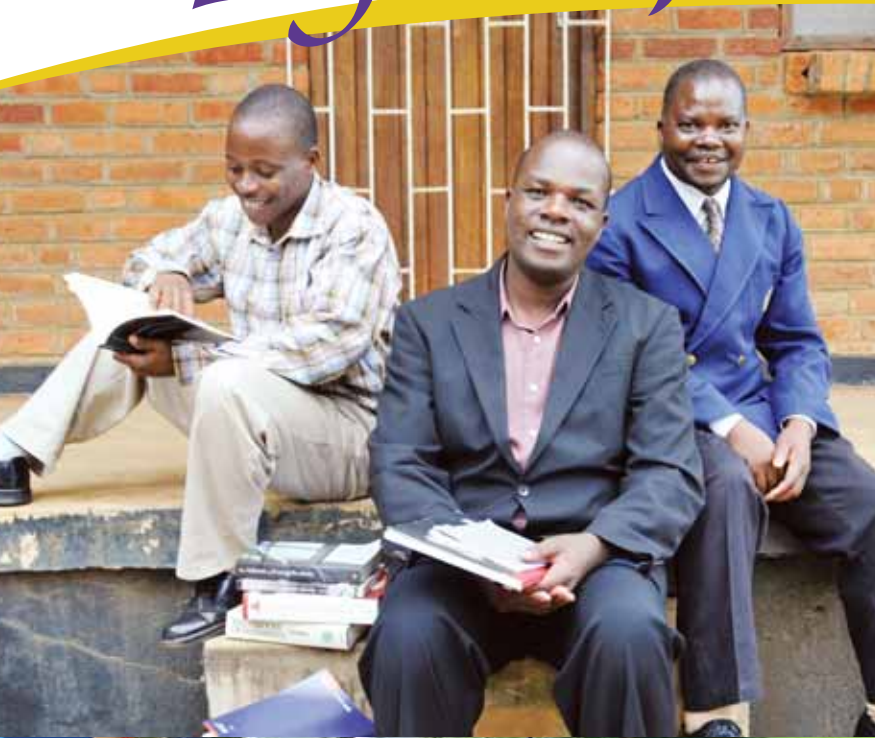


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Presbyterians from across Canada joined together at the 2014 General Assembly under the theme, *Light of the World*. Together we discussed important issues and planned for the future. We passed the *Presbyterians Sharing* budget with the hopes and dreams of what we will accomplish. We committed to sharing in a wide range of ministries — from encouraging and equipping congregations to supporting inner city, native, refugee, urban, and remote ministries to sending people to work with international partners. Together we are shining Christ’s light.



“Each day we are blessed to be able to see God’s transformative power at work in all who come through our doors.”

— Jen de Combe, Tyndale St-Georges,
Montreal, QC

“ARISE Ministry prays that seeds of hope will be planted in the lives of all involved in prostitution and human trafficking; that they may know that change is possible, and that they are loved. Thank you for your prayers, support and kindness as together we sow seeds of hope.”

— Rev. Deb Rapport, ARISE Ministry, Toronto ON



“We live in mission as a community of faith, not as individuals separate from one another. Our hope is to grow a healthy community of disciples who live to be faithfully present agents of God’s mission in the world. We will learn as we go, open to the new things God is doing through Christ’s body in the world.”

— Rev. Glenn Soderholm, Two Rivers Church, Guelph, ON

St. Andrew's Mission Statement

The Mission of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is to glorify God and to share in the spreading of the good news of Jesus Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; to be a faithful, enthusiastic and caring Christian community which seeks to involve all of its people in its ministry; and through Christ-centered worship, education and programmes, to meet the needs of people with the love of God, in Jesus Christ.

A VISION FOR ST. ANDREW'S

“St. Andrew's is a vital growing Church, embracing change and discovery as it seeks opportunities to serve God.” (Adopted 1995)

A Vision for Mission for St. Andrew's

“The Church exists by mission just as fire exists by burning” – Emil Brunner

St. Andrew's is an intentional missional congregation in which mission is core to our purpose and identity. Consequently, we promote mission involvement in some way for everyone. Our involvement in mission is life-giving to us, giving vitality to our congregation, as we invest our lives in the lives of others for their sake. As we serve others in mission, we know that we are serving God.

Mission for us is our response to Christ's call to love our neighbor. We “walk the talk”: desiring to make a difference in our world and working to effect change where there is need. We apply ourselves in a way that is relevant to the need we see and by being generous in our response. Being motivated by our hope in Christ, part of our intention is to impart hope to those we help. Our mission work is visible to the wider community. They will appreciate what we are doing and why we are doing it. In this way our mission work will be a witness to Christ.

Values

As we seek to accomplish our goals, we express these values:

- **Education:** We intentionally work to nurture the faith of our St. Andrew's participants to strengthen their discipleship through every involvement in mission. We help them grow in their awareness of the issues behind the need and help them to understand the situation from a faith perspective.
- **Justice:** We address both the need (through acts of compassion) and also the causes of the need (through concern for justice).
- **Diversity:** We have a balance of mission involvements, such as local and global hands-on and advocacy, by fundraising and direct involvement, etc.
- **Meaningfulness:** We recognize and respect the gifts, strengths and passions of individuals desiring to be involved in mission, and connect them to projects that will be most meaningful to them. It is our desire that a person's mission involvement be enthusiastic.
- **Inclusivity:** We plan mission involvement in such a way to include the involvement of youth and whole families.
- **Partnerships:** When appropriate and possible, St. Andrew's acts in partnership with others.

- **Process:** The process of doing mission is as important as what we do in mission. We seek to create and strengthen relationships, foster team building among participants, be respectful of the culture of those we are helping, ensure that long-term support will continue after our involvement is ended, and that our contributions enhance the abilities of those we help and not replace them.

108TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 2015

March 8, 2015

AGENDA

1. Opening and Welcome
2. Appointment of Secretary
3. Adoption of the Agenda

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Officers and Leaders 2014

The Session: **Moderators:** Rev. Janice Hazlett, Rev. Kevin Lee (September-December)

Minister: Rev. Dr. Frank Breisch (January – September)

Clerk: Jean Sadler

Caroline Bain	Jim Hope-Ross	David Platt
Ron Horwood	Bill Judd	Brenda Pudwell
Merrill Blenman	Lynn Judd	Janet Risdale
Ed Braun	Sheila Kirkland	Joan Rowe
Elaine Cantlon	Don Koch	Mark Rowe
Audrey Cole	Marlene LaMontagne	Annette Shaw
Judie Coleman	Steve MacDonnell	Jean Spotowski
Debby Dorcas	Kevin MacFarlane	Rhonda Wishart
Randy Evans**	Hugh McFadzean	
Brent Forcade	Tom McIntyre	
Dolly Forcade	Loran McVittie	Jean Sadler (Clerk)
Alex Grant	Cathy Millar	
Linda Haines	Craig Murray	
Val Hall	Inge Murray	
John Hazlett	Christine Pepper	

Elders Emeritus

Elders within the congregation not in Session in 2014

Jim Adams	Ruth Eisenhauer	Rob Pollard
Eleanor Art	Harry Eisenhauer	Gail Prevost
Bob Barclay	Paul Elliott	Sylvia Shaw
Brian Boonstra	John Flack	Duane Tritter
Ron Budd	Cathie Huber	Pat Tritter
Jim Christie*	Neil Jamieson	Jim Watt
Ann Conquergood**	Barbara Kearnes	Arlene Young
Donna Cornea	Pat Lomheim	John Young
Shirley Davidson	Bill McAuley	Terry Zimmer
Joan Davies	Elly de Nooij	

District Visitors who are not Session Members

Shirley Allen	Maureen Flack	Mary Anne Quesnel
Eleanor Art	Bob Fuenning	Evelyn Reimer
Frank Breisch	Liza Fuenning	Anita Szott
Linda Crawford**	Lesley Hubler	Kathleen Tomie
Joan Davies	Wilfred Kangong	Derek Wilkinson
Ida Du Toit**	Barbara Kearnes	Arlene Young
Rita Elliott	Dan Mullan	John Young
Nora Finlay	Elly de Nooij	Terry Zimmer

*Passed away in 2014/**Resigned in 2014

Church Staff

Director of Youth Ministry	Ben Kroeker
Office Manager	Rhonda Mullan
Administrative Assistant	Dolly Forcade
Custodian	Oscar Salguero
Nursery Caregiver(s)	Jasdeep Mand Christie Robinson
Director of Music/Organist	Cody Obst
Side by Side Coordinator	Alice Post

Volunteer Staff

Envelope Secretaries	Rob Pollard, Linda Burton-Chalmers
Leader, Musical Friends	Debby Dorcas
Leader, Angels in the Infield	Elizabeth Kangong
Leader, Sounds of Joy	Debby Dorcas

<u>CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS</u>		
<u>FAMILIES</u>		
Number of families associated	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
	435	420
<u>THE MEMBERSHIP</u>		
Communicant Membership January 01	566	545
Added to the Roll		
by Profession of Faith	10	9
by Certificate of Transfer	7	3
by Resolution of Session	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>
	17	14
Removed from the Roll		
by Death	13	12
by Certificate of Transfer	8	2
by Resolution of Session	10	6
own request(new category)	<u>7</u>	<u>28</u>
	38	48
Communicant Membership December 31	545	511
<u>BAPTISMS</u>		
Children	6	3
Adult	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
	7	3
<u>MARRIAGES</u>		
Members	1	3
Adherents	0	1
Other	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
	3	4
<u>FUNERALS</u>		
Members	12	8
Adherents	5	1
Other	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
	21	11

In Memoriam

The following members and adherents of our congregation were called to higher service during 2014:

*James Vallely Barclay
James Hamilton Christie
Isabel May Dahl
Carol Aneta Hutchinson
Kenneth Walter MacLeod*

*Donald Morrison
Bob John Provan
Aartje (Ann) Tenham
Rev. Keith Edwards Walter Wilcox*

The Memorial Fund

In 2014, Memorial Donations were received in memory of the following people:

*Grace Allen
Kenneth Cole
David Donaldson
Dean Donaldson
Ruth Grant
Carol Hutchinson
Joyce Mummery
Amy McIntyre
Margaret Pleskie*

*Malcolm Roberts
May and Jimmy Shaw
Ineke Stewart
Flora and Harry Taylor
Jason Tritter
Charlotte Weston
Rev. Keith Wilcox
Muriel Young
Ruth Young*

The Memorial Fund exists to provide an opportunity for people to make monetary gifts to the Church in memory of friends or relatives without having to specify how the money is to be used.

The Session is responsible for deciding how the money will be spent. In general, the money is used for special items for the Church or Church School. Gifts are deposited in a separate account.

Donations to this fund may be made by contacting the Church Office, the Ministers, the Elders, or the local funeral homes.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alex Grant*

Ministers' Messages to the Congregation

From Rev. Jan Hazlett's Desk

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely - and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2

It has been a busy year, full of challenges and blessings for this congregation and for me as a minister. This year has also been one of transitions and changes. This Annual Report bears witness to God's faithfulness to us and to our response--our walk of faith as individuals and as a congregation.

We began this year with the final clean up from the blockage in the main sewage pipe carrying effluent from the building, which included remediation of asbestos in the walls. Some of the costs were covered by insurance, but we were able to cover costs for the work through the contributions of many to this specific need. Other major projects in the building completed this year were upgrades to the men's washrooms, the kitchenette in the lounge, replacement of the industrial dishwasher in the main kitchen and replacement of the boiler. With generous additional contributions from our congregation, we were able to cover the costs and end the year in good shape.

In January 2014, in advance of the Annual Congregational Meeting, the Session moved to dissolve the Board of Managers and create Teams of Session to deal with financial and resource stewardship of this congregation. As the new teams were created, a motion of thanks to the out-going Board was adopted by Session for their stewardship and faithful service to St. Andrew's. The reports from the Finance Team, the Building Team and the Grounds Team attest to this new structure. We are grateful for those who accepted the invitation to convene and serve on these teams.

This past year the Search Team continued their work, and it was with anticipation and joy that we called Rev. Kevin Lee to the position of Minister, Vision and Direction. Rev. Lee was inducted into his position and I was inducted as a co-minister on the team as Minister, Congregational Care on September 21, 2014. With Rev. Lee's induction we had to say goodbye to Rev. Frank Breisch. We were grateful for his formal ministry in our midst during the vacancy and that he continues to be a contributing member of this community. I continue to thank God for such a wonderful co-worker and for his support in what turned out to be a very stressful year for me professionally and personally.

The written reports and the financial reports in these pages are a testimony to God's love in action. Throughout the vacancy we have stepped out in faith, carried out ministry as we have been called and accepted new challenges. As God continues to lead us in this New Year we continue to “run the race before us” in faith. As a missional congregation, we continue to reach out beyond our walls. A new Search Team will begin the process of looking for a third minister (Minister, Family Ministry) to complete our ministerial team. This third minister will seek appropriate ways to nurture faith in our families and seek ways to minister to families in the area south of Fish Creek.

It is with profound gratitude for the support of this faithful community that I continue in ministry here working to transition from Minister of this congregation to Minister of Congregational Care. I enjoy walking in faith alongside of this congregation. I look forward to seeing where God is leading us, praying that we will continue our history of faithful response to our Lord and our God.

*In Christ's service,
Jan (Rev. Jan Hazlett)*

From Rev. Kevin Lee's Desk

"I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith." Romans 1:11-12

I can't think of another verse in the Scriptures, which summarizes my own personal thoughts and feelings better, as I begin my ministry at St. Andrew's, than the above statement made by Paul in his letter to the Christian Church in Rome. I came to St. Andrew's with the hope that I could share my gifts for ministry in some way, whether it is in preaching and teaching, or in the area of leadership, or to the overall life of the congregation to make St. Andrew's strong. The relationship, however, is not one way. As Paul states, he hoped that he would be "*mutually encouraged*" by the interaction with them. Let me say, how much I have already been encouraged by your faith and ministry.

When I was interviewing for this call over the summer, I asked the members of the Search Team what the greatest strength of St. Andrew's was, and almost in unison, all of the members of the Team stated that the *people* of St. Andrew's were its greatest gift and strength. I would concur. There is a wonderful spirit among the people in our church, and I sense there are deep commitments to honour Christ, to love one another, deeply and from the heart, and to continue the tradition and heritage of our faith.

I have also been encouraged greatly by the variety of ministries, such as Heritage Seniors, the Annual Bazaar, the Side by Side programme, Youth Ministry and programmes like Alpha, and other Bible Studies, which deepens the journey of faith. There are so many other ministries I could mention here, but personally, I was deeply enriched by the music programme over the Christmas season and look forward to being a part of the music programme at St. Andrew's in the years to come. There are so many things St. Andrew's does so well already, I would be hard pressed to prescribe new and fresh direction for us at this present moment. The specific details about the future direction and vision of our congregation is still only general and yet to be fleshed out. In the coming months and years, I look forward to discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit among us to chart a path for us that not only honours Christ and makes us stronger, but that we would be an instrument of God's grace in our city.

On a personal level, one of the greatest challenges of accepting the call from St. Andrew's and moving to Calgary has been my separation from my family.

The original intent was to bring my youngest daughter, Rebecca, with me this year to complete her grade 11 and 12, while Hannah stayed back in Toronto to wrap up her accounting practice to join me here in the summer of 2015. In hindsight, not bringing Rebecca with me to Calgary in September, and allowing Hannah and my three daughters to stay close to one another in my absence has proven to be the right decision, given my schedule and time commitments here at St. Andrew's.

The challenge for us now is deciding on when to bring Rebecca and Hannah to Calgary – with only one more year of high school remaining, we are having a great deal of difficulty in asking Rebecca to move in such a crucial time of her life. We as a family would covet your prayers for us as we journey through this transitional period. I would ask for your prayers especially for my dear wife, Hannah, as it appears I have underestimated how difficult it is for her to leave her children behind in Ontario, her mother and family members, and her clients, many of whom she considers close friends.

Aside from the personal circumstances, so far so good! I am grateful for you and thank God for the opportunity to pastor the great congregation of St. Andrew's. I look forward to growing and serving Christ and our neighbors in the years to come!

*In Christ,
Rev. Kevin Lee*

MINUTES OF THE 107TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CALGARY, ALBERTA

ATTENDANCE

One hundred and fourteen people gathered in the sanctuary of the church on Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 12:20 p.m. for the 107th Annual Congregational Meeting.

