

## **Minister's Message**

A colleague of mine sent a note to some of us this morning letting us know he was praying for us in this time of year when we all writing AGM reports and being called to make decisions for the coming year. This report and meeting can be a stress to many as we try to get everything just right. And yet 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 neighbor as yourself" (luke 10:27) and secondly, as Squamish United Church we have been called to be "an inclusive community serving God's world."

I hope we here at Squamish United Church are not stressed and overwhelmed by the thought of an AGM but rather excited to celebrate the year of life we have had together as a community of faith and family. As a church over the last year we have lived out our missions in a variety of ways. We have cared for many of our family and friends within our church community and beyond as they walked through illness, loss, and grief. We have celebrated together with weddings and baptisms, barbecues and potlucks. We have sought ways to be faithful in our giving and serving through things like Community Christmas Care, Strengthening families, Shawl and toque ministries and so much more. I often hear people wonder how they would have gotten through it all without this church community. Thank you to all of you who have 'lived love' for one another in this last year.

A large piece of the work we have embraced this year has been around how to be faithful stewards of our congregation and buildings while seeking to be more available, accessible, and welcoming to those in the larger community of Squamish. The work of the building and mission project has been rewarding, exciting and overwhelming for many. I want to thank the faithful team of folks who having been meeting with me and others often more than weekly as we seek to faithfully embark on this project. Your commitment, wisdom and resources has been invaluable.

Minister's Message – continued

As we embark on a New Year I offer us a prayer:

Standing at the Gates of the New Year

Sacred Mystery, waiting on the threshold of this new year,  
you open the gates and beckon to me:

'Come! Come! Be not wary of what awaits you  
as you enter the unknown terrain be not doubtful  
of your ability to grow from its joys and sorrows.

For I am with you.

I will be your Guide.

I will be your Protector.

You will never be alone."

Guardian of this new year,

I set aside my fears, worries, concerns,

I open my life to mystery, to beauty, to hospitality, to questions,  
to the endless opportunity of discovering you in my relationships,  
and to all the silent wisps of wonder that will draw me to your heart.

I welcome your unfailing Presence  
and walk with hope into this new year.

(Joyce Rupp)

I look forward to the year ahead as we continue to seek to be faithful companions  
on the journey of Christ.

Blessings,  
Karen



## MINUTES FROM THE 2010 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Squamish United Church was held on Sunday February 7, 2010 following a Potluck Supper.

The hymn "Jesus, You'll Come to the Lakeshore" was sung and an opening prayer was offered.

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m. with Board Chair, Trevor Harris presiding.

- **M/S** by Evelyn Dawson/Ian Kent that all present be given voting privileges.  
**Carried**
- **M/S** by Bert Ionson/Grace Halvorson that the minutes from the 2009 Annual Congregational Meeting be accepted with the following corrections:
  - 1) On pg. 7 under the **Facilities Development Committee**: change "Dr Russia"
  - 2) On pg. 8 under **Sound System Update**: change "trail set up" to "trial set up" to "Doug DeRucha"
  - 3) On page 8 under **Memorial**: change "In Memorium" to In Memoriam")  
**Carried**

### **2009 Committee and Group Reports:**

- Trevor extended a thank you to the authors of the following reports which were then opened in block for questions and/or discussion: Squamish United Church Board, Board of Trustees, Investment Committee Report, Worship Committee, Squamish United Church Choir, M & P Committee, Caring Ministry, Membership and Fellowship Committee, Mission & Service, From Our Church Registers 2008, Web Report, Sunday School, United Church Women, U.C.W. Financial Report, Men's Breakfast, Community Christmas Care, Property Committee, Property Liaison Report, Vancouver Burrard Presbytery, Envelope Secretary's Report,

The following corrections were made:

- Pg. 17 Caring Ministry Report. Add the name of Gwen Fox to the list of Hilltop residents receiving chocolates
- Pg. 19 From Our Church Registers: Add the name Gwen Fox under the heading "In Memoriam"
- **M/S** by Louise Martin/Deb Kent that the above reports be accepted as corrected. **Carried.**

**2009 Finance Report:**

- Bert Ionson presented the 2009 Financial Statements and spoke to the Finance Report.
- Questions re: Housing Allowance and Trustees Funds were answered.
- The firm of Smythe Ratcliffe will be engaged again this year to carry out a review of the church accounting procedures.
- **M/S** by Cathie Greenlees/Roy Shephard that the 2009 Financial Reports be accepted. **Carried.**

**Proposed 2010 Budget:**

- Bert Ionson presented the proposed 2010 Budget and highlighted some of the items.
- The amounts allotted for “web-site” and CE coordinator were questioned and discussed.
- **M/S** by Bert Ionson/Peter Gordon that the Proposed 2009 Budget of \$156,815.00 be accepted. **Carried**

**Nomination Report:**

- Bert Ionson presented the following slate of Chairs and Officers for the 2010 Squamish United Church Unified Board.

