

## BOARD CHAIR REPORT



“Many hands make light the load”! Thankfully there are many who are actively taking a leadership role at SUC. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board members and their committees serving in 2018. Many of us were new in our positions and consequently there has been a huge ongoing learning curve! Thanks for everyone’s patience!

A new building, new programs, new board members and new staffing, has made for very busy times! Thank you to our treasurer and our M & P committee who have worked particularly hard. We said thank you and goodbye to a number of board members who served faithfully for many years. We also said goodbye and good luck to our secretary, Jody. Enjoy your retirement!

We said hello and welcome to our new secretary, Lisa Cameron, our new accompanist, Arlene Robinson and our sanctuary organizer, Pat Wilson. Welcome also to Elaine Graham, working with children and seniors, thanks to the acquisition of monies through the Seeds of Hope Grant. Thank you all! We love your talents and enthusiasm! The Ministry and Personnel committee has been kept busy writing job descriptions and contracts!

A special thank you to Rob Pederson, for a new sign, to Macky Sumalileng for his beautiful work building the cross at the front of the church, to Walter Huber for the hand-crafted handrail and coat rack and to Wendy Sellers for the beautiful quilted banner for the foyer. All have helped make our sanctuary feeling like “home”.

A Provision Grant enabled us to support a new program; a before and after school care program called Spirit Kids which began in September. Welcome to staff Vanessa and Yasamine! Kayla oversees this program which will hopefully help us pay down our annual debt as we attempt to balance our operational budget.

What did we do this past year and how did we do it?

Our worship programs included Sunday worship, Messy Church, a growing children's church, World Day of Prayer, Advent Study Group, Christmas Pageant, Joint worship with St. Johns and Special Christmas music and choir.

Our outreach included Community Christmas Care, sponsorship of Syrian families, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Hilltop Hymn Sing, Healing Touch and Men's Breakfast.

A summer visitation program and a board retreat kept the leadership team busy as we sought input from our congregants as to "how we were doing", what we would like to see and where we might go now that we were established back down town. The board retreat helped us become familiar with our roles as we planned our year.

All of the above, we are able to do thanks to our hard-working worship team, Reverend Karen Millard and Kayla Mak and also thanks to the many volunteer hours of our congregants in support of the worship and leadership teams. The hard work and enthusiasm are appreciated and we hope, enriching for all as we continue to live out our faith.

Grant writing (thanks to Kaija Belfrey-Monroe) has netted us funding from a Provision Grant and a Seeds of Hope Grant. We have also applied for these grants for 2019. UCW's hard work and financial contributions and other fundraising endeavors as well as rentals of our sanctuary are all helping us "pay the bills"!! The congregation's givings each Sunday are also an essential financial piece to sustain our ministry!

Thanks to the contributions of time, talents and financial givings we are able to live out our faith.

Thanks again to all!

My final thoughts are to say welcome to the many new faces at Squamish United Church and to applaud the many congregants who have been part of the “family” for many years. I wish to say how glad to see that we have come through the turmoil of building and transition and we can now settle in. We are blessed with your presence whether new, long standing, young and/or old.

May we continue to “make a joyful noise”.

**Grace Halvorson, Board Chair**



## Board of Trustees Report

Hello everyone, the Board of Trustees had a rather slow year – which is wonderful.

You may recall at the last AGM the congregation voted to close down our account at Philip Hager North and move the balance of the funds to Squamish Savings (Vancity). The amount was approximately \$225,000.00. We did in fact carry out the transfer and have set up two accounts at Sq Savings:

1. A chequing account for funds to be used to support church operations (it started at about \$140,000 – Hugh Kerr will report on the current balance).
2. A savings account with approx. \$100,000 to be used for preserving our church asset (sanctuary)

*Psssst.....if the math doesn't quite add up it is because we already had some Trustee funds at Sq. Savings.*

Quite unexpectedly we received a refund from the CentrePoint construction of \$37,000 so we put it in a separate savings account (account No. 3) for building enhancements. This was in keeping with your decision in this regard in 2015. These funds are being used for such things as sound panels and all the other work that Walter has been doing in our sanctuary. We call it the finishing touches.

Your board of trustees will continue to administer funds and help protect our assets. I am stepping back from the chairs position after 15 years but I will continue to serve as a trustee.

Therefore this will be my last report. It has been a pleasure and I wish to thank everyone for their wonderful assistance over the years.

**Respectfully submitted, Peter Gordon, Chair**



## Treasurers Report

This year has seen many changes on the financial side. Ken Tanner stepped down as treasurer in April, and Hugh Kerr assumed his duties. Ken had been treasurer for several years, including all of the time through the complex task of overseeing the financial aspects during the construction of Centrepont, in addition to the normal treasurer tasks, and felt he had “done his bit”. We owe Ken a great vote of appreciation for his dedicated work for many years.



