

Squamish United Church Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 21, 2026
Via Zoom at 7:00 pm

***The Mission of Squamish United Church is to be
an inclusive community serving God's world.***

Present: Rev. Anita Spiller, Trevor Harris (Chair), Cindy Roy (Secretary), Kevin Haberl (Recording Secretary tonight), and Glen Van Brummelen.

Regrets: Vicki Haberl

- Call to Order and Land Acknowledgment (Trevor): 7:02 pm
- Welcome and Land Acknowledgment (Trevor)
- Opening Prayer (Anita)
- Additions/Approval of Agenda
 - MOTION: Moved by Glen, seconded by Cindy, Carried.
- Approve Minutes of December 15, 2025
 - MOTION: Moved by Cindy, seconded by Glen, Carried.
- Dreaming and Visioning (All)
 - Anita asked for an original copy of the artwork of our logo (SUC at Centrepoint), discussion about history. Now the reference to Centrepoint is not resonating. Discussion about a logo refresh. Probably a “later this spring / summer” task.
- Reports:
 - Minister: Rev. Anita reported that the Advent and Christmas season was a strong and life-giving time in the ministry of Squamish United Church. Worship attendance throughout Advent and over Christmas exceeded expectations, with many familiar faces returning and new people joining us. Offerings during this season were also encouraging, reflecting both generosity and a shared commitment to the work of the church.

Music continues to be a significant strength in our worship life. We were blessed by an amazing choir of 14 voices, whose dedication and joy enriched every service. Our talented musicians added depth and beauty to worship throughout the season. She is deeply grateful for the leadership and gifts of Arlene Robinson, Julie Murakami and Carol Grolman, whose work and care made a meaningful difference.

She also wanted to highlight the continued growth in **volunteerism and discipleship** within our congregation. The majority of our members are now engaged in at least one passion-based activity or ministry of the church. This is a clear sign that discipleship is deepening and that people are finding meaningful ways to live out their faith through service, leadership, and community connection.

We continue to serve the homeless and vulnerable in our community with grace and a spirit of radical welcome. This remains a visible and faithful expression of who we are as Squamish United Church, and it is deeply appreciated by those we serve and by the wider community.

She extended sincere thanks to the **Worship Planning Team** for their creativity, faithfulness, and increased workload during the busy holiday season. She is also especially grateful for the dedication and flexibility of our administrator, **Erica**, whose hard work ensured that the many additional demands of Advent and Christmas were met with care, professionalism, and grace.

Overall, the season was marked by strong participation, generous giving, deepening discipleship, and faithful service. I am thankful for the many ways God is at work among us and for the commitment of this congregation to living out Christ's love in our community.

- Worship – see report attached / circulated
- M&P – Glen reported no activity this month. Appreciative of the easy staff relations. Performance review for Erica completed. Anita's performance review will be conducted later this spring. No concerns were raised regarding the cleaning service (Alicia).
- Finance
 - December 31, 2025 P&L & YTD – in the black for the month of December, and this puts us in the black for the year. Kudos to Cindy for the efforts all year.
 - Proposed 2026 Budget - circulated and discussed. Discussion about another rental fee increase in in July 2026. Discussion about how our "stretch goal" for 2025 Congregational Givings was almost met, and the board supported the new proposed modest increase in this target.

MOTION: Later in the spring, look at our rental rates with a view to increasing the rates effective July. Moved by Cindy, seconded by Glen. Carried.

MOTION: That the budget as discussed and circulated be presented to the congregation for approval at the AGM. Moved by Cindy, seconded by Glen. Carried.

- Memorial Fund – (Cindy) discussion about a Memorial Fund in Bruce Larson’s name to target funding some improvements to our AV system, or some other use as proposed by the board. **Action:** Cindy will draft a policy around memorial funds.
- Old Business:
 - Update re projectors, screens and TV’s (Kevin) - update on status, incomplete.
 - Strata Board Position (Kevin) – Peter Gordon has agreed to join Hugh Kerr as our strata representative member.
- New Business:
 - SUC AGM Date / Nominating Committee (All) - AGM Date set for Sunday March 15. Anita will speak with Carlotta about support for nominating.
 - Church Parking (Cindy) – had a few complaints from congregants about parking in the back lot; several vehicles parked don’t have the church hang tags. Bruce used to manage this for us, and it has become a bit of an issue during the winter months with limited street parking. **Action:** Anita will pull up the old notices, and she will ask someone to sub in as our “officer” to track delinquents.
- Upcoming Events:
 - Maureen Gilmour Service on Saturday Jan. 24 at 3:00pm
 - Feb. 7 Multicultural Day at Totem Hall
 - Feb. 17 Shrove Tuesday Dinner at St. John’s 4:30 – 6:00
 - Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday Service 5:00pm
 - Feb. 28 Coldest Night of the Year
 - March 21 3:00pm Bruce Larson Service
- Next Meeting: changed to Wednesday, February 25, 2026
- Closing Prayer (Anita)
- Adjourn Meeting: 8:41pm

Signed:

Trevor Harris, Chair

Cindy Roy, Secretary

Worship Committee Report for the Squamish United Board

Jan. 21, 2026

The Worship Committee met on Sunday, Jan. 11 after church. We discussed the Advent and Christmas season. We are in favour of continuing to start Advent a week early. The benefit of having the last Sunday before Christmas be a congregational/family Christmas service was well received. As Rev. Anita plans the 2026 Advent and Christmas worship, if the theme and timing is conducive to starting a week early that will happen again. Christmas Eve was well attended with neighbours, family, out of town visitors, and our own members. At least one family who attended for the first time on Christmas Eve continues to attend worship on Sunday mornings.