**Executive:**

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

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

**Worship Committee:**

Chair: Carol Grolman

**Finance Committee:**

Chair: Bert Ionson

**Membership:**

Chair: (vacant)

**Mission & Service**

Chair: (vacant)

**Ministry & Personnel Committee:**

Chair: Grace Halvorson

**Caring Ministry:**

Co-chairs: Maureen Gilmour, Moneta Neighbor

**Property Liaison:**

Chair: Donna Harness

**Property Committee:**

(vacant)

**Facilities Development:**

Chair: Louise Martin

**Fellowship:**

Chair: Patsy Riecker

**Stewardship Committee:**

(vacant)

**Presbytery**

Trevor Harris

**United Church Women:**

June Halvorson

**Men's Group:**

Walter Huber

**Sunday School/Youth:**

(vacant)

**Choir:**

Marilyn Caldwell

**Members-at-large:**

Richard Miller, Sue Puchmayr, Elizabeth Kerr, Mary Larcombe

– Bert and Rev. Millard spoke on the function of the Stewardship and Property Committee. They both at present have no declared members.

- **M/S** by Bert Ionson/Peter Gordon that the 2010 slate of Chairs and Officers be accepted. **Carried.**

**Nominations Opened From The Floor:**

- No further nominations were received.
- **M/S** by Carol Grolman/Doreen Shaw that permission be given to add to the 2010 slate of Chairs and Officers.

**Facilities Development Committee:**

Louise Martin explained and updated her report then turned the floor over to Peter Gordon for more clarification:

- The committee has been working with Syd Lewis and Doug Goodwin from Presbytery and new guidelines have been received from presbytery.
- We are definitely going to be in need of additional financing for share of the building project. Any ideas the congregation has on how to do this would be accepted and appreciated.
- Hugh Kerr spoke to any future changes in the agreement, etc.
- **M/S** by Louise Martin/Peter Gordon that the Facilities Development Report be accepted. **Carried.**

**Other Business:**

– Trevor Harris announced that Retta Behrner has tendered her resignation to be effective on June 30, 2010.

**Vote Of Thanks:**

- Thanks to Retta & Don Behrner for their work putting together the Annual Report.
- Thanks to Rev. Karen Millard for her ministry with us.
- Thank you to all who quietly work in the background to make things happen.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



## **Squamish United Church Board Report 2010**

In terms of Board operations perhaps the most significant change experienced this year has been the retirement of our church secretary, Retta Behrner. Retta has faithfully served in this position for twenty-three years, and during that time has provided administrative support for five ministers and several interim ministers. In addition, during this period she has provided support for numerous chairs of the Board. We have been truly blessed by her knowledge of the community and the congregation. Her attention to detail, as evidenced by the high quality of the weekly church bulletins and the annual reports, has been noted. I have often expressed to her that with her quiet, competent work in the background, she made us all look good. Retta will be truly missed as church secretary, but we wish her well in her retirement. During the interim period, Sue Puchmayer served as the secretary for the Board, and her services were much appreciated. In June the Board welcomed the newly appointed church secretary, Jody Villadsen

### **Some highlights of actions taken by the Board in 2010:**

- A Board retreat organized by Rev. Millard was held at the Squamish Public Library on the weekend of Oct. 1-2. The retreat was entitled Discovery Weekend, and was facilitated by the Rev. Debra Bowman of Ryerson United Church. The event was open to the congregation, and provided dialogue and reflection on our current and future mission in Squamish.
- A report to assess the heritage status of Trinity Hall has been completed by Don Luxton Associates. There was a discussion of the report, and revisions were suggested. An updated report will be posted on the Church website.
- A presentation was made to the Executive of the Presbytery regarding future plans for our church in Squamish. In attendance were Rev. Millard, T. Harris, B. Ionson and P. Gordon. Our congregation hosted Presbytery for its regular meeting in October, and provided a detailed overview of our plans for the joint venture with Sea to Sky Community Services. The presentation was well received by Presbytery, and there was a motion to support the plan in principle.
- The Board held a meeting with Rob Waller of The Waller and Associates Team. Rob has a background in financial stewardship programs. He has been directly involved in capital campaigns with several United Churches in our presbytery as well as in the Vancouver area. The Board has contracted the services of Rob Waller in assisting our congregation with the development and implementation of a stewardship and capital fundraising program.

As I have completed my third year term as Chair of the Squamish United Church Board, a new Chair will be elected at the Annual General Meeting in February. I will remain on the Board in the capacity of Past Chair.

In closing I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to members of the Board, the committees, and members of the congregation who faithfully carry out the many tasks that contribute to our community of faith in Squamish United Church.

Respectfully Submitted, Trevor Harris

## Trustees Report

The Board of Trustees had a somewhat quiet year (which is good) but we weren't quite as quiet as the Maytag repairman. We met on a few occasions to review our investments and to stay up to date on the activities with the Building and Development Committee.

As noted in the investment report prepared by Bert Ionson, we have pretty much recovered the value in our portfolio that slipped in the 2008 stock market correction. We continue to be very pleased with the management of our investment portfolio by Philips Hager North. Alison Parry our portfolio manager met with us last spring to review the account.

We met with representatives of our Facilities Development Committee (keeping in mind that there is cross-over representation on both of our committees) and continue to keep abreast of future development matters. We have also liaised with the regular church board and Presbytery. We approved and funded some budget items for the planning of the new facility, and we approved a budget for the professional fundraiser, Rob Waller.