Jody Villadsen retired in October, after many years of careful accounting and secretarial tasks. We thank her as well for years of service. Lisa Cameron took over as Administrator when Jody retired, and we welcome her.

As agreed at last year’s AGM, all of the investment funds were moved to Squamish Savings. Two GICs were purchased from these funds, as shown in the Financial Statement, and the remainder was put into the General account. In addition we deposited into a “Building” account funds (about \$38,000) which had been given to Centrepont for the building, but were not used. These latter funds are earmarked for enhancements for the building. About \$15,000 has been taken from this account towards purchasing acoustic panels. At the end of December all of these funds totaled about \$235,000.

A summary of the 2018 income and expenses is given on accompanying pages. General donations were about \$65,000. In addition, a donation of almost \$20,000 arrived unexpectedly, which had been donated through the United Church Foundation. This, plus investment income prior to the transfer to Squamish Savings, along with UCW donations and fundraising and donations for the use of the building brought the total income to about \$104,000, not counting income from Spirit Kids (discussed below). Expenses totaled about \$192,000, made up of operating costs of about \$50,000 and salary and



related costs of about \$142,000. Hence there was a deficit for the year, without Spirit Kids, of about \$88,000.

Spirit Kids began in September. It was supported by a grant of almost \$34,000, plus income from fees of about \$22,000. Salary and other Spirit Kids costs totaled about \$42,000. Hence Spirit Kids generated a net income of over \$18,000, bringing the net deficit to about \$70,000.

A proposed budget for 2019 is given on the same page as the 2018 expenses. There are many uncertainties in any budget. Besides the normal uncertainties of overall givings, the budget includes estimates for: grants income (existing grant of \$11,250 plus \$20,000 ?), fundraising (\$5000 ?), rentals (\$10,000 ?) and Spirit Kids income (\$82,000 ?). Using these estimates the predicted deficit for 2019 would still be about \$59,000. This deficit is similar to earlier ones incurred when we had substantial investment funds. However this year it implies a significant reduction of our funds. Estimates also are given for 2020, in which a higher enrolment for Spirit Kids predicts a deficit of only about \$24,000. A further discussion is proposed in September.



**2018 Financial Statements**  
**Statement of Financial Position December 31**  
**(Unaudited)**

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**ASSETS SQUAMISH UNITED CHURCH**

**Current  
Assets**

Memorial Fund	\$ 580.00
Sq. Savings - GENERAL	\$ 12,223.53
Building Account	\$ 23,326.71
Long Term Redeem GIC	\$ 100,000.00
Cashable 90 Day GIC	\$ 100,000.00
<b>Total Chequing/Savings</b>	<b>\$ 235,550.24</b>

Accounts Receivable	<b>\$ 2,303.20</b>
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Furniture & Equipment	<b>\$ 68,530.35</b>
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Centrepoint Building	<b>\$ 1,912,067.14</b>
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,218,450.93</b>
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**Liabilities**

Benevolent Fund	-\$ 2,850.65
Visa	-\$ 577.67
WCB Payable	-\$ 154.97
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>-\$ 3,583.29</b>

**ASSETS REFUGEE ACCOUNTS**

**Current  
Assets**

**Chequing/Savings**

Circle of Hope	18.34
Garibaldi	3,527.99
SUC	2,126.69
Salam	25,712.46
HS Helps	2,493.66
GIC - HS Helps	5,500.00

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>39,379.14</b>
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## Minister Report

Greetings friends, A year ago I was writing the first annual report sitting in my new



office. Admittedly I still felt a bit like a fish out of water. My office didn't really feel like my own yet. We were still figuring out how to unlock the doors, how to share well with our new housemates, how to move walls and fix sound issues. We complained about floors and kitchens and feeling like the space wasn't ours. As I look back over my last report it is all about the transition into the new space and that is exactly the moment we were in. I remember more than a few days of feeling a little bewildered and disoriented trying to answer questions and solve problems that I had no idea the solutions to.

Last Sunday however, I was asked how to do something with the coffee machine and I honestly said "I'm not sure." I haven't used it for a long time now and yet there was a point in time that I was the only one brave enough to try. A year ago I hoped one day things would settle down and we would have answers to questions and solutions to new building issues. I hoped, and I feared it might never be.