The new hymnal, *Then Let Us Sing*, is not currently available through the United Church of Canada bookstore. It should be available soon. We plan to conduct a donation drive for these new books starting after Easter and running up until Pentecost (May 24). Our goal will be to celebrate a successful drive on Pentecost Sunday and begin using the new books on Welcome Sunday in Sept. It seems that \$30 per book which will include a dedication book plate and shipping should work. We'll revisit the costs before launching the donation campaign.

The committee agrees that having the lay reader also do the announcements is effective and gives a variety of perspectives. The committee will be the back-up for any readers who prefer not to also make the announcements.

We reviewed the Sundays that Rev. Anita will be away. We will use an outside, paid supply minister when she is away for two Sundays in a row in October. Her other time away is one Sunday at a time and the Worship Committee will look for creative ways to have those Sundays be lay led. We are grateful to have so many willing and talented lay leaders willing to lead an occasional worship service.

Squamish United Church

Profit and Loss

December 2025

	TOTAL
INCOME	
500 Donations	
501 General Donations	8,139.70
Total 500 Donations	8,139.70
526 Facility Donations	2,085.00
Total Income	\$10,224.70
GROSS PROFIT	\$10,224.70
EXPENSES	
600 Operating Expenses	
611 Website Expenses	54.35
612 Software	33.29
625 Office Expense	120.04
627 Office Cleaning	350.00
642 Facility Rental Expenses	50.00
689 UCC Annual Assessment	400.70
Total 600 Operating Expenses	1,008.38
660 Building Expenses	
667 Strata Fees	1,623.68
668 Communications	143.40
Total 660 Building Expenses	1,767.08
670 Administrative Expenses	
671 Insurance	187.10
672 Legal & Accounting	34.59
673 Service Charges	50.50
Total 670 Administrative Expenses	272.19
690 Worship Expenses	112.73
694 Worship Labour Expense	130.00
695 Worship Decor	131.37
Total 690 Worship Expenses	374.10
850 Salaries & Benefits	
851 Salary Expense	5,144.22
853 Employer-paid	956.42
854 Phone Allowance	70.00
855 Service Charges	57.64
Total 850 Salaries & Benefits	6,228.28
Total Expenses	\$9,650.03
OTHER INCOME	
535 M&S Flow Thru Income	0.00
GST cheque	-0.29
Total Other Income	\$ -0.29
PROFIT	\$574.38

**Squamish United Church
Profit and Loss
January - December 2025**

	Total
INCOME	
500 Donations	
501 General Donations	82,278.57
507 Benevolent Fund Donations	790.00
508 Donations - Targeted	560.49
509 UCW Donations	2,300.00
Total 500 Donations	\$ 85,929.06
511 Fundraising	3,158.58
526 Facility Donations	33,256.25
Total Income	\$ 122,343.89
GROSS PROFIT	\$ 122,343.89
EXPENSES	
600 Operating Expenses	
611 Website Expenses	340.95
612 Software	1,782.74
625 Office Expense	294.97
626 Supplies	150.14
627 Office Cleaning	4,675.00
642 Facility Rental Expenses	475.00
689 UCC Annual Assessment	4,407.00
730 Benevolent Fund withdrawals	650.00
Total 600 Operating Expenses	\$ 12,775.80
660 Building Expenses	
665 Utilities	3,020.21
667 Strata Fees	19,568.37
668 Communications	1,720.80
669 Repair and maintenance	293.51
Total 660 Building Expenses	\$ 24,602.89
670 Administrative Expenses	
671 Insurance	2,163.00
672 Legal & Accounting	696.96
673 Service Charges	599.38
Total 670 Administrative Expenses	\$ 3,459.34
690 Worship Expenses	667.91
692 Music Licenses	281.00
693 Worship Resources	363.87
694 Worship Labour Expense	325.00
695 Worship Decor	443.40
696 Piano repairs	175.20
697 Supply Ministers	570.00
Total 690 Worship Expenses	\$ 2,826.38
711 Fundraising Expense	862.38

800 Ministerial Expenses		
801 Continued Education		748.56
802 Pastoral Care		28.25
Total 800 Ministerial Expenses	\$	776.81
850 Salaries & Benefits		
851 Salary Expense		60,966.11
852 Worksafe BC		93.74
853 Employer-paid		11,401.14
854 Phone Allowance		840.00
855 Service Charges		726.89
Total 850 Salaries & Benefits	\$	74,027.88
Total Expenses	\$	119,331.48
OTHER INCOME		
535 M&S Flow Thru Income		0.00
GST cheque		0.00
Total Other Income	\$	0.00
OTHER EXPENSES		
991 Broadview Magazine Subscriptions		30.00
Total Other Expenses	\$	30.00
PROFIT	\$	2,982.41

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