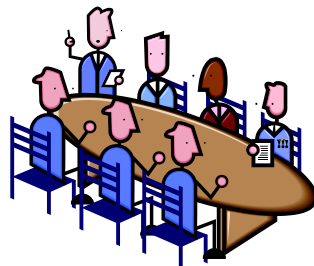
We wish to thank June Halvorson for her many years of service as a trustee.

We also wish to honour the late Ed Antosh who passed away recently. Ed was one of our founding Trustees and we wish to acknowledge his valuable contribution. His name still shows on title for our church property.

At this time, with your blessing, we welcome one of our newer congregants, Hugh Kerr to the board. I've heard that he has some math skills so that should help us a great deal.

Thank you to all our hard working trustees.

This report is respectfully submitted.  
Peter Gordon  
Chair





## **Finance Committee Report**

Overall the financial picture for 2010 was a good one. We started the year with a balance of \$28,573 and ended the year with \$23,339. Giving's to the Mission and Service Fund totaled \$10,888 not quite meeting our target of \$12,000. The full status of the different accounts is set out below.

General Account: \$23,339  
Benevolent Fund: \$3,985  
Memorial Fund: \$7  
Building Fund: \$ 8,150

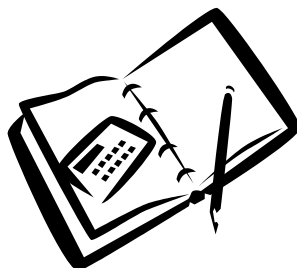
Fundraising projects undertaken this year included the Garage Sale and the Gala Dinner led by the Harness's in support a new audio -visual system which raised over \$900 and 1,800 respectively.

Trinity Hall played a significant role in our churches finances in 2010; \$ 16,628 was attributed to honorarium for the use of Trinity Hall. Unfortunately one of the major tenants (Sea to Sky community Services Society) departed in September.

This was a period of transition with the retirement of our long serving secretary Retta Behrner. Retta has provided efficient and indeed selfless service to our congregation for over 23 years. Our thanks to Sue Puchmayer for filling in this position for the early part of the year helping to keep our books up to date and making sure the administrative duties were attended to. Jody Villadsen took over the role by the middle of the year and has been very helpful at introducing new electronic accounting systems that will streamline much of the reporting requirements we are required to do.

As has always been the case, we are dependent on your giving's to support our church – both your time and talent to provide the leadership to our church programs and your funding support to ensure we can meet our financial commitments.

Submitted by  
B. Ionson



## **Investment Committee Report**

The Investment Fund are the funds realized as a result of selling the manse property in 2006; the principle purpose of this fund is to provide for a housing allowance for the minister but some of this fund will be used to construct new facilities.

At the end of 2009, there was \$1,730,960 in the account and by the end of the year the fund was valued at \$1,769,400.

In addition to the monthly drawdown's to support housing and other identified activities, an additional \$20,000 was taken from the account to support joint Squamish United Church – Sea to Sky Community Services Society facilities development activities.

At the recommendation of our investment advisor (RBC Capital), because we anticipate starting a building project within a 3 – 5 year span, the fund was “split” into an amount set aside for the Housing Allowance (\$1.0M) and \$750,000 for Facilities Development.

The Investment Committee will continue to monitor the Investment Fund and work with the Investment Advisor to meet the fund objectives.

Submitted by  
Bert Ionson





### **Vancouver Burrard Presbytery**

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

A primary role of presbytery is to provide oversight of congregations and oversight of ministry personnel. To that end presbytery was involved in a congregation oversight visit for our pastoral charge about three years ago, and more recently was involved in our search for a minister. Over the past few years as well, the Long Range Planning Committee of presbytery has been in ongoing communication with our congregation's Facility Planning Group.

In October four members of our Board, Rev. Millard, T. Harris, B. Ionson and P. Gordon attended an executive Meeting of presbytery to provide an overview of our long range plans in Squamish.

Our congregation hosted the October meeting of presbytery and provided a presentation outlining our vision and plan to partner with Sea to Sky Community Services. Ample time was provided for discussion and questions. After a dinner hosted by our UCW the presbytery voted unanimously to support our project in principle. The comments of support both during the meeting as well as after were very encouraging.

An important role for the Board as our plans for mission in Squamish evolve is to maintain the flow of information between presbytery and our congregation.

Respectfully submitted

Trevor Harris

## **Caring Ministry Report**

As many members of our congregation lost loved ones this past year, our caring ministry members were in touch in various ways.

When long-time member and dear friend to many, Don Behrner, was diagnosed with a terminal illness last February, our committee and others close to the Behrner's put our best efforts into supporting Don and Retta. Sadly, Don succumbed to his illness on June 22, 2010.

We were also saddened when faithful choir member, Maurice Carlson passed away on December 7, 2010. In July we helped Maurice celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Alida Hoogenboom also had a 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in June.

Richard and Donnaleen Miller's son Nicholas (Nick) was diagnosed with acute AML leukemia in September, 2009. Our congregation and caring ministry was most supportive of the Miller family. On a happy note, after many months of treatments, Nick is now doing well.

