

# That all may be one



## 2013 Annual Report



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Presbyterians from across Canada joined together at the 2013 General Assembly under the theme, "That All May Be One: Many Peoples, One Church." Together we discussed our dreams for the future and issues that are important to us today. Together we passed the *Presbyterians Sharing* budget for 2014, with the hopes and dreams of what we will accomplish together. Together we committed to sharing in a wide range of ministries — from encouraging and equipping congregational renewal and development to supporting inner city, native, refugee, urban, and remote ministries in Canada to sending people to work with international partners. Together we are making mission and ministry happen as one church, made up of and reaching out to many peoples.

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"On a Sunday afternoon, as refreshing rain sprinkled parched meadows and God's finger drew a rainbow on the eastern sky, the new prayer-hall in Nagyberég was dedicated. We pray that parched souls, young and old, may find refreshment, peace and rebirth through Jesus Christ in this prayer-hall. This depends on us, also."

— Anna Pándy-Szekeres, Mission Staff, Ukraine



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"We see God active in our ministry when we respond to the nudge of the Spirit and look outside the doors of our church to see where we can participate in God's mission in the world."

— Rev. Lynn Hamilton, St. Andrew's Church, Inverness, QC

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"Every person — young, old and in between — deserves respect and love. Every person has the right to live without fear, to develop their God-given potential to live full and rich lives, and to choose the direction that their lives will take."

— Rev. Dr. Margaret Mullin, Winnipeg Inner City Missions, Winnipeg, MB



## **,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.

**107<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – 2014**

February 09, 2014

**AGENDA**

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

**2013 in Review**

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### **Officers and Leaders 2013**

**The Session:**        **Moderators:** Rev. Janice Hazlett, Rev. Peter Coutts (Jan - Apr)

Minister:        Rev. Dr. Frank Breisch (May - Dec)

**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	Ineke Stewart*
Randy Evans	Hugh McFadzean	Rhonda Wishart
Brent Forcade	Tom McIntyre	Muriel Young*
Dolly Forcade	Loran McVittie	Jean Sadler (Clerk)
Alex Grant	Cathy Millar	
Linda Haines	Craig Murray	
Norman Haines*	Inge Murray	
Val Hall	Christine Pepper	
John Hazlett		

### **Elders Emeritus**

Elders within the congregation not in Session in 2013

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

### **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 2013 / \*\*Resigned during 2013*

Director of Youth Ministry	Ben Kroeker
Office Coordinator	Annika Koch** (Jan - Apr)
Office Manager	Rhonda Mullan (Oct - Dec)
Administrative Assistant	Dolly Forcade
Custodian	Oscar Salguero
Maintenance Coordinator	Brad Chalmers (Jan - May)
Nursery Caregiver	Annalyn Danglalten (Jan - Feb)
	Jasdeep Mann (Apr - Dec)
Envelope Secretaries	Rob Pollard
	Linda Burton-Chalmers
Sunday School Envelope Secretary	Ineke Stewart* (Jan - Jun)
Director of Music/Organist	Cody Obst
Leader, Musical Friends	Debby Dorcas
Leader, Angels in the Infield	Elizabeth Kangong
Leader, Sounds of Joy	Debby Dorcas

**CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS**

<u>FAMILIES</u>		<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
Number of families associated		448	435
<u>THE MEMBERSHIP</u>			
Communicant Membership January 01		590	566
Added to the Roll	by Profession of Faith	0	10
	by Certificate of Transfer	7	7
	by Resolution of Session	0	0
		<u>7</u>	<u>17</u>
Removed from the Roll	by Death	21	13
	by Certificate of Transfer	0	8
	by Resolution of Session	0	10
	own request (new category)	10	7
		<u>31</u>	<u>38</u>
Communicant Membership December 31		566	545
<u>BAPTISMS</u>	Children	5	6
	Adult	0	1
		<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>MARRIAGES</u>	Members	1	1
	Adherents	0	0
	Other	5	2
		<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>FUNERALS</u>	Members	19	12

Adherents	5	4
Other	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>
	25	21

**In Memoriam**

The following members and adherents of our congregation were called to higher service during 2013:

<i>Anton Angheluta</i>	<i>Walter Millar Hunter</i>	<i>Lois Topinka</i>
<i>Margaret Rita Barclay</i>	<i>Edward James</i>	<i>Doris Thompson</i>
<i>Edward Ross Bender</i>	<i>Mary Elizabeth Munnoch</i>	<i>Margaret Wickey</i>
<i>Marion Fraser</i>	<i>George Olton</i>	<i>Kathleen Muriel Young</i>
<i>Ken Fry</i>	<i>Malcolm W. Roberts</i>	
<i>Helen M.D. Gardiner</i>	<i>Ineke C. Stewart</i>	
<i>Norman Haines</i>	<i>Walter MacDonald Sulton</i>	

In 2013, Memorial Donations were received in memory of the following people.

<i>Betty Amery</i>	<i>Norman Haines</i>
<i>Grace Allen</i>	<i>George Law</i>
<i>Kenneth Cole</i>	<i>Elizabeth Munnoch</i>
<i>Dean Donaldson</i>	<i>Charles &amp; Jessie Ogilvie</i>
<i>David Donaldson</i>	<i>Margaret Pleskie</i>
<i>Percy &amp; Debbie Dutton</i>	<i>Ineke Stewart</i>
<i>Rev. Karl English</i>	<i>Walter Sulton</i>
<i>Marion Fraser</i>	<i>May &amp; Jimmy Shaw</i>
<i>Mary &amp; Orley Fuson</i>	<i>Jason Tritter</i>
<i>Helen Gardiner</i>	<i>Flora &amp; Harry Taylor</i>
<i>Ruth Grant</i>	<i>Charlotte Weston</i>
<i>Bill Graven</i>	<i>Muriel Young</i>
	<i>Ruth Young</i>

**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

***Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4: 4-7***

This report bears witness to God's continued activity in our midst and our response to God as we continue to walk together in faith. It has been an interesting year to say the least. Over the year we have continued our walk of faith in familiar ways, but we have also had new experiences of worship and faced unexpected changes. Throughout the year, we have known God's presence and experienced God's faithfulness in new ways.

Last year, at our 2013 Annual Congregational Meeting, we decided together to take steps toward calling a third minister whose main focus would be youth and family ministry here and in south Calgary. A major step toward this was to retire the outstanding debt from the 2004 building project. The Stewardship and Planning Team coordinated a 50-50-50 campaign and the response from our congregation was amazing and generous! With this encouragement, we have approval of Presbytery to move forward and it will take all of us together to make this a reality.

This year we faced unexpected news and changes. Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts left his position here to take on the position of General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod. While we affirmed Rev. Coutts new call, we were sorry to see him go. This year we welcomed Rev. Frank Breisch to a half time position to minister during our vacancy and are enjoying his ministry immensely. During the vacancy our Presbytery representatives are Rev. Helen Smith and Rev. Grant Gunnink; we have welcomed their involvement and help as we have begun a search first to call a new minister to fill the vacancy and anticipate calling a new minister for Family Ministry. In the spring we were saddened to have to say good bye to Annika Koch, our Office Administrator, as she retired from her position. And we were delighted to welcome Ms. Rhonda Mullan as our new Office Manager. We also have welcomed Ms. Alice Post as our coordinator for the Side by Side programme that continues to provide meaningful ministry to those affected by dementia and their families.

The story of St. Andrew's continues to be one of working together and faithful stewardship, of meaningful worship, pastoral care, welcome, fellowship and mission. Together we have celebrated births, baptisms and the lives of those who have gone from this life. So many wonderful things are happening in this congregation; please look through the pages of this report and be reminded of God's blessings over the past year. We celebrate the new initiatives such as the Festival of Music organized by our Music Director Cody Obst, alternate worship at the "Holy Smoke Café" organized by our new Worship Team and inclusion of a petting zoo at our Spring Fun Day organized by the Christian Education Team. With good management by the Board of Managers we were able to make needed repairs to a sewage pipe before the end of the year. You will find that our highlights included our family picnic and bocce ball tournament, family movie nights, special worship services like Ash Wednesday, Celebration of Life and Longest Night, the annual bazaar, family contributions in worship and the youth musical.

We continue to be blessed by the diversity and unity of the many people associated here, who contribute to ministry with their spiritual gifts, offer their hands on labour, their insight and faith to strengthen the community.

With the love and service of many we have been able to care for the building and grounds, visit homes, provide programmes and reach out to people in our congregation and beyond our walls. We look forward to this new year of walking together in faith, as members of one body, looking forward to the future that God has in store.

**JOIN US ON FEBRUARY 9 AT 10:30AM FOR OUR SERVICE OF CELEBRATION, AT 11:30 AM FOR LUNCH TOGETHER FOLLOWED BY OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.**

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Jan Hazlett*

In May of 2013 I made the transition from being a member sitting in the pew to being a member of the ministerial team. For me, this has been a most enjoyable transition. Working with Jan and the rest of the staff has been a joy, and having the privilege of being involved again in congregational ministry is wonderful indeed. One of the real blessings has been the opportunities I have to get to know more of you better. I still don't know all your names, but I assure you that I'm working on it.

I thought that I would take this opportunity to tell you what I see as I look at St. Andrew's from the two vantage points. And what I see is largely positive. I see a wonderful group of people, diverse in so many ways and yet basically united in their love for God, for one another and for St. Andrew's. I see an organization which is operating well, which does not constrain positive action but rather encourages it. And I see, or perhaps feel, a positive spirit of acceptance and a real desire to move forward as God leads us.

That doesn't mean that we have nothing to work on! Let me point to just one area. We have made the commitment to be a missional church, and that is very good. We are trying to put that commitment into practice in our organizational life, and that is good. But I think we have not yet come to grips with what that means for each member of St. Andrew's. How do we live missionally in everyday life? That's a big question and it presents us with a big challenge. A missional church is not merely involved in mission activities, but is a church whose members take seriously God's call to be disciples of Christ in all of life. May God lead us forward in 2014.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Frank Breisch*

**Minutes of the 106<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**THE CHURCH GATHERS**

**Attendance**

198 people gathered in the sanctuary of the church on Sunday, February 10, 2013 at 10:03 a.m. for worship and the 106<sup>th</sup> annual congregational meeting.

The bible was processed.

**Hymn:** We sang hymn 555 “Worship the Lord”

**Opening and Welcome**

The Rev. Jan Hazlett and the Rev. Dr. Peter Coutts acted as Co-Moderators for the meeting. The Rev. Jan Hazlett declared the meeting properly constituted. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly explained the procedures for the meeting.

**Adoption of the Agenda, Appointment of Secretary, and Termination with Benediction**

Moved by Audrey Cole, seconded by Cathy Millar, that the order of worship as printed in the bulletin would serve as the order of business for the meeting, that Jim Hope-Ross be appointed as Secretary for the meeting, and that the meeting would terminate with the Benediction. CARRIED

**Prayer of Praise and Invocation and the Lord’s Prayer**

The Rev. Hazlett gave the prayer of praise and invocation and we recited the Lord’s Prayer in unison.

**WE CELEBRATE OUR PAST**

**Responsive Reading:** Hebrews 1:1-4 was read responsively.

**Response:** The response was given through the singing of “Majesty”, which was printed in the bulletin.

**Approval of Minutes** Moved by Annette Shaw, seconded by Inge Murray, that the minutes of the 2012 annual congregational meeting be adopted. CARRIED

**Forbes Motion:** Moved by Gordon Forbes, seconded by Anne Rainbow, that the minutes of this meeting be published either in the “News from the Pews” or printed and made available to the Congregation no later than 30 days from the conclusion of this meeting. CARRIED

**Update About Parking**

David Platt provided a brief update with respect to the ongoing issue respecting St. Andrew’s reciprocal parking arrangement with the YMCA now that the “Y” has closed and the City of Calgary has reassumed ownership of the “Y” building and lands. Discussions are ongoing with the City. Meetings are being scheduled with the city and with the community associations for Kingsland and Haysboro in efforts to build relationships with the interested parties and to keep St. Andrew’s concerns in the forefront.

