

Squamish United Church



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

"An inclusive community serving God's world"

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Minister's Report

As I am returning to ministry having been off for half of 2015 it seems strange to write a review of the last year of ministry. That means I had to put my ear to the ground and find out from others what they are celebrating or finding challenging. Before I begin to talk about the end of the year let us look back through 2015 in entirety.

2015 began with a ministry highlight for me. In January I joined a group of colleagues who attended the Christianity 21 conference in Phoenix. This inspired a look at What is God calling out of us?

We had many energizing conversations about how God is moving us forward in faith and ministry. It assisted us in carrying out small group study and messy church. In March we celebrated some Life Memberships of UCW and began to prepare for an Easter Celebration. It was about this same time that the news hit that we were ready to break ground for Centrepont and so we started to move quickly to make the plans to move out. Many people participated in organizing, arranging, setting up the physical move and the transition towards shared ministry.

The date was set. May 24th was our final service of celebration of ministry in the current building. What a wonderful celebration it was with a service of remembrance, honouring, and looking forward. The Spirit of Pentecost blew us out the door into our new way of being. I recall a real presence of the Spirit that day. Many who came in with anxiety and fear told me they were leaving that day with an excitement and anticipation of what God has for the future life and ministry of Squamish United Church.

Ministry life for me took a quick turn after that day. I knew I was pushing hard and so did my health, so it was not long after I went off on maternity leave. Kayla Mak/Matzen also completed her work with Squamish United's music and children's ministry at this time. I have heard many say how much they miss her presence. She did great work and kept the music and children's ministry alive.

The board had made a decision to not find a replacement for the summer as shared ministry with St. John the Divine was already set up and there were some programs set in place to keep Squamish United Church folks connected. One of the things set up before we began shared ministry with St. John the Divine was every board member has a group of people to contact for information and events that would keep us all in the loop. If you have not been receiving contact you may for some reason not be on the list. Please let me know if that is the case.

After the summer Lorraine Ashdown became my ministry replacement and I have heard nothing but good things about the work she did especially with the children. I am thankful for the work she did and I know she is greatly missed by many.

In the midst of all of this I know many have heavy hearts with regards to the lack of progress on Centrepont. We moved out of our building anticipating work beginning in the summer. All of us expected to see a building going up by now. I want to acknowledge this frustration, and admit that I carry it too. While on leave I would walk by that building almost every day wondering when we would see action on our visions and dreams. It was only last week in a meeting with Kindred Construction that my hope for the build and the mission and ministry it would bring was reignited. We now anticipate once again construction beginning very soon.

In starting to prepare for the AGM this year I have a desire to remind us of who we are. To celebrate ministry that has begun to take place. I am energized by the work being done by a small group of people regarding Syrian Refugees. This not only takes work it requires faith and risk and hope, it is living into the faith we are called to. I also want us to continue to find ways to work towards vital ministry with St. John the Divine. Rev. Nick Parker and I have only begun to work together, and we hope to create vital shared ministry with relevant lively worship.

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?" This report and meeting can be a stress 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 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."

I hope we 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. It has not been without its bumps in the road and yet perhaps the most significant part of my work at this time is to remind us we are still here, called to be church. Let us remember we are not a building, we are a community of faith. I look forward to seeing how we together create vital ministry in this time of 'waiting.' I shared this prayer before we moved out of our building on 4th Avenue and I wanted to share it with you again now.

Praying During Time of Transition

O Faithful God, as your people we cherish our memories
and our history as a sacred gift.

We ask you to guide us in our time of transition.

We need your wisdom, that we might be receptive
to change, conversion and growth.

We need your grace to redirect our hearts
that we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.

Do not allow our fear, ignorance or pride limit the work of your Spirit,
Nor custom to prevent the creativity within us from bearing fruit.

Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel.

Give us courage and renewed hope,

That we may meet the challenge of being the church of our time.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

In the year ahead I pray that we will open our lives to mystery, to beauty, to hospitality, to questions, to the endless opportunity of discovering the holy in all we do. I look forward to the year ahead as we continue to seek to be faithful companions on the journey of life, faith and church together.