I realized however as I sat down to write this report that we have come a long way. Many have become comfortable with the kitchen, systems are falling into place, coat racks have been built along with a railing (thank you Walter), we have a cross (thank you Macky) and more sound baffling is on the way (thank you Hugh - and many others who pushed along the way). I no longer walk into my office hoping I won't set off an alarm. I come in feeling like I'm coming to a wonderful work place. We as staff work well together and the office is a welcoming place. We have gotten to know our housemates and for the most part have wonderful shared, flexible relationships. We have come to a place of supporting one another rather than feeling like we are walking on eggshells wondering how we will next make a mistake. This place now feels like



home. In the last months I have given several tours to visiting ministers and non profit agencies all who come into this place in awe. “This is amazing,” “What a beautiful place,” “This is what the church should be doing,” are the common responses.

As I look back on 2018 I realize we all came here a little nervous wondering if this whole thing was going to work. Would sharing space be a possibility? Would people come through our doors? Are we going to survive or thrive? I know it will depend on who you ask but when I look forward I see us thriving. We’ve got some work to do but we’ve come a long way.

We have taken yet another risk starting a before and after school care program. “Spirit Kids” has been a lot of extra work for all the staff but in the last month I have felt us begin to get perspective. We are figuring out our staffing schedules and protocols. Our members have gotten used to the program in the building and so there are fewer awkward interruptions and we have created a business that meets the needs of several families in the community of Squamish.

We continue to hope this will grow in a way that it will assist us financially, but in the meantime it has gotten our name out into the community in ways it never has been before.

In the last year we are seeing more families come to our drop in music class, Messy Church and Sunday services. Some of this is because of our community connections entirely. Thank you to Kayla for working above and beyond many hours to make these ministries successful.

In 2018 many of you have discovered where there are vital needs for ministry.

With the assistance of a grant, we were able to build up a bit of a missing seniors ministry with Elaine Graham at the helm. I am so thankful for her work and assistance in so many areas.

UCW is always at work providing meals, fundraisers, coffee and more. Hugh and the finance team work tirelessly to help us figure out how to move forward with our financial needs. M&P have spent more hours

**“Let us continue to seek to be faithful companions on the journey of life, faith and church together.”**

than any of us can imagine attempting to get protocols, job descriptions, salaries, and hiring practices up to date. Grace and Kaija have been steering a fast moving ship through calm and stormy seas as we figure out who we are in this new place, mission and ministry. Over the last year Arlene Robinson has become a part of our community and she blesses us weekly with her gift of music. And most recently we have been gifted in our office with Lisa Cameron who has very quickly become a part of the team. There is so much more to say and I will never cover it all. If I have missed your work and ministry it has not been intentional. We are so blessed by so many.

As I look back on 2018, I celebrate the ministry of my colleagues here who daily pour out their life's energy and gifts for the sake of God's love in this community. As everyone's schedules become increasingly busy, we often turn to staff to do things that volunteers used to do and the Squamish United Church staff step up. That has led to an increase in staffing budgets, which carries its own challenge, but I want to shine a light on the gifts of human love and expertise offered by our staff.

I also celebrate all who offer their time and gifts on a voluntary basis. Every day you come to the church, offering your gifts, and yourselves: in the music, the meals, the visits, the phone calls, the leadership, the administration, and the worshipping that

happens every day, every week. I want you to know, you make a difference. I see it and I am grateful.

We have our challenges finding the people we need to do all we long to do, finding the financial resources to sustain our mission, discerning a vision and some goals for the next years. I have no doubt that we are blessed with gifted people, with a great facility, with a location in the community, with staff and volunteers, and most of all with an attitude of gratitude, all of which

gives me great hope for our future. I am grateful that God has called me here. I

wholeheartedly believe that God is up to something important here. I invite everyone to



actively listen for God’s leading as we move together into this next phase of life at Squamish United Church. Every AGM we have the opportunity to stop and look at where we have come from and to refocus our ministry. To ask once again “Who are we? What is our purpose? Why are we here? What is our mission?” It is especially in these times that we are called to remember our mission both as Christians and church community. Firstly, we are called to love. “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself” (Luke 10:27) and secondly, as Squamish United Church we have been called to be “an inclusive community serving God’s world.”

Let us take this opportunity to celebrate the year of life we have had together as a community of faith. As we live into our Centrepont facility I encourage us to remember we are not a building, we are a community of faith. In the year ahead I will continue to pray that we open our lives to mystery, to beauty, to hospitality, to questions, to the endless opportunity of discovering the Holy in all we do. Let us continue to seek to be faithful companions on the journey of life, faith and church together. Amen.

**Submitted by Rev. Karen Millard**

## Worship Report

This year the worship committee has been re-establishing. We are still in the midst of learning and discovering our roles and we always welcome new members to assist us with the tasks at hand. Here is a highlighted list of worship facts and events for 2018.

- Our worship has been blessed with the consistent musical leadership of our pianist Arlene Robinson. She enjoys playing her piano for us every week as we worship together.