**In Memoriam & Prayer**

The Rev. Dr. Coutts read the names of those members of the congregation who have gone on to higher service in the past year and then gave a prayer of thanks for their lives and their contributions to the life and work of St. Andrew’s.

**Adoption of Reports without Recommendations**

The programmes and events of the many and varied groups were featured in a slide show which highlighted those activities.

Moved by Val Hall, seconded by Cathy Millar, that these reports without recommendations be received for information:

- Session and its Teams (Pages 10 through 17 of the Annual Report)

- A Vision for Family Ministry at St. Andrew's (Page 21 of the Annual Report)
- Youth and Children's Ministries (Pages 22 through 25 of the Annual Report)
- Adult Ministries and Groups (Pages 26 and 27 of the Annual Report)
- Flower Calendar (Pages 27 and 28 of the Annual Report)
- Heritage Seniors (Page 28 of the Annual Report)
- Ladies Guilds (Pages 29 and 30 of the Annual Report)
- Library Committees (Page 30 of the Annual Report)
- News from the Pews (Page 31 of the Annual Report)
- Pastoral Care Teams (Pages 31 through 35 of the Annual Report)
- Sound Board (Page 36 of the Annual Report)
- Women's Missionary Society (Pages 36 and 37 of the Annual Report)
- Music Ministry (Pages 37 through 40 of the Annual Report)

**CARRIED**

**Hymn:** We sang hymn 324 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

**WE CELEBRATE OUR PRESENT**

**Scripture:** Lauren Cole read Philippians 1:3-11.

**Family Ministry Minute:** Stephanie Werle expressed her enthusiasm for the family ministry initiative and the need for such a ministry for her demographic at St. Andrew's and South Calgary.

**Children's Time**

The Rev. Hazlett led the children's time in worship.

**Anthem:** The Choir led by Music Director Cody Obst, presented the anthem "Standing on the Promises".

**Overview of 2012 Financial Statements**

The Rev. Dr. Coutts directed our attention to the 2012 year-end financial statements that were appended to the Annual Report.

Moved by Stephen Henrichsen, seconded by Craig Murray, that the 2012 Financial Statements be adopted. **CARRIED**

Moved by Stephen Henrichsen, seconded by Margaret Bates, that the Review Engagement Report signed by Doreen Richards, Treasurer of Grace Presbyterian Church, be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Stephen Henrichsen then highlighted the 2012 financial statements with the aid of a slide show.

**Offering**

Our offerings were received and acknowledged through the doxology and dedicated through prayer led by the Rev. Hazlett.

**WE CELEBRATE OUR FUTURE**

**Hymn:** We sang Hymn 490 "God of Grace".

**Budget for 2013**

Stephen Henrichsen led the presentation of the 2013 budget, which was produced at pages 44 and 45 of the Annual Report.

Moved by Stephen Henrichsen, seconded by Brent Harding, that the budget for 2013 as presented be approved. **CARRIED**

**Family Ministry Minute:** Jim Hope-Ross provided the perspective of Session on the need for Family Ministry at St. Andrew's. The Rev. Dr. Coutts and Jim provided answers to questions from members of the Congregation on aspects of the proposed ministry, from its impact upon the current ministries and programmes at St. Andrew's, to whether it would be inclusive of the elderly and the handicapped, to how the family ministry and the hire of an associate minister would be funded.

### **Family Ministry Report and Recommendations**

The Rev. Dr. Coutts referred to the written report on Family Ministry found at pages 18 through 21 of the Annual Report and the three recommendations found at page 21:

**Recommendation #1:** Moved by Bill Judd, seconded by Ineke Stewart, that the Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary, endorses the vision for an expanded family ministry. CARRIED

**Recommendation #2:** Moved by Shelby Cole, seconded by Gail Prevost, that the Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary, request the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod for permission to create a new position for an Associate Minister (Family Ministry). CARRIED

**Recommendation #3:** Moved by Alvin Speers, seconded by Jo-Anne Platt, that the Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary, request approval from the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod to proceed with a search process to fill the new position once the funding for the position is assured. CARRIED

### **Anthem**

The choir, again led by Music Director Cody Obst, presented the anthem "We Are One".

### **Report of the Board of Managers**

Brent Harding thanked the members of the Board of Managers for their hard work under their various functions and responsibilities throughout the year. He especially noted the service of Lorne Kelly, who retired from the Board during the year. Brent mentioned the need for an archivist for St. Andrew's who would take charge of maintaining the pictures, artifacts, and stories of St. Andrew's, building upon the efforts of John and Muriel Young, who led the research and record of St. Andrew's centennial and its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at its present location.

### **Nominations for membership on the Board of Managers**

Brent Harding advised the meeting that all of the members of the Board have time left on their terms, so the Board was not seeking to replace anyone. The Rev. Dr. Coutts nevertheless asked if there were any nominations from the floor.

Moved by Margaret Forbes, seconded by Anne Rainbow, that Penny Bailey be elected to serve a term of three years on the Board of Managers. CARRIED

Moved by Penny Bailey, seconded by Anne Rainbow, that Derek Wilkinson be elected to serve a term of three years on the Board of Managers. CARRIED

Moved by Anne Rainbow, seconded by Penny Bailey, that Gordon Forbes be elected to serve a term of three years on the Board of Managers. CARRIED

Moved by Penny Bailey, seconded by Anne Rainbow, that the position of Treasurer be created on the Board of Managers and that Gordon Forbes be elected to fill that position. DEFEATED

Moved by Stephen Henrichsen, seconded by Bob Shaw, that Roger Cole be elected to serve a term of three years on the Board of Managers. CARRIED

Moved by Harry Eisenhauer, seconded by Sylvia Provan, that nominations cease. CARRIED

Moved by the Rev. Dr. Frank Breisch, seconded by Steve MacDonnell, that the Report of the Board of Managers found at pages 41 and 42 of the Annual Report be adopted. CARRIED

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Rev. Dr. Coutts led the prayer of thanksgiving.

**Scripture**

The Rev. Dr. Coutts read 1 Timothy 6:11-19.

**WE GO OUT TO WITNESS AND TO SERVE****Congregational Concerns**

The Rev. Hazlett directed us to the many opportunities for witness and for service outlined in the bulletin and invited all to enjoy fellowship over a bowl of soup in Trinity Hall immediately following worship.

**Hymn:** We sang Hymn 399 "Spirit of Gentleness".

**Benediction**

The Rev. Hazlett closed the meeting and the worship service by pronouncing the benediction at 12:57 p.m.

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

**Session Highlights**

Members of Kirk Session of St. Andrew's are elected to the office of Ruling Elder and are ordained for life. The Session is fully accountable for actions of all the teams and groups in our Church.

An elder who resigns from active service on Session is designated an "Elder Emeritus" and we are pleased to report that no one resigned from Session in 2013. We do, however, note with sadness the passing of several elders during the year namely Muriel Young, Ineke Stewart and Norman Haines. All three of these elders are missed and they all played major roles within our family at St. Andrew's for many, many years.

Session is made up of active standing teams whose membership comprises elders and lay persons. The teams during 2013 included: Christian Education, Communion & Districts, Impact, Leading with Care, Mission, Personnel, Search, Stewardship & Planning, Welcome & Fellowship, and Worship. In addition to reports from the teams, Session also received reports from the Board of Managers and provided direction to the Congregational Pastoral Care Team.

Some Session highlights during the year:

Rev. Peter Coutts advised Session that he would be leaving our church to take a new position with the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod effective May 1.

Rev. Helen Smith and Rev. Grant Gunnink were named as our Presbytery Representatives to assist Session through the search period.

Job Descriptions were prepared for advertising for a Minister: Vision and Direction; Minister: Congregational Care, and Minister: Family Ministry.

Session approved the hiring of Rev. Frank Breisch into general ministry on a half-time basis to cover the search period.

Rev. Jan Hazlett was confirmed to the position of Minister: Congregational Care.

Rev. Jan Hazlett was installed as Moderator of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod.

Session approved installation of a new audio-visual system.

Session named Mrs. Audrey Cole as a Commissioner to General Assembly.

Session approved the continuation of the Side by Side Programme that had begun a year earlier as a pilot project for those afflicted with dementia.

Our Mission team continues to lead St. Andrew's through programmes and initiatives in the fulfillment of our "Vision for Mission".

Following each month's Session meeting, District Visitors receive an information note, plus News from the Pews and the Sunday bulletin provide highlights of the meeting. Your interest and feedback is welcome and encouraged.

Please continue to welcome your Elders/District Visitors when they contact and visit you, and make your spiritual and pastoral needs known, so that we may better serve you according to God's bidding.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Sadler  
Clerk of Session*

## **Session Teams**

### **Christian Education Team**

The CE 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 child, youth and adult libraries. CE oversees special interest groups such as the 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 & Worship saw its thirteenth year at St. Andrew's for the younger children. In 2013, 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 and the "One Room Church School" curriculum being used at 11:15. Inge Murray blessed St. Andrew's with another year as the Coordinator of Church School for this age group throughout 2013.

Junior & Sr. High was taught at 9:30 utilizing "Reform", curriculum for Grades 6-12 and the leaders were coordinated by Jennifer and Bart Stolee. "Up High" fellowship for all the youth continued between services in the Upper Room.

In terms of Youth Ministry, Ben Kroeker, continued to lead and engage our young people through 2013. We continue to have a connected group of teens meeting at the church as *Surge* on Friday nights. Bible Studies were regular features on Wednesday nights. Ben was ably assisted by Simon Fiegs and Shona Murray and Ben's fiancée Lindsay also frequently graced the group with a helping hand. Surge joined a city-wide group of Presbyterian youth for regular large group events throughout 2013.

In 2013, Stephanie Werle continued as our Nursery Coordinator. A new staff person was hired in 2013, and we are blessed with the presence of 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 CE Team appreciated the assistance of Sylvia Shaw who replaced Judie Coleman in 2013 in the role of Adult Library Coordinator.

The CE Team plans and organizes the annual presentation of gifts to our graduating Grade 6 and 12 students – and these presentations were made on Christian Family Sunday. The CE Team selected a scholarship recipient, Shona Murray, for the Ogilvie/Speer Family Scholarship in 2013. As a way of furthering Family Ministry at St. Andrew's, a couple of events were organized for parents of young families with speakers on topical parenting issues.

CE organized the annual Spring Fun Day with a new feature - a petting zoo - in April 2013. Sadly, the much anticipated informal family celebration of ADVENTure in early December had to be cancelled due to flooding problems at the church.

Two groups under the guidance of Rev. Jan Hazlett were back by popular demand in 2013, Reading and Reflection and Coffee & Conversation.

CE's Mission funds for 2013 were directed in the name of the church school children to the Teen Angel programme and the church school's foster child through the Christian Children's Fund of Canada.

The CE Team can only accomplish the work it is called to do by the continuing response of members of the congregation to serve in teaching & 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 CE Team can be found in other sections of this Annual Report.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rhonda Wishart, Convener*

### **Communion and Districts Team**

This has been a sad year for our Team as we lost one of our long-time and dedicated members, Ineke Stewart, who died in July of this year. She is still missed by all of us as we remember her smiling face usually accepting Communion Cards in the Narthex prior to each Communion Service.

We give thanks, however, for all of those who have come forward so willingly to help us continue the tasks which God has set before us: Jean Spotowski, Audrey Cole with daughters Shelby and Lauren, as well as Ethan Gourley. We give thanks also for the Elders of St. Andrew's who are not only so willing to serve when called upon, but also to help clean up following the services.

We have been blessed to have Christine Pepper join our Team and appreciate her joyous manner as we work together. We are also blessed to have Sheila Kirkland continuing with arranging for Elders and Special District Visitors to maintain contact with all of our members and adherents.