**Blessings,
Karen**





Board Chair Report

I feel so blessed to be part of such an active and enthusiastic Board. We have sixteen elected members of the congregation that either chair one of various Church committees or are Members at Large. Along with the elected personal, we have two staff members, Jody Villadsen, church secretary and Karen Millard, church minister that are integral parts of our monthly meetings.

It is hard to believe that it is already a year since our last Squamish United Church Annual General Meeting. The past twelve months have flown by and we have accomplished much over this time. We moved out of our downtown home, way back in May. We had a wonderful final service and celebration in our old facilities. Since then we have moved in and are jointly worshipping with our Anglican neighbors. We really do appreciate the warm welcome we have received from Reverend Parker and his congregation.

This year, Reverend Karen Millard and Kayla Matzen both went on maternity leave during the summer months. Over the time Karen was off, we welcomed Lorraine Ashdown as our part time pulpit relief minister from September to the end of January. We were very appreciative of all her enthusiasm and leadership around musical ministry and children's time. It was a blessing, her time with us and we were sad to see her go. During Karen's leave, our Board recognized and thanked Reverend Robin Jacobson from North Lonsdale United Church for attending/ skyping several Squamish United Church Board Meetings and Church Retreats and providing us with encouragement and much needed advice.

One of the highlights this past year was our annual Church and Board Retreat held September 11th and 12th at the beautiful West Coast Railway Park. We had a day and a half to get to know each other and vision together. We ended Friday night with a wine and cheese celebration and wonderful hymn sing of our favorite United Church songs.

One of the biggest projects we took on this past year was in helping Syrian Refugee families relocate to our community. Thanks to Hugh Kerr and his committee, Squamish will hopefully soon be home to three new families. We are told that we could have all three refugee families here in the next two weeks to six months. This is very exciting to be a part of a Mission and Service project of this magnitude.

This year was also a sad time in our Church life, as we said our good byes to four members of our congregation who passed away this past year. We remember fondly Retta Behrner, Maxine Kent, Evelyn Dawson, and Joan Gravkin and we will forever hold them in our hearts.

As can be expected, the Board and various church committees continue to be deeply involved in the Centrepont Project. We are all anxious to get the construction start-up underway. We will continue to keep our congregation and community up to speed with the progress of this project.

We know that 2016 will be an exciting time in the life of Squamish United Church and we continue to look forward to our time together in God's name.

Respectfully Submitted by Ian Kent

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Trustees Report

The Board of Trustees had a fairly quiet year.....as it should be.

The detailed investment report is provided separately in the AGM package by our Treasurer Ken Tanner.

We continue to be pleased with the income our investments are generating but as we have all heard in the news, we are living with a bit of uncertainty. That said our investments continue to do well under the circumstances. Our advisors at Philips Hager North keep us up to date on things.

The biggest change we made this past year was to transfer \$1.6M of our investments into a separate low risk savings account in order for us to have funds available for new construction.

Thank you once again to all our trustees.

This report is respectfully submitted.

Peter Gordon

Chair



Ministry and Personnel Report

Members: Marilyn Caldwell, Kevin Haberl, Trevor Harris, Louise Martin, Nairn Stewart (Chair)

2015 was a tumultuous year for the M&P Committee, as for Squamish United in general. In addition to the move from our church on 4th Avenue to joint worship with the St. John's Anglican Church there were a number of staff changes. Julie Murakami gave up her regular keyboarding duties, Kayla Matson resigned from her position as Children's Church leader, Reverend Karen Millard took a 6-month maternity leave, and Lorraine Ashdown was hired as an interim (non-ordained) minister with special responsibility for Children's Church. M&P was involved in formulating a job description for Lorraine's position, and in supporting the staff through the period of transition. Because of the significant number of staff changes and the move to St. John's, a formal annual staff review did not occur.

The M&P committee discussed and approved staff holiday times. Karen was eligible for a 12-week sabbatical leave having completed 5 years of service but the leave was deferred because of the need for stability in the transition period.

There were no conflicts or significant concerns presented by the congregation to M&P during 2015.

