat Stretch and Terry Berard helped make sure people were connected in different ways. Myron was able to do a lot more in-person pastoral care and counselling.

Myron concluded with an encouragement to the parish as we continue on our faith journey. We look forward to a decrease in the intensity of the pandemic, but we are tentative about our hopes for this. Myron encourages us to stay strong and guard ourselves against lifting restrictions too early. God

is still our God, we are His people, and He is active in the world. Romans 15:13 is Myron's hope for us this next year. Myron encouraged vigilance and staying strong, and remembering that God is still our God and is active in the world. That we may know the peace and joy of Christ.

No Questions from congregation.

**Motion:** That the Rector's report be accepted as presented. (Barb D/John G) Carried.

**6. Presentation of Reports – Please refer to distributed AGM Package (Myron Penner)**

**a. Director of Community Outreach (Michelle Schurek)**

Michelle Schurek gave a thank you to everyone's participation in the many activities that she was able to offer. A highlight was the online retreat which was indicative of the entire year and all of the different ways people in the parish are involved. Michelle stated that she sees all of the ways the members seek to be Jesus' hands and feet in their communities.

Myron offered any other reporters to make a comment regarding their report. Opened the floor to questions.

No Questions from congregation.

**Motion:** That all ministry reports be accepted as presented. (David H/Margot B.) Carried.

**7. Accounts Examiner Report: Financial Statement for 2021 Fiscal Year – (Jason Spoor, Accounts Examiner)**

Jason was surprised, expressing some concern for some expected deficit, but at the end of the year there was no deficit. The church was very generous. We are ending the year in a very similar position as last year.

Jason then presented the Balance Sheet. We have a large receivable on the books which is the expropriation money from the sale of land that will have to be used on capital projects, which is the kitchen renovation. The accounts receivable has increased a bit, and is expected to be recognized next year. CRA asked for GST receivables to be done in two 6-month increments instead of yearly due to a backlog. There were some expenses for the kitchen renovation and a furnace, which have also increased our fixed assets.

Jason then presented the fund balances and summarized what each line means.

Jason Spoor presented the statement of Inflows and Expenses. Salaries were higher mostly due to Michelle's salary increase and some increases to contracts. Expenses have stayed rather consistent. Giving has kept pace with an increase of congregation numbers. Program expenses were slightly higher but church administration decreased.

No Questions

David H. Mentioned a significant deficit most of the year and that vestry moved to not make demands of the parish for that because of the healthy bank balance. There were some very significant contributions at the end of the year and David was humbled by the generosity of the parish, which was enough to completely cover the advent fundraiser and come to a substantial surplus on a cash basis.

Myron echoed the generosity of the parish, including their time and talent.

**Motion:** That the 2021 Financial Statements be accepted as presented. (Andrew W-S/David H.) Carried.

**8. Presentation of 2022 Budget (David Heritage, Treasurer)**

David Heritage presented the 2022 budget as prepared by Vestry and Corporation, giving overviews of each line.

Ministry/Support: Salaries/Benefits has increased with a full year of salary and benefits for Michelle, as well as expected increase for Myron as determined by the diocese.

Contracts are mainly for cleaning and pulpit supply for other readers/preachers.

Training and Development reflects Michelle's additional hours, particularly in indigenous training.

Administration funds decreased due to not using all of those funds in the last several years. This was a similar situation for Children's Ministry.

Building repairs will hopefully be less than expected, as all of the furnaces have been replaced over the last several years, but we are keeping the budget the same as we are dealing with an aging building.

Focus on Missions partners with Legacy Fund, this number doesn't reflect how much goes directly to the missions that we support as there is direct giving and matching grants.

Question: RJ C. - Salary: Did we factor in increases due to end of wage subsidy? Answer: Diocese as a whole was able to take advantage of wage subsidy program.

Question: Lauren R. - Missions budget considered cost of living increases? Answer: We have built in some increases.

Question: Nancy W-S. – Why is there no money budgeted for Indigenous Ministry support? Answer: We are supporting indigenous ministries through Michelle at FTP 0.25 in providing administrative to Lori, and some of it is coming out of a grant.