- During our year every third Sunday we continued to share worship with St. John the Divine Anglican Church. With the pending retirement of the Rev. Nick Parker it was decided to conclude this at the end of the year.
- This Advent and Christmas we carried out the “Angels Among Us” series that was a highlight of worship for many.

### **Baptisms 2018**

Georgia Violet Addis      May 27, 2018

### **Marriages 2018**

Hugh Munroe to Khoo Siew Wah      January 4, 2018

Patrick Nolan to Amy Dunko      July 7, 2018

Brett Elsdon to Christie Kohul      August 16, 2018

Michael Whelan to Helen Power      September 8, 2018

Robert Bennie to Marie Matchett      September 15, 2018

### **Memorials**

James Bert Ionson      June 22, 2018

Rainer Schwarz      October 13, 2018

The worship committee is always looking for new members. We as a committee help prepare the sanctuary with seasonal decorations, put up banners etc, ensure we have supplies for the season and all Sunday worship services. In the past the worship committee has been a team that assisted in pulling together themes and musicians and all the extras of creative worship. If this sounds fun to you (it is to me - but that’s probably why I became a minister) please let Rev. Karen know and you can join us. Our

current worship committee is Wendy Sellers (Chair), Arlene Robinson, Kayla Mak, Julie Murakami, and Trevor Harris.

**Submitted by Rev. Karen Millard**

## Ministry and Personnel Report

2018 proved to be a challenging and interesting year for the incoming M&P Committee. Marilyn Caldwell agreed to chair the committee, and Cindy Roy joined the current team members of Louise Martin and Kevin Haberl.



success of the program.

One of our initial major challenges was the introduction of the new Spirit Kids Before and After School Program which involved ensuring that all the required policies and procedures were in place, the hiring of personnel, developing job descriptions and contracts for these positions and following up with ongoing support for all involved to help ensure the

Jody, our long-time Office Administrator, retired in October which required the search for a qualified individual to take over this position. We were fortunate to hire Lisa Cameron and are very glad to welcome Lisa to our church family.

Also on the hiring front, we contracted Pat Wilson to set up the Sanctuary for Sunday services and re-set it for the Spirit Kids program for Monday morning. Thank you Pat for your willingness to take this on.



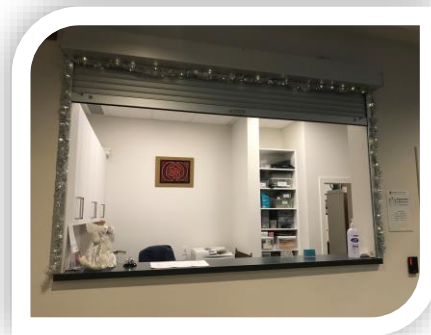
Elaine Graham was also contracted through the Seeds of Hope Grant to develop a seniors-focused daytime program series, and together with Kayla Mak, develop inter-generational programs to connect the children who are participating in the various programs of our church with the adults in our church community. Thanks to both Elaine and Kayla, these programs are progressing well.

New job descriptions were created or rewritten for the Minister, the Director of Family Programming, the Office Administrator, the Keyboardist, and for both the Assistant Manager and the Child Care Associate with the Spirit Kids' Program. In addition to the work done on job descriptions, contracts also needed to be written or updated to reflect the changes in positions.

Successful probationary performance evaluations have been completed on the two Spirit Kids' staff, Vanessa and Yasamin, and on Lisa, our Office Administrator. Performance evaluations are currently underway for the Minister and the Director of Family Programming and it is hoped to have these completed in the near future.

We are very fortunate to have dedicated and committed staff at Squamish United Church. M&P will continue to work with our staff and provide support to the best of our ability.

**Marilyn Caldwell, Chair**  
**Ministry & Personnel Committee**



## Mission and Service Report

The Mission and Service ( M&S) givings support needs beyond the local church, through the United Church of Canada. M&S funds organizations

and projects in Canada and elsewhere. In **2018 the Squamish United M&S givings were just short of \$10,000.00- an admirable sum, for which the M&S Committee is very grateful.**

The funds of M&S support a wide range of initiatives and organizations. In Canada it supports many community initiatives such as; families affected by the

justice system when a family member is jailed; drop in centres for mothers and others in less fortunate neighbourhoods; and support for small churches, summer camps, theological education and reconciliation activities.

M&S interacts outside of Canada with a wide range of activities in over 20 countries: with ecumenical organizations, social justice causes, etc. A Mission & Service pilgrimage to Kenya allowed participants from across Canada to see the life-changing impact of Mission & Service global partnerships first hand. They went to a refugee camp, learned about farming and food security activities, LGBTQ+ human rights education, and women's empowerment efforts. They saw ongoing activities in conjunction with Kenyan partners, including : the National Council of Churches in Kenya; All African Conference of Churches; Kenya Alliance for the Advancement of Children's Rights; Organization of African Instituted Churches; and the World Student Christian Federation. Similar partnerships are ongoing in many other countries.