With Karen back from maternity leave and Nick Parker now in a permanent half-time position as minister of St. John's, in 2016 M&P plans to undertake a review and possible revision of the Minister's job description and to complete annual reviews while continuing to support the staff in their changing roles.

Respectfully submitted,

- Nairn Stewart



Stewardship Report

Thank you to our committee of Arlene Ingraham, Ian Kent and Grace Halvorson.

2015 has been our year of transition, moving from our Squamish United Church on 4th Avenue to residency at St Johns Anglican Church.

In January we met and set our goals. We chose to focus on gratitude, improved communication, self-reflection and supporting transition. A letter “Celebrating Life at Squamish United Church” thanking our congregants and refreshing everyone’s memory regarding financial options for giving to support the church was sent in March from our committee. We asked that people consider upping their givings if they are able. In March we took some time in a service to communicate our goals and explain how some of our givings are used.

To enhance communication we separated our congregation into “pods” or “clans” with a board member as head of each clan so that we could easily contact all regarding special events or just to check and see how people are doing and when necessary, to send care and concern. We discussed with the board members the importance to liaise with our minister and/or the Caring Committee if they were alerted to members who are in need of pastoral care. The concept of pods was communicated to our congregants at our May “final” service on 4th Avenue and has worked very well.

In November, continuing our focus that “Stewardship isEverything we think, say, and do after we say ‘I believe’”, we did a presentation after church that looked at the many faces of stewardship (a snap shot) of Squamish United Church. We concluded with great singing led by Lorraine Ashdown and her band, the Chill Billies. It was well received.

We are very grateful for all that is done to support our church and feel that considering the changes in 2015 of church building, Sunday worship and minister and overall now having to think “outside the box”, we have done very well. Thank you to all the support given and to the opportunity to work collaboratively with the parish of St John the Divine!

Blessings,

Grace Halvorson, Chair



Treasurer's Report

Narrative: SUC finances for the year were dominated by two significant financial shifts.

First, we transferred \$1.6M of investments in money market vehicles to GIC in preparation for commencement of the Centrepoint project. That proved to be fortuitous as the market dropped in the last half of 2015, while the GIC's delivered modest interest of \$15K.

Second: We embarked late in the year on collaboration with three refugee sponsorship groups and established funds totaling \$58K to support three middle-eastern families. No expenditures were undertaken – they will occur throughout 2016.

Synopsis of 2015:

Investment income YTD (as of end Dec) totaled \$99,836 in interest & capital appreciation, plus \$1355 in capital campaign donations. Investment expenses YTD totaled \$5,590 for fees, plus \$20,400 for the Minister's Housing Allowance.

Income from operations YTD (end Dec) totaled \$72,945 while operating expenses YTD totaled \$120,452.

Net Income for SUC YTD is \$27,694. SUC Net equity now = \$2.3M.

End Sep 2015		Housing Fund (\$472K - PHN) - End Dec	Building Fund (\$1.56M - GICs) - End Dec	YTD Total 2015
	Operating			
Revenues	\$ 72,945	\$ 73,938	\$ 27,253	\$ 174,136
Expenses	\$ 120,452	\$ 25,990		\$ 146,442
	Net income	\$ 47,948	\$ 27,253	\$ 27,694
Compare: FY Budget 2015				
	\$ (52,151)	\$ 39,472	\$ 42,800	\$ 30,121
Special to purpose Accounts:	Donations Year to date	Expenditures Year to date	Current Balance	
Benevolent Fund		\$ 200	\$ 3,065	
Building Maintenance Fund			\$ 9,826	
Memorial Fund			\$ 580	
Mission & Service:	\$ 12,765	\$ 12,765	\$ -	

Commentary:

SUC has a payment pending to SSCSS of \$3,003 for Centrepoint expenses incurred during the last quarter-year. These funds will be taken from the Building Fund GIC. Total expenses for Centrepoint in 2015 were \$40,171, while expenses to date (since inception) = \$200,557.

SUC ended the year just about exactly on budget for operations and investments. Operations costs were slightly less than budget due to staff reductions, while investments were impacted by converting our \$1.6M Building Fund from money market investments to GICs at mid-year.