WORSHIP

The Rev. Frank Breisch opened the meeting with a brief service of worship.

HYMN

We sang hymn 365 "This is the Threefold Truth".

OPENING AND WELCOME

The Rev. Breisch led us in a prayer of thanksgiving and for direction.

The Rev. Jan Hazlett acted as Moderator for the meeting. The Moderator declared the meeting properly constituted. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly explained the procedures for the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA, APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED by Debby Dorcas, Seconded by Audrey Cole: THAT Jim Hope-Ross be appointed as Secretary for the meeting. **CARRIED.**

MOVED by George Amos, Seconded by Rob Cameron: THAT the Agenda for the meeting, as circulated, be approved. **CARRIED.**

MOVED by Jim Hope-Ross, Seconded by Sheri Coutts: THAT the Minutes of the 106th Annual Congregational Meeting, as amended and circulated, be adopted. **CARRIED.**

IN MEMORIAM AND PRAYER

The Moderator referred us to page 7 of the Annual Report and offered a memorial prayer in honour and remembrance of the members and adherents of our congregation who were called to higher service during 2013.

SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

The Moderator acknowledged the presence of the Rev. Helen Smith, one of the two Presbytery representatives appointed by the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod to serve on the Search Team for our new minister. Carolyn Jerrard and Lynn Judd provided an overview of the search process and indicated that they were satisfied with the progress to date.

ADOPTION OF REPORTS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Moderator listed the reports of the many teams and groups, which appear in pages 14 through 50 in the Annual Report.

MOVED by Derek Wilkinson, Seconded by Marlene LaMontagne: THAT all “Reports Without Recommendations” in pages 14 through 50 of the Annual Report, be received for information. **CARRIED.**

WORSHIP TEAM UPDATE

Lynn Judd, Convener of the newly reconstituted Worship Team, highlighted the goals and activities the Team is considering and has implemented to enhance our worship experience. She particularly expressed enthusiasm for an alternative form of worship called “The Holy Smoke Café”. The Holy Smoke Café will continue to be held periodically in Trinity Hall, and will be an interactive service of worship, celebrated with a meal.

ADOPTION OF 2013 RESTATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Stephen Henrichsen, with an effective use of slides, reviewed and highlighted the 2013 Financial Statements.

MOVED by Stephen Henrichsen, Seconded by Anita Szott: THAT the 2013 restated Financial Statements be adopted. **CARRIED.**

SIDE BY SIDE UPDATE

Alice Post reported on the Side by Side ministry to persons with dementia and their caregivers. Through trained leaders and the help of volunteers, an opportunity is created whereby the participants enjoy activities without distinction from the other participants, and the caregivers are given a brief respite from their responsibilities.

FINANCIAL REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

MOVED by Brent Harding, Seconded by Wilfred Kangong: THAT the review engagement letter, with its date changed to January 31, 2014, and which was produced at page Appendix A-15 of the Annual Report, be adopted. **CARRIED.**

BUDGET FOR 2014

Stephen Henrichsen presented the 2014 budget, which appears at pages Appendix B-1 through Appendix B-3 of the Annual Report.

MOVED by Stephen Henrichsen, Seconded by Bob Shaw: THAT the 2014 Budget be adopted. **CARRIED.**

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Brent Harding reviewed the Board of Managers Report and thanked the members of the Board of Managers for their hard work under their various functions and responsibilities throughout the year.

MOVED by Brent Harding, Seconded by Mark Rowe: THAT the Board of Managers Report be adopted. **CARRIED.**

MOTION ARISING

Noting that the Board of Managers has now been disbanded, and with Session having assumed the Board's many and varied responsibilities, it was;

MOVED by Annette Shaw, Seconded by Elspeth McFadzean: THAT the whole of the Board be acknowledged with thanks for their service to St. Andrew's, AND THAT the Clerk writes a letter to each of the managers to express the Congregation's thanks. **CARRIED.**

THANKSGIVING

The Secretary, on behalf of the Congregation, acknowledged with thanks, the hard work and devoted service of our much-loved minister, the Rev. Jan Hazlett, and the capable and diligent assistance she has received from the Rev. Dr. Frank Breisch over the past year.

CONCLUSION

MOVED by Rhonda Mullan, Seconded by Brent Forcade: THAT the meeting be concluded. **CARRIED.**

BENEDICTION

The Rev. Hazlett closed the meeting by pronouncing the benediction at 1:16 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Hope-Ross, Appointed Secretary*

**Minutes of the Congregational Meeting
of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary
held on Sunday, July 6, 2014.**

ATTENDANCE

On Sunday, July 6th, 2014, at 1:15 o'clock in the afternoon, 188 people gathered in the sanctuary of the church for the Special Congregational Meeting.

The Rev. Grant Gunnink moderated the meeting. He welcomed everyone, and opened the proceedings with prayer.

APPOINTMENT OF A SECRETARY

It was agreed by all those in attendance, that Jean Sadler be appointed as Recording Secretary for the meeting.

PROCESS

Attendance sheets were circulated for completion and signing by all in attendance.

The Moderator confirmed that due notice of this meeting had been given verbally on June 22, 2014, again verbally and in writing on June 29th and July 6, 2014.

The Moderator reviewed the process of the meeting: Consideration of the four proposed motions. Only members of the church could vote on the motions and votes are by a show of hands. Although only members vote at the meeting, adherents as well as members can sign in support following the meeting.

Report from the Search Team

Lynn Judd reported on actions taken by the Search Team starting a year ago. Meetings took place during the summer of 2013 to prepare the congregational profile that was sent to the National Church for registration in September 2013. Prior to Christmas 2013, fourteen to sixteen applications were received through the National Church plus six others were also received. The Team shortlisted four candidates and undertook skype interviews with these individuals. From the four, the Team cut the list to two candidates and undertook a second interview with Rev. Kevin Lee. On June 17, 2013 the Team made their recommendation to the Session of our church.

MOVED by Lynn Judd, Seconded by Carolyn Jerrard: THAT the congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary proceed with the issuing of a Call for Minister: Vision and Direction. **CARRIED.**

MOVED by Lynn Judd, Seconded by Carolyn Jerrard: THAT the guarantee to Presbytery of stipend be as follows: remuneration of \$63,318.00, housing allowance of \$20,000.00 for a total of \$83,318.00 annually, paid on the first day of each month and reviewed annually. Two weeks of continuing education cumulative up to two years, five weeks' vacation, health care plan to include dental and medical, and pension. **CARRIED.**

MOVED by Lynn Judd, Seconded by Carolyn Jerrard: THAT the name of the Rev. Kevin Lee be inserted in the Call. **CARRIED.**

MOVED by Lynn Judd, Seconded by Carolyn Jerrard: THAT representatives of St. Andrew's be named to speak to the Call at the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod meeting to consider this Call.

Subject to availability, representatives named were Lynn Judd, Shona Murray, Sylvia Shaw, and Bob Shaw. The tentative date for this Presbytery meeting is July 22, 2014. **CARRIED.**

MOVED by Lynn Judd, Seconded by Carolyn Jerrard: THAT during the Call process, the Session be given permission to deal with any matters relative to the Call as the matters may arise, for example: In consultation with the Presbytery, establishing and setting for the Service of Induction. **AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: MOVED** by Lynn Judd, Seconded by Bill Judd: THAT during the Call process to follow, the congregation request that Session deal with any matters relative to the Call as the matters may arise, for example: In consultation with the Presbytery, establishing the date and setting for the Service of Induction. Amendment **CARRIED** and the vote to pass the Amended Motion was **CARRIED.**

The Moderator, Rev. Grant Gunnink, reviewed the process for signing the call.

Expression of Thanks

Debby Dorcas, expressed appreciation on behalf of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, for all the work that Rev. Grant Gunnink and Rev. Helen Smith have done; who both have assisted our congregation through this process for the last year, and requested that the gratitude be recorded and expressed.

MOVED by Audrey Cole, Seconded by Brian Hawco: That the meeting be adjourned at 1:50 p.m. **CARRIED.**

Rev. Grant Gunnink closed the meeting with prayer.

Jean M. Sadler
Clerk of Session
July 7, 2014

*Respectfully submitted,
Jean Sadler, Appointed Secretary*

Session Highlights

To remind everyone, members of Kirk Session of St. Andrew's are elected to the Office of Ruling Elder and are ordained for life. The Session is totally accountable for actions of all the teams and groups within our church. An Elder who resigns from active service on Session is designated an "Elder Emeritus".

Your Session comprises active standing teams whose membership is made up of Elders and lay persons.

Teams of Session during 2014 included: Christian Education, Communion and Districts, Finance with Building/Maintenance as a sub team, Impact, Leading with Care, Mission, Personnel, Search, Stewardship and Planning, Welcome and Fellowship, and Worship. Congregational Pastoral Care also reported directly to Session.

Some highlights of 2014 were as follows:

In January, Session passed a motion: “THAT Session dissolves St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church’s Board of Managers, and Session will restructure and directly manage the stewardship of the congregation through Finance and Maintenance Teams that will have at least one Elder as a member and will report directly to Session”.

In February, Session passed a motion: “THAT when a member or adherent gives birth or adopts a child, a rose is purchased by the Church and the new arrival is duly announced in the bulletin. The rose will be delivered personally to the parents by a Member of Session or a District Visitor”.

In March, Session approved Audrey Cole as continuing her role as Equalizing Elder, to attend meetings of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod. Sheila Kirkland will continue as our Presbytery Elder with Marlene LaMontagne as our Alternate.

Also in March, David Platt kindly represented Session during the “Isabel Dahl Motivational Award” applicant evaluations.

In April, Session established a “Small Standing Committee” to approve use of space for one-time requests. Alex Grant, Hugh McFadzean, Jim Hope-Ross and Judie Coleman sit on this committee.

In April, Session approved a motion granting Rev. Jan Hazlett two additional weeks of vacation for 2014, in recognition and thanks for her extra hours of work while we filled the ministerial vacancy.

In May, Session began a discussion on the need to be intentional about our methods of communications. This discussion is not over and is being continued in the spring of 2015, with the goal of becoming more effective in how we communicate on all levels.

In June 2014, we held a “Special Session Meeting” moderated by Rev. Helen Smith, where we received a recommendation from the Search Team that we extend an invitation to Rev. Kevin Lee to preach for the Call at both services on July 6, 2014. Following those services, all Elders and District Visitors were asked to make additional contact with families to enlist signatures for the Call. Out of 516 members, 221 subscribed personally to the Call, and 203 did so by the signature of their Elder. In addition, 168 adherents supported the Call.

On Sunday July 20, 2014, Session held another special meeting in order to “tweek” the Call to Rev. Kevin Lee, in order to ensure it would be acceptable.

The Induction Service for Rev. Kevin Lee as Minister, Vision and Direction as well as Rev. Jan Hazlett as Minister of Congregational Care took place on September 21, 2014 with Elders providing the refreshments and baked items for a reception following the service.

At our Session meeting in September of 2014, Elders were delighted to welcome Rev. Kevin Lee to his first meeting with us. We also thanked Rev. Frank Breisch for his devotion to our Church as he had filled in to assist Rev. Jan until the vacancy was filled by Rev. Lee.

In October, the first meeting of a new Session “Convenors Team” took place. This group is made up of the Team Convenors and will act as an Executive Committee/Think Tank, meeting once each quarter.

In November, our District Visitors were invited to join Session members for a workshop on visitations that was organized for us by Rev. Dianne Ollerenshaw.

Overall, it was a busy year for Elders of Session at St. Andrew’s. It was and is, a time of reflection and planning as we work with both our talented, caring Ministers, who give of themselves to ensure we are all taken care of in so many ways.

Many decisions were reached that impact positively on the life of our congregation and I wish to thank every Elder and our Ministers for their dedication, time and caring.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jean Sadler, Clerk of Session*

SESSION TEAMS

Building Team Report

The Building Team is charged with maintaining the church’s physical building assets. Members are Tom McIntyre, Alfred MacRae and Sean Pepper.

Because of generous donations received from various church groups and individuals throughout the year, available funding was increased allowing additional maintenance projects to be undertaken.

The following major projects were undertaken in 2014:

- replacement of the kitchen dishwasher,
- replacement of original 1962 boiler with two new high efficiency units,
- remediation of asbestos within the boiler room,
- replacement of the hot water heater,
- upgrading of three original 1962 electrical panels,
- improved lighting in the boiler room,
- new heating in the ladies downstairs washroom,
- upgrading of main level and basement men’s washrooms,
- lounge servery upgrade to provide improved cabinet and counter space,
- improved lighting in lounge and lounge servery areas,
- new dishwasher for the lounge servery.

Funding was also provided for materials used by volunteers to complete twenty one miscellaneous maintenance projects around the church, including storage closets, gas line painting, caulking roof leaks, installation of a maintenance work bench, painting doors, parking lot safety posts, new kitchen ceiling tiles, protection of main column bases and general maintenance work.

Thanks are expressed to the following volunteers who gave of their time and talents:
G. Amos, E. Bosman, E. Braun, J. Cuthbertson, C. and J. Jerrard, B. and I. Judd, L. Kelly, E. Mitchell, A. MacRae, C. Murray, S. Pepper, B. Shaw and S. Shaw.

For 2015, one area that can be improved upon is in energy conservation. Often, lighting in the four largest rooms has been left illuminated, sometimes overnight or while unattended during the day or evening. With energy costs escalating, please take a moment to ensure that all lights have been switched off when you leave an area.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tom McIntyre*

Christian Education Team

The Christian Education Team is charged with the task of providing guidance and active support to the life-long Christian education within the congregation. Within the Team's responsibility is the operation of the nursery, all levels of church school, all youth events and programming, adult education including Alpha and Adult Bible Study, Summer Church School, Vacation Bible School and the children's, youth and adult libraries. Christian Education oversees special interest groups such as "Reading & Reflection" and "Coffee & Conversation" groups, as well as certain special events including "ADVENTure", the annual "Spring Fun Day", the presentation of gifts to graduating Grade 6 and 12 youth, and annual teacher/leader recognition.

In terms of church school curriculum, "Young Children at Worship" saw its fourteenth year at St. Andrew's for the younger children. In the first half of 2014, children from age 3 to Grade 5 attended Church School in a multi-aged grouping with the YC@W programme being offered at 9:30 a.m., and the "One Room Church School" curriculum being used at 11:15 a.m. Due to declining enrollment over a few years at 11:15 a.m., that programme was discontinued in the fall of 2014 on a trial basis. Inge Murray blessed St. Andrew's with another year as the Coordinator of Church School for this age group throughout 2014.

In the first half of 2014, junior and senior high was taught at 9:30 a.m. utilizing "Reform" curriculum for grades 6 to 12, and the leaders were coordinated by Jennifer and Bart Stolee. In the second half of the year, Mary Jane Curran assumed the role of Coordinator, and the curriculum was changed to that of "Faith in Motion". Pop-Up High fellowship for all the youth continued between services in the Upper Room.

Summer Church School was offered at the 9:30 a.m. service in 2014, led by the Christian Education Team members, with assistance from members of the congregation using the curriculum "One Room Church School". Vacation Bible School for little ones was coordinated by St. Peter's Anglican Church, with St. Andrew's providing assistance in the way of leadership; this year by three members of our youth group.

In terms of Youth Ministry, Ben Kroeker continued to lead and engage our young people through 2014. St. Andrew's has a connected group of teens and friends who meet at the church as "Surge" on Friday nights, and join the city wide group of Presbyterian youth on regular occasions. Bible studies are often featured on Wednesday nights for different age groups. Ben was ably assisted in leadership by Simon Feigs, Carl Murray and Shona Murray.

In 2014, Stephanie Werle continued as our Nursery Coordinator. A new staff person was hired in the spring of 2014, when Christie Robinson joined the team. In the late fall of 2014 we moved to a job sharing situation, welcoming back Jasdeep Mand.

A newsletter "Splash" for families of nursery aged children was continued as an additional way of connecting families to St. Andrew's.

The Christian Education Team is well served by Sylvia Shaw, who continued in the role of Adult Library Coordinator in 2014, organizing a great deal of that library and tackling the Children's Library as well, giving it a much needed facelift.

Randy Evans retired in 2014 from his many years in the role of Coordinator of Alpha, and this role has been assumed by a longtime supporter of ALPHA, Christine Pepper.

Adult Bible Studies continued to be blessed Sunday mornings, by the presence of leaders Bill Judd at 9:30 a.m. and Stewart Hall at 11:15 a.m.