Question: John G. - 1000 increase for missions possibly to be taken from livestream budget. Answer: Only approximately \$13,000 goes to legacy.

**Motion:** That the 2022 Budget be accepted. (Paul D./RJ C.) Carried.

#### **9. Kitchen Renovation Project Proposal Update (Myron Penner)**

Myron reviewed the kitchen update as was reported by Peter Jackson. Demolition and abatement are completed and construction is expected to start any day now. Project has a 3-month maximum deadline. We will be starting a fundraiser for the project with a committee including David, Myron, and Patti. There will be more information coming. Myron is very excited for the ministry capacity that this will bring about.

Paul Dowie spoke about how Peter and Rick have born the burden of delay and complexity they have taken on. Myron echoes these thanks.

RJ Chambers indicated that this agenda item does not need a vote.

#### **10. Election: Nomination for one Vestry position and Nomination for Treasurer**

John Green is leaving vestry, but we will not be replacing another Vestry Member due to having enough numbers already. Myron opened the floor for nominations, none were given.

Myron nominated David Heritage for Treasurer.

David H. stated that we need to nominate an accounts examiner for 2022, even though it was not in the agenda. David put forward a nomination for Jason to stand as Accounts Examiner for 2022. Jason accepted the nomination.

Myron acknowledged David and Jason for their work as Treasurer and Accounts Examiner, especially for their clarity and thoroughness.

**Motion:** That David Heritage be elected as Treasurer (Myron P./Margot B.). Carried.

**Motion:** That Jason Spoor be elected as Accounts Examiner for 2022 (David H./RJ C.). Carried.

#### **11. Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting (RJ/David H.). Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02PM.

#### **12. Closing Prayer – The “Grace” (Myron Penner)**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all forevermore. Amen.

# Rector's Report

## **Introduction**

This year has been one of great challenges, both for Jodi and me personally, but also for the Anglican Parish of St Paul, Edmonton – as I personally struggled with increasing pain and disability from my several spinal conditions, as both Jodi and me coped with the failing health of both our mothers, as we all emerged from COVID-19 restrictions and tried to return to life as “normal,” all the while the disease itself still mutated and continued to ravage our communities, and as we completed the renovation of the Parish Hall Kitchen. At the same time this has been a year of extraordinary blessing as God has continued to meet us – Jodi/me and all of us the Parish of St Paul – in the midst of all these things. As I have reflected on this year I have been drawn to St Paul's words to the Roman church in Romans 8, where he speaks to them of his and their sufferings and God's presence with them through it all, and asks: “What, then, shall we say in response to these things?” (v.31). As he answers this question with them, Paul emphasizes that the incredible truth of the Gospel, that through the cross and resurrection of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit our lives and being are wrapped up and completely immersed within God. And there is nothing in all imagined or experienced reality that can alter the fact that in every circumstance we encounter the presence of God and his love of us in Jesus. So, he concludes, “in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us” (v. 37). So too, I believe, here in the Parish of St Paul and in each of our lives as we have worked together through our challenges together. God's presence with us is incontrovertible; God's faithfulness to us unshakeable; God's love of us is inexhaustible; God's work among and through us is continual and unstoppable.

Regrettably, because of my health circumstances this report will be significantly adumbrated and will simply take the form of highlighting significant events and persons in our parish this year.

## **Major Events**

This year we entered into the Fall academic year without government restrictions from COVID-19, which provided challenges as we learned how to be together in person again, but also continued to self-regulate and account for ongoing health crisis. Here are some of the major events that happened this year:

- I (the Rector) was on temporary leave to deal with my spinal issues for the month of September, 2022. During this time The Rev Thomas Brauer was Interim Rector and was greatly appreciated by all, especially me. I returned to my duties as Rector of the Parish in October 2022, but was limited in my capacities as I awaited surgery to correct the spinal issues.
- The Parish Hall kitchen renovation project was completed.
- Interface ministries, led by Jim Robertson, resumed in person.
- The Diocese of Edmonton had a Diocesan General Synod in October 2022.
- St Paul's did a fundraiser to offset the costs of the Parish Hall.
- I was able to manage all the Christmas services in person.
- On January, 20, 2023, I went in for spinal surgery.