The Refugee Sponsorship accounts have been set up, and at this point funds have been deposited as follows. There have been no expenditures as of Dec 31.

Circle of Hope	Garibaldi	Salam	SUC	Total
\$ 12,000	\$ 17,200	\$ 25,200	\$ 3,800	\$ 58,200

Outlook for 2016

Budget Summary 2016	Operating	Investments	Refugee	
Total Revenue	\$ 60,600	\$ 37,000	\$ 58,000	
Total Expenses	\$ 109,032	\$ 27,900	\$ 58,000	Total
Net Income	-\$ 48,432	\$ 9,100	\$ -	-\$ 39,332

Pro forma operating and investment accounts follow. Reviewed accounts are expected to be available at the AGM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Tanner, Treasurer

Budget 2016 - Squamish United Church		
As accepted at January 6, 2016 Board Meeting		
Income		
500 - Donations		
501 - General Donations	60,000.00	
503 - Open Donations		
507 - Benevolent Fund Donations	100.00	
509 - UCW Donations	500.00	
Total 500 - Donations		60,600.00
Expense		
610 - Advertising *	800.00	
620 - Bank Charges *	1,000.00	
625 - Church Office Expense *	6,000.00	
635 - Utilities & telephone	1,000.00	
645 - Insurance	1,000.00	
655 - Legal & Audit	5,000.00	
710 - Caring Ministry	300.00	
720 - Congregational/Event Activities	1,000.00	
730 - Benevolent Fund withdrawals	100.00	
785 - Presbytery Allocation	5,000.00	
Contribution to Anglican Costs	12,000.00	
791 - Worship Committee	1,000.00	
795 - Sunday School Expense	500.00	
Total Operating Expenses	37,340.00	
800 - Ministerial Expenses		
800-1 - Discretionary Expense	1,532.00	
800-5 - Education & Resource Materials	2,000.00	
800-6 - Minister - Housing Allowance	housing fund	
800-7 - Travel Allowance	1,200.00	
800-8 - Phone Allowance	960.00	
Total 800 - Ministerial Expenses	5,692.00	
850-1 - Salary Expense	55,000.00	Net of housing
850-6 - Benefit Pension CPP EI	11,000.00	
Total Staff Expenses	66,000.00	
Total Expenses		109,032.00
Net Income Operating		-48,432.00
Investment Account		
Revenue inflow - interest		37,000
Revenue inflow - Capital Campaign	TBD	
Expense Outflow - Investment Fees		7,500
Expense Outflow - Minister's Housing		20,400
Monthly Retained Earnings		-39,332.00

Note: A full budget comparison is available. Please contact the Treasurer.



Facility Development Report

Well 2015 certainly turned out to be a bit of a disappointment from a facility development perspective. In the early part of the year, the Committee was elated that BC Housing agreed to formally support the Housing component of the project and we were able to finalize the plans and send out for tender. With this level of optimism we started to put into effect plans we had for the orderly departure of our property on 4th Avenue and begin our journey with St. John's. Unfortunately when the tenders were received back in the early part of May, they were approximately 30% greater than budget developed during the planning process and the project required revisions.

In addition to being a disappointment for us, the magnitude of the difference (between budget amount and bid submissions) was a surprise for our professionals (our architect and construction managers) who over saw development of the plan and budget. The reason for this difference was the changing situation between the time of development of the plan and the time the tender was let. Specific reasons included a more robust construction environment resulting in reduced competition between contractors and increased costs because of a weaker Canadian dollar (because of some of the materials having to come from the US).

By late May and into June it was decision time. Our architect (Brent Murdoch) and our construction manager (especially Chris Bozman of Kindred Construction) worked very hard developing options to reduce costs for our review. There were cost reductions considered for all components of the project. For the entire project, (i.e., new sanctuary, and Sea to Sky Community Services offices), the floor level was dropped (except for the existing sanctuary area). In addition, different electrical components and interior wall and ceiling treatments as well as different styles of moveable walls (but still retaining soundproofing qualities) were considered and adopted as appropriate. Of course new drawings were required, further approvals from the District of Squamish and as of the end of the year, plans were being finalized with the expectation of sending the plans out for tender in early January.