For disaster relief M&S partners with other churches through an organization known as Action of Churches Together (ACT). ACT's readiness allows immediate financial response to disasters.



The M&S committee (Christine Tribe, Barbara Stover, Pat Wilson and Hugh Kerr) presents a weekly “Minute for Mission” highlight of an example of an M&S project. Besides M&S donations by the congregation, **recycling items at the local Bottle Depot, (account # 205) adds to the total.**

The Committee is very grateful for these donations. We ask that you continue to support M&S through regular givings in 2019.

We would also **welcome new members** of the M&S Committee. **No application forms,** or experience, are needed. We only require that you have a desire to inform yourself, and the congregation, about M&S activities in Canada and around the world.

**Hugh Kerr**

## Family and Children Ministry



### Spirit Kids Out Of School Care:



In September 2018 Squamish United Church received a childcare license for our after school program held in the sanctuary. For the past few months parents in our community have been dropping off their kids at around 7:00am and the Spirit Kids Staff will walk them to school by 9:00am. At 3:00pm Spirit Kids Staff walk back the children to our sanctuary where parents will pick them up by 6:00pm. Squamish United Church has hired some amazing, responsible young adults to create a welcoming and safe space for the children in our new sanctuary, as well as to ensure that the children get to school in a safe manner. The program has started off small and has



continued to grow. The parents are highly pleased with our professional attitude and fun activities and many have been spreading the word for us for next fall. Numbers are hard to predict but I am confident that we will have many more families in our program next year - especially as the community around us continues to expand as well.



### Children's Church

It is hard not to notice the level of young (often VERY young) energy, noise and excitement on Sunday mornings! Around Christmas I had as many as 21 children on a single Sunday Morning! We are so blessed to have a wonderful space and resources for our children! This is an incredible increase from our 0 - 4 average in the early months of our new building - currently in the low months I am still

getting an average of 6-7 per week and week to week I am getting a different group. I have 15 families registered and 24 kids - I see most of them once a month or more, some every second month, but that is amazing for this busy world. I regularly have help with some of the young parents and grandparents, as well as occasionally with the teens that are in attendance. In the coming months there may be more discussion on different age classrooms (ie pre school and school aged curriculum) and adding to the education team. My hope is that we continue to be as welcoming and encouraging as we have been and allow these numbers to continue to grow.





**Messy Church** I love Messy Church! It is a chaotic and energizing evening where the children take ownership of our worship space and learn, play, engage and converse around a Christian message. The families that come to Messy Church are, for the most part, different from the families that come on a Sunday morning. They are from different faith backgrounds (Mormon, Catholic, Jewish,

Anglican) and attend their own religious services on Sundays. However many of those religious centres have little to no children education - so they come to us! Last year we had themes of “fishing”, “resurrection”, “Mother’s Day” “world Health”, “Noah and the flood” “Thanksgiving” and our awesome “St Martins’ Lantern Parade”. We also hosted a Christmas Movie night where we showed “The Star”, served popcorn and hot chocolate and tested our movie theatre equipment! We have had some amazing meals, from pizza to spaghetti, soup to the most amazing mac-n-cheese from the UCW! All of these events



averaged 30 - 35 people - not including the lantern festival which had upwards of 60! This year we are expecting numbers to grow as word gets out. For February we had 30 people, a few that were brand new which is amazing - I also had 7 families that were planning on attending but couldn’t make it due to illness. Aside from those families being ill (all of whom have recovered by the grace of God) it is amazing to think that we could have had over 50!





### Christmas Pageant and Choir

What a magical and busy time advent and Christmas were this year! We had events like the Christmas fair and movie night, as well as a Pro -D camp thrown in there for fun! Through it all we managed to throw together a small but mighty choir with some children from our congregation and community to sing through an advent series. The children featured heavily week to week bringing in the candle with their

angelic voices. The choir met every Thursday night and we started collecting more children through the month of December. On the 24th at the 4:00pm service this choir turned into actors. The pageant focused on the nativity through the eyes of the animals

- all told by St. Francis (Thank you Doug!). The animals were mooing, bahhhing and singing to the baby Jesus - Thank you to the Anderson family for being our very own Holy Family! This service alone had around 100 adults and children in attendance! Ornaments and costumes were made, hymns and carols were sung, candles were lit - it was truly magical!



Though this year has been full of happy, new and bright events there have been some sad.