## **Acknowledgments**

The Parish has stood together in a remarkable way this year, and literally each person in our community is and has been invested in each other and the work of Christ in this community to a degree that I have rarely encountered. So each one of you is to be honoured and thanked and I trust you understand that.

And while listing people will necessarily be incomplete, the following people come immediately to mind as needing to be mentioned:

- St Paul's Staff – Asher Hebert (Parish Administrator), Michelle Schurek (Director of Community Outreach), and Abigail Harding: You each have and continue to embody our Narrative Statement of Identity and serve Christ and the Parish of St Paul in an exemplary way, picking up the slack when I am not able to be present.
- St Paul's Wardens – Paul Dowie (Rector's) and Margot Byer (People's): You each have stepped up, particularly in my absence, to ensure the work of the Parish gets done
- St Paul's Treasurer, David Heritage: You also go above and beyond in managing our finances and taking leadership in both services and daily parish life
- Rick Mickelson & Peter Jackson – Rick acted as project manager for the Kitchen renovation and did an incredible job and Peter played a critical role in the project as well
- All our musicians and technicians
- Jason Spoor – reviews our accounts faithfully and accurately and ensures we operate efficiently and with integrity.

### **Concluding Remarks**

The challenges of Parish life and living out God's mission in this place where God has called us will continue in 2023. But, of course, we can – and indeed must – trust confidently in God's promise in Jesus always to be with us, always to love us, always to bring us hope and future: we are more than conquerors in and through God's love of us in Jesus! My sense is that this year (2023) God, by the Holy Spirit, is calling us each and as a parish to walk more deeply in the Spirit, so that we might abide in, more deeply experience, and more faithfully proclaim, this love of God we have received. My prayer is that we each and all together will have the courage and strength to accept that and walk in it.

Respectfully submitted: The Rev Dr. Myron B. Penner, Rector

### **Administrator's Report**

Reflecting upon this past year in the Administrator's seat at St. Paul's once again reminds me of how fortunate and thankful I am for my role here. I have a unique view of many of the moving parts within the body of our parish, and I carry such gratitude for the many people that help to make this all work. I am very happy with how this past year has gone, overall, and I am looking forward to seeing what this new year brings!

**Office Hours:** I have committed to keeping office hours regularly, and have slightly expanded them to be every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:30am-12:00pm and I am always happy to welcome visits. For the most part I have been able to maintain these hours in person at the office, and I am grateful to everyone who is patient with me and understands that I am not available full-time. The best way to contact me is through email or to leave a voicemail message at the office.

**Communication:** An important part of my administrative is ensuring that communication is clear, timely, and helpful. Only working 2-days per week sometimes makes my communication less than ideal. Again, I am grateful for the patience of everyone who has to wait for my responses and communications. I have found that this is easiest for me to do primarily through email, especially since I am able to reference past

messages. This helps me make sure that I am providing all of the necessary information to everyone who needs it. One change from this past year is that I have begun using a new service for our weekly newsletters which is a feature of our website. I have received a lot of positive feedback about this change and it seems to be well received.

**Volunteers:** I am often amazed at how many people in our congregation are willing to offer their time, skills, and expertise to our parish. We have a great many people involved in our Sunday services, as well as all of the other things that happen in and around our building throughout each week. Even so, scheduling can be a difficult task at times in certain areas, especially since new scheduling blocks often happen over the holidays. This coming year you can expect to see new schedules sent out at different times to counterbalance the workload. These may not be in nice 4-month blocks, but will be much easier for me to send out in a timely fashion. Feedback on this change throughout the year is appreciated.