Committee members are confident this is not a situation where Lucy will pull the ball away from Charlie Brown just as he attempts another kick. Tender submissions are to be reviewed in late February with a tentative starting date of late March. It has been a long road and we are very excited to be at this point in our venture.

Respectfully submitted:

Louise Martin, Bert Ionson, Ken Tanner, Peter Gordon, Rev. K. Millard

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Worship Committee Report

It is the responsibility of the Worship Committee to support our minister in the planning of our Sunday morning services. Each Sunday we ensure that there are greeters, ushers, scripture readers and communion servers.

We have also been involved in themes for the seasons of the church year and in the planning and decorating for several special services.

Lent/Easter

- Lenten Theme: “Rising from the Ashes”
- Palm Sunday- included a parade of the palms
- Maundy Thursday: we were welcomed at St. John the Divine to share in their worship
- Good Friday: our friends at St. John’s joined us at Squamish United. The congregation had the opportunity to symbolically anoint the body of Jesus with spices.
- Easter Sunday: We celebrated with the daffodil cross and the children of the congregation painted butterflies (a symbol of resurrection) which were put up on the walls of the sanctuary.
- Easter Cantata was presented by combined choir of the SUC and the St. John’s congregations.

Final Service in the Sanctuary- May 24

- A series of three meetings were facilitated by Carol Tanner and Rev. Millard entitled “Memories and Dreams” to provide an opportunity to the congregation to talk about their memories of the sanctuary and their dreams for the new building.
- Rev. Millard and the worship committee incorporated the thoughts from these meetings when the service was planned.
- And it was a wonderful service- of celebration of our past and anticipation for the future! The music filled the sanctuary as we processed to “We shall go out with hope of resurrection.”

The Big Move!

- A sincere “thank you” to the Worship Committee for sorting, packing and moving the many items from the sanctuary. The hymn books were moved to St. John’s and the remaining articles were stored until we bring them out again in our new building.

The Transition

- As Rev. Millard began her maternity leave soon after our move to St. John’s we were grateful for the support of Rev. Nick Parker and our Anglican friends as we joined them for worship during the summer.
- In the fall, we were pleased engage Lorraine Ashdown (a student from the Vancouver School of Theology) to provide worship leadership, children’s ministry and pastoral care. Lorraine’s talents were hugely appreciated by our congregation and we are very grateful for her time with us.
- Carol Tanner, as chair of the Worship Committee, has been meeting monthly with the “Liaison team” (a few members of our Official Board and ministers; and the leadership of the St. John’s congregation). During these valuable meetings, we discuss how we can best work together to honour each tradition and to meet the needs of our respective parishioners. We have been awed by the generosity of our Anglican hosts.

Baptisms and Reaffirmation of Faith

- During 2015, the following people were Baptized:
 - Thea Aline Munroe (January 4, 2015)

- Aven Clare Munroe (January 4, 2015)
- Rick Heisler (February 22, 2015)

Worship Committee

- The members of the Worship Committee for 2015 were: Rainer Schwartz, Walter Huber, Pat Wilson, Patsy Riecker, Kayla Matzen, Rev. Karen Millard and Carol Tanner

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tanner, Chair

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Mission and Service Report

Mission and Service (M&S), a part of the overall United Church, focuses on people beyond our own congregations. It funds projects within Canada, such as centres for people in poverty, help to families involved with the justice system, and chaplains at universities. The United Church of Canada partners with national churches, ecumenical organizations, Christian councils, and church agencies around the world, attempting to help people and organizations further a variety of social justice causes, and improve their lives. It also directly funds projects in many parts of the world, for faith and leader formation, various justice causes, and help for impoverished communities. When there are disasters it works collaboratively with other churches and groups to provide support to the victims.

A small lively M&S Committee tries to keep the congregation informed about disaster support and ongoing M&S projects by speaking briefly at each service (“Minute for Mission”).