Bert Ionson for many years, most of which were before my time at Squamish United Church, was a beloved teacher in Children's Church. Bert would always step up when needed, to read a script for nativity plays, to throw together and organize the float for the Christmas Parade, to prepare and organize Church Family BBQ's and to sit in with the Children in Children's church with stories and crafts. I would like to honour Bert and

the Ionson family and all they have done to enrich the families of Squamish United Church.

The future looks bright for our young community! I cannot wait to see what the people of Squamish United Church come up with next year and the years to come as our congregation grows and grows!

With love for God, our Church Family and our community,

**Kayla Mak**

## *Administrator Report*

Since I started my position as the United Church Administrator in October 2018, I have learned many new things and gained valuable experiences. Everyone has been going out of their way to assist me while I transition into this rewarding yet often challenging position. This job is more than just going to work; it truly feels as if I am working with my extended church family. My own family enjoys taking part in Sunday school, Tuesday music and Messy Church and I try to do my best balancing family and work life. I feel very fortunate to have such an interesting administrative position that allows me to interact with people, coordinate events, manage accounts and much more.

It seems as if more and more people are visiting the church and are impressed with the facility and services we have to offer. I enjoy showing them around and have received such positive feedback from those who have booked the church for their events.

Squamish has become my new home and I feel that being part of the Squamish United Church has giving me a new circle of friends that mean more to me than just work colleagues. I am looking forward to spring, all the upcoming events at our church and seeing what the future holds for our community.

**Lisa Cameron**



## United Church Women Report



Missing from our photo is Marilyn Caldwell, Anne Moss, Judy Gordon & Diane Ionson.

Taken by Jeff Larcombe.

I have enjoyed being President of UCW for the past two years and am happy to be

passing the torch to Valerie Stainton January 2019. We are a very busy group, last year we contributed \$1500.00 to the church funds at the end of December. We supplied ten turkeys to first United for their Christmas dinner and the rest of the money we earned from our Let's Talk Turkey fundraiser went to Helping Hands Society in Squamish for their needs.



Our fundraising efforts include a twice-yearly chicken sale, usually Spring & Fall. We also made and donated 50 personal Hygiene Kits with the help of Elaine and the congregation of St. John’s Anglican Church for The Women’s Centre and Helping Hands (25 each). We help with the supper for Messy Church on the first Friday of the month three times a year. Coffee hour after church is also hosted by UCW on the third and fourth Sunday’s of the month.

It wasn’t all work and no play as we enjoyed dinner at the church in February, a dinner and walk at Grace Halvorson’s in June and an appetizer & gift exchange at Mary Larcombe’s home in December. (See our photo). We hosted a picnic at Alice Lake on a cold and windy day for the Refugee Families and our church family.

We are a group of ladies that meet in each other’s homes on the second Wednesday of the month January to June and September to December for fellowship and friendship. We will welcome any ladies of any age who would like to join us as we gather at 7:00pm, please make yourself known to us if you would like to join UCW.

**Judi Rhodes**

## UCW Financial Report

<b>JANUARY 1 2018 OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>\$4,439.69</b>
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### INCOME

Catering – Ingraham luncheon	<u>\$ 550.00</u>	
	\$ 550.00	<u>\$ 550.00</u>
		<b>\$4,989.69</b>

## EXPENSES

Church – curtains	\$3,746.01	
Foodbank (excess money from Turkey Luncheon)	216.85	
Marilyn Caldwell – coffee	9.06	
- Ingraham supplies	91.09	
Service Charge	<u>33.50</u>	
	\$4,096.51	<u>\$4096.51</u>
Balance of Scotia bank account		\$ 893.18
Interest on closing out account	.02	0.02
<b>TRANSFER TO VANCITY</b>		<b>\$ 893.20</b>

## INCOME

Catering Schwartz	\$ 00.00
Presbytry dinner (profit \$230.50)	330.00
Chicken Sales (profit \$1,176.88)	8,174.36
Turkey luncheon	605.00
Calendars	59.29



Coffee hour	259.60	
Bake sale	517.05	
Interest	<u>19</u>	
	\$10,045.49	<u>\$10,045.49</u>
		<u>\$10,938.69</u>

### EXPENSES

Church	\$ 3,005.00	
Presbytery dinner	99.50	
Chicken cost	6,997.48	
Turkey's 1 <sup>st</sup> United	236.02	
Community Christmas Care	368.95	
Cheque purchase	<u>4.55</u>	
	<u>\$10,711.53</u>	<u>\$10,711.53</u>
		<u>\$ 227.16</u>

Respectfully submitted by Deb Kent  
Treasurer, UCW Executive

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry has been active at Squamish United Church since 2005. For over 15 years the ladies have been meeting in each other's homes to knit, pray and share in fellowship. Beautiful shawls have been the result of these endeavors. Hundreds of shawls have been given out to those in need of comfort and/or healing and also to those celebrating joyous occasions.