The coming year will see an expansion of the opportunity to experience the fulfillment and joy of experiencing a Communion Service on the first Sunday of each month as well as on Maundy Thursday and on Christmas Eve. St. Andrew's is truly a church in which all can find joy and fellowship under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene LaMontagne, Chairperson*

### **Impact Team Report**

The YMCA closed its facility on Haddon Road and Heritage Drive at the end of 2010. The City of Calgary owns the YMCA building and the 1.4 acre lot. The YMCA has retained ownership of the 1.1 acres of land between the building and the St. Andrews' parking lot.

St. Andrew's sold the 1.1 acre parcel to the YMCA in the 1960s to allow the YMCA facility to have sufficient parking and to build their tennis courts. The church, which did not retain re-purchase rights when it sold the property to the YMCA. However, at that time an arrangement was made with the YMCA to allow St. Andrew's to jointly use their parking lot. The use of the YMCA parking lot has been integral part of the St. Andrew's parking programme. The Impact team was formed in January 2011 to review the St. Andrew's parking situation and options for the future.

### **THE CITY OF CALGARY**

The City of Calgary has not made a firm commitment on its portion of the YMCA property. The City has reviewed several options including transit oriented development of the property. There have been a couple of reports on the future of the YMCA property. From these reports and from discussions with The City we know the following:

- The City is desirous of getting out from under the closed expense of YMCA building. There is a cost to maintain the building, issues with vandalism, etc.
- The approximate cost to renovate the existing YMCA building is estimated to be about \$4M with little likelihood that the property could generate a revenue stream or be useful enough to someone to justify the renovation.
- The demolition of the building probable based upon this cost.
- At this time, the property is being used as supplemental transit parking.
- A transit parking report is scheduled to be submitted to City Council by the end of June. This may provide insight into future direction. We have been told that The City also exploring sale of *deemed* 'surplus' LRT parking for Transit revenue generation. St. Andrew's is not being consulted in the development of the City Council report.

- No inclusion of YMCA site is currently included in The City's capital budget during the next four years. At this time it is unlikely any City initiative for the property would occur in the next 3 to 5 years.
- The City has discussed Transit Oriented Development (TOD) for the Heritage LRT station area. There is no firm conclusion on TOD versus seeking developer interest through bid process. The Anderson TOD is a much higher priority but also has a budget challenge.
- The lack of success of the London Square condominium project is not a major concern with respect to the TOD development
- Over-crowded parking at existing LRT stations is not an issue for The City. The official view is that many of the LRT parkers come from outside of Calgary, they do not pay Calgary taxes and therefore, there is no reason to cater to these people. (Note about half of Transit's revenue comes from the mill rate). Therefore, it is highly unlikely that the current YMCA site will be permanently converted to permanent LRT parking.
- As an adjacent owner, St Andrew's would have an opportunity to comment on final plan once it is sent to the land committee. However, no process has given on how St. Andrew's would be notified about the process.
- St. Andrew's has been told that in the short term, we will continue to be permitted to use the current YMCA parking lot.
- The YMCA currently has no plans to develop their portion of the property. The YMCA is considers the land as an asset that can be sold for future funds.
- The YMCA believes that The City will likely be the purchaser of the property.
- The YMCA would sell the entire lot to St. Andrew at "market price" a price higher than St. Andrew's likely can afford to pay.
- The YMCA will not sell St. Andrew's a portion of the lot.

#### CONCLUSION

The St. Andrews' Impact has thoroughly investigated the parking situation east of the church. Other options such as re-designing the existing church parking lot are being explored. The Impact Team will consider options as they become available.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Rowe, Impact Team*

#### **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 undertake our actions 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. We did not organize a fire drill during the last year as we were fully up to date with the need. We will, however, be organizing a fire drill during the spring 2014.

We ensure required Police Information checks are completed as needed.

We ensure Shepherds are recruited and trained to offer leadership in case of any emergency, to monitor the building during worship services supporting our nursery and Church School leaders as well as assisting those who leave a service early, or guests who enter the building but do not attend the Worship service.

We maintain records of ministry position descriptions, covenants and reference checks. We review critical incident reports and take action if it is required (there were none last year).

In order to assist Rev. Jan Hazlett I offered to administer this programme. Jan left the programme in such good order that I have not so far, been too busy.

*Respectively submitted,  
Jean Sadler*

### **Mission Team**

2013 was a busy and successful year for the Mission Team, meeting once per month except for July and August. Current Team members are: Tom McIntyre, Rev. Jan Hazlett, Rhona Cowx, Joan Rowe, Mark Rowe, Cathy Millar, Emma McIntyre, Bill Judd, Loran McVittie, Annette Shaw and David Platt.

Before getting into the highlights for the year we would like to encourage each and every member of the congregation to consider joining the Mission Team. We have heard it said from the pulpit many times this year that St. Andrew's is a "Missional" Church so please consider how you could use your time, talent and treasure to help us reach out into our communities locally, nationally and internationally. Please contact any member of the Team or join us at 7:00 pm the third Tuesday of each month (except June and July).

We continue to support NeighbourLink financially through an annual donation.

We continued our involvement with Inn from the Cold and wish to thank Val Hall for all her efforts as the coordinator of this very popular mission initiative.

Food Bank collections and donations continue every second Sunday plus our annual Veterans Food Bank collection on Remembrance Sunday in November. Thanks to Tom McIntyre for his organization of this initiative. (\$1,355 donations to Interfaith food bank, and \$2,620 to Veterans food bank)

The Foodgrains Bank Fall Supper coordinated by Loran McVittie was another success and in 2013 we raised \$11,984 which is matched 4:1 by the Canadian government.

Back by popular demand, we had a 2<sup>nd</sup> wonderful fall concert on November 16<sup>th</sup> as fundraiser for Acadia Place. This was coordinated, once again, by Cathy Millar and Mary Anne Quesnel. Marty Antonini and 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven put on another great performance and we raised over \$3,925 to help Acadia Place pay off their mortgage.

We have also established a relationship with another Calgary Homeless Foundation property near our church: The Claire Senior's Residence. Thanks go to Bill Judd for organizing a fence building project there in the fall.

We completed another successful fundraiser for the Doorway Project through poinsettia sales at Christmas with our thanks once again to Rhona Cowx for organizing. This year in 2013 we raised over \$ 1,243 for this deserving charity.

We thank all of the dedicated Mission Team members for their continuing commitment to this very important aspect of church life at St. Andrew's.

*Respectfully submitted,  
David Platt*

### **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 Board of Managers and the congregation-at-large. The team's membership is currently made up of Craig Murray and Steve MacDonnell from Session, Bob Shaw from the Board of Managers and Ann Conquergood from the congregation-at-large. Rev. Jan Hazlett has ably assisted the team since the departure of the Rev. Peter Coutts.

It was indeed a shock to the congregation when Rev. Coutts decided to move on to the new position of General Presbyterian for the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod. We were blessed by Peter's time with us and glad his family continues to worship at S. Andrew's. We were additionally blessed to have Rev. Frank Breisch step forward and take on a part-time role in assisting Rev. Jan with the demands of the ministry team. We 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 departure of our Lead Minister we have had considerable change among the staff. This certainly kept our team busy. In April, with the support of the Christian Education Team, we were successful in adding Jasdeep Mand who replaced the departing Annalyn Danglapan in the Nursery Caregiver position. In April, Annika Koch decided to resign and move towards retirement. We wish Annika well in her new life journey. This position was reorganized and redefined as Office Manager and filled in November by Rhonda Mullan. We welcome Rhonda to this position and wish her well in this new position. Also, Brad Chalmers resigned from his temporary part-time position of Maintenance Coordinator in May. The Board of Managers has decided not to continue with this position. The team also completed preparatory work and recruited the search team for the ministerial position vacated by Rev. Coutts. The search is now underway under the direction of Presbytery and hopefully we will begin to have candidates identified for interviews in the first quarter of 2014.

Besides responding to staffing requirements, annual performance reviews of the seven non-clergy staff are carried out and budgetary salary figures are developed and presented to the Board 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*

## **Search Team**

The Search Team completed the work for the congregational profile in the fall and has been actively involved in searching for appropriate candidates to fill our Minister, Direction and Vision vacancy. Members of the Team are: Carolyn Jerrard, Bob Fuenning, Bob Shaw, David Platt, Debby Dorcas, Dolly Forcade, Elaine Cantlon, Merle Kirkpatrick, Rhonda Wishart, Shona Murray, Stephanie Werle and Sylvia Shaw. Our Presbytery representatives are Rev. Grant Gunnink and Rev. Helen Smith.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Judd, Convenor*

## **Stewardship and Planning Team**

This spring Stewardship and Planning launched a very successful 50/50/50 campaign to retire the remaining debt from the Faith Bonds. We wrapped up the campaign with a fabulous dinner on May 4. The campaign was well received and all the required monies were raised. A big thank-you goes out to all who donated time and money (especially the Ladies Guild) and to those members of the congregation who purchased Faith Bonds.

Our PAR programme continues to flourish. This remains the best way to make sure the Church receives the full benefit of your givings, while saving you time!

Last year we successfully set up the Legacy Trust Fund to allow people to give a lasting donation to the Church. Stewardship and Planning has now handed over management of the fund to the Legacy Trust Fund Trustees.

The National Church has suggested and has provided resources so that one Sunday in May will be designated to discuss the Planned Giving Programme. This will be a chance to reacquaint yourself with the programme and see the many ways you can contribute.

Stewardship and Planning's latest project involves the overhaul of Trinity Hall. More details to follow!

*Respectfully submitted,  
Caroline Bain, Convener*

## **Welcome and Fellowship**

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 in our church family.

During 2013 Welcome and Fellowship team organized or assisted with the many events. On January 26th we organized a Movie Night. Enthusiastic movie goers young and old came out to view "We Bought a Zoo". Desserts and beverages were served and to make the event a memorable one all present enjoyed popcorn.

As in past years, we erected three crosses on the front lawn in time for Palm Sunday and Easter and changed the shrouds when required.

A Newcomer's Social was held on April 21st during which we welcomed a number of newcomers to a social time to meet Rev. Jan, to learn about our church family, to explore the building, and to enable us to get to know them better.

A second family movie night was held on Saturday June 8th. A light supper was served followed by a showing of the movie "The Little Kidnappers". Fun was had by all who attended.

On July 7th our team organized the annual Stampede Breakfast which was held in between the morning worship services. We were assisted by many persons in the congregation who generously gave their time. Pancakes were cooked on the griddles in the kitchen. Profits from the breakfast were donated to Acadia Place.

A congregational picnic was held at Lloyd Park at Red Deer Lake on Sunday August 18th. Weather was great. Children's games and races were organized and prizes awarded. Approximately 35 persons attended.

We presented the movie "Monster's Inc" at our third family movie night on October 19th. Many youngsters attended. Beverages and popcorn were served, and prizes were awarded.

During November in order to proclaim the birth of our Saviour, Welcome & Fellowship team designed, constructed, and installed a nativity display in front of the church facing Heritage Drive. Special thanks are due to Alfred MacRae, Jacob MacRae, Sheri Coutts, and to Earl Mitchell for their skills and time which made the construction of the nativity display possible. We installed the display on December 1st in time for the beginning of Advent and we hope that it provoked a number of passing Calgarians to reflect on this special time of the year.

Our team further participated in the life and work of St. Andrew's in 2013 by organizing cakes on January 27th to celebrate the 60th anniversary of ministry for Rev. Frank Breisch, and by assisting on February 10th with the shared lunch after the Annual meeting.

Thank you to Eleanor Art, Merrill Blenman, Bob Fuenning, Val Hall, Desiree Henrichsen, Ron Horwood, Carolyn Jerrard, Annika Koch, and Brenda Pudwell for their enthusiasm and active participation during the past year and we also wish to thank Rev. Jan for her guidance and suggestions. Thank you as well to the many volunteers who staff the Welcome Desk each Sunday.