In 2015 one of the focuses was refugees, especially from war torn Syria. A special national M&S appeal was made for support for Syrian refugees in camps in other countries, such as Jordan and Turkey. Responses to this appeal were sent online directly to the M&S national office, and were matched by the Federal Government. Squamish community members also

mobilized to raise funds and organize themselves to sponsor Syrian refugee families to come to Squamish. Three groups applied through Squamish United Church, and a Refugee Committee was organized to interact with these groups. An account for donations for this purpose was initiated.

Besides these special appeals, funds are received from two sources: recyclable returns to the Bottle Depot (which raised over \$100, but could have been much more if people drank more), and direct M&S givings. In 2015, \$12,765.50 was donated to M&S. This is about the same amount given in 2014, despite the move to share facilities with St. John's for half of the year. The M&S Committee greatly appreciates the congregation's support. Bravo! We ask that you continue to help in 2016. And we are always ready to accept new members of the Committee. No experience needed!

Muriel Shephard, Barbara Stover, Christine Tribe, Patricia Wilson, Hugh Kerr

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Fellowship Committee Report



Our small committee, Deb Kent, Marilyn Caldwell & myself, continue to support other groups with social occasions, such as the AGM, 5th Sunday Potluck suppers, which have been well attended since our move to St. John's, & now take our turn with other Board Committees providing the after Service coffee refreshments, plus the Service greeting & Gospel reading.

We would welcome others to join our group with their new ideas and enthusiasm.

Patsy Riecker





Caring Ministry Report

Another year has come and gone and as in life, we have had many happy and many sad occasions in our church life.

Beginning with the happy times, Gwen Taylor and Harold Tribe celebrated their 90th birthdays in April with Gwen's "party" at the Squamish Golf Club and Harold's special gathering in our church. June and Thor Halvorson celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in July. Also in July, our minister Karen and husband Macky welcomed their second daughter, Malaya into the world.

Ongoing support and love has been provided to Linda and Trevor Harris as Linda undergoes treatments for a very serious illness.

Three well-loved members of our congregation, Evelyn Dawson, Retta Behrner and Maxine Kent passed away this year. Evelyn was a long standing member of our church choir and Caring Ministry and Retta served as our church secretary for many years.

Caring Ministry members include Moneta Neighbor, Doreen Shaw, Elizabeth Kerr, Erica Schultheiss and Linda Harris, when she is able.

Maureen Gilmour





Property Report

Changes have happened to the property in 2015. Up until June our lawnmowers were heavily used. Thanks to Bill and all the men that helped to keep the yard looking good.

Then there was the falling of the Oak tree by Harvey Halverson and organizing of transport and sawing of the log. As the start of the new construction was delayed a group came together in August to load the branches of the Oak tree in a large container which was filed to the top.

Since July the facility development committee has taken over the responsibility for the Church property and this has given me time to help with Anglican Church projects.

Walter Huber



Bill Rempel hard at work cutting the lawn



The Old Oak Tree comes down



Men's Breakfast

This group is made up of participating Squamish United Church members and friends from the community.

We have had a good year with our men's gatherings, topics and themes that have enriched our lives. There is always good humor and creative ideas to be shared

but also a good breakfast.

Breakfast and gathering is once a month on Saturday morning from 8:30 am to 10 am at St John's Anglican Church hall. Date and time is announced in the church bulletin and email notice.

Our intention is to make a positive difference in God's world.

Walter Huber

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Healing Pathways

Our small but mighty group still meet on the first and third Monday's of the month (or close to it) at the home of our members. Walter Huber, Christine Tribe, Glenn Rupertus, Rainer Schwarz and I form our group. We unfortunately have lost our training center at Naramata and most of the training workshops have moved over to Vancouver Island so training has now become much more expensive for those of us on the mainland as it now has to include a ferry fare.

We try to put our announcement in the bulletin each week to invite anyone interested in joining us and find out how our healing works, we include our phone numbers so we can prepare for your arrival and appreciate a call before someone "turns up".