**Bookings:** St. Paul's has become a fairly busy place. Each week, we currently have 7 choir/music groups using various spaces in our building, Kid's Crew in the basement on Thursday afternoons, 2 churches on Sundays, the daycare, and other various groups and meetings. There is something happening here every evening, and we are so grateful to see our spaces being utilized by our community. However, we do have plenty of availability for our spaces to be used during the daytimes and on Saturdays, and we are considering ways we can use our space more fully.

Respectfully Submitted by Asher Hébert, Office Administrator

### **Warden Reports (Rector's Warden and People's Warden)**

We have seen a gradual loosening of COVID restrictions for in-person worship at St. Paul's while still offering parishioners the choice of worshipping online. As Wardens, we have appreciated the understanding and respect that members of the St. Paul's family have shown towards others who approach changes with different concerns and speed.

Vestry and Corporation continue to work together collaboratively and both Wardens have grown in their understanding of their roles and responsibilities within the church. Both Margot and Paul attended the 68<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod in October 2022 and sought to contribute a balanced perspective in discussions over proposed amendments and resolutions.

As People's Warden, Margot has had the opportunity to present concerns or observations noted by parishioners for respectful consideration by Vestry and Corporation. Margot became the Vestry liaison for the Focus on Mission team and either attended or followed meeting discussions to keep abreast of FoM initiatives. It has been a privilege to represent the people of St. Paul's during this past year.

Paul Dowie's second full year as Rector's Warden has been more eventful. The work of those involved in bringing the Kitchen Renovation to successful fruition is much appreciated. The kitchen will be a welcome asset in our post COVID community life and outreach. Rev. Thomas Brauer's support to our community during Myron's time away was also valued. Paul will continue to support Myron as needed in

his demanding role as Rector and in particular as he goes through surgery and recovery. It has been a privilege to serve in this way.

Respectfully submitted,

Margot Byer, People's Warden and Paul Dowie, Rector's Warden

## **Youth Ministry Report**

It has been a joy to spend another year working with our youth. Every year feels different. This year, the marked difference was how normal things felt, as were able to meet regularly in person and without major restrictions of spacing and numbers. Another major difference at the beginning of this year was my prolonged absence from many Sundays due to a position I had as a seasonal archaeologist. While away, I was also managing the Sunday mornings for the youth with substitutes and lessons. A big thank you to Lauren Hebert, Ryan Young, Isabella Penner, and Jodi Penner, for helping run Sunday mornings during that time.

In our Sunday morning bible studies, the youth spent last year from January to March reading from "Can I Ask That?" a study meant for teenagers voicing and addressing questions that youth often have, but for one reason or another may not feel comfortable asking. An overarching lesson from this bible study was to ask questions, because it is only by asking and seeking an answer about faith that we come to learn and grow deeper in our relationship. The remainder of the term was spent learning about the Triune nature of God, and the Kingdom of God. In September, the youth were introduced to our theme for the year, which is faith as a relationship with God. Starting this conversation off, we spent the fall learning and talking about the Characteristics and attributes of God, who is our Creator seeking relationship with us. For the remainder of the year we will be continuing our conversation with linking our actions with how those benefit and nurture our relationship with God.

Starting in January of 2022 we were blessedly able to take part in in person activities such as games nights, and theme nights on our regular Saturday gatherings. The most notable activity the youth group took part in last year was the Young Sojourner's youth retreat at the Sorrento Anglican Retreat and Conference Centre in BC. The weekend was a wonderful time for our youth to gather with other young people from other Anglican parishes. It was encouraging to worship, play, and learn together while acknowledging this was the first possibility we had of doing this since the beginning of the pandemic. While a decent amount of the funding for this trip came from a grant received from the Anglican Church Foundation, most of the expenses were paid by St. Paul's to cover the travel by bus to Sorrento. The youth did have a bake sale and worked to come up with other fundraising solutions for their trip to Sorrento, which helped offset some costs as well. In the future, we hope to partner with other groups to make the travel costs more manageable.

I'd like to thank the St. Paul's for the support and nurturing you have shown to the youth. It is a blessing to be a generous and loving community such as we have, who are committed to providing opportunities for our young people to grow and develop. Thank you!