The Christian Education Team plans and organizes the annual presentation of gifts to our graduating grade 6 and grade 12 students – and these presentations were made on Christian Family Sunday.

Christian Education organized the annual "Spring Fun Day" in April, 2014. The festive informal family celebration of "ADVENTure" in early December took on a new format in 2014, being moved to a Sunday morning where cookie decorating and holiday beverages followed the Musical "Miracle on Main Street" led by Debby Dorcas at the 9:30 a.m. service.

Two groups under the guidance of Rev. Jan Hazlett were back by popular demand in 2014: "Reading & Reflection" as well as "Coffee & Conversation".

Christian Education's mission funds for 2014 were directed in the name of our Church School children to Camp Kannawin and to the Teen Angel programme, as well as the Church School's foster child through the Christian Children's Fund of Canada.

The Christian Education Team can only accomplish the work it is called to do by the continuing response of members of the congregation to serve in teaching and leadership roles. We are very appreciative of all who assist in the work of Christian Education at St. Andrew's.

More detailed reports of the various groups overseen by the Christian Education Team can be found in other sections of this Annual Report.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Wishart, Convener*

Communion & Districts Team

This year; 2014 - was a year of transition for the Communion and Districts Team.

Long-time convener of the team, Marlene LaMontagne, retired. But thankfully, Marlene patiently “coached” her replacement, Jim Hope-Ross, in all of the tasks and tidbits associated in making the sacrament of communion a significant and reverential part of St. Andrew’s worship experience.

Jim was also blessed with the continued membership on the team of Audrey Cole and Christine Pepper, who provided their own experience and influence. Audrey’s daughters, Shelby and Lauren, also contributed in preparation of the elements for the communion services. Hugh McFadzean also joined the team. Hugh observed how smoothly the “Grand Entry” method seems to work for processing the elements, so that has become the preferred approach for two of the four “formal” communion services of the year.

Another significant step was the introduction of serving communion at the regular worship services on the first Sunday of each month. Communion is served by the intinction method except in the months of March, June, October, and December when the more formal method to serve the elements is used. During these services, the congregation is invited to come forward via the centre aisle to receive the bread, dip it in the cup and to then partake; rather than to wait until all are served, as is customary during the four other more formal services.

For those who have gluten intolerance and for those who through disability or preference, choose to remain seated in the pews, an elder takes gluten-free bread and the little cups to those members of the congregation.

Communion by intinction is also served at the Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve services.

We also prepare the elements and set the table for communion when called upon by the Sudanese Community of Faith.

The Team especially wishes to thank all of those Elders who so generously participate in serving communion and for pitching in to clean up after the communion services.

Sheila Kirkland and Dolly Forcade continue to faithfully record the attendance of communicants in the roll of the church. In 2015, Joan Smith has offered to assist Sheila in this important task. We thank Sheila for her continued conscientious management of the Visitor Districts.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jim Hope-Ross, Convener*

Finance Team

This year, 2014, has been a year of organizational transition for the St. Andrew’s Finance Team. In early 2014, following Session’s decision to dissolve the Board of Managers, Financial Management of St. Andrew’s was turned over to a newly formed financial team of Session. The current Finance Team members are Bob Sadler, Tom McIntyre, Rob Pollard, Bob Shaw, Alex Grant, Hugh McFadzean, and Mark Rowe is the convener. Dolly Forcade, Jan Hazlett and Kevin Lee also work with the Finance Committee.

The Team has spent the last year acquainting itself with the various financial aspects of our church. Key components include approving funding for maintenance and operation of St. Andrew's facilities, funding to maintain our church staffing and the funding needed to provide programmes for the church, including our outreach to the community. The church does not have a mortgage but the 52 year old original building areas require funding for maintenance and upgrading in order to keep them in reasonable condition. Our church staffing is our largest cost and accounts for about 2/3 of our expenditures. We receive our revenues from PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittances), envelopes, gifts and investment income.

This year, several groups such as the Ladies Evening Guild, the Ladies Afternoon Guild, the Heritage Seniors, the Memorial Fund, Men's Breakfast Fellowship and several individuals made donations for capital projects. We are very appreciative of these donations.

This year Session authorized the engagement of an outside accountant to review our financial operating practices. A financial review by an independent outside accountant has not been done in several years. Session felt a fresh set of eyes reviewing our finances would be useful. A preliminary review indicates that the St. Andrew's finances are being managed effectively. While our reserve funds appear adequate for the near term and to support a third minister, our challenge is to grow our financial support so that we can better serve our community and weather any future financial challenges.

The goal for 2015 will be to review the various financial components of the church's operations and consolidate them into a single management reporting function for improved stewardship.

*Respectively submitted,
Mark Rowe, Convener*

Grounds Team

Due to the subsidence of the sewer fill in the south car park, when the main sewer line was replaced, several loads of gravel managed to fill the gap effectively. It is expected that tarmac will be placed in that area in the summer of 2015.

A summer contract was given to Yardworx for the upkeep of the lawns and to keep the weeds down. Bedding plants were planted in late May in the east and cross gardens by volunteers, after sweeping all the winter gravel from the car parking lots.

The winter snow clearing contract was given to Peritus who will ensure all sidewalks are clear as well as the car parking lots. Several trees were damaged by the September snowfall, and many were pruned but pruning will continue during the spring cleanup.

The turnaround at the south west parking lot was cleared by volunteers and further work on the downspout will be done to avoid this hindrance to vehicles turning.

Further car park spaces will be determined by committee which will impact the grounds in 2015.

*Respectively submitted,
Bob Shaw*

Impact Team

The Impact Team is tasked with responsibility for determining how best to resolve the loss of use of the YMCA available parking following closure of that facility.

Team Members are Mark Rowe - Convenor, Ed Braun, Brent Harding, Tom McIntyre, David Platt and Bob Sadler.

The YMCA owns the property immediately east of St Andrew's and the City of Calgary owns the remaining property extending to Haddon Road (including the former YMCA building). A non-binding reciprocal parking arrangement previously existed between YMCA and St Andrew's, but ceased to exist upon closure of their operations.

During 2014, consultation was conducted with informed members of the City of Calgary, Councillor Brian Pincott, and senior officials of the YMCA. It is presently concluded that no definitive plans have yet been established for the sale, development or rezoning of the properties and specific guidance is believed to be several years away.

In the interim, informal consensus has been reached with the City and the YMCA for continued parking use until further contrary guidance is provided.

Members of the public have also recognized the advantage of the available parking on the properties and unofficially use it throughout the work week.

Approaches from St Andrew's to the YMCA regarding the purchase of a portion of their property have been unsuccessful, and their expressed interest appears to be to deal directly with the City.

In view of the possibility of being locked out of any involvement in the development of the City and YMCA properties, St Andrew's is exploring further parking options including maximizing available space on our own property.

Members of the Team will continue to monitor any influential changes that may occur.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tom McIntyre*

Leading with Care Team

Our Leading with Care Team works to provide a safe environment for everyone, reducing risk as much as possible for all. We operate in compliance with "The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Leading with Care Policy" and in co-operation with the direction of the "Pastoral Effectiveness Committee" of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod.

During 2014, we organized a congregational fire drill with the assistance of many volunteers including but not limited to, a number of our Shepherds under the guidance of Craig Murray, our office staff, Tom McIntyre, Brent Harding and our Welcome and Fellowship Team, that provided refreshments for everybody once they were outside the building.

We met with our Church School Leaders and we initiated the updating of police security checks for all our Elders. The next group to have their police checks updated will be our District Visitors, followed by everyone else who volunteers in our church life.

In order to submit the required Annual Report to Presbytery, in 2015 we will be undertaking some additional assessments of risks and strategies for minimizing risks. Examples of our “to do list” include items such as ensuring railings are at the right height for our children, floors around entrances and on ramps are resistant to slipping, updating first aid kits, checking fire extinguishers ... and the list goes on!

We are also arranging for a demonstration early in the new year, of how to use the fire extinguisher(s); in particular, the one in our kitchen.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jean Sadler*

Mission Team

The Mission Team meets once per month on the fourth Tuesday night, except in June and July. Current members of the team are: Tom McIntyre, Cathy Millar, Bill Judd, Loran McVittie, Annette Shaw, Pauline Evans, David Platt, Mark Rowe, Joan Rowe, Rev. Jan Hazlett and Rev. Kevin Lee. We are currently seeking a convener.

The Mission Team’s focus continues to be providing missional linkages for our congregation to local community, national, and international projects.

This year we have provided support to:

<u>NeighbourLink:</u>	Annual donation plus ‘No Crib for a Bed’ project with donated crib and infant items; coordinated by Annette Shaw.
<u>Inn from the Cold:</u>	Many volunteers help on the fifth Sundays of the month at Southwood United Church; coordinated by Val Hall.
<u>Interfaith Food Bank:</u>	Ongoing collections and donations.
<u>Veteran’s Food Bank:</u>	The Remembrance Day collection was three large boxes filled with food, along with envelope donations of \$900. The Men’s Breakfast group also donated \$500. The coordinator is Tom McIntyre.
<u>Mitten Tree:</u>	One hundred and eighty items were collected and then divided between The Mustard Seed, The Drop-in Center, Claire House, The Women’s Shelter and students in need, through the Calgary School Board. This was coordinated by Lois Kerslake and her volunteers: Barb English, Judy Roberts, Stewart Hall, Adam Hall, Mark Rowe, Merrill Blenman and others.

Calgary Homeless Foundation and Claire Building:

The Claire Building is a thirty-five unit apartment building, owned and operated by the Calgary Homeless Foundation. In order to work as volunteers at the Claire Building, nine St. Andrew's volunteers completed CUPS orientation and training this year.

St Andrew's provided volunteers and materials for a family Valentine's Day party and a Christmas party at the Claire Building. Heritage Seniors provided gifts for the children. Mission Funds provided twelve family gift hampers, craft supplies and three turkeys. Alex Grant was Santa and Marlene LaMontagne read Christmas stories. Some furniture has been provided to residents. Bill Judd is the liaison with Jennifer Connelly of CUPS.

Bulletin Boards

The bulletin boards in the Karl English Lounge are updated regularly by Annette Shaw, to focus on current mission activities through St Andrew's.

Haiti:

Lou, Anne, and Aaron Greco went on a third visit to Haiti, helping with medical supplies, a clinic building, and electrical work. Space was provided in the Narthex to the Greco's to sell their artisan items to the congregation, in order to fund medical supplies.

We thank the entire congregation for their participation with time and talents for St. Andrew's focus on growing as a 'missional church'. We look forward to reviewing and visioning our direction for 2015, and welcome congregational suggestions.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rowe, Convener*

Personnel Team

The Personnel Team supports the congregation and the ministers by providing administrative oversight and advice on all personnel matters concerning church staff. The Team is made up of members from Session, the Session (Building and Grounds) Teams and the "Congregation-at-Large". The team's membership is currently made up of Craig Murray and Steve MacDonnell from Session, Bob Shaw from Congregational Teams and Ann Conquergood from the "Congregation-at-Large". Rev. Jan Hazlett has ably assisted the team through most of the year until the arrival of Rev. Kevin Lee who now fulfills this role.

We are sorry to be losing Ann Conquergood from our team and thank her for her years of dedication. We were most pleased Sylvia Shaw joined the team in October. Sylvia has a wealth of experience both with our congregation and the type of work we do.

We were quite happy and blessed when the Search Team was able to bring Rev. Kevin Lee into our fold. Indeed, support to the search process was our main order of business during the first part of the year.

We were additionally blessed to have Rev. Frank Breisch continue in assisting Rev. Jan with the demands of the Ministry Team right up to Rev. Kevin's arrival. We once again thank Rev. Frank for his valuable time and efforts.

The staff of the congregation is made up of nine full and part-time employees, including the ministers. Besides the addition of our Minister, Vision and Direction, we have had no other major changes to the staff. Jasdeep Mand, our former Nursery Caregiver, was able to return and allow a split in coverage in the Nursery Caregiver position as Christie Robinson had to accommodate some nursing duties into her studies. These assignments took up some of Christie's Sundays.

The Team also completed some preparatory work for the Search Team for the Family Ministry position. If all conditions are met, a search may soon be underway under the direction of Presbytery.

Besides responding to staffing requirements, annual performance reviews of the non-clergy staff are carried out and budgetary salary figures are developed and presented to the Finance Team and Session. The Team also maintains personnel policies and procedures and consults with other Presbyterian churches concerning personnel functions and issues.

*Respectfully submitted,
Steve MacDonnell, Convener*

Search Team

The Search Team for the Minister, Vision and Direction position was constituted by Session in June of 2013. The Team worked through the summer of 2013 to develop the congregational profile and criteria and advertised for the position beginning October, 2013, and subsequently met on a monthly basis. Potential candidates were identified through individual contacts, applications from the National Office of the Church and individual applications sent directly to us – in total over 24 applications were reviewed.

Candidates were narrowed down to four, and after Skype interviews, to two. The two remaining candidates were interviewed in person and a subsequent Skype interview was held with one to confirm that we felt God was calling this person to St. Andrew's. The Session approved a recommendation to issue a call to Reverend Kevin Lee in June, 2014. Reverend Lee accepted the Call and came to St. Andrew's in September of 2014.

Members of the Search Team were Bob Shaw, Sylvia Shaw, Stephanie Werle, Carolyn Jerrard, Debby Dorcas, Elaine Cantlon, David Platt, Rhonda Wishart, Merle Kirkpatrick, Dolly Forcade, Shona Murray, and Lynn Judd. Presbytery Representatives were Rev. Helen Smith and Rev. Grant Gunnink.

*Respectfully submitted
Lynn Judd, Convener*

Stewardship and Planning Team

Increasing financial support of the congregation is always a major focus of the Stewardship and Planning Team. We encourage everyone in the congregation to consider using the PAR programme for regular givings. Not only does this give the church a stable funding base but it reduces bank charges and makes regular giving much easier.

For people already on PAR, we remind everyone that our costs continually rise and we ask that you make sure your givings reflect this, as it is very important for the church. The forms to start and change your PAR donations are always available in the church office. Once a month we will be having a campaign for PAR and there will be forms on a table in the narthex between and after services.

Stewardship and Planning has also been looking at various improvements to the church this past year. These projects have included preliminary planning of new windows in the sanctuary and a renovation of Trinity Hall.

*Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Bain, Convener*

Welcome and Fellowship Team

The mandate of Welcome and Fellowship Team is to foster a welcoming environment for visitors to our congregation and to provide opportunities throughout the year for fellowship within our church family.

The Welcome and Fellowship Team had a busy year in 2014, as we organized or assisted with many events.

On February 2nd, we sponsored a "Glow-in-the Dark" bowling outing. A special half price bowling rate was offered and we served a special dessert for the almost 40 enthusiastic bowlers of all ages who attended.

Our Team organized a "Congregational International Olympics Potluck Supper" on Saturday February 22nd. After a delicious shared dinner and dessert, an Olympics quiz was held and chocolate medals awarded to the winning tables. A special guest speaker - Olympian "Jungle" Jim Hunter presented an inspiring talk about his Olympic experiences and he brought examples of the 1988 and 2012 Olympic torches for all to see.

A family movie night was held on Saturday March 15th. Persons attending enjoyed a showing of the movie "Finding Nemo". Beverages and popcorn were served, prizes awarded to many of the children, and fun was had by all who attended.

As has become our practice, the Welcome and Fellowship Team erected three crosses on the front lawn prior to Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, and changed the shrouds during Holy Week. An egg hunt was organized for Easter on Sunday April 20th in the Upper Room between the two worship services. Elementary grade and younger children made short-work of locating all the hidden treats.

Our Team assisted the Leading with Care Team on May 25th, by providing Timbits and beverages for all to enjoy during the fire drill.

On July 6th, our Team organized our annual "Stampede Breakfast" held between the morning worship services. Thank you to the many persons in the congregation who generously gave their time to prepare, to serve, and ensure that all went smoothly. Invitations were distributed to neighbours who live nearby. Donations from the community were received from Canada Safeway and Calgary Co-op.

Pancakes were cooked on the griddles in the kitchen and by all reports received; all cowpokes who attended enjoyed the chow. Profits from the breakfast were donated.

Approximately 35 persons attended a “Congregational Picnic”, which was held at North Glenmore Park on Sunday, August 24th. The weather was great. All present enjoyed the children's games and races and the beverages and treats which the Team brought to the park. Special thanks to the Cole family and to Ida du Toit and to Val Hall for their assistance.