We hope that in 2014 all members of our St. Andrew's family will extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our congregation.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Don Koch*

## **Worship Team**

The Worship Team was formally constituted in June. The mandate of the committee is to facilitate meaningful worship across the lifespan; support spiritual growth at St. Andrew's by adding value to the worship experience, and consider a variety of worship forms as appropriate to the holistic needs of our community. The Team has assisted with the planning and facilitation of services for Thanksgiving and Christmas; piloted an alternative time and format of worship in the form of the Holy Smoke Cafe which was offered in September and November and, conducted a congregational survey of worship to help identify any key areas for change. The Team members represent the broad constituency of the congregation - Elaine Cantlon, Debby Dorcas, Stephanie Werle, Lauren Cole, Adam Hall, David Jeffries, Linda Flanagan, Bob Fuenning, Rev, Jan Hazlett, Barb English, Ben Kroeker and Cody Obst.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lynn Judd, Convenor*

## **Youth & Children's Ministries**

### **Director of Youth Ministry**

Surge – A year in review

For youth ministry the year always starts when the school year does. So I'll be talking about some of the exciting happening that started to take shape in September 2012 and how those initiatives impacted what we do today.

Two major thoughts took a hold of me over the summer of 2012.

The first concerned the youth in all the Presbyterian churches in Calgary. That summer the PYCM (Presbytery Youth of Calgary-Macleod) went to CY 2012 (Canada Youth) in St. Catharines Ontario at the Brock University Campus for five days of youth focused leaning around faith. We had travelled there and back together and spent a lot of time at the conference in each other's company. When we got back I had this sad feeling about not being able to see these other leaders and students on a regular basis (other than our annual fall retreat). So I had purposed that we attempt to meet on a monthly basis. We each take turns planning events and inviting the other Presbyterian youth groups. The very first one was planned by St. Andrew's and we had over thirty students come out to play laser tag! I think that this endeavor is important because it strengthens our groups. It can remind students that there are more people out there that believe the same thing that they do. A lot of youth groups are at varying stages. Some can only run meetings twice a month or less so banding together gives a lot more resources and energy.

We've been doing these "City Wide" events for a year and a half now and it's been exciting to see students and leaders making connections beyond their individual churches.

The other major thought that I had was how to get students interested in studying their faith, or "exploring their faith" as my catch phrase has become. This has been a process of trial and error mostly. When I first came to St. Andrew's we went through Ephesians in its entirety. Which is a good thing to do except we did it scripture chunk by scripture chunk. So it was

exceptionally in depth but it took us seven weeks to go through! And kids started to lose interest. Next I tried to take them through a book, one chapter at a time. We started to tackle Rob Bell's "Velvet Elvis." It sorta fizzled out at the end as we were approaching the end of the year exam time. So I started to examine the life style of students. And students these days are extremely busy! Often times there would be students that would come to the study that hadn't read the passage or the chapter. So I decided that we needed to start fresh with something that the students didn't need to prepare for before they came. We moved to a DVD based study. These would be short teaching sessions presented in a DVD format and there would be questions to discuss based on the teaching topic. These sessions also had a definite end, usually they would go for 7-10 weeks. So it was easier to get the students to commit to a set length of study. We also wanted the study to fit into their lifestyles. They would run for an hour and a half from 6:30-8pm. This gives the students time to get home from school, eat dinner, come to the study and then go home and do homework. These studies have been ebbing and flowing. Some are successful and others are not. So there is some work to be done in the consistency of attendance in this programme. This is work that I aim to carry into 2014.

There are two ideas that I've had kicking around my head as we look to strengthen Surge Student Ministries. I don't know what those look like yet but they are worth thinking about. The first is empowering and equipping parents of students to help their kids to keep exploring their faith in the home. So I'm not sure of the practical out workings of this thought process but it's something that I'll be thinking about in 2014. And the other idea is trying to increase the presence of young college aged students and try to increase community offerings that will appeal to them. Again, I don't know what that looks like or how that will work but it's something that I'll be working toward with year.

So there is a snapshot of where we've been and where we'd like to go. Please pray for the students of St. Andrew's, that they would continue to grow in the love of Jesus Christ.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Ben Kroeker  
Director of Youth  
Bachelor of Ministry (Youth)  
Ambrose University College*

### **Cradle Roll Report**

In 2013 - Birthday cards have been sent out to 10 of our members three year of age and younger.

We have added five new members to our register.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Elspeth McFadzean, Cradle Roll Secretary*

## Nursery

Our Nursery continued to benefit from having a hired Nursery Caregiver this year. Jasdeep Mand took over the position earlier in the year and has provided quality and consistent care to our young children on a weekly basis. Jasdeep is always full of energy and enthusiasm, clearly enjoying her time with the children.

The nursery has had a few great improvements this year with the installation of new curtains; addition of a baby doll centre; new rugs and mats; new colouring table; reorganization; and a new storage unit. Speakers were also set up in the nursery to broadcast the service.

We continue to look for volunteers to assist Jasdeep during each service, which allows us to keep our child-caregiver ratio low. We have had a few sign-up days between services and requests in the bulletin for help, which have proven to be successful. As always, we are very appreciative of those volunteers who have given of their time this year to allow our parents a needed break and opportunity to participate in worship.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Stephanie Werle, Coordinator*

## Church School

### Pre-school and Elementary Departments

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 9:30 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. The leaders had a few new ideas to add some variety into the response time in the programme. With the wide range of ages of the children that attend worship at 9:30 a.m., the leaders have added in some more developmentally appropriate activities for younger children and older children. A change in the layout of the classroom has also added a different space to encourage the different levels of ability. This has been working well.

At 11:15 a.m., the One Room Sunday School Curriculum was used for children aged 3 to grade 6. A few junior high students participated and also helped as junior leaders.

Communion is part of the curriculum for the children in grades 4, 5 and 6. Rev Jan Hazlett provided instruction and discussion within the regular church school class time in May 2013 and the children were invited to attend Communion in June 2013.

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

This year St Andrew's Church school started making the salad for "Inn from The Cold" on every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the year. The children have more insight into this mission project and have enjoyed the "hands on" experience of helping in a meaningful way.

## Celebrations

Many children attended the annual 'Spring Fun Day'. The children enjoyed the many craft activities planned. The CE Team organized a mobile petting zoo from Butterfield Acres to come to St. Andrew's. The weather was lovely and mild and so the baby animals could be outside on the lawn. This created great excitement among the children and youth helpers. The sheep, goats and bunnies received a lot of attention.

The Elementary Church School participated in a palm procession at the beginning of the Palm Sunday service.

There were two grade six students who received annotated bibles from the CE Tea. 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.

As an appreciation for their continued dedication, a small gift of a devotion book was given to the leaders at the end of June. As a small token of appreciation, the CE Team purchased a Christmas tree ornament for the leaders from Anne Greco in support of the people of Haiti.

Unfortunately ADVENTure had to be cancelled due to unforeseen problems accessing the St. Andrew's Church building. This was a disappointment, as many children and youth had practiced many hours to get ready for the celebration.

The Christmas Pageant involved the younger children of St Andrew's Church School with some of the youth taking on the leadership role for the pageant.

An ice-cream sundae celebration was enjoyed on the last Sunday of the year.

## Training and workshops

Rev. Jan Hazlett and Jean Sadler provided training to the leaders and helpers in the area of "Leading with Care" at the annual Church School Leaders Meeting.

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 and Elementary Teachers**

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

**Leaders and Helpers**

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

**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*

**Junior & Senior High Church School**

This fall we continued with the ReForm curriculum, focusing on key characters of the Old Testament. Lessons begin with an animated video that introduces the character and context and serves as a visual, humorous foundation for further discussion. Although most lessons draw practical applications to everyday life, the focus is on building a strong foundation of biblical knowledge among youth. In the new year, we will be shifting our focus to the key figures of the New Testament.

Classes take place each Sunday morning during the 9:30 service in the Upper Room, with between 5 and 8 youth in grades 6 through 12 attending each week.

Many thanks to Mary Jane Curran, Christine Pepper, and Yvonne Kangong for their continued dedication to teaching this year. Also, special thanks to Ben for his weekly contribution and continued support. We look forward to continuing our journey through the Bible in 2014.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Stolee*

## Adult Ministries & Groups

### Adult Study Groups

The adult studies groups met on Sunday mornings, one group at 9:30 am and the other group at 11:15 am. 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 12 and 16 regular participants. The group continued with the video based study, (begun in the fall of 2012), by John Ortberg “The Me I Want To Be – Becoming God’s Best Version of You”. The next study the group explored was “Fire on the Mountain”, Volume 9 of Ray Vander Laan’s series of faith lessons from “That the World May Know”. The video series showed different archeological sites that related to the lesson; this added an interesting dimension to the study. The group also enjoyed expanding their understanding of the direct parallels that God used then and now in training God’s people to be a community of followers. Bill Judd facilitated the group discussions.

The SOS (Students of Scripture) group met at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings and had 6 regular participants. The group worked through three studies over the course of the year: January – March: “A Walk Thru Faith”; April – June: “A Walk Thru Love”; September – December: “The Testing of Your Faith”. The studies were lead by Stewart Hall and the group enjoyed coming together in fellowship and study of God's word.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Inge Murray*

### Alpha

Alpha is a course that looks at basic Christian beliefs. Originally intended for new people to the Church, it is also helpful to those who have been long time church members. It causes us to review our beliefs and to see our faith anew. It is also a great way to develop new friendships in the church. This programme is used by Christians around the world in almost every denomination. In Calgary there are many churches that offer the programme.

We offer two different courses:

The original course is entitled “Questions of Life”. It encourages people to examine and discuss their faith and share their ideas with others.

Another course is provided from the Alpha programme with a different series of videos; a study based on Paul’s letter to the Philippians entitled “A Life Worth Living”. It focuses on our daily approach to living our Christian faith.

At St. Andrew’s, we have offered Alpha courses since January of 2001. Our courses are held in Trinity Hall on Wednesday nights, beginning with snacks, beverages and fellowship at 6:30 p.m. We then move to a time of devotions about 7:00 p.m., followed by a video on an aspect of the Christian faith by Rev. Nicky Gumbel, a very engaging and humorous speaker. After the video we break into groups to discuss our thoughts on the subject of the evening. An integral part of the course is a weekend retreat that has usually been held at St. Andrew’s.

Both Alpha courses run for 12 weeks, including the Introductory Dinner and Celebration Dinner. In 2013 we started in January and September. Every June, we also try to get all former Alpha Alumni together for an ‘indoor’ barbecue of fun and fellowship. This event is usually well attended.

Together with the Alpha courses, we have “Small Groups” for Bible studies that meet at the same time on Wednesday evenings. Most of these people have taken Alpha courses and want to continue to study and grow in their Christian faith. It is not required to have been on an Alpha course to attend. The Alpha Team is pleased to have these “Small Groups” as an integral part of the Wednesday evening programme and fellowship.

Many people from both inside and outside St. Andrew’s have enjoyed the Alpha programme. It serves both to bring new people to the faith and also helps support existing members who would like to develop their Christian faith and enhance their relationship with other Christians.

To register for courses, or to obtain further information, please phone the church office 403-255-0001 or Randy Evans 403-257-5300 or Rhona Cowx 403-640-4119.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Evans, 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 a.m. we begin an intentional conversation about faith led by Rev. Jan or our guest leader. Over the year studies have included psalms, the Sermon on the Mount and a Lenten Study. 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*

### **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 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 Church” with “flowers” on the memo line. If you wish to purchase the flowers from another florist please notify the church office.

*May I just make a donation?*

As an alternative, individuals can make a donation to the St. Andrew's Church Memorial Fund. A special silk bouquet will be used for these Sundays.

*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 deliver the flowers after the 11:15 a.m. when required.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Rhonda Mullan, Office Manager*

## **Heritage Seniors**

Membership in the Heritage Seniors is open to all those 55 years plus, who may or may not be a member of the Church. We strive to improve the quality of life of our members by providing opportunities for physical, mental, social and spiritual activities.

Our current membership is just over 100, which is down from previous years, and so we would like to encourage anyone interested to join our group. We need more members to carry on our programmes in the years to come.