Respectfully Submitted by Abigail Harding, Youth Leader

## Community Outreach and Reconciliation Awareness Report

**Kids Crew:** The creation of a program for kids attending Grovenor Elementary School to have a social outlet on Thursday afternoons, the school's early dismissal day. Through the granting program "Say 'Yes' to Kids" administered through The Anglican Foundation of Canada, we were able to hire a part time staff member, Lisa Muyambo, to plan and host the program. We have had good success with this program, and have supported a number of students in the development of social skills and supervised, structured play time, in response to some of the issues created by COVID.

**Community Corner:** Now in its second year, Community Corner has run weekly in the church bulletin highlighting such things as Black History Month, Indigenous awareness, events around the city of Edmonton, and much more.

**Mental Health Highlight:** This was introduced mid-year after our Church Retreat focus on Mental Health, the Mental Health Highlight ran weekly in the church bulletin, giving parishioners access to a number of mental health resources and also helping to increase awareness around mental health/illness issues. These can be accessed on our website's blog for reference and to follow the links.

**Church Retreat:** The St Paul's Church retreat ran May 13-15, 2022 and was a wonderful weekend event held at Camp Nakamun. Rosalee Freund stepped up to instruct and facilitate learning for attendees on the topic of Mental Health, giving a wonderful overview of the mental health spectrum and how it is intertwined with our spirituality and faith. Myron elaborated on this point, showing how the story of Elijah is one of mental health and faith, and also showing that God is concerned with us as whole people. The retreat was enjoyed by all who attended, with time to eat, play and pray together. Thank you to the Retreat Team (Rosalee Freund, Jim Egeto, Karen Egeto, Terry Berard, & Carol Rudat)!

**Indigenous Awareness:** Several initiatives were undertaken this year, including special focus on Indigenous awareness in June and September. On September 30, we hosted "Mapping the Ground We Stand on". Early in the year we hosted a book study on "21 Things You May Not Know about the Indian Act" by Bob Joseph. We also supported Rev. Lori Calkins in her ministry with Indigenous Birth of Alberta, both in hosting the committee charged with fundraising for her position as well as providing meals and layettes to her clients as needed. Thank you to everyone for the meals you have provided and for helping to create the layettes. Thank you to Laura Rogers for her leadership and direction with the layettes.

**Kitchen renovation:** It was a long-anticipated completion, but our church kitchen was up and running by the fall. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in getting it set up and organized, as well as all those who have helped us work out the kinks (there are still a few, but we have made great progress). We have hosted many shared meals already, and it is a joy to work in.

**Interchurch Ministry Meetup:** I have been working with Pastor Henry Kranenburg at West End CRC in Crestwood to host quarterly meeting with other churches in the area to share resources and pray together. This has helped us to know one another a little better, to discuss the challenges of ministering in this particular location, and to encourage one another in our work.

**Shrove Tuesday, June Church Picnic, Fall Kick-off BBQ:** We have three meals that have been repeated for many years, and I am very thankful for the volunteers who help make them happen. These are great meals of fellowship and fun.

Submitted by Michelle Schurek, Community Outreach and Reconciliation Awareness

## Sunday School Report

Kids Club is continuing to minister to our small group of 3 delightful girls. The Dig-In curriculum which offers several theme streams is focussed this term on the 'Heart of God'. We are learning about the attributes of Jesus demonstrated in his life and teachings. Margot Byer, Carol Rudat, and Renée Jackson alternate teaching duties and our desire is to support and encourage these children to love and serve God and the world.

We are excited about a new initiative launched this Fall called Cocoa Connections. The children are invited to prepare and ask questions of a member of our church using an interview format. Cara Roemmich is leading this activity. The goal is to do this the first Sunday of the month. The guest is invited to share their faith story and engage in dialogue with our kids. Our hope is that this activity will connect the children with the wider parish and foster deeper relationships.