All members of the congregation were invited to attend street hockey games held in the east parking lot on Sunday October 5th and Sunday November 23rd. A number of neighbours joined us for the fun and refreshments were served.

On October 25th, our Team organized a “Thank You Luncheon” for our Greeters and Welcome Desk volunteers who each Sunday welcome visitors to St. Andrew's with a smile, a warm welcome, and information about our congregation.

During the summer and autumn, the Welcome and Fellowship Team; along with some volunteers designed, constructed, and painted three angels as an addition to the nativity display in front of the church facing Heritage Drive. Special thanks to Alfred MacRae, Jacob MacRae, Sheri Coutts, Nicola Cameron, Earl Mitchell, and Bob Shaw and to Team members for their skills and time, as this made the construction of the angels possible. We set the nativity and angels up on November 29th in time for the beginning of Advent and we hope that it prompted a number of passing Calgarians to reflect on this special time of the year.

In 2014, the Welcome and Fellowship Team also assumed responsibility for coordinating hosts to make and serve coffee and tea after each Sunday worship service. It's a great way to get to know other members of our church family and to give back to the congregation, so if you haven't already done so, please register at the Sign-up Centre to host coffee on an upcoming Sunday! It is easy to do and you will find it to be a rewarding experience.

Thank you to Eleanor Art, Merrill Blenman, Lee Bridge, Bob Fuenning, Val Hall, Ron Horwood, Carolyn Jerrard, Annika Koch, Brenda Pudwell, and Ida du Toit for their dedication, enthusiasm and active participation during the past year and we also wish to thank Rev. Jan and Rev. Kevin for their guidance and suggestions.

We hope that in 2015 all members of our St. Andrew's family will continue to extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our congregation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Don Koch, Convener*

Worship Team

The Worship Team has supported the ministerial team and facilitated special services throughout the year (e.g. Good Friday, Christmas Eve, and the Midnight Clear Concert) and organized five Holy Smoke Cafés (fellowship, food, informal worship and praise) for the St. Andrew's community.

The Worship Team budget also supports church decorations, choir/instrumentalist refreshments for ‘dual service and special music Sundays’ and advertising.

The Team members are Debby Dorcas, Elaine Cantlon, Craig Murray, Lauren and Shelby Cole, Bob Fuenning, Ben Kroeker, Cody Obst, the ministers and past members were Barb English, Stephanie Werle, Linda Flanagan, and Gemma Richmond-Murray.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Judd, Convener*

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Cradle Roll Report

For the year 2014, we have three new members on our register.

Birthday cards were sent out to 13 of our children 3 years of age and younger.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elspeth McFadzean
Cradle Roll Secretary*

Nursery

The Christian Education Team started 2014 with a search for a new nursery caregiver as Jasdeep Mand resigned effective January 12, 2014 after a very positive work experience at St. Andrew's. Christie Robinson assumed the position in March 2014, and has since provided quality and consistent care to our youngest children during both services on Sunday mornings. Christie is a nursing student at Mount Royal University who clearly enjoys her time with the little ones.

During the course of the year, it was agreed that Christie and Jasdeep would actually share the position, as Christie needed some Sunday's off, in order to meet educational obligations. This is working out very well.

The nursery has had a few significant improvements this year with the addition of some new toys, additional organizational bins, a baby swing, some fresh paint and a new higher security door.

The pager system used in our Nursery enables parents to be paged if there is any issue with a child. This system has enhanced the comfort level of parents and caregivers alike.

The Nursery continues to require and depend upon volunteers to assist our caregiver during each service. The provision of volunteers assists St. Andrew's in maintaining a low child to caregiver ratio and for the most part, the Christian Education Team has been successful in securing volunteers. The Team is very appreciative of those volunteers who have given of their time this past year, particularly in the transition period between our hired caregivers, allowing our parents of very young children a well-deserved break and opportunity to participate in worship.

*Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Werle, Nursery Coordinator*

Church School

Pre-School and Elementary

Many leaders and helpers continued to offer their gifts in leading, teaching and assisting the younger children of St. Andrew's Church School. We thank Rev. Jan Hazlett for her leadership and support to the leaders and helpers.

Curriculum

At 9:15 a.m., the "Young Children and Worship" programme by Sonja Stewart and Jerome Berryman was used for children aged 3 to grade 5. The grade 6 students joined the youth for the "Up High" programme. A few new items were purchased to brighten up the Young Children and Worship Room. There is a new child size comfy couch, a few new shelves and carpet play area in this space. With younger children in the programme, the unstructured play areas make for wonderful exploration and learning.

From January to June we offered an 11:15 a.m. Church School class using the "One Room Sunday School" curriculum. The attendance was very sporadic, having many Sundays with one or no children attending the worship service. This sporadic attendance has been a challenge for leaders and children over the past few years.

Together with parental input, the Christian Education Team re-evaluated offering an 11:15 a.m. Church School class for children aged 3 to grade 6. A decision to offer church school classes at the 9:30 a.m. service only, starting in September 2014, was supported by St Andrew's Session. This decision will be reviewed again in June, 2015.

During the summer, the "One Room Sunday School" curriculum was used and members of the Christian Education (CE) Team and volunteers from the congregation led these lessons, giving the regular leaders and helpers a well-deserved break.

Mission

St Andrew's Church School continues to make the salad for "Inn from the Cold" on every fifth Sunday of the month, during the year. The children have more insight into this mission project and have enjoyed the "hands on" experience of helping in a meaningful way.

A lesson highlighting our foster child- Jeyapandi, who lives in India, was well received and the children made cards for him.

Celebrations

Sixteen children attended the annual "Spring Fun Day". The children enjoyed the many craft activities planned. The Christian Education Team organized a mobile petting zoo from Butterfield Acres to come to St Andrew's. The weather was inclement, so the baby animals were brought inside for the morning. This created great excitement among the children and youth helpers. The sheep, goats and bunnies received a lot of attention.

On Palm Sunday, the Elementary Church School participated in a "Palm Procession" during the children's time with Rev. Frank Breisch.

There were two grade six students who received annotated bibles from the Christian Education Team. This gift coincides with the children completing elementary school and graduating to junior high school.

An “End of School Year” celebration with ice-cream sundaes was held at the beginning of June for all the Church School children.

The ADVENTure musical was held on Sunday, November 30, 2014 during the 9:30 a.m. worship service. The children that participated worked hard at learning their lines, songs and choreography; their participation was very much appreciated. After the musical, a café style coffee time was held in Trinity Hall. Apple cider, eggnog and specialty coffees were enjoyed together with a bounty of candy to decorate cookies.

As an appreciation for their continued dedication, a small gift was given to the leaders and helpers in December 2014.

Training and Workshops

The Rev. Jan Hazlett and Jean Sadler provided training to the leaders and helpers from the perspective of “Leading with Care”, at the Annual Church School Leaders Meeting.

A few of the leaders attended a “Woman’s Workshop” that was held on a Saturday in October. On behalf of St. Andrew’s, I would like to thank all the leaders and helpers for using their gifts in ministry and sharing their faith with the young people of St Andrew’s.

*Respectfully submitted,
Inge Murray
Pre-School and Elementary Church School Coordinator*

Pre-School/Elementary Teachers

Pre-school and Elementary Coordinator - Inge Murray
Registrar - Audrey Cole
Resource Coordinator - Inge Murray

Leaders and Helpers

Lucy Aburto (Jan - Dec)	Jane MacDonnell (Jan - Dec)
Marianne Attridge (Jan - Dec)	Judith Maguire (Jan - Jun)
Anna Braun (Jan - Dec)	Usha Mohan (Jan - Jun)
Jason Braun (Jan - Dec)	Inge Murray (Jan - Dec)
Desiree Henrichsen (Jan - Dec)	Linda Ripley (Jan - Dec)
Lorna Kearnes (Jan - Dec)	Stephanie Werle (Jan - Dec)
Tracy Huthersall (Jan - Dec)	Rhonda Wishart (Jan - Dec)

Junior and Senior High Church School

The Junior/Senior High classes take place each Sunday morning during the 9:30 a.m. service in the Upper Room. This class consists of youth from grades 6 through 12. The attendance has been fluctuating each week between 2 and 7 youth.

In the fall of 2012, we introduced a new curriculum called “Re: Form”. We had enough curriculums to cover us for two years. In the search for new curriculum for fall 2014, we decided to re-introduce the youth ministry that we’ve used in the past called “*FAITH in Motion*”. This series includes four “Leader Guides”.

Each of the guides consists of seven sessions on topics of importance and interest such as; “*Walk the Talk, Good Friends, Surviving Life’s Jungle*” and “*Man with a Mission*”.

Many thanks to the following dedicated leaders of the Junior/Senior High class:

Yvonne Kangong,
Lorna Kearns,
Christine Pepper and
Mary Jane Curran.

We also send out a special “thank you” to Ben Kroeker for his continued support to the Junior/Senior High group. Ben’s valuable contribution is much appreciated by both the youth and leaders!

It is a privilege to be a part of this group of leaders. It’s rewarding to watch these energetic youth of St. Andrew’s grow in their relationships, and help point their course toward faithful living as followers of Jesus Christ. I look forward to the enthusiasm from our youth as we deepen our faith together in 2015.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jane Curran,
Coordinator of Junior/Senior High Church School*

Resource Coordinator

The Resource Coordinator maintains the supplies needed by the Church School. The main responsibilities of the Resource Coordinator are to order church school curriculum and to keep the supply cupboard stocked with craft supplies.

*Respectfully submitted,
Inge Murray*

Director of Youth Ministry

Surge Student Ministries – A Year in Review

The first thing to mention is the continuation of the “PYMC” group. “PYMC” stands for Presbyterian Youth of Mcleod-Calgary. In the summer of 2012, we decided that we wanted this group to get together more than at the yearly fall retreat and CY (“Canada Youth” which happens every 2 years). This group includes all the youth that are in Presbyterian Churches in Calgary.

We've been able to hold events on almost a monthly basis. We've increased our methods of communication to include a Facebook group specifically for the students of the PYMC as well as a Twitter page. We also agreed on this statement that guides our purpose with the PYMC – "The PYMC is a group of Presbyterian Churches in the Calgary-Macleod area, who are dedicated to the spiritual growth of youth. We host monthly events that bring us together and strengthen the youth in our churches."

Throughout the first half of this year, we were fundraising to get our students to CY 2014. This event happens every two years at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario. We coordinated with the PYMC to make sure that our Calgary students would be travelling together. The foundation that the PYMC set allowed our youth to bond easily. To add to that, we left a day early so that we could spend some time at the magnificent Niagara Falls. It was great to see these two foundations build in the group throughout the week. We experienced spiritual growth and worship in an exciting way, and CY offered a lot of cool classes to teach things to the students that they were interested in, from a faith perspective. Every two years, CY is the highlight of the summer and this was no exception.

Our annual "Fall Retreat" happened in mid-October this year. We had Matt Brough come to be our main speaker from Winnipeg, Manitoba. He did an amazing job as we talked about the various fears we can encounter in our faith and how to approach them. Our very own band from St. Andrew's led the worship that weekend, and we even led the worship for the main service at Grace Presbyterian; who played host to us that weekend.

One of the things that I was most excited for this year was the startup of a "Young Adults" programme. I've been here for five years now, and have had the privilege of watching our teen's graduate high school to become university students and young adults. I wanted to create something for them that would meet them where they are in their faith journey. We started a bi-weekly study for them. Right now we're going through a DVD study called "Animate: Faith". It takes on different aspects of faith and we get to discuss them. I would like to see this group grow in numbers and become a place where young adults can meet and connect beyond the service on Sunday mornings at St. Andrew's. I believe that this has the potential to be a place for students connected with the PYMC, that don't have something like this offered at their church here in the city.

Something that I would like to see improve is the students desire to study and learn about faith. The high school study that was offered this fall on Wednesday nights was met with no attendance. So as this new year begins, I'll be thinking of new ways to encourage students to engage and explore their faith. One thing that I am looking forward to, is taking one Friday night in the month and dedicating it to a study of faith. Normally, our Friday night features a fun event with a small study to end the evening. Since most kids can attend Friday night events, we'd like to capitalize on this by making time to look at issues in faith.

This year was exciting and had many highlights. I look forward to what 2015 will bring for our youth and our church. Please continue to pray for our youth; that they would grow closer to God as they are the church for today and tomorrow.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ben Kroeker
Director of Youth Ministry*

ADULT MINISTRIES AND GROUPS

Adult Study Groups

The adult study groups met on Sunday mornings; one group at 9:30 a.m. and the other group at 11:15 a.m. All previous study resources have been catalogued and are available for use.

The “Spiritual Reflection” study group met at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings and had between twelve and twenty regular participants. The group finished the video study “Fire on the Mountain” by Ray van der Laan. They then moved on to a study based on the “Purpose Driven Life” by Rick Warren called “What on Earth Am I Here For?” The group always welcomes newcomers! Bill Judd facilitated the group discussions.

The SOS (Students of Scripture) group met at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings and had six to seven regular participants. The group worked through two studies over the course of the year: January to June; “How to be a Christian without Being Religious” by Fritz Ridenour. The book of Romans is used as a reference in this study. September to December: “Walk through the Pentateuch” was an interesting study providing insightful details of the God of the Old Testament. The studies were led by Stewart Hall and the group enjoyed coming together in fellowship and study of God's word.

*Respectfully submitted,
Inge Murray*

Alpha

The Alpha course has been offered at St. Andrew's since January of 2001. This twelve week programme is typically scheduled in the fall from September to December and in the winter from January to April.

In the fall of 2014, twelve guests joined us to take the course; eight of whom participated throughout. The programme is held in Trinity Hall on Wednesday evenings with a time of fellowship and refreshments at 6:30 p.m., devotions at 7:00 p.m., and study from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Former participants in the Alpha programme can take a second course entitled, “A Life Worth Living”, which is a study based on Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

We also have two, long-standing bible study groups that meet at the same time on Wednesday evenings. Most of these people have taken Alpha previously, and wish to continue to meet mid-week to study and grow in their Christian faith.

Many people from St. Andrew's and from the community at large have enjoyed the Alpha programme. It provides an opportunity for people to explore the Christian faith and it supports existing members who would like to further develop their faith and enhance their relationships with other Christians.

For more information or to register in upcoming courses, please contact the church office at 403.255.0001 or Christine Pepper at 403.462.0921.

*Respectfully submitted,
Christine Pepper, Convener*

Coffee and Conversation

Over the year our “Coffee and Conversation” group has continued to meet on Tuesday mornings. The group has grown to number regularly around 18 and more often a mix of men and women.

Together we use a study guide and our discussions centre on scripture, faith and life. We begin our morning, gathering at 9:30 for tea/coffee and goodies that we take turns providing. At 10:00 a.m., we begin an intentional conversation about faith led by Rev. Jan or our guest leader.

Over the year studies have included the Sermon on the Mount, a Lenten Study, and a study of the Book of Acts.

Together we ask questions and explore what living our faith looks like in our context. We close with prayer for each other, our community and our global community. The group is always open to new participants.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

Flowers/Flower Calendar

What is the story behind the flowers in the church?

Flowers are used to symbolize many occasions in the Church. Most often, they are used to cheer our lives during difficult times. Sometimes, they are used to say thank you to people or to celebrate occasions such as special anniversaries and birthdays.

How are the flowers used in the church?

During each Sunday service, the flowers are placed at the front of the sanctuary. In addition, the Sunday bulletin will identify the name(s) of those who purchased the flowers and for what occasion, if desired.

How do I participate?

In the Karl English Lounge, there is a “Flower Calendar”. Print your name beside the appropriate date when you wish to place flowers in the sanctuary. Below the calendar is a form to fill out to indicate your wishes regarding whether you will take the flowers home, or if you would like them given to someone else. Leave the completed form in the office.

How much do the flowers cost?

The flowers are purchased at a cost of \$30.00 per arrangement. Cheques are made payable to “St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church” with “flowers” on the memo line. If you wish to purchase the flowers from another florist and deliver them yourself, please notify the church office.

May I just make a donation?

As an alternative, individuals can make a donation to the St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund.

May I take the flowers home after the service?

Yes, just advise the church office of your intentions.

What happens to the flowers if I don’t take them home?

The flowers will be delivered to the individuals who are ill, shut-in, or just need some cheer in their lives.

Who makes this all happen?