Caring Ministry members along with our minister visited several (7) Hilltop House residents affiliated with our church at Easter, delivering chocolates and in December taking poinsettias to five residents. Each Monday, Christine Tribe visits one of our seniors and on Tuesday's she takes one out for coffee. On Wednesday's she is at Hilltop House brightening an afternoon for a senior. Thank you for your dedication Christine.

We have also sent out many sympathy, get well and special cards to those celebrating milestone birthdays etc.

I am stepping down as the Caring Ministry coordinator but will still be a member of this committee. Thanks to my co-coordinator, Moneta Neighbor and also Lynette Halvorson, June Halvorson, Christine Tribe, Evelyn Dawson, Doreen Shaw and Elizabeth Kerr.

Blessings to All  
Maureen Gilmour



## **Choir Report 2010**

The Choir has continued to work together with fun and faith through the 2010 year!

We started the year with the intention of performing another Cantata (Covenant of Grace) during the period Lent/Easter season. Although we worked diligently on the music our enthusiastic and talented choir members were also heavily involved in volunteer work at the Olympics. I was very pleased that we were able to continue supporting the Sunday services with Anthems most Sundays during the January to March term, by using older familiar anthems and in exploring the More Voices Music Resource. At times, we also chose easier pieces to use as well. The pieces from the Cantata will be ready for performance this year!

Our newly formed Choir Support Group really helped in smoothing out some of the challenges of running a smooth rehearsal. The director has very much appreciated the support from member of the Choir taking on systems for communicating with members who are away and especially in organizing music. Thank you Sue and Judi!

Another outcome of the Choir Support Group was to establish “terms” for Choir. This allows people to join for a term as opposed to a whole year. This has been very successful in helping our retirees stay connected and yet still have the freedom for their time away travelling or with family.

Sadly, we lost Maurice Carlson in December. Maurice was a long time member of both our Choir and the Sea to Sky Singers. His contributions from his life long love of singing and his enjoyment of life will be missed.

I’d like to thank Arlene Ingram and Carol Grolman for their faithfulness and talent. Without them we would be lost. We have also been blessed to have our Minister Karen Millard with us every Thursday night. This has really helped us in being able to support the service on Sunday morning. We have really enjoyed the new ideas and music she has brought forward.

Faithfully submitted,  
Marilyn



## **Facility Development Group**

The Facility Development Group, especially the legal and architectural sub-committee of Peter Gordon, Bert Ionson, Ken Tanner and Rev Karen Millard have had a busy 2010 year. Our new facility is moving significantly closer to reality. Estimate time line is now about 3 more years.

The following are the significant milestones achieved in 2010:

- SUC signs a Formal Memorandum of Understanding early in 2010.
- 6 Meetings with SSCSS
- Joint account with SSCSS established to share the cost of professional services (architectural, land surveys, geo-tech, legal)
- The focus of the new project will be a joint project between Squamish United Church and Sea to Sky Community Services Society; in the new facility, Squamish United Church and SSCSS will be joint tenants / strata owners with some space to be shared (meeting rooms) and other spaces that would be single use by either party (offices, SUC sanctuary).
- Heritage Review undertaken and received: Trinity Hall has no significant heritage preservation value.
- Architect D. Nicholson has provided conceptual drawings of a new joint facility
- 2 Congregational meetings to explain drawings, objectives and process – support given by Congregation to proceed
- 2 meetings with Presbytery officials (one with Exec, one with the entire Presbytery) to explain the project – support given by Presbytery to proceed
- 2 Community meetings to advise community of progress
- Initial work with District of Squamish Planning Department to obtain feedback
- Draft legal agreements developed and under discussion – A “Master” Agreement detailing the objective, conceptual approach, understanding of the parties and sub agreements dealing with construction of joint facility and another dealing with the shared space
- Fundraising consultant to be engaged by the SUC Board to assist in raising funds for the new facility

Committee Members:

Trevor Harris, Ken Tanner, Bert Ionson, Peter Gordon, Ian Kent, Walter Huber, Grace Halvorson, Phil Harness, Louise Martin; ex officio Rev Karen Millard, Wilf Grolman and Hugh Kerr joined us intermittently this past year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Louise Martin (Chair)



### **Fellowship Committee**

Members: Marilyn Caldwell, Deb Kent, Sue Puchmayr, Patsy Riecker

We continue to assist on various Church social occasions, if not run by other groups, with preparation and clean up of Pot Luck dinners such as before the AGM and summer BBQ or outdoor luncheons. We help with the weekly after Church refreshments serving, and kitchen clean up.

Respectfully submitted,  
Patsy Riecker

### **Healing Pathways**

What is the Healing Pathway?

The basic understanding of energy healing is that our bodies are composed of electromagnetic fields and a state of health is present when all the fields are “in synch” with one another. In other words, when we are in harmony in body, soul, and spirit, we are in the state of healthful wholeness that is God’s desire for all people,

The Healing Pathway offers an energy based therapy derived from the ancient art of “hands on healing”. It is related to the scriptural mode of healing as portrayed in the both the old and new Testaments.

It is a blessing to have a small group in our congregation and we get together bi-weekly. In November we had an open house at the church and a few people had a sample experience of Healing Pathway.