In His grace  
Margot Byer, Carol Rudat, and Renée Jackson

## Altar Guild Report

Our Altar Guild team is blessed with six wonderful and faithful servants who set up the Lords banquet table each week. Such a privilege. We also set up for our special services throughout the year for Holy Week and Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are always thankful for the extra helping hands the Lord provides for these special celebrations. It is a great team to serve with and we are always open and welcoming to those the Lord brings to serve with us. It is a quiet behind the scenes ministry for our Lord. No previous experience required. Trained on site. Praise the Lord!

In His Service,  
Respectfully Submitted by Kjeryn Allard.

## Small Group/Fellowship Group Report

Small Group Report, February 2023.

Currently our groups are:

1. Ladies Bible Study, alternate Thursday mornings, meeting using Zoom. Currently we are doing a series on Galatians, a Beth Moore and Melissa Moore study. It is an amazing in depth study. This study will end late in March, and a new study will be started then. A contact person for that group is Pat Stretch, 780-453-3339 or [gordonstretch733@gmail.com](mailto:gordonstretch733@gmail.com).
2. Daughters of the King also have continued through the pandemic, meeting with Zoom. They meet every Tuesday afternoon. The contact person for that is Kjeryn Allard, 780-451-4855, email [kjerynallard@gmail.com](mailto:kjerynallard@gmail.com).
3. Journeying Together: has continued to meet monthly during the pandemic using the zoom platform. The group is led by Nancy Whistance-Smith and there are six regular members (about half who regularly attend St. Paul's) as well as one who is unable to attend online. The format is very flexible with sharing and encouragement being the primary focus. This group is always happy to have new people join them as they Journey Together in their Christian walk. Nancy's contact information is: [nancyjws@gmail.com](mailto:nancyjws@gmail.com); phone 780-999-9704.
4. The men of the congregation get together every second Wednesday for coffee and friendship. Contact John Green at 780-884-6601, or email [john.e.green@shaw.ca](mailto:john.e.green@shaw.ca) if you would like to be notified for these get-togethers.

5. A ladies evening Bible study has started. They meet at the church, weather permitting, or on zoom otherwise, every Wednesday evening, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. They are currently reading the book of Ephesians aloud, and then discussing it. The study is led by Terry Berard (780-420-0532) and Gay Gering ([gaygering@gmail.com](mailto:gaygering@gmail.com)).
6. Beginning in Advent 2021, a small group of parishioners began gathering daily online for Morning Prayer on the Zoom platform. This group continues to meet online Monday through Saturday between 8 and 8:30 a.m. All who are interested are invited to attend as they are able. The zoom link can be obtained through the parish office.

If anyone is interested in starting a fellowship group of any kind, please give this some prayerful thought, and approach me at the email below. Becoming followers of Jesus is more meaningful if we are doing more than meeting just on Sunday mornings for worship.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Stretch, Small Group Coordinator  
[gordonstretch733@gmail.com](mailto:gordonstretch733@gmail.com) and 780-453-3339

### **Focus on Missions Report**

Focus on Missions (FoM) helps St Paul’s live out its identity and share God’s love locally, regionally and internationally by prayerfully and financially supporting missionaries and special projects. In 2022 our team consisted of six members: Wendell James (chair), Nora James, George Jakeway, Gay Gering, Lauren Hébert and Deanna Kalles. Betty Kavuma was a regular visitor throughout the year, and Gay requested a sabbatical leave in the fall. We were fortunate to have Margot Byer become our Vestry representative mid-year. Monthly meetings continued virtually, with each including time to pray for specific needs of our supported missionaries and projects.

The table below shows the missions agencies for which financial support was provided quarterly. The level of financial support required for the listed agencies (\$28,500 per year) was provided through a combination of St. Paul’s missions budget and donations to the Saint John’s Legacy Foundation. The Foundation provided a matching grant of \$28,851 to the Ezra Missions Committee, of which \$19,330 was directed to St. Paul’s to support three additional charities: Ratanak International, Hands at Work (Canada) and Salvation Army (local).