Our activities include aerobics, carpet bowling, stretch exercises, line dancing, Music Makers Band, art club, bridge, walking club and card socials as well as seasonal programmes like golfing and off site bus trips.

This year we included Ice Sculptures at Lake Louise in January; Seniors' Winter Follies at Heritage Park in February as well as the St. Peters Players for 'Sound of Music'; Rosebud Theatre in April for 'Barefoot in the Park'; The Great Canadian Barn Dance in May; Mystery Trip in June, which turned out to be Passu Farms; Thanksgiving at Aspen Crossing; 'It's a Great Life' at Rosebud Theatre in November and Christmas Lunch in Banff. Our annual picnic in June was rained out again but we held it at the Church and had a good time anyway.

We also have a monthly catered lunch after which we have guest entertainers or speakers who address subjects of interest to seniors.

In July 2012, we applied for a grant from the Alberta Governments' New Horizons for Seniors' programme and in April of this year, we were informed that we had successfully secured a little over \$9,000. This has helped us augment our programme equipment such as new weights, new sound system with wireless headset, pitch control, iPod dock and speakers for aerobics; 12 card tables for bridge/card socials; balls for stretch classes; 8 art easels for the art club; additional music instruments and storage files for Music Makers, etc. We are also planning to purchase a new TV, DVD player and a Wii game console. We would like to extend our thanks to Robert Cameron, who is helping us with this project.

The Heritage Seniors have made the following donations in 2013:

1. St. Andrew's - \$3500.00, Ladies Guild (afternoon) - \$500.00, Memorial Fund - \$75.
2. Alberta Guide Dogs - \$500.00
3. Juvenile Diabetes Reach Fund - \$500.00
4. Schizophrenic Society - \$500.00

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to the office staff of the Church who have helped us in many various ways this year. It is much appreciated and helps the Club run smoothly.

An organization like the Heritage Seniors relies on many volunteers in many different ways and we could not operate without their help. For this and the many hours spent on behalf of the members, we thank them wholeheartedly! Thanks to them and other volunteers from the Church, we successfully held our annual Strawberry Tea in May.

It is a pleasure and an honour to serve the Heritage Seniors and I thank the Executive Committee for their help and support to attain the success that we all enjoy.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Kozbial, President*

### **Ladies Afternoon Guild**

The Ladies Afternoon Guild welcomes all ladies of the congregation. We regularly meet in the Karl English Lounge on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm, except in July and August. I am grateful and proud to be working with our executive this year, which includes Anne Rainbow (Past President), Marg Forbes (Treasurer), and Carol Doyle (Secretary) and with the ladies of the Afternoon Guild who bring so much experience, wisdom and care to our efforts.

We have had an active year serving the needs of our church. Our group assisted in the organization of the annual Christmas Bazaar, which took place on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event is the church's biggest fund raiser and was another success. This year, we went to a different leadership model, using a bazaar committee consisting of the leaders of the various sections to coordinate the event. Executive members of the Ladies Evening Guild served on this committee and played a key role in running the bake table and the kitchen at the bazaar. Thanks to all those in the congregation who helped as donors, volunteer workers, and shoppers at this event. The proceeds of the bazaar have traditionally been directed to support the financing and maintenance of the church building. The proceeds of the 2012 bazaar (\$10,000) were donated in February 2013 by the Ladies' Guilds to the Stewardship and Planning 50/50/50 campaign to successfully retire the Faith Bonds on the remaining mortgage on the church. The most recent (2013) bazaar netted approximately \$11,100. The next bazaar is scheduled for November 15, 2014. Please mark this date on your calendar! In addition, our group has catered a number of events throughout the past year. These have included a baptism, a wedding reception, a 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party, the seniors' volunteer lunch, and a number of funerals. Our members welcome the opportunity to cater and to share the joy of celebration or lend comfort to members of our congregation on these occasions. Information about our catering services is available at the church office.

Donations made to our group through these catering efforts are contributed to a number of programmes that support our congregation and families in the community. These donations are listed below. New donations this year include over \$2000 purchasing and installing new coffee making machines in the church kitchen and the Karl English Lounge. These new machines make very good coffee quickly in thermal carafes and have improved coffee service at events at the church. We also donated \$1000 to the Henry Wisewood High School Student Emergency Fund, which provides funding for school events and equipment to students in financial need.

We continue to come up with new initiatives to meet the needs of our congregation. On December 1st, members of the Ladies Afternoon Guild served coffee after Sunday services and introduced new disposable, biodegradable paper cups for serving coffee and juice, along with using ceramic and reusable plastic cups. We conducted a survey on that day on the congregation's preferences as to reusable versus disposable cups and type of disposable cup. A significant majority of respondents were in favor of the use of reusable ceramic or plastic cups or biodegradable paper cups (instead of Styrofoam). The Ladies Afternoon Guild has furnished the church with approximately 1000 biodegradable paper coffee cups, the usual amount of disposable cups required for one month. We hope considered discussion on the choice of coffee cups as part of the way we welcome guests and our congregation at services and events continues. Please feel free to request an email of the complete report on the results of the coffee cup survey from me ([pabailey@shaw.ca](mailto:pabailey@shaw.ca)).

In 2014, we would like to continue our efforts to meet the needs of families and children in our congregation and the wider community. Thank you again to all who have worked with us to arrange church events and have shared in our ongoing tradition of Christian service.

### **Summary of Ladies Afternoon Guild Donations 2013**

#### *In support of youth:*

Camp Kannawin	\$ 500.00
Presbyterian Canada Youth 2013 Event Sponsorship	\$ 300.00
St. Andrew's Ogilvie-Speers Scholarship Fund	\$1,700.00
The Henry Wise Wood High School Student Emergency Fund	\$1,000.00

#### *In support of families:*

Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre	\$ 300.00
Ronald McDonald House Calgary (monthly dinners provided)	\$ 842.30
Side by Side	\$1,000.00

#### *In support of financing and maintaining our church building:*

Donation of 2012 Bazaar proceeds by the Guilds to retirement of the mortgage bonds	\$10,000.00
Supplies for the painting of the church kitchen	\$ 229.93

#### *In support of hospitality in our church:*

Purchase and installation of new coffee making systems in the kitchen and lounge	\$ 2,272.00
Purchase of a month's worth of biodegradable disposable coffee cups (about 1000)	\$ 68.65

*In support of the Presbyterian Church in Canada:*

The Presbyterian Record	\$ 100.00
Presbyterian World Service & Development	\$ 300.00
Total Donations:	\$18,612.88

*Respectfully submitted,  
Penny Bailey, President*

### **Ladies Evening Guild**

The LEG (Ladies Evening Guild) is growing slowly, but very steadily, with our aim to include women into the Guild where the afternoon meetings are not convenient. There are between 7 to 11 ladies who attend the meetings.

On February 12, 2013 the LEG provided a “soup and rolls” lunch for the congregation after the Annual Congregational Meeting. We had 110 people attend the luncheon, and it was a great time of fellowship.

The LEG helped the Stewardship and Planning team with their 50-50-50 fundraising campaign on May 4, 2013. A very successful spaghetti dinner was organized for the event.

The LEG had its second annual “Treasures in the Trunk” the last weekend in May this year, and was held on the same day as the St. Andrew’s Men’s breakfast meeting. This made our venture start later in the morning. While this event is still in the growing process, LEG plans to continue with this annually.

In June, we had our wind-up meeting at Red Lobster. All ladies from the congregation were invited. This was an extremely well attended meeting with ladies from LEG, ladies from the Afternoon Guild (LAG) and some very special guests as well. It was such an enjoyable event.

In September we had elections, and all positions remained the same for this year: Madame: Jackie Moody, the Little Black book Keeper: Inge Murray, and our Money Bags: Ida Du Toit. (These are dear names for our President, Secretary and Treasurer.)

In September, the ladies of the LEG prepared and served dinner for the Presbytery Meeting. Our menu was shepherd’s pie, salad, and berry short cake. It was enjoyed by all.

The LEG was involved in many aspects of the St Andrew’s Annual Bazaar. The LEG took over responsibility for the Bake Table – which we turned into the BAKE ROOM for the Christmas Bazaar! It was a resounding success much to the incredible ideas of our own money bags Lady Ida Du Toit! Thank you Ida! Jackie Moody was also a great help in organizing, together with Ida. We survived literal black outs, with singing carols, and making just all round “fun time” about it. Much was learned, and will again grow from the adventure. We did very well. Thank you to everyone for helping at the bake table and contributing baking to make the event such a big success.

The portion of the Christmas Bazaar proceeds that was assigned by the Ladies Afternoon Guild will be held for the LEG in the general account of St. Andrew’s until such time when portions will be endorsed for contribution by the LEG.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jackie Moody, Madame*

## **Library Committees – Adult, Teen & Children’s**

I assumed responsibility for the library during the year and would like to sincerely thank Judie Coleman for her contribution as our librarian for the past two years.

The location of our libraries remained unchanged during 2013. The adult books are split between the Karl English Lounge (devotionals; adult fiction and non-fiction; Christian life and family life; grief and pastoral care; men’s and women’s issues, and a small collection in large print), and the Inner Hall where bibles and bible commentaries as well as a number of reference books can be found. The youth books are housed in the Youth Lounge and children’s books are located in the Christian Education hallway on the lower level.

We are grateful to those who donated books throughout the year. Books written from a Christian perspective and are less than five years old can be donated. Our library materials tend to be underutilized so hopefully the addition of more up to date books will make it more appealing. An inventory of the library books will be conducted in February and more books will be added at that time.

*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 2013, 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 2013 averaged 30 to 40 men each month. Our guest speakers presented a wide variety of subjects of interest. Speakers and topics included:

- Norm Haines spoke on January 26th about the Leduc #1 Discovery Centre.
- On February 23rd we welcomed Jon Wong from Canada's Sport Hall of Fame.
- Rick Madsen spoke on March 23rd with a fascinating glimpse of polar bears in Churchill Manitoba.
- On April 20th, members of the Men's Fellowship visited and toured Fort Calgary.
- Dr. Caroline Bain was our guest speaker on May 25th at our annual "Ladies Morning Out", with a video presentation about her globetrotting adventures.
- Andrew Sadler from Cenovus visited on September 28th presenting a look at Alberta's Oil Sands.
- On October 26th Jay Serdula spoke about his swim across Lake Ontario to raise awareness about Asperger Syndrome.
- Lisa McDonald from Calgary Zoo spoke on November 23rd about the zoo's efforts to recover from the Calgary flood of 2013.

The Men's Fellowship also contributed to the life and work of our Church in 2013. On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the Men's Fellowship hosted a pancake supper prior to the Ash Wednesday worship service. Over 100 persons attended. The \$343.00 raised at this event was donated back to the congregation to upgrade the sanctuary sound system.

Thank you to Lloyd Allen, Craig Murray, Bob Shaw, and Bob Sadler 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 purchase of the food for each breakfast. Thank you to Clayton Howe for his efforts during the year to publicize each breakfast. A final thank you to the many giving 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 want to get to know you better!

*Respectfully submitted,  
Don Koch*

### **News From the Pews**

With two exceptions, New From the Pews, the newsletter of St. Andrew's is published on the first Sunday of each month. The two exceptions are the summer months and December/January.

We distribute New From the Pews by three methods, hard-copy distributed at the church or hand-delivered, by e-mail, and at the St. Andrew's website. By far the preferred method is e-mail and we encourage the congregation to use e-mail delivery.

E-mail is the fastest and least expensive method of receiving the newsletter and, as a bonus, the e-version often features aspects that the hard-copy version is unable to accommodate like colour imagery.

Assembling the newsletter is a time consuming process. Brenda Pudwell, the previous editor now revelling in her grandchildren, had contacted each group within St. Andrew's every month to solicit items for the newsletter.

The new management, pressed for time, has been relying on newsmakers to provide information. You may have noticed that some issues have been rather light and that is a reflection of the lack of submissions for the issue.