You and friends are invited. Please contact any of the practitioners or check the Sunday bulletin for the next time and place.

Walter Huber

## **Ministry and Personnel Committee**

The M&P committee has had a busy year! The committee is comprised of Billie Hildering, Nairn Stewart, Christine Tribe and Grace Halvorson. The M&P committee “oversees relationships within the pastoral charge ministry, particularly the roles and functions of paid leaders and employees”. The M&P committee is also involved in “setting expectations for work carried out by volunteers”. In a nutshell, we have the pleasure of a consultative and supportive role to liaise with our paid and unpaid leaders, our congregation and our board.

M&P meets quarterly. We met in January, March, June and September. At these meetings, we discuss church policy, job descriptions, information from the wider church re work related issues, and we review the feedback each of our members receives from our various leaders. Billie met with music personnel, Carol, Arlene and Marilyn while Christine met with secretaries Jody, Sue and/or Retta. Nairn met with Sunday school co-coordinator, Diana and Grace met with Rev. Karen. Our committee also sets holiday time, study leave, etc in conjunction with each employee.

After many incredible years of service, our long time and much loved secretary, Retta Behrner retired. Retta’s health had become a problem for her and husband Don’s illness and eventual death made it impossible for Retta to continue working. We really miss Don and we miss Retta in the office but count our blessings that Retta is still an active member of our congregation!

The secretarial vacancy meant the M&P committee had to get busy and write an updated job description, advertise the position and hire a new secretary. We welcomed Jody Villadsen as our new secretary in June, 2010. We would like to thank Sue Pucmayr for coming to our rescue and filling in temporarily until June. We would also like to thank Retta for being a “resource” for Jody.

In May, Billie and Grace attended a very informative day long M&P Workshop at Northwood United Church in Surrey. It was a day well spent. We now have better insight into the role of M&P and have received updated United Church of Canada M&P Committee Guidelines which are very helpful.

In June we hosted a staff appreciation dinner at the home of Christine. Thank you Christine and thank you to our many “ministers”!

Two of our members, Billie and Christine are retiring from the committee after many years of faithful service. Their love of the church and the church members and their dedication for the well being of our paid and volunteer leaders is very evident and has been very much appreciated! Thank you again!

Blessing,

Grace Halvorson,  
Chair, M&P Committee



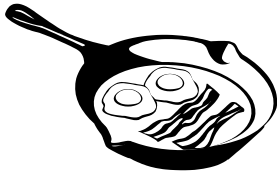
## **Mission and Service Committee**

The M&S enthusiasts share stories of work financed with M&S dollars from the Minute for Mission book each Sunday. Our intention is to keep before the church members the national and international scope of the church's mission of which we are a part, and encourage us all to make contributions to the M&S Fund a regular part of our church giving's. Additional fund-raising ideas are tried from time to time. Currently we have an account at the Bottle Depot, #84, to augment the fund. \$121.61 has been credited to our account. Please continue to recycle your empties this way. Every little bit helps.

In 2009 Squamish UC gave \$11,530 to M&S. In 2010, \$10,888.03, compared with our objective of \$12,000.

The National Mission and Service Fund budget figure for 2011 is \$30,200,000. In order to reach this target, all churches are encouraged to increase their contributions by 2% in the coming year.

Barbara Stover  
Judi Rhodes  
Christine Tribe  
Muriel Shephard



## **Men's Breakfast Group**

The men meet approximately once a month with different members taking turns with cooking and presenting topics on a great variety of themes. Lively discussions follow and all kinds of opinions are expressed. All ideas are respected and good fellowship is the hallmark of this group. Sometimes speakers from outside the group are invited. Good humor and gentle teasing make these meetings fun, but learning, personal and spiritual growth takes place at the same time.

We are an inclusive group of men and have been blessed with many good hours of fellowship and always look forward to meeting again.

Walter Huber

## Prayer Shawl Knitting Group

### *About the Shawls*

*In 1998, Janet 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 shawl.*

*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!*

***(\*The shawls can also be crocheted, quilted, woven or machine knitted as well!)***

The Prayer Shawl knitting group continues to be a very active ministry in our Church. Several knitters meet on a regular basis to knit, pray, and share news of our community, while others prefer to knit at home. In 2010, fifty three Shawls were knit, blessed and gratefully received by those in need of prayers. We welcome new knitters, yarn and lessons are always available!

From the recipients:

"Thanks so much for the beautiful Shawl. That's one way to make a grown man cry."

"Thanks for your thoughtful kindness and caring. I appreciate both the craftsmanship and blessings expressed in this shawl."

"It is so warm and comforting — you feel the warmth and love not only of God, but of all of you good people enfolding you."

Sue Puchmayr



## **Property Committee**

While there is currently no active Property Committee, there is a willing group of Church members that can be called upon to provide the necessary services as required.

The activities of the past year were to attend to necessary maintenance including exterior painting of portions of the church and Trinity Hall, and plumbing and furnace repairs to church infrastructure. Thanks to Bert Ionson and Hugh Kerr for their painting skills which helped to spruce up of the kitchen in Trinity Hall.