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Missionaries or Representative</b>
Palm Ministry Association	Bachmanns
Navigators International	Brimacombs
Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF International)	Howells
Embrace Rwanda	Hilary King, Executive Director
Diocese of the Arctic, Arthur Turner Training School	Bishop Joey Royal, Director

Regular Missionary-of-the-Month presentations and blogs provided updates about our current projects and encouraged parishioners to support and pray for our missionaries. Special attention was focused on the Arctic Diocese as they trained a student to fill the much-needed Youth Coordinator position.

Support continued for three projects in Rwanda: Youth Education, Housing and Microfinance. The Youth Education project allowed thirteen sponsored students to continue classes. Five completed their

educational objectives and their replacements were selected by a Cyanguu committee based on financial needs. A student who graduated last year is pursuing an Education degree from the University of Rwanda. The RDIS Housing project was once again successful in completing two new homes within the established budget. Although Microfinance projects encountered insurmountable challenges while COVID restrictions were imposed, a revised training program has been developed that focuses on business recovery. A final provision of funds was sent to encourage recovery and help the program achieve its goal of becoming self-sustaining.

Please continue to pray for our missionaries and projects, and for wisdom and discernment regarding “re-focusing” missional activities in 2023. Feel free to contact anyone on the committee if you have questions or would like to become more involved - we are looking for new team members.

Respectfully Submitted by Wendell James, Chair

### **Property Committee Report**

The Property Committee met in person at the church on November 25th, 2022 representing its first general meeting to review the entire property in over two years.

The Kitchen Project obviously was the focus of planning, financing and energy in 2022. It is great to see the kitchen now being used by the St. Paul’s community as people slowly learn where everything is stored and how to operate all the appliances. The completion hopefully opens the doors to ministries both within and outside of the congregation in the upcoming months.

There are a few less daunting upcoming projects in 2023 that the committee has suggested to Vestry for budget purposes. This includes on a priority basis starting with:

1. Roof/ceiling repairs that extend from the chair & table storage area in the hall and out to the entrance way that the daycare uses. There is an occasional leak that has damaged the ceiling over several years.
2. Improved weather stripping around exterior doors and repair of the door facing 145 Street.
3. Plants/bushes/grass area along Stony Plain Road are not enjoying LRT construction. There have been issues even before this with bushes working their way into the side of the church and challenging weeds that have defied elimination. It has been suggested that this is a good time to pull out most of the plants and such now, and come up with a maintenance free landscape design once LRT construction is completed. This is not urgent but it might be a good time in the spring to attack it?
4. If funds permit, gravelling and grading the east parking lot would be worthwhile.
5. And if funds permit, painting the offices, hallway in front of offices and stairway down to the basement.
6. There is a “suspicion” that there are pigeons visiting the upper part of the church steeple/tower/belfry. No one has been up in that space for years to check it out but it might be time to do that.
7. Moving the church sign on Stony Plain Road doesn’t fall under the parameters of the Property Committee so costs/timing are unknown to us.
8. There may be some requirements to update the alarm system. There is no estimate on costs, or ideas on urgency, in this early part of 2023.

Submitted by the Property Committee: Rick Mickelson, Gene Wanamaker, Laurie Byer & Peter Jackson

# **2022 Financial Reports**

## **St. Paul's Anglican Church**

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**December 31, 2022**

As presented at the Annual General Meeting on February 5, 2023

Accounts Examiner: Mr. Jason Spoor

Treasurer: Mr. David Heritage

**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**BALANCE SHEET**

*As at December 31, 2022*

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b><i>Assets</i></b>		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts	\$ 217,083	\$ 383,386
Accounts Receivable	\$ 106,686	\$ 111,267
GST Recoverable	\$ 10,465	4,198
Prepaid Expenses	\$ -	-
	334,234	498,851
Fixed Assets		
Building	\$ 267,106	85,712
Furniture/Fixtures	\$ 3,210	4,013
	270,316	89,724
<b><i>Total Assets</i></b>	<b>\$ 604,549</b>	<b>\$ 588,575</b>
<b><i>Liabilities</i></b>		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -
Building Use Deposits	\$ 420	420
Unamortized Capital Revenue	\$ 112,637	-
Fund Balances	\$ 48,832	140,453
	161,889	140,873
<b><i>Equity</i></b>		
Unrestricted Net Assets	442,659	447,702
<b><i>Total Liabilities and Equity</i></b>	<b>\$ 604,549</b>	<b>\$ 588,575</b>