News from the Pews welcomes submissions about activities within the church. You can submit items by e-mail at [newsletter@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:newsletter@standrewscalgary.ca), by dropping them off at the office, or by depositing them in the box on the wall of the Karl English Lounge.

If you are unsure of your writing or design abilities by all means simply provide the facts, ("just the facts ma'am") and newsletter staff will fix it up.

As always, submissions will be governed by the tyranny of space. In English? If there's space, we'll try to use it. Deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you have a submission and are grappling with the deadline, contact the editor and it *may* be possible to accommodate you.

The editor also welcomes suggestions for stories about the people and activities of our church.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Brenton 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: The Confession, Sarah's Key, The Best Laid Plans, Left Neglected, Death Comes to Pemberley, Speaking My Truth, and The Silence of Bonaventure Arrow. The group often numbers over 20, 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*

### **Pastoral Care Team**

#### **Pastoral Care**

*May the knowledge of the love and grace of God sink from my head down into my heart so that it flows out of my hands, my mouth, my ears, and my eyes so that this body becomes the body of Christ in the world.*

This prayer reveals one of the most important aspects of pastoral care -- engaging our physical being in the service of caring for others. We do this through our hands as we reach out and touch or refrain from touching, our mouths as we speak or remain silent, our ears as we listen to the voices of those who cry out or speak softly, and our eyes as we see things from the perspective of our faith. The church becomes the body of Christ in the way we care for one another.

The ministry of the church encompasses a variety of things such as worship, preaching, teaching, and administering programmes. Pastoral care is one of the church's ministries – it's a caring response to individuals, families and communities who are in the midst of crises, life-changing decisions, even times of celebration and commitment such as baptism or marriage.

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.

Congregational pastoral care occurs when members reach out through very concrete acts such as sitting by the bedside of someone who's ill, taking food to someone who has suffered a loss, offering hope to someone in despair, or praying for those who suffer. To offer pastoral care is not the same as being someone's counselor or therapist. Nor is it simply being kind to people and doing nice things for them. Instead, being pastoral means being the body of Christ in some concrete living form as people turn to the church and its members for assistance and guidance in living their lives.

Opportunities for pastoral care arise out of the everyday circumstances of people's lives.

\* In what ways is pastoral care something you do as a member of a congregation on a regular basis?

\* How would you understand your role as a pastoral caregiver?

\* What are people looking for when they ask members of a congregation for "help"?

These are the questions, for answers contact one of the coordinators of our Pastoral Care Teams.

Changes in leadership during the year:

- In March, Muriel Young passed away and we lost a much loved Hospital Visitor
- In March, Joan Rowe joined Jean Spotowski as co-coordinator of CareShare
- In March, Alice Post took on the role of coordinator for Side by Side

The CareNotes located in the Karl English Lounge were inventoried over the summer. An order was placed in September which covered: Dealing with Illness, Grief & Loss, Help with Living, Parenting, Personal Growth, and Prayer. The Parenting CareNotes are new and we hope they will be useful.

Women Flying Solo – a new initiative: Glad Bury offered to create a group that will address the social and spiritual needs of women who have experienced the loss of their husband through either death or divorce. The idea is to gather together around interests and provide opportunities for informal conversations and sharing. The gathering will take form as women involved express their thoughts as to their concerns, needs and wants. This group will be under the care of the Bereavement Team.

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**

The purpose of this team is to provide pastoral support, to members of the congregation who have lost loved ones. Support is offered through telephone calls, cards and home visits.

This March, we regrettably lost Muriel Young, a longtime team member and ardent advocate of bereavement support. Her husband John, kindly volunteered to take her place on the team. Winn Cole resigned in the spring. In the fall, we added two new members, Laurena Kane and Norma Chollak.

Norma will take over the responsibility of sending out cards to bereaved families. This year, a total of 19 cards have been sent.

For the second year in a row, team members participated in the May Health Fair, by providing resource information related to community grief counseling, support groups and St Andrew's Church bereavement services.

Recognizing that many who have experienced loss find Christmas time difficult, the Bereavement Team hosted the 18th annual " Celebration of Life Service " a week earlier than usual, on Monday, November 25, 2013. Our guest speaker was Rev. Christine Conkin, Associate Priest at St. Peter's Anglican Church on Elbow Drive SW, who delivered a powerful message of inspiration and hope for the future. The team wishes to thank Rev. Frank Breisch for conducting the service this year. A total of 58 people attended.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Williams, Convener*

### **CareShare**

CareShare is one aspect of the Pastoral Care Team Ministry. Volunteers on our register are asked to offer support to people during difficult times, usually by offering to provide a meal or transportation for medical appointments. Many volunteers have given generously of their time and talents over this past year. This year there were 19 calls of concern; 7 meals; and 4 rides provided by the CareShare Team.

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

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

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Spotowski and Joan Rowe, Coordinators*

### **Home and Shut-In Visitation Ministry**

This ministry is one of our connections to those who are unable to attend worship. Transportation, age, or mobility problems are some of the issues which can keep people away each Sunday, and many feel the grief of separation. Our faithful volunteer visitors provide a link to the congregation and the assurance that people are not forgotten.

We have 20 people on the care list at the moment. (And if anyone makes trips to Airdrie, we are looking for someone to visit a lady there in an assisted living residence.)

This is a quiet ministry, one-on-one, and arranged at the time of the visitor's choice. We recommend a minimum of 4 visits per year, and the visits can be a true gift to the recipients; it is very possible that some of the shut-ins find the days very long if they are on their own. Volunteers offer comfort, support and encouragement, and a listening ear. If you have a few hours a year to provide this, you will be part of an important ministry to those who especially need it.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Barb English, Coordinator*

## **Hospital Visitors**

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 programme approved by the hospital, be admitted into their volunteer care programme, and comply with the regulations pertaining to this programme. The cost of this training is covered by St. Andrew's.

Muriel Young was a long time hospital visitor, faithfully visiting every week, not only St. Andrew's people, but everyone who designated themselves as Presbyterian when they were admitted. Muriel passed away at the beginning of this year and her ministry to those in hospital is greatly missed. We currently have two lay hospital visitors, Arlene Young and Judie Coleman. In September, Arlene completed the requirements and became accepted into the volunteer programme. She visits Rockyview on Wednesdays and Judie visits on Fridays with anyone who has registered themselves as Presbyterian and especially to those from St. Andrew's. When notified by the church office, Donna Cornea visits St. Andrew's people at Foothills.

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 the Church office. The hospital lists patients by their first name so 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 purpose of the Nursing Health Ministry of St Andrew's, is to provide congregational support, in the form of " Nurse on duty " on a Sunday morning, from 10.30am until 11.15am between services, in the small " former YWCA office " within the main church office. This year, in recognition of team members' vacation time and family commitments, it was decided not to designate a nurse for the months of July and August.

During the past year, the Registered Nurses on the team, have provided " Nurse on duty " support in a number of ways.

- Blood pressure monitoring : 62 in 2013
- Psychological support and encouragement
- Bereavement support
- Surgical procedure information
- Community resources and medical referrals
- Blood sugar monitoring

Blood pressure monitoring continues to be the number one reason for accessing this service.

The Spring "Tune Up your Health" is a health fair for all ages, and was held on May 3, 2013 in Trinity Hall from 9:30 am -12:00 pm. Our focus was to provide a diverse scope of information to facilitate optimal health choices. In addition, four workshops were offered on the following topics: coping with stress, fire safety in the home, advanced care planning and pharmacy concerns. The team wishes to thank all those who volunteered to make this event a success.

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 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Nursing Health Ministry team includes, Anne Greco, Lynn Judd, Judy McVittie, Barbara Kearnes and Alice Williams.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Williams RN, Convener*

### **Prayer Ministry**

*For all we know, our blessings are not the fruits of our prayers alone...  
but those of another praying for us.*

Now that many people have cell phones, it's easier to stay connected and we expect almost instantaneous responses. What happens, how do you feel, when you wait but the phone doesn't ring; when you don't hear from the person? Have they simply forgotten? Surely they would call if anything were wrong. You miss their calls, however brief. This is the way God must feel when we don't pray. Reminders of God's love surround us. But sometimes in the rush of everyday life we put off spending time in prayer or forget to thank God. God loves to hear from us. Whether in long prayers or short prayers, God wants to hear whatever is on our minds whether our own concerns or concerns for others. God cares. God is interested and will help if asked. God is always there, waiting for your "call." Never think that your prayers are too short, too long, or too unimportant for God, who always receives them with love and joy.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Judie Coleman, Coordinator*

### **Prayer Chain Ministry**

Would you like to be a member of the Prayer Chain 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.

#### *"Plain Prayers for a Complicated World"*

This book by Avery Brooke is concerned with the problems and conditions of life common to all humankind. It is a book of short prayers that express in plain, everyday language the doubts, fears, love and pain common to human experience in the modern, day-to-day world.

This is a book for the person of great faith or little faith; for the bewildered adolescent; for parents and grandparents. It is a book for those who are sick and lonely and for those who are happy and fulfilled. In short, this is truly a household book of the spirit – for reading in solitude, at a child's bedside or aloud around the dinner table.

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.

**Prayer:** Dear God, when I am in need, or those I know and love are in need, it is easy to ask for your help. But it is more difficult to pray for strangers. Even when I know they are in great trouble, their needs seem very distant. Help me to imagine how they feel so that I may pray for them, not just with words but with my heart. Amen.

*(taken from "Plain Prayers for a Complicated World")*

*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, 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 Hazlet*

### **Side by Side**

The Side by Side programme has a two-fold purpose: to minister to people who are coping with progressive memory loss and to provide respite and caring support to their caregiver. In 2012, the programme began on a bi-weekly basis, and continued on a weekly basis in 2013. Originally slated to run until June; Side by Side continued over the summer, and through to December 18<sup>th</sup>. Eight participants and their caregivers have taken part in the programme over the course of the year. We began 2013 with four participants. Over the summer two participants left to go to long-term care, and four others joined, so six participants and their caregivers currently take part.

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

Volunteers contribute an amazing and inspiring variety of talents and resources as they lovingly share gifts of time, hospitality, planning, leadership, companionship, and creativity. We are deeply thankful to all who support the programme through volunteering, financial contributions, and prayer. Each gift is an expression of God's love and reminds us that we do not walk the pathway of life alone.

Many thanks are extended to Rev. Jan for her tireless effort in designing and establishing an active and care-filled programme, her leadership and coordination through to February, and her ongoing mentoring and support. Many thanks to Rev. Dr. Frank for his continued support and encouragement.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Alice Post, Coordinator*

### **SOUND TEAM**

#### **Sound Board**

The sound system that is used in the Sanctuary is a critical component in our worship services as well as for our music programme and groups. Without amplification, we would not hear the wonderful sermons that our ministers produce weekly nor would we hear the organ, choir and other performers.

Back in June 2013 the Session decided that the Sanctuary sound system needed to be looked at. There was not a lot of confidence in the quality of the sound, and no one was sure if we had the right equipment, if we had other problems, or if we just needed to optimize what we had. There was also a desire to understand what the system needed to look like to take worship to the next level at St Andrew's – what should the system look like in the future?

The sound system operators were asked to get involved and figure it out. I ended up taking the lead on the project.

First, we gathered together the main groups involved in using the sound system, from Cody to the choir, to operators and some groups. Everyone brought a list of issues that they had with the system. We then asked an audio engineer to come in and look at the system with a critical eye - did we have the right equipment? Was it setup correctly? Is it tuned properly to our space? How do we address the concerns we had? It was quickly discovered that the two main speakers had non-functioning tweeters, which produce the high end sounds and are critical to voice amplification. These had to be replaced. The work continued and the recommendation was that we consult with a hardware expert to deal with some of our issues.

Axe Music has a division that deals with churches, and they were ultimately contracted to improve our system. The good news is that most of the equipment we have is of excellent quality and did not need replacing. A few items were redeployed to better use as well. The work was split into two phases. First would be to fix the hardware issues we have (such as the speakers) and to look at the wiring and other hardware. The second phase is to look at installing a video broadcast system for the future. At the time of writing, we are just finishing the first phase.