First and foremost, the individuals who purchase the flowers. The office does the ordering, and the flowers are picked up at the florist and delivered to the church by Olive Schwab. Church Elders or District Visitors deliver the flowers after the 11:15 a.m. service, when required.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Mullan, Office Manager*

Heritage Seniors

Another successful year for the Heritage Seniors was had, with some changes to report.

At our Annual General Meeting in June, we voted to change the age for membership to 50 years plus. After great debate, this was passed and our name reflects this change. Our membership for 2013 was 161 members. We have noticed over the past five or so years that our membership has declined as the mean age of our members' increases. We hope to attract new members by including the 50 -54 age bracket.

Going into the future, we need to be proactive in increasing membership as many of the other senior groups in Calgary have folded due to age and declining numbers. It is increasingly difficult to interest members to be a part of the Executive Committee, so if any of St. Andrew's members are interested in our club, we would be more than happy to have them.

The other change that was introduced and passed at the Annual General Meeting was an increase in the membership fee to \$20.00 per year. This is still well below other clubs and simply a sign of the times. This is the first increase in many years.

The highlight of our year was our 25th Anniversary Celebration in October. We had many of the first executive join us, messages from old members in faraway places, remarks and stories that brought back fond memories, and greetings from our Alberta Government. That is really a remarkable milestone!

We are very proud and pleased that we were in a position to offer the following donations last year:

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church	\$2,500.00	thanks to our successful Strawberry Tea,
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church	\$1,000.00	dishwasher,
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church	\$1,000.00	cups, paper and snow clearing,
Side by Side	\$500.00	donation,
The Leprosy Mission	\$500.00	donation,
The Royal Canadian Legion	\$100.00	donation.

Thanks to donations from our members, we also gave a very large number of Christmas gifts to Calgary Seniors' Resource Society for the 'Seniors in Need' project, and two children oriented facilities, Claire House and Woods Homes.

As for travel and entertainment, we included:

- ❖ monthly catered luncheons with guest speakers, choral groups, musicians, travelogues, etc.,
- ❖ February was a play at St. Peter's, 'Steel Magnolias',
- ❖ Heritage Park for 'Winterfest Follies' was in March,
- ❖ in April, Stage West was on our agenda, and
- ❖ May was the bus trip to the Great Canadian Barn Dance - an excellent BBQ and fine family entertainment.
- ❖ June's "Mystery Tour" included a stop at Alberta's first cottage winery, with tasting, of course, followed by lunch in Strathmore.
- ❖ October was Thanksgiving in Canmore for dinner.
- ❖ November took us to Rosebud Dinner Theatre for 'The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe'.
- ❖ December was another Great Canadian Barn Dance trip for Christmas dinner and seasonal entertainment.
- ❖ In May, we co-sponsored the Wellness Clinic and the feedback was very positive. We look forward to participating once again in this very worthwhile and informative initiative.

We have put our new television screen to good use and introduced 'Friday Movies' once per month. We include games, cards, and floor curling for an hour prior to movie time. Another programme that was re-introduced was the Monday morning yoga class.

Our other programmes remain a vital part of what we do: i.e. aerobics, carpet bowling, line dancing, art club, 'Music Makers', stretch class, bridge, monthly card socials, golf, walking club, etc.

This past year was a year of unexpected occurrences but nothing that we were not able to deal with as we went along. I would like to extend my thanks to all our volunteers and to the office staff of the Church for their kind and gracious help. It is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank the members of the Executive Committee for their help and support during the year. It is such an honour to know and work with these fine people, and I could not do it without them.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jan Kozbial, President*

Ladies Afternoon Guild

The Ladies Afternoon Guild meets regularly in the Karl English Lounge on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m., with the exception of July and August. We welcome all ladies of the congregation to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and tea.

We have had a busy year here at St Andrew's. Our group assisted in the organization of the annual Christmas Bazaar, which took place on November 15. This event is St Andrew's largest event and was a wonderful day of sharing and fellowship with over \$12,000.00 raised to further the work of St Andrew's. A very heartfelt 'thank you' to the congregation, who helped make this event happen.

Our group has also hosted a number of events throughout the past year, including funerals. Our members welcome the opportunity to share the joy of celebration or lend comfort to members of our congregation on these occasions.

Donations made to our group through these efforts are contributed to a number of programmes that support our congregation and families in the community.

In 2015, we would like to continue our efforts to meet the needs of all the members in our congregation and the wider community. Thank you again to all who have worked with us as we strive to continue our mission of service.

*Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Cole*

Summary of Ladies Afternoon Guild Donations 2014

Camp Kannawin	\$ 500.00
Canada Youth 2014	\$ 300.00
St. Andrew's Scholarship Fund (In memory of Isabel Dahl and Jess Ogilvie)	\$2,000.00
The Henry Wise Wood High School Student Emergency Fund	\$1,000.00
Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre	\$ 300.00
Ronald McDonald House Calgary (monthly dinners provided)	\$ 1,200.00
Donation of 2013 Bazaar funds to Capital projects	\$8,000.00
PWSD	\$ 600.00
Presbyterian Record	\$ 100.00

Ladies Evening Guild

The Ladies Evening Guild (LEG) has ten regular attendees who meet every third Monday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. This year the LEG developed the following mission statement to guide the work of the group at St. Andrew's: "St. Andrew's women (ladies) of all generations enjoying faith, fellowship and fun together, while working as a team to actively support our church and the community in fundraising endeavors and at special events."

Annual General Meeting Lunch, February 9, 2014: The LEG teamed up with the youth of St. Andrew's to provide a chili lunch for the congregation before the Annual Congregational Meeting. There were 125 people that enjoyed the lunch. The funds raised were donated to the youth for the Canada Youth National Conference of The Presbyterian Church in Canada (CY) that was held in July of 2014 at Brock University.

Ladies Night April 11, 2014: The LEG hosted a "Ladies Stress Buster" evening. A group of 20 ladies attended and enjoyed an evening of fellowship with games, snacks and lots of laughter.

Treasures in Your Trunk, June 7, 2014: The LEG had its third annual "Treasures in Your Trunk" sale. This event was well advertised, yet the attendance was low.

Summer Bible Study: This took place on Wednesday evenings from June 18 through to August 27, 2014. It was well attended and provided a relaxed time to get together over the summer.

This summer the group worked through the Beth Moore video study “David, Seeking a Heart Like His”.

Wind-up Dinner, June 16, 2014: All ladies from the congregation were invited to attend a dinner at the Red Lobster. This was a fun evening and was well attended.

Youth Formal Dinner, June 27, 2014: The LEG provided the catering for the SURGE Formal Dinner party. The youth enjoyed a fancy meal in their best-dressed attire.

Bazaar November 15, 2014: The LEG was involved in many aspects of the St Andrew’s Annual Bazaar. The LEG was responsible for the bake room and the tea room. Many hands helped at the work bees, provided donations of baking and cooking and offered time to serve in the tea room. The LEG is grateful for the generous help that made this event a great success. The Bazaar funds from 2013 were donated to St Andrew’s major building and repairs account to be used by the respective teams.

*Respectfully submitted,
Inge Murray*

Library – Adult, Teen & Children’s

An inventory of the books in our library was completed early in 2014. You may be surprised to learn that we currently have over 1,300 books on our shelves. This number includes more than 400 children’s books.

A number of newer books were added during the year and these were listed in several editions of News from the Pews. Books can be signed out by following the procedure listed on the bookshelves and we recommend an initial three week sign-out period.

Early in 2015, the list will be published on our web site. Newer books will continue to be added throughout the year and updates will continue to be provided via News from the Pews.

Many thanks to those who donated books during 2014. Books written from a Christian perspective and which are less than five years old will be considered for inclusion.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Shaw, Librarian*

Men’s Fellowship

The mandate of St. Andrew's Men's Fellowship is to provide an opportunity for men in our congregation to gather regularly and informally for fellowship.

In 2014, Men's Fellowship meetings were held in Trinity Hall on the fourth Saturday morning of each month from January through May, and September through November. At each meeting Fellowship Teams took turns preparing a delicious breakfast, followed by a presentation from a guest speaker. Each breakfast normally concluded with a short devotional.

Attendance in 2014 averaged 30 to 40 men each month. Our guest speakers presented a wide variety of subjects of interest. Speakers and topics included:

- On January 25th, Don Koch related the great trip he and Annika took to Africa with wonderful slides of the animals in their natural surroundings,
- On February 22nd Keon Raymond of the Calgary Stampeders gave us his life’s story and the events leading up to his becoming a valued member of our football team,
- On March 22nd, we learned how to recycle properly with an interesting talk and test of our recycling knowledge from staff of the City of Calgary’s Waste and Recycling

Department and what a great impact the programme is having on the amount of “stuff” now being recycled rather than filling our landfill,

- On April 26th, members of Men's Fellowship visited and toured the Bomber Command Museum at Nanton, and we were all thrilled to witness and hear the Lancaster bomber run up its four engines.
- On May 24th, which is our annual "Ladies Morning Out", we had Calgary Wildlife Rehabilitation visit to tell us about their work. Star of the show was an owl that had been rescued, which sat patiently on a perch during the presentation eyeing everyone in the room.
- The start of our fall meetings saw us welcome back Dr. Caroline Bain on September 27th. She regaled us with slides and a description of a trip that is a precursor to a bold plan involving a team she is a member of, who will attempt to complete exploratory dives throughout the North West Passage. The cold water requires special equipment and training.
- On October 25th, the Rev. Kevin Lee was our special speaker, telling us how from a boyhood in Korea, to being a new immigrant to Canada, learning to play hockey and how various people influenced him in his spiritual journey that has led him to accept a call to St. Andrew's, and
- on November 22nd we held a special programme to remember the sacrifices of Canadians who fought in the First World War and our programme was enhanced by showing a video of Canada's troops that took Vimy Ridge, what the area looks like today, and the many cemeteries of the fallen. Jim Adams beautifully recited “In Flanders Fields” to end our programme of Remembrance.

The Men's Fellowship also contributed to the life and work of our church in 2014. On March 5th, the Men's Fellowship hosted a pancake supper prior to the Ash Wednesday worship service. Over 100 persons attended. In addition, we contributed \$500 towards the kitchen restoration in the Karl English Lounge and sent an additional \$500 to the Calgary Poppy Fund from surplus funds we had on hand.

A very big thank you goes out to Don Koch, Lloyd Allen, Craig Murray, and Bob Shaw for their active participation in the steering committee to recruit speakers, and to schedule and promote the breakfasts. Thank you to Rob Pollard for his assistance in planning and purchasing of the food for each breakfast. Thank you also to Clayton Howe for his posters during the year to publicize each breakfast. A final thank you to the many men from our church family, who attend our meetings, assist in set-up and take turns preparing the breakfasts. If you are a St. Andrew's man, young or young-at-heart and have not yet joined us, please consider coming out to an upcoming Fellowship Breakfast. We will meet on Feb 28th, Mar 28th, April 25th, and May 23rd before taking our summer break. Please consider joining us and enjoying a great breakfast, as well as getting to know more members of our congregation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bob Sadler*

News from the Pews

Over the years “News from the Pews” has been telling the story of St. Andrew's in various ways. Much of that story telling has been somewhat indirect through promoting various events and activities at St. Andrew's. In recent years I have attempted to develop more stories about the congregation. In many respects though, NFTP has merely been repeating what had appeared in the weekly bulletin.

Rev. Kevin Lee has arrived with a new perspective and since taking up his new job here, there have been discussions about a new direction for NFTP.

Regardless of its focus or format, NFTP can be a time-consuming project each month. One of Rev. Lee's first steps has been to seek out some other members of the congregation to contribute their talents and look to reshape how NFTP tells the story of St. Andrew's.

As this report goes to press a number of ideas have been tossed out for discussion. Decisions and a first edition are still pending.

If you are interested in or might like to participate, by all means speak with Rev. Lee. There are always opportunities to contribute the talents with which God has blessed you.

*Respectfully submitted,
Brent Harding,
Editor, News from the Pews*

Reading and Reflection

This year we have continued with the monthly book club led by Rev. Jan, with help from others on occasion. The books have again provided a great starting point for issues of faith and our world. This year our books have included, "419", "The End of Your Life Book", "Bel Canto", "Putting Away Childish Things", "The Light Between Oceans", "Behind the Beautiful Forevers", and "Proof of Heaven".

The group often numbers over twenty, most often women although men are invited and sometimes attend. We continue to hope that in future more men might consider coming out and adding to our discussion.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

Women's Missionary Society (WMS) – MISSION MATTERS!!

Meetings

We gather in the Karl English Lounge on the first Tuesday of each month (with the exception of July and August). At most meetings, we profile a current missionary or Mission Project of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, followed by a prepared programme/study, or we have a guest speaker. Our studies in 2014 centered around maternal and child health, looking more specifically at the challenges faced by women and children in Malawi, Afghanistan, and amongst our own aboriginal peoples. Statistics give us cause for concern – infant mortality rates in Malawi are 58 deaths per 1,000 live births; compared with 5 deaths per 1,000 live births in Canada. We also learned that infant mortality among the Inuit is four times higher than for the general Canadian population.

Members

Currently, we have eighteen active members and one associate. We lost one of our faithful and long-term members this year with the passing of Isabel Dahl, at the age of 101.

Highlights of the Year

In February, we welcomed Sarah Stuebing, our guest speaker, from the Brenda Strafford Emergency Centre, which provides transitional housing for women and their children leaving abusive relationships.

In March, we participated in the “World Day of Prayer” Service held in 2014 at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church.

On March 22nd, a meeting of Synodical/Presbyterian Executive was held at St. Andrew’s. Members of the Council Executive of the National WMS spoke, highlighting some ideas regarding the future of the WMS, to be inclusive and relevant in the 21st century. Lively discussion ensued, with decision making on-going.

In April, Rev. Dianne Ollerenshaw outlined decisions reached at the final “Truth and Reconciliation Conference” held in Edmonton. Steps are being taken to bring healing to our First Nations’ People.

In June, we had our usual pot-luck lunch. Rev. Frank Breisch reviewed his sixty years in ministry, illustrated by a PowerPoint presentation – most interesting and entertaining.

On June 8th, members of “Mission Matters” and the Mission Team of Session led the worship service prepared by Rev. Shannon Bell, who serves as part of the Mission Team of the Cariboo House Presbyterian Church in British Columbia. Her message “Sent out with nothing” was both challenging and positive, providing examples of their work among the First Nations community, living alongside them and building trust so they can minister more effectively. Her message challenged us to leave the safe haven of our churches and homes to go out into the community. “We are a sent people – let’s get out of our huddle and on to the playing field!”

In October, Glad Bury led us in our annual “In-Gathering Service for the Fellowship of the Least Coin”.

In November, we enjoyed a tour of the Brenda Strafford Centre, arranged for us by Sara Stuebing. The facilities can accommodate women and their children up to six months. There are also 51 progressive housing apartments available for women in the first stages of re-building their lives, which are affordable and provide a smoother transition to independence into the community. We were impressed with the facilities and support offered.

In December, following a short Christmas devotional, we were entertained by the “NOTEables”, with Christmas songs and well-loved carols; finishing with fellowship and refreshments. Extra baking was also provided to keep with the CareShare Cookie Plate project.

Projects

Our monthly freewill offerings support Mission projects of the National WMS. Contributions to the “Fellowship of the Least Coin” are also received at each meeting. We appreciate donations received from the congregation as well. Used stamps are collected to support the Canadian Bible Society.

Knitting and Crocheting

Thanks goes out to all those who keep their hands busy – toques, scarves, mittens, slippers, kids 'blankies', have all been donated to the Brenda Strafford Emergency Centre, Acadia Place, and to the Ghost River Discovery Centre. Comfort dolls will again be given to Anne Greco to take with her on her Haiti mission.

Many items were added to the "Teen Angels Mitten Tree". A quantity of eight inch squares for "Blankets for Canada", have also been received.

We have had a busy, purposeful 2014, and look forward to 2015. We welcome anyone to join us, women OR men! Come and see what we are all about!

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Davies and Nadine Thordarson,
Co-Presidents*

PASTORAL CARE TEAMS

Pastoral Care

*Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.
- Philippians 2:4 (NRSV)*

Excerpt from "Mastering Pastoral Care" by Bruce Larson:

"Pastoral Care includes visiting the sick, weeping with the grieving, praying with the concerned. But to me its ultimate purpose is to get lay people involved in ministry to one another and to the world.

Pastoral care is not just care done by the pastor but care given in a pastoral way by anyone. People involved in ministry, then, is not only a goal of my pastoral care but also the way my pastoral care is broadened geometrically."