Trevor Harris and Bill Rempel worked to keep the lawns looking good and we appreciate the carpentry skills of Walter Huber and Glenn Rupertus, as well as Harvey and Thor Halvorson in looking after required upgrades and maintenance.

The bookings for Trinity continue to help defray the costs of both buildings, however the main user group (HPOP – Healthy Pregnancy Outreach Program) has moved to another location. This frees up a number of timeslots in Trinity. We are hoping to fill these vacancies soon.

As of January 31, 2011 Donna Harness will no longer continue as Property Liaison. The church secretary will assume this role. All matters concerning management of the two buildings will be directed to Jody. We would like to extend our appreciation to Donna for the work she has done as acting as intermediary sorting out innumerable issues tenants have had over the years.

Thanks to all who help out; our facilities, while dated, are in good shape and should continue to support current activities for a few more years.

Report Submitted by  
B. Ionson and D. Harness



## **Sunday School**

The Sunday school offers the children of the congregation an opportunity to learn bible stories and lessons. During the lesson time, the children can participate in an activity and complete a craft related to the bible lesson, as well as enjoying a snack. The children in attendance range in age from 3 years old to 11 years old. The number of children attending Sunday school fluctuates and can include up to eight to ten children.

There are up to three Sunday school teachers who volunteer to teach school. They each have a current criminal record check completed and on file.

Currently, there is no Sunday school collection being taken at Sunday school.

Sunday school is offered every Sunday from September to June. Sunday school breaks occur during the elementary school holidays. They include Christmas holidays, spring break and summer holidays.

Intergenerational services are offered as planned by the minister and the worship committee.

Respectfully submitted  
by Diana Pascuzzi



## United Church Women's

Purpose:

To unite all women of the congregation for the total mission of the Church and provide a medium through which they may express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

Squamish United Church currently has three units meeting in homes. All women of our congregation are welcome to attend.

Units continue to support Hilltop House, coffee after church services, grocery packing and chicken sales. This year money raised was donated to the church general fund and UCW project fund.

Highlights of 2010

- In March we hosted the World Day of Prayer prepared by the women of Cameron unit. It was a well attended meaningful service.
- In June the Mackenzie unit led the service of Thanksgiving for the celebration of the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church. Two weeks later it was with great sadness we said farewell to Don Behrner. It was a privilege to cater to his service. Truly a celebration of a life well lived.
- We catered a dinner for our Presbytery in October. It was good to once again be made to feel a part of the larger church at work.
- The turkey luncheon hosted by the Bethany Unit was thoroughly enjoyed by all and provided the money to purchase turkeys for 1<sup>st</sup> United.
- The Mackenzie unit went to press in December with another of their wonderful cookbooks.
- Bethany unit had another drive for 1<sup>st</sup> United. Calendars went on sale and refreshments were served at Carol's Carols.
- 202 new, hand-knitted toques were taken to First United Church in 2010

Once again a busy year.

As I end my term as executive president I know the year ahead for the UCW will be filled with good works, but also with love and laughter. Thanks to all for you support.

June Halvorson

### 2011 Executive

President - Carlotta Liechti

Secretary - Barb Stover

Treasurer - Deb Kent

President Harmony - Theresa Jenkins

President Bethany - Vicki Haberl

President Mackenzie - Mary Larcombe

## UCW FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 2010 Opening Balance \$ 296.67

### Income

Catering	\$ 1,555.00	
Chicken Sales (profit \$1,676.69)	8,387.24	
Coffee Hour profits	471.72	
Love Offerings	196.96	
Turkey lunch for 1 <sup>st</sup> United	457.59	
Jockey Party	450.00	
Cookbooks	1,717.00	
Calendars	200.00	
Reversal of service charges	<u>30.92</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>	\$13,466.43	<b><u>\$13,466.43</u></b> <b><u>\$13,763.10</u></b>

### Expenses

Chicken cost	\$ 6,710.55	
Turkeys	286.96	
Dishwasher repair	89.60	
Calendars	77.78	
Cookbooks	861.00	
Squamish United Church	4,500.00	
Project Fund	1,000.00	
Service Charge	33.92	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$13,559.81</b>	<b><u>\$13,559.81</u></b>
Closing balance December 31, 2010		<b><u>\$203.29</u></b>



Respectfully submitted by Deb Kent  
Treasurer, UCW Executive



## **Web Report**

This year saw our new website created and posted online. This website is an excellent way to see what is happening at the Church with coming events and the calendar as well as reading past sermons, visit the minister's blog as well as the churches history. The site is updated weekly, usually on Friday afternoons, by the church secretary.

Our thanks to Roy Shephard for creating our original website and his many years of maintaining it.

Submitted by:  
Jody Villadsen



## **Worship Committee Report**

The Worship Committee for Squamish United Church is made up of volunteers dedicated to helping create meaningful worship. For instance, the sanctuary is sometimes thematically decorated. And there may be special music or drama added to the service.

In September we advertised publicly to invite people from outside our worship community to "come and see" what we are all about at Squamish United Church.

We shared Ash Wednesday and Good Friday services with the Anglican congregation. The Good Friday service took place at SUC and included an opportunity for a Labyrinth meditation afterward. Decorating the cross with flowers was a joyful way to begin the Easter morning service.