We are happy to answer any questions about how the treatment we offer and work hard to make sure you are totally comfortable with what will happen during a session. As Christine always reminds us "if nothing else I always sleep well afterwards" so be brave and try something "new" this year.

Submitted by Judi Rhodes



Secretary's Report

I have said it before and it is still true, working at Squamish United Church is never dull. 2015 brought many changes and challenges with packing up the office, deciding what to bring with me and what to store. The move into the St. John Anglican office went very well. The office sharing arrangement with the St. John Administrator, Lisa Oakes has gone very well and we seem to be comfortable with the new arrangement. With Rev. Karen on maternity leave my duties to produce the Sunday bulletin were temporarily suspended but with the move and the addition of added duties from the Refugee donation program my time in the office was still full. Thank you to Lisa Oakes for opening her office to me and for her patience.

Jody Villadsen



Estuary Walk, March 2015



Final Service Celebration May 24, 2015



United Church Women of Squamish United Church

Squamish United continues to have an active group of women contributing to the needs and nurturing of the church and its congregation. This year, however, saw the passing of many of its members, with the loss of Evelyn Dawson, Retta Behrner, and Maxine Kent. They will be greatly missed.

There are three UCW “units” at Squamish United, called Harmony, McKenzie and Bethany. The activities of the units vary, with McKenzie unit meeting monthly, and Harmony and Bethany currently meeting on alternate months.

The **Harmony unit** attends the Hilltop House birthday tea every other month, bringing friendship and comfort to the residents there. They also meet on alternate months to share stories and to support one another through fellowship and a helping hand. While we were still in our former church facility, the Harmony unit packed groceries for SUC’s support of those who experience difficulty bridging the gap between food bank days.

The **McKenzie unit** provided 15 toiletry kits to First United, for offering to the people of Vancouver’s downtown east side. They also supported a local family in need with food vouchers for several weeks.

The **Bethany unit** continues to raise funds through its chicken sale in the spring, and the “Let’s Talk Turkey” luncheon the Sunday before Advent. The luncheon raises money to purchase turkeys for the annual Christmas dinner hosted by First United Church. Additional funds from this year’s luncheon were donated to the SUC Syrian Refugee Fund. The Family Snow Day hosted annually by Bethany unit became a pleasant spring walk in the Squamish Estuary. In the mild month of March 2015, there was no snow to play in, but everyone enjoyed the event.

A UCW Life Membership Service was held in March to honour the long-term service of members Donna Pederson, Judi Rhodes and Vicki Haberl.

Many members of the UCW worked very hard on the preparations for moving out of our old church to allow for construction of the new church. Much sorting and organizing of the kitchen was required. Special mention must be made of the tireless efforts of Grace Halvorson, June Halvorson, and Patsy Riecker, and many other hands helped make the load lighter. When the job was all done, and the church was dismantled, UCW co-hosted with the

Board “The Last Lunch”. Following the final Sunday service in our old church, a barbeque lunch was held for the entire congregation to enjoy.

Now settled into our temporary home at the Anglican Church, the UCW continues to host coffee hour once a month and to support many other activities of the church.

If any women are interested in the activities of the UCW, please let any of us know and we will be happy to welcome you.

Submitted by Vicki Haberl



U.C.W. Financial Report

January 1, 2015 Opening Balance		\$ 558.91
Income		
Catering – Dawson funeral	\$ 1200.00	
Chicken Sales (profit \$517.21)	3438.48	
Turkey luncheon	667.65	
Coffee Hour profits	149.70	
Calendars	10.00	
Coffee hour un-deposited	(114.00)	
Total Income	\$ 5351.83	<u>\$5,351.83</u>
		\$5,910.74
Expenses		
Life Membership	\$ 180.00	
Squamish United Church	700.00	
Chicken	2,921.27	
Turkeys First United	213..21	
(Cash un-deposited)	(114.00)	
Goodbye luncheon	135.28	
Service Charge	81.38	
Total Expenses	\$4,117.14	<u>\$4,117.14</u>
Closing balance December 31, 2015		<u>\$1,793.60</u>