Recipients have been so grateful for the love and blessings that have accompanied these gifts of warmth and caring.

Thank you to Arlene, Patsy, Christine, Billie and Elizabeth and friends who have met to knit each week throughout the year. Several women find that due to busy schedules etc they choose to knit on their own. If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry please talk to Arlene (604-898-1251) or Elizabeth (604-848-0242).

### **About the Shawls...**

In 1998, Janet Severi Bristow and Victoria Galo, two graduates of the 1997 Women's Leadership Institute at The Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Connecticut gave birth to a ministry as a result of their experience in this program of applied Feminist Spirituality under the direction of Professor Miriam Therese Winter, MMS. Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a prayerful ministry and spiritual practice which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, as well as in celebration and joy. Many blessings are prayed into every stitch.

Whether they are called Prayer Shawls, Comfort Shawls, Peace Shawls, or Mantles, etc., the shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are

continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. Some recipients have continued the kindness by making a shawl and passing it onto someone in need. Thus, the blessing ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the *unconditional embrace of a sheltering, mothering God!*

## Seeds of Hope

Thanks to a grant from The Seeds of Hope Foundation, Squamish United Church has been able to engage in some new and innovative ministries with both our seniors and our children.

The journey began in August with an informational tea where twenty of us gathered for a brain storming session. During our time together we made an extensive list of things we could do, ranging from singing, educational events, guest speakers, Healing Touch and of course food. And so we began.

In September Grace Halvorson hosted a flower arranging event. In October we gathered at St. John the Divine for a prayer circle and labyrinth walk. In November we came together at Squamish United Church for a Preparing for Advent workshop.



In December we gathered for a Christmas Tea where we enjoyed time together singing, sharing memories of our Christmas traditions and a feast of sweets.

In November we launched our Mystery Pen Pal project. This project is designed to foster and deepen relationships between the children and elders in our church

community. There are a total of twenty six participants. In June we will have celebration where all of the pen pals will be revealed. This is the first step in our generational connection program.



As this program continues in 2019, I look forward to many more meaningful spiritual gatherings and connections.

Yours in faith,

Rev. Elaine Graham





Squamish United Church  
AT CENTREPOINT

## 2018 Annual General Meeting

### Minutes

April 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Ian Kent at 11:50pm with 37 attending.

1. Opening Prayer – Reverend Karen Millard opened the meeting with an opening prayer.
2. Opening Comments – Ian Kent welcomed all the attendees to our first Annual General Meeting in our new facility – Centrepoint.
3. Voting Privileges

MOTION: It was moved by Kevin Haberl, seconded by Walter Huber that voting privileges be given to all members and adherents in attendance.  
CARRIED

4. Review and adoption of the minutes from the 2017 Annual General Meeting

MOTION: It was moved by Peter Gordon, seconded by Arlene Ingraham that the minutes of the March 12, 2017 Annual General Meeting be adopted. CARRIED

5. 2017 At A Glance – Reverend Karen Millard presented a slide show of the highlights and events of 2017. Reverend Millard thanked the board for all their hard work and also thanked staff members Kayla Mak and Jody Villadsen.
6. Acceptance of Committee Reports

MOTION: It was moved by Kaija Belfry Munroe, seconded by Elizabeth Kerr that the Committee Reports except for the Trustees Report and Nomination Committee be received. CARRIED

7. Review of 2017 Financial Statements

Ken Tanner reviewed the 2017 Financial Statements.



MOTION: It was moved by the Treasurer, Ken Tanner, seconded by Louise Martin that the 2017 Financial Statements as prepared by Smythe CPA dated 6 April 2018, and approved by the board of SUC, be accepted by the congregation of Squamish United Church. CARRIED

#### 8. Trustees Report

Peter Gordon the Trustee Committee chair reviewed the changes to the investments that took place in 2017.

MOTION: It was moved by Peter Gordon and seconded by Vicki Haberl that the church allow the trustees hold a reserve fund of \$100,000 which will be a contingency for any unforeseen future expenses and charges for the sanctuary strata lot at Centrepont. CARRIED

MOTION: It was moved by Peter Gordon and seconded by Deb Kent that the balance of funds held in the investment account (approximately \$130,000) be transferred to a savings account at Squamish Savings to be used as needed by the treasurer to supplement future church operating expenses. CARRIED

MOTION: It was moved by Peter Gordon and seconded by Carlotta Liechti that the Trustees close all our accounts at Philips Hager & North and transfer all funds to Squamish Savings. The funds are to be split in accordance with the above two motions. CARRIED

A letter of resignation has been received from Bill Rempel.