The Advent skits made us think about the important things for which we prepare at Christmas time. Do we really need all the baking, decorations, gifts? We can alleviate a lot of stress if we truly put Christ at the center of our preparations.

The committee meets to discuss ways in which we can help our Minister, minister to the congregation.

We are: Carol Grolman (chair), Karen Millard (minister), Carol Tanner, Patsy Riecker, Diana Pascuzzi (Sunday School), Walter Huber, and Elizabeth Kerr. If you would like to join this dynamic group, please speak to any one of us.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Grolman



### **From our Church Registers 2010**

#### **In Memoriam**

- Don Behner – June 22, 2010
- Maurice Carlson – December 7, 2010

#### **Marriages**

- Adam Carl Brownfield and Dana Lee Ionson – July 3, 2010
- William Bryan White and Dana Renee Finnie – July 24, 2010
- Shane Michael Addis and Sonja Lynn Pedersen – August 14, 2010

#### **Baptism**

- Madeline Ava Chloe Jafelice,  
daughter of James and Ivy Jafelice – October 10, 2010



## ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Envelope and P.A.R. contributors	63	56	67
Contributors by yearly donation	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTORS</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>67</b>
Contributors to M & S Fund	42	43	31
Special Fund Contributors	17	20	27

Are you interested in where you stand in the financial picture of the church? The following figures are from the total Envelope and PAR contributions and include local support, M & S donations and special appeal donations.

<u>Number of givers in:</u>			
	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
1.00 - 100.00.....	2	1	6
101.00 - 200.00.....	4	5	5
201.00 - 300.00.....	6	1	4
301.00 - 400.00.....	4	4	3
401.00 - 500.00.....	1	3	3
501.00 - 600.00.....	5	2	2
601.00 - 700.00.....	2	3	2
701.00 - 800.00.....	1	2	3
801.00 - 900.00.....	3	1	1
901.00 - 1000.00.....	1	4	4
1001.00 - 1100.00.....	5	2	5
1101.00 - 1200.00.....	3	3	5
1201.00 - 1300.00.....	1	1	1
1301.00 - 1400.00.....	1	-	-
1401.00 - 1500.00.....	2	4	3
1501.00 - 1600.00.....	1	3	2
1601.00 - 1700.00.....	2	1	-
1701.00 - 1800.00.....	2	1	1
1801.00 - 1900.00.....	4	2	2
1901.00 - 2000.00.....	-	-	1
2001.00 - 2100.00.....	-	1	-
2101.00 - 2200.00.....	1	-	1
2301.00 - 2400.00.....	1	-	1
2401.00 - 2500.00.....	1	2	2
2501.00 - 2600.00.....	-	-	-
2601.00 - 2700.00.....	-	-	-
2701.00 - 2800.00.....	2	-	1
2801.00 - 2900.00.....	-	1	-
2901.00 - 3000.00.....	-	1	-
3001.00 - 3100.00.....	-	-	-
3101.00 - 3200.00.....	-	1	-
3301.00 - 3400.00.....	2	1	1
3401.00 - 3500.00.....	-	1	1

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
3501.00 - 3600.00.....	-	-	-
3601.00 - 3700.00.....	1	-	2
3701.00 - 3800.00.....	-	1	1
3801.00 - 3900.00.....	-	-	-
4001.00 - 4100.00.....	-	-	1
4100.00 - 4200.00.....	-	-	-
4301.00 - 4400.00.....	1	-	-
4501.00 - 4600.00.....	-	-	-
4601.00 - 4700.00.....	-	1	-
4701.00 - 4800.00.....	-	-	-
4801.00 - 4900.00.....	-	-	1
4901.00 - 5000.00.....	1	-	-
5001.00 - 5100.00.....	-	1	-
5101.00 - 5200.00.....	1	-	-
5501.00 - 5600.00.....	-	-	2
5801.00 - 5900.00.....	-	1	-
6201.00 - 6300.00.....	1	-	-
7001.00 - 7100.00.....	-	-	-
7501.00 - 7600.00.....	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b>63</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>67</b>



**Account Balances  
Year Ending December 31, 2010**

**General Operating Account**

Carry over from 2009	28,572.92
2010 Receipts	159,573.45
2010 Expenses	164,807.00
<b>Balance at end of 2010</b>	<b>23,339.37</b>

**Benevolent Fund**

Carry over from 2009	2,821.00
2010 Receipts	1545.00
2010 Expenses	377.50
<b>Balance at end of 2010</b>	<b>3,988.50</b>

**Memorial Fund**

Carry over from 2009	7.56
2010 Receipts	0.00
2010 Expenses	0.00
<b>Balance at end of 2010</b>	<b>7.56</b>

**Building Fund (Scotia Bank)**

Carry over from 2009	5,049.51
2010 Receipts	3100.00
2010 Expenses	
<b>Balance at end of 2010</b>	<b>8,149.51</b>