New speakers were installed in November which are both smaller and more powerful than the broken ones. At the same time, new microphones were purchased both for instrumental and vocal uses as well as a hanging microphone for the choir loft. The sound cabinet at the back of the Sanctuary was reconfigured with a new amplifier, new power centre and a new equalizer that was then optimized for our space.

One of the goals for the future was to un-wire the pulpit so that if necessary the pulpit could be made moveable. To do this, and to allow for networking of the sound system, new wiring has been pulled from the pulpit area to the sound board. We now have a much more flexible and expandable system for connecting microphones, instruments and accessories.

Due to expanding scope, Tom Spoering was recruited to assist in the design and overview of the project and he has been extremely valuable to the project. Tom is also a sound board operator as well as being the person most familiar with the existing system and wiring.

The next phase will be to look at options for video broadcast and capture of our services. There are several goals. One is to enable our services to be available as a video on our web page; we currently provide an audio only copy. Second, we have both Shepherds and others who need to be in the Foyer or who step out occasionally. With a video system we can put the audio and visual feed into the Foyer and the Nursery to help people stay connected if they do have to leave the Sanctuary for any reason. The requirements and hardware choice has not yet been made for this second phase. Tom and I are hoping to see some existing systems in operation at other churches, and to understand the challenges and opportunities that this technology would provide.

The work is being paid for by the Memorial Fund and we should all be thankful for their support of this project. Although it has taken a lot more time and a little more money than we thought originally, we should have a system that St Andrew's can rely upon for the next decade or longer and can support the worship experience.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Cameron*

## **Women's Missionary Society – 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 PCC, followed by a prepared programme/study on Mission or have a guest speaker. We have now completed our study entitled "Making Connections: Ride the Caribou Trail", giving us insight into how Ministry is carried out over a very wide area of Central B.C.

### Changes

Kathleen Tomie resigned, our President for many years. We thank Kathleen sincerely for years of faithful and dedicated service.

At the September meeting, a nomination committee was struck to recommend and fill positions on the Executive. Thanks to those who agreed to serve for the years 2013/2014. Barb English led a prayer of dedication for the new executive at the October meeting.

It was also agreed that we should have a name change, encouraged by the WMS (National Office) to be more inclusive and to re-vitalize our purpose. It was agreed unanimously that "Mission" should continue to be our focus, hence our new name: "Mission Matters". We plan to add some variety to our meetings; to keep them shorter and relevant. You are invited to join us and bring your ideas!

### Members

Currently, we have 18 active members, and 3 associates. (those who support us but are unable to attend meetings regularly).

### Highlights of the Year

We participated in the Word Day of Prayer, held at Southwood United Church, in March. "Mission Awareness Sunday" was held on Mary 26<sup>th</sup>, led by our members. Rev. Dianne Ollerenshaw was the guest speaker.

Rev. Jan spoke on some of her experiences when she visited the Holy Land – at our 'High Tea' luncheon event in June.

### Projects

As well as our free-will offering, which is collected monthly to support Mission Projects of the National WMS, we collected funds for "Maternal and Child Health" in Malawi, during 2013. The Fellowship of the Last Coin is on-going, our least coin now being the nickel. It is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of prayer for peace, justice and reconciliation. The least coins from various countries are considered 'gifts' of love. Many thousands of dollars are raised to support projects all over the world, inspired by the story of the Widow's Mite (Luke 21: v 1-4).

Used stamps are collected to support the Canadian Bible Society.

### Knitting

We thank all those who participate in various knitting projects. Toques, scarves, mittens, slippers, kids 'blankies' have all been donated to the Brenda Strafford Emergency Centre, as well as Acadia Place. Anne Greco, who is returning to Haiti in January 2014, has been given a supply of comfort dolls, 80-90 in total, for distribution to the children there.

In December, we donated items to the "Teen Angel" tree. We also provided baking for the CareShare Christmas plates.

Congratulations to our oldest member, Isabel Dahl, who turned 100 in June – we celebrated with her family and the congregation over lunch and birthday cake.

Our meetings are always open to any and all interested. Come and join us on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

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

### The Tech Team

The Tech Team is made up of John Hazlett, Stephen Henrichsen and Robert Cameron. We provide the 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.

For 2014 we do not anticipate any major work being necessary in our infrastructure. We usually replace 2 PC's each year so that all are fairly current, and will deal with any issues if they come up.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Cameron*

## Music Ministry

### Director of Music

The year 2013 was perhaps the busiest yet for our music programme at St Andrew's. Looking back, I can't believe we achieved all we did in God's name! It is my deep hope that the variety of music programming throughout the year found a way to inspire and uplift each and every one of you at some point this year.

Have you ever thought about why music is so important in worship? Music bypasses any rhetoric or intellectual roadblocks we have. It goes straight to the core of our being and touches our hearts and souls. What a gift from God that we can use to praise him and experience the mystery of the divine.

Below are words we sang this year as our offering was collected. It is sung to the tune of Edelweiss. I will never forget when we sang this response on June 16<sup>th</sup> with the Calgary

Fiddlers. The entire church was filled with sound like we had never heard in our sanctuary and afterwards, Frank said, "I was going to say a prayer now, but we just sang it!"

God of love, hear our prayer:  
Bless this offering we bring you.  
May our lives do your will;  
Guide and guard us forever.

Give us courage to stand for truth;  
Help us care for others.  
God of love, hear our prayer:  
Bless this offering we bring you.

Here are my annual top highlights from our church musical year:

- ➔ Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 (Lent III/Communion I) – This service was the first full-choir service of the year and featured one of our favourite anthems, "Heavens Choir." Both Lynn and Bill Judd sang solos in "Like as the Hart" and "Behold the Lamb of God" respectively.
- ➔ Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (Palm Sunday) – Colleen Athparia joined in this week with music that included a rousing piano duet with Cody called "The Holy City."
- ➔ Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (Good Friday) – Bass, Reid Spencer and tenor, David Fertal joined the choir in two touching pieces with texts from Jesus' last words on the cross.
- ➔ Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Instrumentalists Andrea Case (cello), Jim Crane (flute), Sheryl Reinhardt (oboe), and Cathy Stephen (violin) were featured in two anthems with choir: "I Lift Up Mine Eyes" and a touching Celtic arrangement of "Be Thou My Vision."
- ➔ Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – The Choir had an afternoon workshop with composer Larry Nickel from Vancouver. Besides inspiring us to sing our best, we found our faith renewed by the testimony of this amazing man! We have sung many anthems by Larry Nickel over the years and it was a pleasure to get feedback from him directly.
- ➔ Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Over the course of seven weeks the choir hosted a Festival of Music which featured guest artists and ensembles of all ages and genres. The idea was to bring together a sacred music festival showcasing how a wide variety of music can be used to worship God. Each artist provided two anthems during our worship service and then a mini-concert of 20-25 minutes immediately following the service. The Festival brought approximately 90 musicians into our church (not including our choir) and many guests into our congregation. It was a true celebration of our faith through music! Here is a reminder of the Festival artists and events:
  - ♣ May 5<sup>th</sup> – Westwinds Choral Ensemble (Anne Gardner, conductor)
  - ♣ May 12<sup>th</sup> – Altius Brass
  - ♣ May 19<sup>th</sup> – Tricia Edwards Jazz Ensemble
  - ♣ May 26<sup>th</sup> – Calgary Venezuelan Choir and an Evening Hymn Sing
  - ♣ June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tisha Murvihill, harpist and evening Vivaldi Gloria Concert
  - ♣ June 9<sup>th</sup> – Soprano Michelle Todd and music from the French Taize and afternoon piano/organ recital by Cody Obst

▲ June 16<sup>th</sup> – Calgary Fiddlers

A big highlight from the Festival for our choir was the concert of Vivaldi's Gloria with Knox Presbyterian Church. This concert was a fundraiser for Acadia Place and featured a choir of over 60 singers and a string orchestra. The choir put a lot of work into learning this masterpiece and it definitely paid off with a fine performance! What was your favourite part of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Festival of Music?

- ➔ Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 – The choir sang two of our favourite anthems (“Simple Gifts” and “The King of Love my Shepherd Is”) with CPO flautists Sarah Gieck and Sara Hahn.
- ➔ Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (Remembrance Service) – The choir was in top form this Sunday and I don't think I have ever received so many compliments about our singing as I have this day. The anthem “In Remembrance” featured Boris Bonchev on French horn and stirring images to accompany the music. Peter Waldron played the trumpet beautifully and the choir sang a piece called “Creation Will Be at Peace.”
- ➔ Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – Special guests, The Calgary Multicultural Choir, joined the church Choir to form a mass group of 50 singers this second Sunday of Advent.
- ➔ The anthem “The First Noel” was sung from memory in preparation for the Joy to the World service the following week.
- ➔ Over the course of the year many of our own talented musicians were featured. Most notably, Jim Crane who played flute at over five services this year! Also featured was clarinetist, Ida Du Toit; whistler, Brian Hawco; violinist, Cathy Stephen; and organist, Tom Geddes. Vocal soloists (in no particular order) included Bill Judd, Lynn Judd, Alice Post, MaryAnne Quesnel, Randy Evans, Lloyd Allen, and Lai Sum Wong.

Did you know that this year I played 49 out of 52 Sunday services and at least 10 other services not including weddings or funerals? This is definitely a record for me! One of those rare weeks “off” was to attend the Sacred Music Summer Conference in Virginia for the third time. However, this time I was also presenting a session called “Choral Gems from the North: Great Canadian Sacred Music.”

I was able to meet and work with some of the top conductors and publishers in the Sacred Music world and network with many colleagues from all over the United States and beyond. This conference always leaves me inspired and renewed in my work at St. Andrew's and I also always come back with lots of new great pieces for the choir.

On a sad note, the choir lost a beloved member earlier this year. Ineke Stewart passed away suddenly and surprisingly to us all. She had been in the choir for many years and was also the choir's “card lady” to support our members with cards and gifts when they needed help. She worked behind the scenes in such a cheerful way and we all miss her. We know she will be singing in Heaven's choir!

Thanks to Debby Dorcas for her work with Sounds of Joy and Musical Friends and thanks to Elizabeth Kangong for working with Angels in the Infield. I would also like to thank David Jefferies for his hard work as choir librarian. David is always here early and gone late keeping our music and chairs in order. Even though our music library is crowding over and we need a new filing cabinet or two, David always somehow finds room for one more anthem.

Thanks to EVERYONE who was a part of the music programme at St. Andrew's this year. It has been an adventure!

*Blessings,  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Cody Obst, Director of Music*

### 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 Presbyterian Church in Calgary. Since I took over from Nicola, we have had wonderful performance singing in both services. We have also been taking 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 confidence in the children in leading to serve as God called us to do and to have fun.

We usually practice most Sundays between services about 10:30 in the Lower Fireside Hall at least for 4 times so that the children could understand the meaning and 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.

Thanks to the parents, guardians and grandparents who bring the children to church so faithfully and 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. 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 now and forever.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Elizabeth Kangong*

### Youth in Harmony, Sounds of Joy, Musical Friends

**2013    ♪ Sounds of Joy    ♪ Musical Friends    ♪**

In the first half of 2013, Sounds of Joy sang regularly in worship, and were joined by Musical Friends for the Youth Service on Christian Family Sunday, which was so much fun and left us with some comforting and some challenging messages and questions:

- the Lord of the gentle breeze **is** the Lord of the rough and tumble
- God, our Waymaker, makes a road, makes a pathway... **always** makes a way for us
- YOU, in the pew... **Does the fact that we're sitting side by side in God's sanctuary make us community? Does it make a difference?**
- Church is **when we walk in truth and show each other love**

The second half of 2013 was a time for 'adjustments'. Shona graduated in June, so Shelby and Lauren bravely continued to meet and get ready for our annual musical for ADVENTure, joined by Ariel, Solomon, Lilwen, Sydney, and our faithful Musical Friends. However... the 'water issues' we experienced at St. Andrew's in December resulted in the cancellation of our ADVENTure programme, the musical included. Although it was sad not to be able to share all the hard work and GREAT message of the musical, we ALL had so much fun practicing and preparing for it, that we were still glad we'd gathered together ~ we know we built stronger relationships, proving there's ALWAYS something to be thankful for if you look for the silver lining!! ☺

**Sounding joyous** in 2013 were **Shona Murray, Shelby Cole, and Lauren Cole.**  
Shona, Shelby, and Lauren – thanks yet again for sharing 'who you are' with all of us!