Bruce Larson is saying that Pastoral Care is the ministry of the whole congregation -- not just those individuals who happen to be ordained or called into the formal leadership of the church. As members of the body of Christ, we are all called to be pastoral caregivers.

Pastoral Care at St. Andrew's simply seeks to maintain consistent contact with people in varying ways; to instil in the mind and heart of the people that they are known and cared for as members of God's family.

One way we reach out is through CareNotes which are located in the Karl English Lounge on the Pastoral Care board and are for the congregation to use as needed. They cover a wide range of topics such as dealing with illness, grief and loss, parenting, prayer, and more.

Our Bereavement Team coordinated the "Celebration of Life" Service in late November.

CareShare updated their list of volunteers. We are thankful for all who volunteered in the past and for those who continue with this ministry.

The Home and Shut-In Ministry has been re-named as the Home-Bound Ministry but it continues to function in the same manner.

Hospital Visitation has expanded to three visitors. We are pleased that we now have someone doing palliative care visits.

The Nursing Health Ministry offered three separate health information sessions. The "Nurse on Duty" on Sundays was discontinued in September due to declining usage.

The Prayer Ministry is a very active ministry with a Prayer Chain using e-mail and telephone, Prayer Shawl distributions as needed and Tuesday Morning Prayer in the sanctuary.

Side by Side has a strong group of volunteers and has cared for many participants during the year.

Women Flying Solo disbanded this year due to the poor health of Glad Bury who initiated it.

Special thanks to our coordinators: Alice Williams, Barb English, Alice Post, Joan Rowe and Jean Spotowski.

As you can see, Pastoral Care is made up of many teams. Each has a specific task and yet they often overlap. As you read the following reports from each individual team, please be open to ways that you might offer care to others. Truly this is a ministry of the church of Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve Christ by serving each other.

*Respectfully submitted,
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

Bereavement Team

This year the Team, as part of the Pastoral Care Ministry, continued to provide support to members of the congregation who have lost loved ones. That support was offered through telephone calls, cards and home visits.

Recognizing that many who have experienced loss find Christmas time difficult, the Bereavement Team hosted the "19th Annual Celebration of Life Service", on Monday, November 24, 2014. Our original guest speaker was Major John Goulding, the pastor at Salvation Army Glenmore Temple. Unfortunately, a few days prior to the service, Major Goulding had a family bereavement in Newfoundland, and was unable to attend.

The Team wishes to thank Rev. Jan Hazlett, who graciously stepped in at the last minute, to deliver an inspiring, powerful message of hope and encouragement for the future. A total of 47 people attended.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Williams, Coordinator*

CareShare

Care Share is one aspect of the Pastoral Care Team Ministry. Volunteers on our register are asked to offer support to people in the congregation during times of difficulty.

Usually our contribution is to make contact at the referral of a minister or the office, and determine how we might help. Most often, we provide a simple meal or arrange volunteer transportation to medical appointments.

This year we updated our volunteer roster and sent thank you notes to those who have assisted in the past. We have twenty-three who are now listed as meal volunteers, and seven to act as volunteer drivers. It is wonderful to have such an extensive list, though any one individual may be called infrequently. This year there were approximately fifteen calls of concern; eighteen meals; and six rides provided by the CareShare Team.

Once again we were able to deliver plates of Christmas baking to shut-ins and others. Many thanks to those who organized this effort, who contributed baking, and to the members of St. Andrew's who delivered the plates.

This ministry is coordinated by Jean Spotowski and Joan Rowe. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all who support the CareShare programme.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Rowe*

Home Bound Ministry

There are people within St. Andrew's who are not able to attend worship regularly due to transportation, health or mobility issues. For those who have supported the church over the years, this can be a source of grief and separation. Volunteer visitors in this ministry help to keep a church relationship alive, and allow those who are homebound to feel a connection to the life and work of St. Andrew's.

At least four visits a year are recommended, and can be arranged at the time of the visitor's choice. Sometimes visitors bring small gifts or something that might be of interest to the person they are visiting, but the true gift is the gift of time to listen, encourage or comfort. Days can sometimes be long and lonely for those who are homebound. If you have a little time this coming year to visit, you will be part of an important ministry to those who especially need it.

*Respectfully submitted,
Barb English, Coordinator*

Hospital Visitors & Hospice Palliative Volunteers

The mandate of our Hospital Visitors' Ministry is "to provide spiritual care for the people of St. Andrew's Church who are being treated in Calgary hospitals."

St. Andrew's hospital visitors are part of the spiritual care organization of the Calgary hospitals. Consequently our visitors are required to complete the training program approved by the hospital, be admitted into their volunteer care program, and comply with the regulations pertaining to this program. The cost of this training is covered by St. Andrew's.

We currently have three lay hospital visitors. Arlene Young and Judie Coleman visit at Rockyview General Hospital and Dan Mullan visits at the South Health Campus and Foothills Medical Centre. Dan completed the requirements and became accepted into the volunteer program this year. The volunteers visit anyone who has registered themselves as Presbyterian and especially visit those from St. Andrew's.

Donna Cornea can no longer visit at Foothills but we are thankful for the time she gave to this ministry. We are thankful for the Rev. Dr. Frank Breisch who made countless visits to the hospital when he served at St. Andrew's during the recent vacancy. Rev. Jan Hazlett and the Rev. Kevin Lee also visit everyone they know who are in any of the hospitals in Calgary.

Alberta Health Services offers the Hospice Palliative Volunteer Education Programme. David Platt completed the training program in May and has been a regular visitor at Chinook Hospice each Friday afternoon since then. David says: *"It is hard to describe the experience in words, but I know that God has called me there for several reasons. To be of service, appreciate life today, humble myself before God, love unconditionally, overcome my own fear of death, encourage others to let go and move into the next chapter of their journey and embark on eternal life."*

Many times it is the hospital visitor who discovers that a person from our congregation has been admitted. It would help us to make timely visits if we are aware when our people are admitted to hospital, so we make the following requests: If possible, when being admitted to hospital, ensure you are listed as Presbyterian, so your name appears on the Presbyterian Visitors' List. Also, if you or someone you know is admitted to the hospital, please pass on this information to one of the ministers or the church office.

The hospital lists patients by their first name so if you are known by your middle name it is important that the Church office has your first name on file so we are able to visit you!

*Respectfully submitted,
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

Nursing Health Ministry

The Nursing Health Ministry comes under the umbrella of the Pastoral Care Ministry and as such provides health and wellness information and support to the congregation.

This year, on Monday May 5, 2014, we partnered with St Andrew's Heritage Seniors to provide a "Health Information Fair". Our focus was to provide a diverse scope of information in the form of three workshops.

An educator from Osteoporosis Calgary discussed "Bone up on Bone Health"; Loran McVittie facilitated a discussion on "Vitamin Supplements – What is Right for You?", and Lynn Judd and Alice Williams discussed "Eating Well as You Age – Making Sense of Food Labels".

The number of individuals seeking the weekly "Nurse on Duty" consultation has been dropping consistently over the past year. As of this fall, only three members of the Nursing Health Ministry would actively remain Registered Nurses and following much nursing group discussion, it was decided it would no longer be feasible to provide this service on Sundays.

In order to recognize November as the Alberta Health Services designated "Fall Prevention" month, an information display was set up in the Narthex on November 16th.

In 2015, we will continue to explore different ways in which to meet the health needs of the congregation.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Williams, Coordinator*

Prayer Ministry

“The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.”

James 5:15-16

Would you like to be a member of the Prayer Ministry but are unsure how to pray? You may find the following book to be helpful. It can be found in St. Andrew's Adult Library along with many other books on prayer.

"Talking With My Father" by Ray Stedman

“For Jesus, prayer was as necessary as breathing. If the Son of God felt such a great need for contact with the Father, how much more do we!

But why do we need to pray? God, who knows everything, knows our needs. Why do we need to tell Him what He already knows? This is one of the most basic misunderstandings about prayer.

We think the purpose of prayer is to give information to God: "Lord, I need this and I need that" – when in reality the purpose of prayer is to conform us to his will.

Prayer doesn't change God. Prayer changes us. It changes our attitude from complaint to praise. It enables us to participate in God's eternal plan. It makes us aware of our total inadequacy – and God's infinite sufficiency.”

*Respectfully submitted,
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

Prayer Chain Ministry

At times, we begin our daily prayers reluctantly because we feel that we are endlessly asking for help with our struggles and issues, which are insignificant compared to what others around the world are going through. Yet, we still seek God in prayer. As small as our issues may be, they are too much for us to carry alone. God does care about the little things that happen in our daily lives.

We are all God's children, and God loves and cares for each of us. Be thankful that we serve a God who does not compare one person's struggles to another's, but is big enough to handle them all.

The Prayer Chain's ministry is to seek God in all situations. We pray for God's guidance, support and peace; for healing for those who are ill - physically, mentally or emotionally. We offer praise for blessings in people's lives and for answers to our prayers. A simple prayer asking God to heal, comfort, protect or support someone is adequate. God knows the details of the need.

We ask you to consider becoming a member of the Prayer Chain. Prayers are offered up in the privacy of your own home and at a time that is convenient to you. All prayer requests are confidential. This past year many dedicated women and men received prayer requests, updates and praise reports either electronically or by telephone. St. Andrew's website has a Prayer Request link if someone visiting our web page is in need of prayer.

Prayer: Most gracious God, thank you for affirming us as your children and for reminding us that you care about even the smallest issues in our lives. Amen.

*Respectfully submitted,
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl ministry that began in 2008 continues to be a meaningful ministry today. Prayer shawls are knit by women attached to this congregation. As they are knit, the women pray for the person who will receive the shawl and for all who have received shawls. The shawls are kept in the office and given out to those who are experiencing difficult times, such as times of bereavement or illness. They are also given out to those who are experiencing major changes such as welcoming a new baby.

When the shawls are given they are accompanied by a card that includes a verse from Psalm 139 message:

“This shawl was made just for you/ To bring comfort/ To know you are loved/ To share in your joy./This shawl is to wrap you up/ When you’re cold/ When you’re hurting/ When you need to snuggle. /As you wear this shawl, may you feel the warm embrace of our Triune God. /Knitted or crocheted with blessings, love and prayers by Women of St. Andrew’s.”

In addition to shawls, for children stuffed animals have been knit for children in hospital. If you know of any person who would benefit by having a prayer shawl, please leave their names with the office, or come in and select a shawl to present to those who would appreciate them. We ask that you register the name of the person receiving the shawl in the book provided so that we have a record of who has received them to avoid duplication, or missing someone who needs one.

Many thanks to the women who have knitted, prayed and continue this ministry.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

Side by Side

The Side by Side programme is a day programme that provides fellowship for people living with dementia and respite time for family caregivers. In 2014, eight participants and their caregivers took part in the programme over the year. We started the year with five participants. Another participant joined for May through to August, and then elected to attend another programme closer to home. In September and October, two others were welcomed, bringing the year-end number of participants to seven.

The programme runs from 9:45 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. on Wednesdays from the first week of January until the week prior to Christmas. Each week includes spiritual nurture through a time of devotion, as well as challenge and stimulation through puzzles, games, creative activities, Brain Gym® and music therapy. Participants benefit from a warmly encouraging social environment that extends to caregivers and allows for establishing supportive friendships.

A couple of informal get-togethers were held for Side by Side caregivers in October and November 2014, with a view to providing a time and space for conversation, connection, and support. These meetings are expected to continue on a monthly basis.

In April of 2014, St. Andrew's was awarded a grant from the Chisholm Fund by the Life and Mission Agency - Canadian Ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The purpose of this grant was to establish a new Side by Side programme at another Presbyterian congregation in Calgary, and to work in partnership with that congregation to create a toolkit of resources that would help other congregations to start a programme. The long term vision is to encourage a network of Side by Side programmes. Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church became our partner in this project in October and received the grant funding in early November. Their Side by Side programme will begin mid-January, 2015.

Through the amazingly generous volunteers who faithfully take part in the Side by Side programme week after week, St. Andrew's is providing a caring community that expresses God's love for each person in our midst, and affirms that each of us is a child of God. The programme could not exist without our volunteers, so please pray for each person who is giving so generously of their time and talents.

The support of the congregation is vital and deeply appreciated! Thank you so much to all in the congregation who have supported Side by Side, whether through financial contributions, baking over the summer, responding to the call for Scrabble games, or through prayer. You are making a difference!

Many thanks are extended to Rev. Jan, Rev. Dr. Frank, and Rev. Kevin for their ongoing mentoring, encouragement and support of the Side by Side programme.

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Post, Coordinator*

OTHER MINISTRIES

Chinook Care Centre Hymn Sing Ministry

In partnership with St. James Anglican Church in northwest Calgary, people from St. Andrew's have been taking part in a "Hymn Sing Ministry" at Chinook Care Centre since the late 1990's. It began as a hymn sing on Unit 46 of Rockyview Hospital, but when the Rockyview Chapel started offering a new worship service, the hymn sing moved to Chinook Care Centre.

Over time, with the leadership of Roy Thomson from St. James Anglican Church, the ministry has grown so that there is a hymn sing at Chinook Care Centre most Sundays, with different teams taking turns providing leadership.

For many years, Randy Evans coordinated the St. Andrew's side of the partnership. People who currently share their talents on the St. Andrew's team include Sheila Kirkland, Rev. Frank Breisch, Margaret Lamont, Norah Finlay, Ray Waldock, Madge Clarke, Lloyd Allen, and Alice Post.

If you would like to share in this ministry, please contact Alice Post. By joining one of our teams for one hour on one Sunday afternoon a month, you can provide spiritual nurturing through caring companionship and musical inspiration!

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Post*

Legacy Fund Annual Report

Legacy Trust Fund – Purpose and Description

The Legacy Trust Fund is a trust fund administered by up to seven Session appointed Trustees. Capital funds in the trust are intended to be held in perpetuity. The investment proceeds earned on the trust capital are available for spending in support of three broad categories: “Our Ministry”, “Our Mission”, and “Our Facility”. New monies donated to the Legacy Trust Fund are added to the trust capital and as the capital grows, the investment proceeds earned will also grow. Proceeds from each broad category within the Trust may only be spent on new projects or projects in that category. At present, all of the Trust funds are held in one common account to reduce administrative overhead and expenses. However, the Trust's accounting records detail the amount of capital and investment proceeds for each category.

The three specified *Trust Fund* categories are as follows:

“Our Mission” - The purpose of “Our Mission” is to provide financial support for the mission work of the congregation, which may be, but is not limited to outreach, social assistance, social programmes, witness and evangelism, church growth, new church development, justice, and neighbourhood ministry. “Our Mission” is intended to help us express love for our neighbour.

“Our Ministry” - The purpose of our worship and “Our Ministry” is to provide financial support for the ministries of the congregation, which may be but are not limited to worship, music, Christian education, fellowship, hospitality, pastoral care, and congregational life. Our Worship and Ministry is intended to support the congregation in being the Body of Christ.

“Our Facility” - The purpose of “Our Facility” is to provide financial support of major maintenance of the building, or buildings of the congregation, as well as for major maintenance, upgrading, and additions to the property of the congregation. “Our Facility” is intended to maintain our building and property, which supports “Our Mission” and “Our Ministry”.

The Trustees are required to invest the trust funds prudently and are subject to the statutory requirements of the Trustee Act of Alberta. At present, all of the trust funds are invested in the Presbyterian Church in Canada Consolidated Investment Portfolio. This fund has low management expenses, invests ethically, and has an operating philosophy oriented towards low risk, and capital preserving investments.

There are currently seven trustees serving terms as follows:

Merle Crawford	3 years remaining
Dan Silvester	1 year remaining
Colin Pinkerton	3 years remaining
Derek Wilkinson	1 year remaining
Robert Cameron	2 years remaining

Elaine Cantlon 3 years remaining
John Cuthbertson 2 years remaining

Legacy Trust Fund – Financial Report

The Legacy Fund was formally started in April 2013 with initial funds of \$510,000 invested with the Presbyterian Church in Canada Consolidated Investment Portfolio. The fund is intended as an enduring endowment type of fund, in which the capital is always preserved and only the return on investment is spent. Since inception, the fund has gained an additional \$26,000 in capital and so the enduring capital currently stands at \$536,000 dollars.