**Receipts and Donations**  
**Year Ending December 31, 2010**

Envelopes & PAR		71,771.00
M & S		10,888.03
Open		4,960.29
Bldg Fund		3,100.00
Miscellaneous		720.55
Observer		195.00
Benevolent		1,545.00
Trustees		41,600.00
First United - Donations		244.00
First United - Haiti		2,710.00
First United - Pakistan		270.00
Annex and Church Honorariums		16,628.00
<b>Fundraising</b>		
Turkey Lunch	1,210.95	
Gala	1,894.00	
Garage Sale	811.63	
Equipment - UWC Donation	1,000.00	
Other	25.00	
<b>Fundraising Total</b>		<b>4,941.58</b>
<b>Total Receipts and Donations</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>159,573.45</b>

## Expenses - Year Ending December 31, 2010

Bank Charges	1,095.15
Capital Expenditures (Projector, Ministers Printer, etc)	2,162.00
Facility Development Expenses	10,850.12
Insurance	4,172.00
Janitorial Expense	3,730.00
Legal & Audit	7,439.08
Municipal Services	3,173.46
Heating Fuels	4,485.29
Electricity	1,763.12
Telephone & Internet	2,194.20
Security	340.00
Event Expenses (Gala, Discovery Weekend, etc)	2,330.66
Church Office Expense	3,040.00
Duplicator Lease & Service	1,886.68
Miscellaneous	833.24
Repairs and Maintenance	4,521.99
Music (Choir)	863.74
Mission & Services	3,669.71
Caring Ministry	466.80
Youth & Sunday School Expense	378.09
Advertising	1,670.09
Church Supplies	690.91
Guest Speakers	1,915.00
Salaries & Related Expenses	67,114.50
Housing Allowance	19,292.00
WCB	184.51
Minister Expenses	
Travel Allowance	2,318.25
Discretionary Expense	192.40
R & M Office Expense	103.92
Conferences and Meetings	2,195.68
Pastoral Care	10.00
Total Minister Expenses	4,820.25
Presbytery Allocation	3,712.52
M & P Expenses	123.75
Service Contract (Organist)	3,040.00
Website	2,848.14
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 164,807.00</b>

## Comparison of 2010 Budget versus Actual Expenditures

Remuneration	2010 Budget	2010 Actual
Minister's Salary	37,000	36,860
Housing	19,200	19,292
Pension, Insurance Medical	4,600	6,007
Work Safe	250	187
CPP & EI	4,000	3,633
Book Allowance	300	267
Extended Education	1,200	2,196
Travel Allowance	3,000	2,318
Secretarial	17,100	13,249
Janitorial	5,000	3,730
Choir Director		
Organist	2,900	3,040
CE/Youth Coordinator	2,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$96,550	\$90,779
<b>Secular Expenses</b>		
Insurance	4,400	4,172
Legal		3,689
Municipal Services	3,200	3,173
Heating Fuel	5,300	4,485
Electricity	1,800	1,666
Telephone/Internet	3,700	2,194
Security System Monitoring	500	340
Copier Lease/Service	2,800	1,887
Maintenance/Janitorial Supplies	1,000	4,501
Sundries	700	692
Banking Costs	1,500	1,095
Capital Expenditure	3,000	2,162
Audit	3,800	3,750
Computer Upgrades		669
ADP Payroll Admin Costs		462
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$31,700	\$34,938
<b>Outreach</b>		
Mission and Services	12,000	10,888
Mission and Services Committee	200	
Presbytery	3,715	3,713
Observer	300	115
Guest Speakers (pulpit relief & accom.)	1,300	1,915
Caring Ministry	400	467
Church and Office Supplies	3,000	3,040
Music	350	864
Christian Education	1,200	
Sunday School/Youth Group	1,500	378
Nursery		
Congregational Activities	600	2,141
Paper Advertising/Web Site	2,700	4,518
Ministerial	300	202
Facilities Development	1,000	10,850
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$28,565	\$39,090
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>156,815</b>	<b>164,807</b>

## Proposed 2011 Budget

<b>Remuneration</b>	2011 Budget
Minister's Salary	38,850
Housing	19,800
Pension, Insurance Medical	6,200
Work Safe	250
CPP & EI	4,000
Book Allowance	400
Extended Education	1,500
Travel Allowance	3,000
Secretarial	19,000
Janitorial	4,000
Choir Director	
Organist	3,000
Choir Organist	1,900
CE/Youth Coordinator	5,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$106,900
<b>Secular Expenses</b>	
Insurance	4,400
Legal	
Municipal Services	3,500
Heating Fuel	5,300
Electricity	1,800
Telephone/Internet	3,700
Security System Monitoring	500
Copier Lease/Service	2,800
Maintenance/Janitorial Supplies	2,000
Sundries	700
Banking Costs	1,500
Capital Expenditure	3,000
Audit	3,800
Computer Upgrades	1,000
ADP Payroll Admin Costs	500
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$34,500
<b>Outreach</b>	
Mission and Services	12,000
Mission and Services Committee	200
Presbytery	3,750
Observer	300
Guest Speakers (pulpit relief & accomm.)	1,500
Caring Ministry	700
Church and Office Supplies	3,500
Music	350
Christian Education	1,200
Sunday School/Youth Group	1,500
Nursery	
Congregational Activities	600
Paper Advertising/Web Site	2,700
Ministerial	300
Facilities Development	30,000
<i>Subtotal</i>	\$58,600
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	200,000
Fund Raising	40,000

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