**ACCRUAL BASIS**

**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**Statement of Operating Inflows and Expenses**  
*For the year ending December 31, 2022*

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<b>Inflows</b>		
Offerings	\$ 288,456	\$ 322,408
Building Revenue	44,305	14,515
Specified Gifts (In kind)	14,442	16,112
Specified Fund Revenue	6,244	-
Miscellaneous Income	5,058	6,215
Interest Income	657	243
	<u>359,163</u>	<u>359,493</u>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Labour & Benefits	187,361	155,454
Program Expenses	89,111	77,508
Facility Regular Maintenance	40,028	26,837
Church Administration	19,300	16,632
Specified Gifts (In kind)	14,189	15,137
Facility Upgrading	2,544	19,174
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<u>352,535</u>	<u>310,741</u>
<b>Net Operating Surplus (Loss) before Amortization</b>	<u>6,628</u>	<u>48,751</u>
<b>Amortization of Capital Funds</b>	- 5,928	-
<b>Amortization Expense</b>	<u>17,599</u>	<u>6,758</u>
<b>Net Amortization</b>	<u>11,671</u>	<u>6,758</u>
<b>Net Operating Surplus (Loss)</b>	<u>\$ (5,043)</u>	<u>\$ 41,993</u>

ACCRUAL BASIS

**St. Paul's Anglican Church**  
**Statement of Fund Contributions and Disbursements**  
For the year ending December 31, 2022

	Opening Balance		Closing Balance	
	January 1	Contributions	Disbursements	December 31
Focus on Missions	\$ 2,272	8,750	(9,000)	\$ 2,022
Rwanda Microbusiness	\$ 300	9,500	(9,500)	\$ 300
Mission Education	\$ 324	8,750	(7,000)	\$ 2,074
Youth Mission Acct	\$ 172	-	-	\$ 172
Rwanda Housing	\$ 300	9,500	(9,500)	\$ 300
REACH	\$ 7,618	-	(261)	\$ 7,357
Refugee Sponsorship	\$ 500	250	(500)	\$ 250
Kids Programming	\$ -	5,000	(844)	\$ 4,156
Indigenous Ministry	\$ 2,700	2,700	(5,400)	\$ -
Wycliffe	\$ -	3,000	-	\$ 3,000
OMF	\$ -	3,000	-	\$ 3,000
Advent Project	\$ 15,000		(15,000)	\$ -
Capital Projects*	\$ 111,267		(85,066)	\$ 26,201
	\$ 140,453	\$ 50,450	\$ (142,071)	\$ 48,832

\* Capital Projects are funds to be received from the expropriation of a portion of the land for the LRT. These funds have been restricted by the Diocese and may be only used for Capital Projects. A holdback of approximately 26,201 has yet to be released by the lawyers.

The \$106,686 in accounts receivable is composed of the \$26,201 that has yet to be released by the lawyers, \$5,800 in rent from the daycare received but not deposited, and \$74,685 from securities donated but not transferred by the Diocese as of Dec. 31, 2022.

## APPENDIX A

### KEY EXPENSES

	2022	2021	2020	2019
SALARIES & BENEFITS	181,510	148,900	80,508	83,854
CONTRACTS	17,325	11,324	27,482	28,895
FOCUS ON MISSIONS	17,000	16,000	12,825	13,302
BUILDING REPAIRS	3,051	19,472	8,929	17,667
UTILITIES	22,196	15,215	13,896	15,039
APPORTIONMENT	53,100	<u>50,328</u>	<u>48,192</u>	<u>52,328</u>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>294,183</b>	<b>261,239</b>	<b>191,831</b>	<b>211,085</b>

**2023 Proposed Budget - TBD**