The fourth quarter results for 2014 are not yet available; these will be presented to Session and the Congregation once they are received. Fund performance for the 12 months that ended September 30, 2014 is as follows:

- Fund Value at September 30, 2013 = \$518,102.49
- Fund Value at September 30, 2014 = \$582,679.12
- Fund Growth from Income and Appreciation = \$38,576.63 or approximately 7.45%
- (Calculation = [Growth and Appreciation] divided by Fund Value at Sep. 30, 2013)

The fund provides three pots of money that may be drawn upon to fund the work of St. Andrew's in three different areas. As of September 30, 2014, the monies available from this fund were as follows:

- Mission Projects \$14,948.50
- Worship & Ministry Projects \$14,948.50
- Facility Projects \$16,782.13

Application to use the available funds should be made to the Trustees and must be approved by Session.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Cantlon*

Social Media Team - Facebook

The Facebook team, made up of Rev. Kevin Lee, Rhonda Mullan, Judie Coleman, and Alice Post, helps to maintain the St. Andrew's Presbyterian - Calgary Facebook page. You can access it at Tiny.cc/StA-FB to find information about upcoming events, as well as inspiration in the form of prayers, scripture verses, and the occasional devotional reading. Enjoy pictures of some of the great times that happen at St. Andrew's. Share postings and invite your friends to join in fellowship with you. If you are involved in putting on an event, ask Rhonda in the Church Office to add a post on Facebook to invite everyone out!

*Respectfully submitted,
Alice Post*

Sound Board

The sound system and its operators are a key part of our weekly worship as well as for special services and funerals.

A big thank you goes out to all the volunteers who enable the congregation to hear the services clearly each Sunday; this is greatly appreciated by all.

Since the system review and revisions were carried out by Axe Music we have enjoyed markedly improved sound each Sunday. Further enhancements like video feeds to the narthex and nursery are still in the planning stages and progress on this front is hoped to be made during 2015.

*Respectfully submitted,
Craig Murray*

The Tech Team

The Tech Team is made up of John Hazlett, Stephen Henrichsen and Robert Cameron. We provide our Church with technology services such as setting up and maintaining the Church's network; replacing equipment as necessary; ensuring our data is secure and backed up; licensing the appropriate software; supporting the ministers and staff if they have questions or concerns; and other IT related services as needed around the Church.

In 2014, we supported equipping Rev. Lee with an Apple laptop. In 2015, we plan to focus on completing improvements to the Church's technology infrastructure to enhance our presentation capabilities in the sanctuary and to provide an audio-video feed to the Narthex, Nursery and Karl English Lounge. We will deal with issues in the existing technology infrastructure as they arise.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Hazlett*

MUSIC MINISTRY

Angels in the Infield

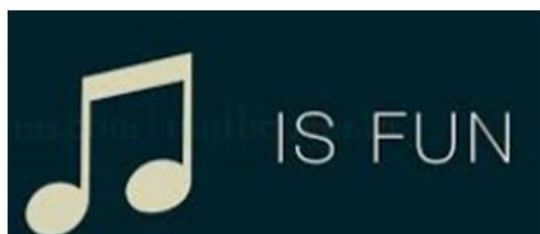
Angels in the Infield is a choir for children ages 3 and all the way to 9 years old at St. Andrew's. We usually have a wonderful time practicing and performing in both services. We have also taken part in the Annual Christmas Pageant and inviting everyone to join us in singing one of our songs. The purpose of this choir is to build the children's confidence in leading, to serve as God called us to.

We usually practice most Sundays between services about 10:30 a.m. in the Lower Fireside Room at least for four times, so that the children could understand the meaning of the words they are singing. I usually take the children from the Sunday School Room so that we can get straight to singing since we have limited time. Practicing last year with the children was a bit of challenge since most of them do not want to sing.

Thanks to the parents, guardians and grandparents who bring the children to church so faithfully and for encouraging them to praise God. It would be a pleasure if more children could join us in singing and we pray parents or grandparents could encourage the children to do so. We also pray that God will touch the other children like us to join in singing and raising our voices in praise to Jesus Christ.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Kangong*

2014 🎵 Sounds of Joy 🎵 Musical Friends 🎵



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In 2014 we participated in worship in the presentation of two musicals:

- In May we presented **I am a Friend of God** (Christian Family Sunday)
- In December we presented **Miracle on Main Street** (ADVENTure)

We always look for key themes and ‘take away messages’ from our musicals, and this year some of our life lessons were:

- A **true friend** comes in when the rest of the world walks out.
- **THINK** before you speak. Ask yourself ~ is it **True? Helpful? Inspiring? Necessary? Kind?**
- We needed each other, so **God put us together**; side by side we’ll help each other through.
- We are a family whose hearts are blazing. Let’s raise our candles and light up the sky. Praying to our father, in the name of Jesus, “**Make us a beacon in darkest times.**”

Special thanks to our **special youth**: **Arielle** Kangong, **Haylee** Thompson, **Lauren** Cole, **Lilwen** Henrichsen, **Lizzie** Kangong, **Shelby** Cole, **Solomon** Kangong, and **Sydney** Thompson. You are amazing!!

Thanks also to Audrey Cole, Judy Waldron, and ALL our musical FRIENDS who sing, dance, laugh, and offer their gifts of song and support. We had over 30 adults participate – there are no words to express how much we appreciate your efforts. It takes a village... it takes us ALL!

On a personal note, I’d like to thank each of those involved in all our choirs for enriching my life and the worship of St. Andrew’s. Blessed am I! Blessed is St. Andrew’s!!

*Respectfully submitted,
Debby Dorcas*

Director of Music

Another year, and many more memorable musical moments to reflect on in the life of St. Andrew’s! This year was not unlike the others, with a focus on creating diverse, thought provoking, and emotionally powerful performances for our Audience-of-One and the edification of you in the pews. It was an eventful year for the choir as we reached out in new ways to share Jesus’ message through a great gift we have been given as a means of worship: music.

As always, the choir played a huge part in this. They give tirelessly and wholeheartedly to the ministry and their dedication to musical excellence is part of what makes our services at St. Andrew’s so inspiring.

Many weeks I simply cannot get a piece of music out of my head that the choir has sung! Thanks to the choir for your hard work and fun each Thursday night from September to June. The camaraderie and joy we share week by week is a blessing for us all.

On that note, we are always looking for more members to sing with us. If you love to sing and have a good singing voice, come and try us out. Anyone can sit in a rehearsal or two and see if you would like to be part of this team. Feel free to pop in anytime, we would love to have you!

I won't list all of the highlights from this year, but I must mention a few:

1. Early in the year, I was able to find four large, six drawer, 8-foot filing cabinets to help relieve some of the music storage problems we have had. Thanks to Kijiji we got a great bargain on them and every piece of music had to come out of the choir's storage room once again. In just four days, close to 900 different titles and thousands of copies came out of the room to be re-organized and re-filed and give us room to expand in the future.
2. Easter Sunday was magnificent and the tradition now seems to be to have a Brass Quintet each year. In 2014 we added timpani and piano as well. It was the most spectacular Easter service in my years here.
3. The June 8, 2014 worship included the Tinnitus Handbell choir directed by choir member Lori Teneycke in their third time at St. Andrew's.
4. We had many soloists over the summer and special musical guests from our congregation and beyond. They included: John Hazlett, Barb Olorenshaw (fiddle) & Penni Sanborn (accordion), Alice Post, David Holoboff (organist), Lynn & Bill Judd, Ida DuToit (clarinet), Madge Clark (organist), the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Choir, David Jefferies, the Men's Quartet, Randy Evans, and Hannah Pagenkopf (soprano). Thank you to EVERYONE who contributed special music not only during the summer, but throughout the year.
5. Remembrance Day worship is always a very special service and included trumpeter, Peter Waldron.
6. And perhaps the most awe inspiring music of the year was "A Midnight Clear" on Saturday, December 6th and services on Sunday, December 7th, 2014. The concert was performed by an orchestra of 26 and a choir of 40 to a very full house on the Saturday night. The entire sanctuary resonated and vibrated to the musical strains of such a large and glorious orchestra, choir, and congregation. Sunday morning's service included all in a touching "Lessons & Carols" component with participation by readers representing all ages of our congregation.

The congregational singing was a moment to remember. So loud and clear, it was truly inspiring! There was a large attendance at both services and communion was very meaningful, with orchestral music to accompany and set a tone of reflection.

This summer I was able to attend the World Symposium of Choral Music in Seoul, South Korea thanks to an annual educational allowance given by the Church, support from the Calgary Multicultural Choir, the Calgary Women's Chorus, and my own contributions. The music I heard and the lectures and sessions I participated in were exceptional and certainly "world class." I came back with a heavy suitcase full of music for all of my choirs and a brain full of melodies and

experiences to share. Every opportunity to grow as a conductor is greatly appreciated, so thank you!

Thanks to EVERY person who contributed to the music programme at St. Andrew's this year. There really are too many to name and your contributions are greatly valued. Special mention goes to Debby Dorcas for leading the musicals which are so much fun! Thanks, too, to David Jefferies for maintaining and keeping our choir library organized, it's a big job. Great thanks also to the Worship Team for your support this year, and to Pat and Duane Tritter for keeping us well fed. It really takes a team effort working in concert, to able to sing our praises before God well! Blessings.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Cody Obst, Director of Music*

2014 FINANCIALS

Appendix A



ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2014
(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Year Ended December 31, 2014

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

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NOTICE TO READER

On the basis of information provided by the church, we have compiled the statement of financial position of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church as at December 31, 2014 and the statements of revenues and expenditures and changes in net assets for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Calgary, Alberta
February 27, 2015

SCP LLP
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2014

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash	\$ 1,225,944	\$ 44,244
Investments <i>(Market value \$850,940)</i>	883,979	1,854,630
Government remittances recoverable	4,854	3,808
Prepaid expenses	8,674	7,918
	<u>2,123,451</u>	1,910,600
Property and equipment (Note 1)	1,000,986	1,040,004
Cash surrender value of life insurance	24,329	21,080
	<u>\$ 3,148,766</u>	<u>\$ 2,971,684</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 17,418	\$ 9,929
Other accounts owing	44,981	22,407
Sudanese fund	27,756	27,502
	<u>90,155</u>	59,838
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets	972,409	1,003,654
Internally restricted fund <i>(Note 2)</i>	1,951,856	1,763,986
Unrestricted fund	134,346	144,206
	<u>3,058,611</u>	2,911,846
	<u>\$ 3,148,766</u>	<u>\$ 2,971,684</u>

ON BEHALF OF FINANCE

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See notes to financial statements

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures****Year Ended December 31, 2014***(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)*

	2014	2013
Revenue		
PAR	\$ 262,400	\$ 229,949
Envelopes and other	260,413	290,047
Other donations	123,812	49,746
Other church support	11,809	11,180
Use of space	5,810	8,112
	<u>664,244</u>	<u>589,034</u>
Expenditures		
Maintenance and operations	192,725	139,098
Ministerial remuneration	186,478	179,592
Support staff remuneration	117,962	106,227
We Reach Out	80,083	119,174
Employee benefits	52,892	48,995
The work of St. Andrew's	40,149	34,791
Search committee	35,534	2,445
Office	23,765	25,864
Insurance	8,832	18,443
Professional fees	4,000	-
Continuing education	2,382	2,208
Amortization	42,670	-
	<u>787,472</u>	<u>676,837</u>
Deficiency of revenue over expenditures from operations	<u>(123,228)</u>	<u>(87,803)</u>
Other income		
Memorial fund	162,072	57,858
Interest from other sources	49,797	32,699
Other revenues	58,124	81,788
	<u>269,993</u>	<u>172,345</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditures	<u>\$ 146,765</u>	<u>\$ 84,542</u>

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended December 31, 2014

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

	Invested in capital assets	Internally Restricted Fund	Unrestricted Fund	2014	2013
Net assets - beginning of year	\$ 1,003,654	\$ 1,763,986	\$ 144,206	\$ 2,911,846	\$ 2,827,304
Excess of revenue over expenditures	(31,245)	187,870	(9,860)	146,765	84,542
Net assets - end of year	\$ 972,409	\$ 1,951,856	\$ 134,346	\$ 3,058,611	\$ 2,911,846

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2014

(Unaudited - See Notice To Reader)

1. Property and equipment

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2014 Net book value	2013 Net book value
Land	\$ 27,000	\$ -	\$ 27,000	\$ 27,000
Building	1,683,322	728,318	955,004	989,946
Equipment	180,074	161,092	18,982	23,058
	\$ 1,890,396	\$ 889,410	\$ 1,000,986	\$ 1,040,004

2. Internally restricted members' equity

The internally restricted members' equity is comprised of the following:

	2014	2013
South of Fish Creek fund	\$ 1,053,406	\$ 1,042,976
Legacy fund	581,942	543,366
Memorial Fund	186,058	25,362
Bequests received and not spent	54,115	46,125
Building fund	28,966	28,788
Reserve for major repairs	20,653	50,653
Mission fund	17,803	17,803
Youth conferences fund	7,413	7,413
Continuing education	1,500	1,500
	1,951,856	1,763,986

The excess (deficit) of revenue over expenditure is represented by:

Building fund- donations	178	92,368
Building fund- spent	-	(115,000)
Major repairs-reserve	-	32,000
Major repairs- spent	(30,000)	(26,518)
Bequests received	10,200	2,480
Bequests spent	(2,210)	(11,500)
Memorial fund gifts received and interest earned	165,710	13,443
Memorial fund- spent	(5,015)	(6,206)
Continuing education- reserved	-	1,500
Youth conferences fund-reserved	-	500
Mission-raised	9,347	29,489
Mission-spent	(9,347)	(29,489)
Legacy fund- received	38,577	34,102
South of Fish Creek fund- received	10,430	10,326
	187,870	27,495

3. Comparative figures

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

2015 BUDGET

Appendix B

2015 February13,

NOTES FOR THE 2015 BUDGET PRESENTATION

SUMMARY

The budget for 2015 is the first budget prepared by the Finance Team. We consulted the Conveners of all Session teams and requested a budget based on their planned activities and related costs for 2015. One scenario (2015 Finance Committee Recommendations) includes the hiring of a third minister in Q4 2015. We are forecasting a shortfall of receipts over expenditures of \$17,870. We have included what we think is the appropriate amount of Investment income available to us, excluding the Legacy Trust Fund.

REVENUES

1. Our Sharing- We are forecasting a 3% increase in PAR and a 2% increase in envelop giving which is the faith component of this budget.
2. The receipts include \$47,000 of investment income, based on our current investment strategy which will be reviewed in 2015. However, this may be hard to achieve, given that in 2014, gross interest income was \$46,833 prior to the allocation of interest to other funds as per the direction of Session.
3. Donations received in 2014 totaled \$123,812 including \$69,646 for major repairs and \$53,166 in other donations (including a special one-time stock donation of \$25,567 and \$5155 in concert revenues). The concert revenues have not been directly offset to the 2014 expenditures included under the expense category of "**Work of St Andrew's**". This is consistent with prior year's reporting practices.
4. We have forecast receiving \$40,000 in donations for 2015 which is not inconsistent with previous year's donations.
5. Overall we are forecasting total revenue of \$639,800 which is 9% less than the preliminary 2014 numbers. The 2014 revenues included significant building & maintenance project donations.

EXPENDITURES

6. Included in under Administrative Expenses in 2014 is \$4,000 for the financial statement review by an outside accounting firm which was approved by Session.

ST. ANDREW'S PEOPLE

7. Ministers and ministerial support. We have included a third minister hired in Q4 2015.
8. When a third minister is called the additional annual cost is projected to be approximately \$89,600 at current salary and benefit levels.
9. We have reduced the cost of the third minister in 2015 by \$8,000, being 50% of the costs. The other 50% will come from Trinity funds. In 2016, this will likely require encroaching on the Trinity capital.

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS

10. We are budgeting \$45,000 for building maintenance and repairs for 2015.
11. We have budgeted \$3,000 for a legal survey of the parking lot. This will be needed before any firm plans for additional parking can be started.
12. We have a fixed price electricity contract. With the new boilers lower gas consumption and decreasing natural gas prices we have budgeted the same amount of expenditures as was incurred in 2014.