MOTION: It was moved by Peter Gordon and seconded by Marilyn Caldwell that the resignation of Bill Rempel from the Board of Trustees be accepted. CARRIED

#### 9. 2018 Budget Presentation - attached

Hugh Kerr review the proposed 2018 Budget and Kaija Belfry Munroe outlined some income generating plans that will be coming in 2018.

MOTION: It was moved by Hugh Kerr, seconded by Carlotta Leichti that the 2018 Budget as presented be approved. CARRIED

#### 10. Ministry Plan

Reverend Millard spoke on Caring for Community as being a focus for Squamish United Church in 2018. There is needs for children’s programs in the community which is something the church will try and address with upcoming programs.

11. Nominations for 2018 Board

The proposed board nominations were presented as follows;

Minister	Rev. Karen Millard
Chairs	Kaija Belfry Munroe
	Grace Halvorson
Past Chair	Ian Kent
Trustee Rep	Peter Gordon
Treasurer	Hugh Kerr
Finance Committee	
Presbytery Rep	Peter Gordon
Worship Chair	
Caring Ministry	Elizabeth Kerr
Ministry & Personnel	Marilyn Caldwell
Mission & Service	Hugh Kerr
Children & Family Ministry Liaison	Kaija Belfry Munroe
Property	Walter Huber
Stewardship	Grace Halvorson
UCW Liaison	

Board Chair, Ian Kent called three times for any further nominations. Wendy Sellars was nominated as Worship Liaison.

MOTION: It was moved by Carlotta Leichti, seconded by Arlene Ingraham that the Nominations Committee report be approved as amended. CARRIED

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 1:14 PM

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Board Chair – Ian Kent

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Secretary - Jody Villadsen

Proposed 2018 Budget and Comparison with 2017 Interims

	2017 Interims	2018 BUDGET
<b>Income</b>		
500 · Donations		
501 · Existing Congregant Donations	56,740	60000
503 · Open Donations	1,993	2000
506 · Donations - In Kind (things, not \$)	3,934	
508 · Donations - Other	1,572	
509 · UCW Donations (e.g. Messy Church)		500
<b>Total 500 · Donations</b>	<b>64,240</b>	<b>62500</b>
511 · Other Income	7,259	1000
<b>51: Stewardship</b>	<b>8,774</b>	<b>15000</b>
520 · Interest Received	79	50
<b>530 · Centrepoint Revenue (rentals)</b>	<b>5,069</b>	<b>5000</b>
<i>New Program Revenue Generation</i>		
School registration		22,535
New Programming Children (Grant)		33,750
535 · Flow Thru Income(M&S)	-	0
550 · Investment Income ( goes into investment account)	39,797	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>125,221</b>	<b>139835</b>

**Expenses**

<b>600 · OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Strata Fees at Centrepoint	2,314	10000
610 · Advertising	711	1200
620 · Bank Charges & Fees	857	1500
625 · Church Office Expense	9,674	6000
635 · Utilities & Telephone	328	1500
645 · Insurance	111	3000
655 · Legal & Audit	4,200	5000
657 · Miscellaneous Expense (St John etc )	9,000	3000
660 · Municipal Services		0
720 · Congregational/Event Activities	7,012	1500
730 · Benevolent Fund withdrawals		100
785 · Presbytery Allocation	5,110	5500
791 · Worship Expense (pianist, supply)	2,764	3000
<b>Total 600 · OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>39,970</b>	<b>41300</b>

Proposed 2018 Budget and Comparison with 2017

Interims	2017 Interims	2018 BUDGET
<b>800 · MINISTERIAL EXPENSES</b>		
800-1 · Discretionary Expense	517	2000
800-5 · Education & Resource Materials (conferenc	2,236	1500
800-7 · Travel Allowance	981	1200
800-8 · Phone Allowance	1,820	1920
800 · Ministerial Expenses - Other		
<b>Total 800 · MINISTERIAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,655</b>	<b>6620</b>
<b>850 · SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS</b>		
850-1 · Salary Expense (includes housing )	84,238	104714
850-2 · WCB Expense	155	204
850-3 · Benefits	16,479	21990
<b>Total 850 · SALARIES &amp; BENEFITS</b>	<b>100,872</b>	<b>126908</b>
<b>New Program Initiatives</b>		
Children's Program salaries + benefits		30238
School costs		3500
Messy church		1,800
<b>Total New Programing</b>		<b>35,538</b>
900 · Centrepont Expenses		2000
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>148,813</b>	<b>212,366</b>
<b>Net (income - expense)</b>	<b>-23,592</b>	<b>-72531</b>