Respectfully submitted by Deb Kent, Treasurer, UCW Executive

Donation Stats

General	\$58,119.25
Open	1,126.55
Donations - In Kind	973.19
UCW Donations	700.00
Other	<u>1,210.00</u>
Total	<u>\$62,128.99</u>

Dollar Range	2015 Count	2015 Total \$
\$0.01 - \$50	54	2,079.88
\$50.01 - \$100	3	251.00
\$100.01 - \$200	2	320.00
\$200.01 - \$300	4	1,067.00
\$300.01 - \$400	4	1,477.00
\$400.01 - \$500	1	450.00
\$500.01 - \$600	5	2,659.00
\$600.01 - \$700	0	0.00
\$700.01 - \$800	2	1,500.00
\$800.01 - \$900	4	3,440.00
\$900.01 - \$1000	2	1,971.00
\$1000.01 - \$1500	8	9,434.11
\$1500.01 - \$2000	5	8,455.00
\$2000.01 - \$3000	6	14,465.00
\$3000.01 - \$4000	3	10,050.00
\$4000.01 - \$5000	1	4,510.00
Totals	104	62,128.99



The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Ian Kent, at 7:00pm with 24 attending.

1. Reverend Karen Millard opened the meeting with a Call to Worship, hymn and a prayer.

2. Voting Privileges

MOTION: It was moved by Trevor Harris, seconded by Deb Kent that voting privileges be given to all members and adherents in attendance.

Carried

3. Review and adoption of last year's minutes.

MOTION: It was moved by Peter Gordon, seconded by Louise Martin that the minutes of the March 30, 2014 Annual General Meeting be adopted.

Carried

4. Review of Committee Reports

Some errors were noted

- UCW meeting changes, Harmony Unit meets every other month, Bethany Unit and Mackenzie Units meet monthly.

5. Adoption of Committee Reports

MOTION: It was moved by Bert Ionson, seconded by Elizabeth Kerr that the Committee Reports, except for Finance, Nominating and Facility Development Reports be received. Carried

6. Facilities Development Report

- Peter Gordon spoke on the progress of the Centrepoint project.
- Ian Kent spoke on the current Inventory.
- Grace Halvorson spoke on ideas for the disposition of the pews.
- Details on future services and office location during construction are still being worked out.

MOTION: It was moved by Louise Martin, seconded by Vicki Haber that the facilities report be received. Carried

7. Finance Committee Report and 2015 Budget

Kevin Haberl reviewed the finance report and proposed 2015 budget. Discussion followed;

- Concern over confusion due to the format of the finance report was expressed. More details would be helpful.
- Felt that the donation breakdown figures were confusing.
- Salary privacy issues were discussed

MOTION: It was moved by Louise Martin, seconded by Deb Kent that the 2015 budget be approved. Carried

MOTION: It was moved by Peter Gordon, seconded by Louise Martin to accept the Finance Committee's report as presented. Carried

8. Nomination and Endorsement of the Board Members for 2015

The Nominating Committee presented the 2015 Board Candidates - See Attachment A

Ian Kent made a request for nominations from the floor. Being none...

MOTION: It was moved by Carlotta Liechti, seconded by Joanna Schwarz that the Nomination Report be approved. Carried

9. Other Business

- Board Restructuring - Ian Kent spoke on a revision proposed to the Board to change the meeting of the full Board to 4 times a year, the Executive Board to meet an additional 5 other times. It was also proposed that a brief summary be shared with the congregation following the meetings. These changes to be reviewed after a year.

10. There being no further business it was moved by Judi Rhodes, seconded by Rainer Schwarz that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39pm.

The Reverend Karen Millard closed the meeting with a prayer.

ATTACHMENT A - 2015 Budget

SUC P&L 2015 Predicted	Assumed June move out of current venue	Blended 2015 <u>Total</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense Income		
	Donations	62,600
	Property Usage	2,600
	Other Income	100
	Misc Income	12,600
Total Revenue		77,900
Expense		
	Total Operating Expenses	51,486
	Discretionary Ministerial Expenses	5,692
	Total Staff Expenses	74,943
Total Expenses		132,121
Net Income Operating		-54,221