WE REACH OUT

13. We have now received and included our 2015 assessments for Presbyterian Sharing and the Presbytery and Synod dues.

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2015 Budget and comparisons with 2013 and 2014

	INCOME	Our sharing	Note	2014 Preliminary		2015 Budget	2015 Increase
				2013 Actuals	actuals subject to review by our accounting firm		
							Preliminary
	PAR		1	210,053.00	262,400.00	270,000.00	2.9%
	Envelope		1	301,274.00	260,413.00	265,000.00	1.8%
				511,327.00	522,813.00	535,000.00	2.3%
	Church school			457.00	650.00	800.00	23.1%
	Open plate			10,723.00	11,159.00	11,000.00	-1.4%
	Interest income		2	43,199.00	39,189.00	47,000.00	19.9%
	Use of space			8,112.00	5,810.00	6,000.00	3.3%
	Other donations		3 and 4	49,476.00	123,812.00	40,000.00	-67.7%
				111,967.00	180,620.00	104,800.00	-42.0%
	TOTAL REVENUE		5	623,294.00	703,433.00	639,800.00	-9.0%
	EXPENDITURES						
	Work of St Andrew's			12,092.00	21,797.00	16,100.00	-26.1%
	Congregational teams			17,608.00	18,352.00	22,350.00	21.8%
	St Andrew's people		7,8,9,	339,691.00	395,497.00	402,900.00	1.9%
	Administrative expenses		6	32,140.00	27,001.00	24,734.00	-8.4%
	Maintenance and operations		10,11,12	106,902.00	162,725.00	107,100.00	-34.2%
	We reach out		13	88,908.00	80,083.00	84,486.00	5.5%
	TOTAL EXPENSES			597,341.00	705,455.00	657,670.00	-6.8%
	Excess (deficiency) of income over expenses			25,953.00	(2,022.00)	(17,870.00)	

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	2012 Actuals	2013 Actuals	Budget 2014	2014 Preliminary subject to review by our accounting firm	2015 Finance Committee Recommendations
<u>Our Sharing Note 1</u>					
Church Support (PAR)	210,053	229,949	241,400	262,400	270,000
% increase over 2014					2.90%
Church Support (Envelope)	301,274	290,047	295,121	260,413	265,000
% increase over 2014					1.76%
Church School	511,327	519,996	536,521	522,813	535,000
Open Plate	550	457	800	650	800
Interest income (Note 2)	11,164	10,723	10,000	11,159	11,000
Use of space	34,442	43,199	40,000	39,189	47,000
Special donations	12,704	8,112	6,000	5,810	6,000
Other donations (Note 3 & 4)	53,290	49,746	35,000	123,812	40,000
Total revenue (Note 5)	112,150	112,237	91,800	180,620	104,800
	623,477	632,233	628,321	703,433	639,800
<u>The Work of St. Andrew's</u>					
Choir Music & Expenses			6,000	6,752	6,000
Guest Musicians and other offset by income of \$5155 in other donations	13,532	12,092	9,000	15,045	10,100
	13,532	12,092	15,000	21,797	16,100
<u>Congregational Teams</u>					
Missions			2,000	1,955	2,000
Pastoral Care/Bereavement			1,000	165	750
Christian Education			9,500	8,396	9,000
Communion & Districts			200	90	200
Welcome and Fellowship			1,200	1,714	1,750
Stewardship & Planning			-	-	500
Side by Side			4,000	4,402	5,000
Leading with care					400

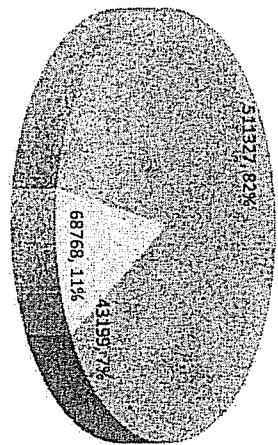
Session								750
Worship & Nurture	14,828	17,608	1,200	1,630	18,352			2,000
St. Andrew's People (Notes 7, 8, 9.)			19,100					22,350
Ministers & Ministerial Support(4 persons)	201,370	179,592	193,263	186,478				234,197
Continuing Education-Ministers	1,130	1,500	2,000	1,500				2,000
Continuing Education-Members	1,537	708	2,300	882				2,000
Support Staff Remuneration(5 persons)	111,049	106,227	118,662	117,962				118,325
Employment Benefits	35,561	48,995	53,000	52,892				53,378
Leading & Leader Resources	705	224	800	249				1,000
Search Team expenses		2,445	25,000	15,534				
Relocation costs Rev K Lee				20,000				
3rd Minister Relocation								
Support for 3rd minister from Trinity funds								(8,000)
Administrative Expenses	351,352	339,691	395,025	395,497				402,900
Bank Charges	1,078	907	1,125	882				900
Finance Committee (Note 6)				4,000				5,000
Insurance	16,260	18,443	11,000	8,832				6,834
Office Supplies & Expenses	13,398	12,790	12,240	13,277				12,000
Transportation	0	-	200	-				
Maintenance & Operations (Notes 10,11,12)	30,736	32,140	24,565	27,001				24,734
Building/Grounds Maintenance	36,338	34,166	35,000	31,774				30,000
Major Repairs	35,000	32,000	80,000	129,709				45,000
Money allocated in prior years	0	-	(30,000)	(30,000)				-
Reserve allocated for major repairs in future years								-
Computer Enhancements	757	2,611	1,200	2,100				1,100
Consulting Fee YMCA property	3,844	10,500	-	-				3,000
Utilities	26,294	27,625	28,840	29,142				28,000
We Reach Out (Note 13)	102,233	106,902	115,040	162,725				107,100
Advertising	1,559	1,087	1,500	2,548				2,000
Presbyterians Sharing	54,239	53,241	50,596	50,596				57,253
Bridge the Gap	-	-	-	1,043				-

Presbytery & Synod Dues	29,808	34,080	25,298	25,296	24,733
Youth Conferences		500	600	600	500
	85,606	88,908	77,994	80,083	84,486
	598,287	597,341	646,724	705,455	657,670
Excess (Deficiency) of receipts over expenditures on operating account	25,190	34,892	(18,403)	(2,022)	(17,870)

PAR & Envelope
Investment Income
Other Donations

2013 Actuals

511,327
43,199
68,768



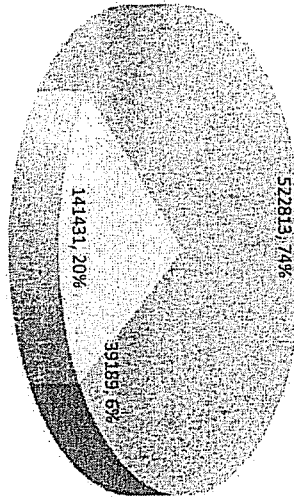
Income: 2013 Actuals

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Other Donations

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522,813
39,189
141,431



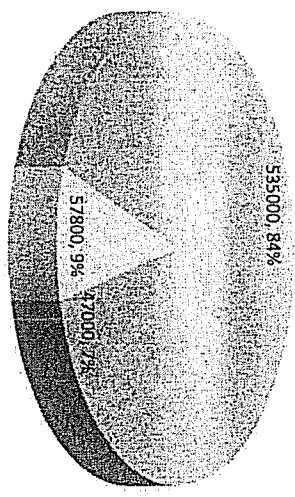
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535,000
47,000
57,800

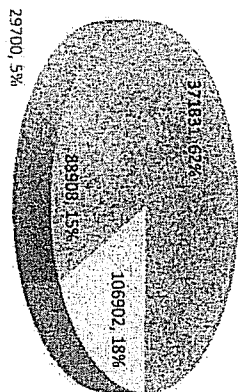


Income: 2015 Recommended

■ PAR & Envelope
■ Investment Income
■ Other Donations

Work of St Andrew's & Congregational teams
 People & Administration Expenses
 Maintenance and operations
 We reach out

2013 Actuals
 29,700
 371,831
 106,902
 88,908

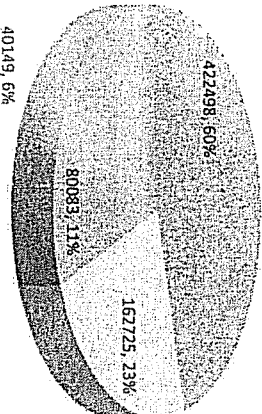


Expenditures: 2013 Actuals

- Work of St Andrew's & Congregational teams
- People & Administration Expenses
- Maintenance and operations
- We reach out

Work of St Andrew's & Congregational teams
 People & Administration Expenses
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 We reach out

2014 Preliminary actuals subject to review by our accounting firm
 40,149
 422,498
 162,725
 80,083

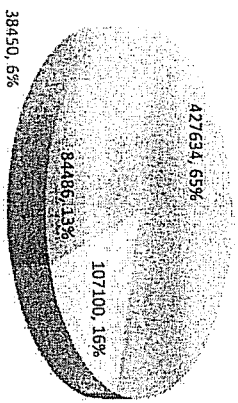


Expenditures: 2014 Preliminary

- Work of St Andrew's & Congregational teams
- People & Administration Expenses
- Maintenance and operations
- We reach out

Work of St Andrew's & Congregational teams
 People & Administration Expenses
 Maintenance and operations
 We reach out

2015 Budget Finance Committee recommendation
 38,450
 427,634
 107,100
 84,486



Expenditures: 2015 Recommended

- Work of St Andrew's & Congregational teams
- People & Administration Expenses
- Maintenance and operations
- We reach out

INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

The following is an explanation of the funds currently listed in our “Internally Restricted Members Equity”. This list may be found on page 5 of the 2014 Financials. This explanation is provided for information, and is a very brief overview of each fund. It is not meant to be a complete description of each. The totals listed are as at December 31, 2014. Unless otherwise indicated, the funds are invested in our Q-trade account and 1st Calgary term deposits.

SOUTH OF FISH CREEK \$1,053,405

Funds came from the sale of Trinity Presbyterian Church building. Designated by Trinity members, Presbytery and Session that this money is to be used for ministry South of Fish Creek. Minister, space, and program expenses, are a few examples of potential expenses associated with this ministry. The principal and interest can be spent to fund this ministry.

LEGACY FUND \$581,942.67

Majority of the funds came from the sale of Trinity, but has had additions since its inception. This fund has a separate governing board of Trustees. The fund is designated to Mission, Worship, and Facility. Only the interest earned on this fund can be spent. Responsibility is each of the three teams, session and the Legacy Trustees. These funds are invested with The Presbyterian Church in Canada Consolidated Fund.

MEMORIAL FUND \$186,057.61

The responsibility of session to decide how the money will be spent. Alex Grant is the Treasurer of this Fund. He and Jean Sadler are signors on the account. Donations are made to the fund in memory of friends or relatives. In general, the money is used for special items for the church (usually worship) or Church School. The funds are invested in the PCC Consolidated fund and Royal Bank term deposits.

BEQUESTS \$54,114.96

Divided into the following 3 subsets:

SCHOLARSHIP FUND - \$5,920 Began in memory of Chuck Ogilvie, then had additions made in the name of Esther Speers and Isabel Dahl. Each year a scholarship of \$1,000 is given to a young person from our congregation who is going into post-secondary education. The Christian Education Team overseas this fund.

FAMILY MINISTRY - \$17,790 A donation to enable family ministry here at St. Andrew's. The funds have been used to pay for nursery care but can also be used for other programs to encourage young families. Christian Education Team overseas this fund. This donation came with the restriction that it be used for family ministry.

LAST BEQUESTS - \$30,404.96 Money left to the church mostly from wills. It was session's designation that this money not be used for ordinary expenses. Sometimes this money is designated by the donor or their family which supersedes session. Currently no such designations exist.

BUILDING FUND - \$28,965.9

This was money raised to retire the faith bonds. People donated to the faith bond debt and Stewardship & Planning (S&P) advertised that the excess would be invested in the Legacy Fund (Building portion). The balance, once confirmed will be turned over to the Legacy Trustees.

RESERVE FOR MAJOR REPAIRS - \$20,653.38

Money set aside for future major repairs, so large items would not be such a shock to our budget. At the discretion of session, Board of Managers (previously), and Building Team (current).

MISSION FUNDS \$17,803

Raised for Participant mission (ie Mexico, Katrina). Excess is for future Participant Mission projects. Responsibility-Mission Team and session.

YOUTH CONFERENCES - \$7,412.59

Money raised by the youth for conferences (ie CY 2014) There is a conference every 2 years, and the youth fundraise for expenses. Excess money is kept for future conferences. Responsibility-Christian Education, Youth Minister.

CONTINUING EDUCATION - \$1,500

Minister's education. We are required by PCC to provide \$1,000 per minister, per year for education. They can bank it for 5 years.

“Hummingbird brings people together in a community and everybody contributes their own cultures because the Circles reach out to all peoples. People learn to appreciate First Nations cultures and the diversity of all cultures. The arts build bridges between peoples. At Hummingbird I get a chance to share my stories and what I know about the old ways of our peoples. All my Relations.”

— Amy, Hummingbird Ministries, Richmond, BC



“We look forward to our future and finding new and creative ways to reach out and give of ourselves in the name of Jesus Christ. Our hope is that our focus on mission will make us a stronger, more viable ministry and that eventually, with much hard work, we might be able to support our congregations without the help of Canadian Ministries’ grants.”

— Rev. Devon L. Pattemore, Knox and Dunleath Churches, York, SK

“We believe “It is not that the church of God has a mission in the world; rather it is the God of mission who has a church in the world.”

— Rev. Elizabeth Mattinson, St. Matthew’s Church, Elmsdale and Hardwood Lands Church, Hardwood Lands, NS



“We’ve seen God in the faces and smiles – perhaps even in the tears – of those whom we serve. God’s love is always reflected when we welcome, accept and serve others.”

— Rev. Marlene Peck, Chetwynd Shared Ministry, Chetwynd, BC

“Working together in service for others has strengthened our faith as we support each other and the wider community. There is great power in prayer. Limited finances and energy can still be used to accomplish much. We thank God for all who have encouraged us in our journey of faith.”

— Rev. Glen Sampson, St. Luke’s Church, Bathurst, NB

I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

– John 8:12 NRSV

Jesus' bold claim and promising words created controversy with contemporary religious leaders. The debate came to a climax when Jesus identified himself as the eternal God of the universe, the giver of light, the God of Israel's ancestors, the God of liberation and the exodus, the great *I AM*. Some considered Jesus' words blasphemous and wanted to stone him to death; others saw him as demon-possessed; but his followers were drawn to his light and discovered new life by believing in him and walking in his way.

Outraged by claims that Jesus is equal with God, Saul persecuted Christians until he himself saw "the light" and received the Holy Spirit. Changing his name to Paul, he then fearlessly preached the good news of Jesus as Saviour and Lord. Years later, Paul wrote to the church he helped plant in Corinth. He encouraged them as weak yet enlightened Christians to preach the gospel of God's divine glory embodied and revealed uniquely in the Lord Jesus Christ: "For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6 NRSV)

Today, as members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, God calls us to humbly share the good news of Jesus who enlightens hearts and minds and offers his light and life to all people. God invites us to bask in Jesus' light, let the light of Christ shine on us and through us, then joyfully shine his light everywhere.

Through *Presbyterians Sharing* we serve together in God's multifaceted mission to the whole world. I deeply appreciate the PCC's support which, in partnership with the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, is helping translate the Bible so people can read and respond to the gospel in their own language. In Taiwan's multilingual context, Jesus the "light of the world" is made known using various words for "light": Taiwanese "kng", Mandarin "gwang", Hakka "gong", Amis "likat", Paiwan "teljar", Bunun "singhal" or Drekey "ledra".

In Canada, the PCC is prioritizing the renewal and revitalization of congregational life by providing resources and training for personal evangelism, making disciples and

faith-sharing at the local church level. Two Rivers Presbyterian Church, a new congregation in Guelph, Ontario, shares, "We live in mission as a community of faith, not as individuals separate from one another. Our hope is to grow a healthy community of disciples who live to be faithfully present agents of God's mission in the world. We will learn as we go, open to the new things God is doing through Christ's body in the world."

Jesus shines when we worship and serve the Triune God of grace. He is the source of light and life in each local congregation. May he show us what we are doing well and where we may need to refocus his light to see more clearly how to pursue God's mission and priorities.

May God, who brought light out of darkness, who came in the person of Jesus to be our daily light, lead every congregation and ministry of the PCC as we recommit ourselves to following Jesus and sharing his light and life at home and throughout the world, all for his everlasting glory.



The Rev. Dr. Paul McLean is a Bible translation consultant serving in partnership with The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and The Bible Society in Taiwan. He works with four indigenous translation teams in Taiwan as they translate the Bible into Amis, Bunun, Drekey and Paiwan.

**The goal for gifts to
Presbyterians Sharing from congregations
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