### Special thanks to:

- **Audrey Cole** for always supporting us, and for your help on the soundboard
- **Inge Murray** for nourishing us with smiles and food
- **Ariel, Solomon, Lilwen and Sydney** for all your hard work for the ADVENTure musical – you were SO MUCH FUN to work with!!
- **Musical Friends** – for ALL of you who join us for our musicals and support us with your voices, your laughter, and your enthusiasm. We truly couldn't do it without **all of you!!!**



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."

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*

### **The Board Of Managers**

In the Presbyterian Church in Canada, oversight of stewardship (financial and property matters) can be done in one of three ways. There can be a Deacon's Court, composed of deacons who are elected in the same way that elders are. There can be a Board of Managers, elected by the congregation and responsible to Session. The Session can take direct responsibility for stewardship, operating through committees of Session (such as Finance, Building, Grounds, etc.) which report directly to Session. For some time, including 2013, St. Andrew's has used the Board of Managers option, but in January of 2014 the Session decided to take direct responsibility for stewardship and is in the process of appointing committees for that purpose. The Session therefore dissolved the Board of Managers with sincere thanks for all the work it has done. The following statement therefore applies to 2013, but not to 2014 and following years:

The board is an administrative rather than a governing body. In the PCC, there is only one governing body in the congregation, the Session, which is ultimately responsible for the actions of all boards, committees, teams or other groups which are part of the congregation. The board of managers is charged with administering the temporal and financial resources of the congregation according to the budget approved by the congregation and any policies adopted by the Session.

Members of the board are elected by the congregation for three year terms and are eligible for re-election. This keeps the board accountable to the congregation and allows great flexibility in the length of time board members continue to serve. As a matter of fact, there is usually a certain amount of turnover of board members.

The work of the board is mainly functional. It is also responsible, in conjunction with the Session, for encouraging stewardship and liberality within the congregation. It is responsible for receiving all the church's financial gifts, disbursing those funds as required by the budget approved by the congregation, and recommending to the Session the use of surplus funds.

All this sounds rather boring, but it is necessary work and we are fortunate to have a group of dedicated people who offer the board and the congregation their time and expertise.

*Rev. Frank Breisch*

### **Board of Managers Report**

Over the last number of years we have celebrated the centennial of the founding of St. Andrew's and in 2012 we marked half a century at the Heritage Drive site. Two-thousand-thirteen was a year to celebrate the future of St. Andrew's.

As a congregation in 2013 we took three important steps for the future of our church – we paid off our debt, we created the Legacy Trust, and the board began development of a plan for the on-going maintenance of our building.

The board played a support role to the Stewardship and Planning team in the debt retirement and the Legacy Trust initiatives. It is a definite stretch to be excited about the maintenance plan but it is important in so many ways.

Tom McIntyre, a civil engineer, was asked by the board to evaluate the state of the building after 50 years. You may have seen the report in "News From the Pews" about his work.

With the McIntyre report in hand, a group of experts from the congregation were recruited to massage it into a plan to keep the building in good health. It is appropriate here to really thank the members of the Facilities Advisory Committee who met in December and began putting together a programme for at least the next ten years. Their comments and advice have helped the board immensely addressing the future needs of the church building.

One of the first initiatives this year under this programme will be replacement of the church's aging boiler. For two or three years the board has been wrestling with the matter. It is a 50-year-old piece of equipment.

Several assessments were done leaving the board with a dilemma; replace the boiler now or wait for a few more years. (One opinion was that the boiler may have years left.)

The advisory committee recommended, and the board has accepted the advice, to proceed immediately with the process that will see the boiler system replaced this year. In short, even though it may have a few years left we are better to replace it when we can control the circumstances than to wait until it fails. Almost certainly a failure would come on one of those frigid winter days causing a high-cost scramble to immediately replace the failed unit.

Ironically, the McIntyre report highlighted the need to replace the aging main sewer pipe probably within the next five years.

Needless to say, the board was a little surprised when we began to experience slow drainage and sewer back-up late this past fall. Extensive testing of the line eventually came to the conclusion that the pipe was blocked and the only alternative was to dig up the line and replace it. (The line was blocked by a number of large rocks. How they got into the pipe remains a mystery.)

As much as this was a nasty surprise there were very positive aspects to the emergency repairs. First, we were going to have to replace the pipe within a few years anyway, so rather than a patch the pipe was completely replaced at minimal additional cost.

The other positive aspect was a policy the board adopted several years ago to set aside funds each year for major maintenance projects. From this set aside money we were able to fund the repair work.

An additional benefit of the McIntyre report is a better cost estimate for some needed work. As a result the 2014 to 2019 budgets will increase the reserves we set aside for major capital projects to keep our building in good health. This report gives the board the ability to prioritise and address some long delayed projects, work that needs to be done, such as electrical wiring in the original building.

Members of the congregation can also take credit. Your continuing support of our church helps us to keep our building in good repair and serving the needs of our congregation.

Below is a list of the members of the board and I want to express my thanks for their participation. Their work behind the scenes keeps our church, from the flower beds to the sewer system, functioning to serve us all.

George Amos	Roger Cole	Derek Wilkinson	Paul Rowe
Penny Bailey	Gordon Forbes	Sean Pepper	Bob Shaw
Rob Cameron	Stephen Henrichsen	Anne Rainbow	

Supporting the board: Rev. Frank Breisch, Dolly Forcade, Rev. Helen Smith

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Brenton Harding,  
The Board of Managers*

## **Legacy Trust Fund**

The Legacy Trust Fund was formally started in 2013 with initial funds of \$510,000 dollars, with \$170,000 dollars being designated to each of the Mission, Worship, and Facility areas. On April 1, 2013 these funds were invested with the Presbyterian Church of Canada General Fund. This fund has extremely low management expenses, invests ethically, and has an operating philosophy oriented towards low risk, capital preserving investments. The fund may not offer the highest returns during up markets, but it has not lost money during any previous down markets.

Returns through the second and third quarter of 2013 were \$8,102.39 in total, or \$2,700.83 dollars each to the Mission, Worship, and Facilities areas. On October 1, 2013 an additional \$25,000 dollars was invested; this was monies raised by the S&P 50:50:50 campaign and has been designated for Facilities. One additional donation was received in late December 2013, and that donation and any monies arising from the final reconciliation of the Building Fund/50:50:50 campaign will be invested in the first quarter of 2014.

Fourth quarter results for the Trust are not yet available; these will be presented to Session and the Board of Managers once they are received. No funds have been released from the Trust yet, however we are hopeful that we will start funding projects in early 2014.

# **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

Unaudited Financial Statements

December 31, 2012 **RESTATED**

NOTE:

The 2012 Financials which were published at the congregational meeting last year contained some errors.

The differences are primarily in reporting transfers of internally restricted amounts and how they affect the operating income and expenses and retained earnings.

The restated numbers take the internally restricted amounts into account and correct any addition errors.

The supplemental Summary of Transfers between Restricted and Unrestricted accounts is included for information only.

# St. Andrew`s Presbyterian Church

## Unaudited Statement of Financial Position

As at

	Restated	December 31, 2012 As published
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	18,381	42,346
Investments	1,852,292	1,820,039
Interest receivable	0	8288
GST receivable	3460	3,460
Prepaid expenses	<u>16543</u>	<u>16,543</u>
	1,890,676	1,890,676
<b>Capital assets</b> (Note 4)	1,067,695	1,067,695
<b>Other assets</b> (Note 5)	<u>20,635</u>	<u>20635</u>
	<u>2,979,006</u>	<u>2,979,005</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6,418	6,418
Sudanese fund	25,573	25,573
Other accounts owing	<u>18,711</u>	<u>18,711</u>
	<u>50,702</u>	<u>50,702</u>
<b>Long term debt</b>		
Faith Bonds (note 7)	91,000	91,000
Personal loan (Note 7)	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>101,000</u>	<u>101,000</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>151,701</u>	<u>151,701</u>
<b>Members' Equity</b>		
Invested in capital assets (Note 8)	951,333	951,324
Internally and externally restricted (Note 9)	1,750,964	1,753,964
Unrestricted	<u>125,008</u>	<u>122,017</u>
	<u>2,827,304</u>	<u>2,827,304</u>
	<u>2,979,006</u>	<u>2,979,006</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

## St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

### Unaudited Statement of Changes in Members` Equity

For the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

**\*\*this was not published\*\***

	<b>2012 - restated</b>			
	<b>Invested in Capital Assets Note ( 8 )</b>	<b>Internally Restricted Note ( 9 )</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Balance – Beginning of year</b>	926,321	1,751,872	116,473	2,794,666
Net Change in investment in capital assets	67,000	(67,000)		-
Excess of (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(41988)</u>	<u>66,093</u>	<u>8,533</u>	<u>32,638</u>
<b>Balance – End of year</b>	<u>951,333</u>	<u>1,750,965</u>	<u>125,006</u>	<u>2,827,304</u>

	<b>2012 –as would have been published</b>			
	<b>Invested in Capital Assets Note ( 8 )</b>	<b>Internally Restricted Note ( 9 )</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Balance – Beginning of year</b>	926,321	1,751,475	111,442	1,106,044
Net Change in investment in capital assets	67,000	-	(67,000)	-
Excess of (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(41988)</u>	<u>2490</u>	<u>51,471</u>	<u>11,973</u>
<b>Balance – End of year</b>	<u>951,333</u>	<u>1,753,965</u>	<u>102,699</u>	<u>1,108,224</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**  
**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31**

	restated	2012 As published
<b>Revenues</b>		
Donations -		
Current		
PAR	210,053	<b>210,053</b>
Envelope and other	<u>312,988</u>	<u><b>301,274</b></u>
 Total	523,041	<b>563,403</b>
Building donations	35,977	<b>35,977</b>
Designated givings		-
Memorial fund	5,230	<b>5,230</b>
Rental and other receipts	65,994	<b>77,708</b>
Benevolent giving	33,028	<b>27,789</b>
Interest and other income	<u>34,442</u>	<u><b>23,427</b></u>
	<u>697,712</u>	<u><b>733,534</b></u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
The Work of St Andrews	<b>33,503</b>	<b>33,503</b>
Memorial fund	<b>5,049</b>	<b>5,049</b>
St Andrews People	<b>358,477</b>	<b>351,352</b>
Administrative expenses	<b>30,976</b>	<b>30,736</b>
Maintenance and operations	<b>119,868</b>	<b>144,221</b>
We Reach Out	<u><b>117,202</b></u>	<u><b>117,202</b></u>
	<u><b>665,075</b></u>	<u><b>682,063</b></u>
 <b>Excess of revenues over expenditures on operating account</b>	<u><b>32,637</b></u>	<u><b>51,471</b></u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31**

	restated	2012 As published
<b>Cash provided by (used for):</b>		
<b>Operating activities:</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenditures for the year	32,637	51,471
Items not affecting cash -	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	32,637	51,471
Amortization of capital assets	<u>41,988</u>	<u>41,988</u>
	74,625	93,459
Changes in non-cash working capital items -		
Decrease (increase) in GST receivable	(679)	(679)
Decrease (increase) in accrued interest	8,288	0
Increase (decrease) in prepaid expenses	(3,574)	(3,574)
Increase(decrease) in current liabilities	<u>(18,770)</u>	<u>(18,770)</u>
	<u>59,890</u>	<u>70,436</u>
<b>Investing activities:</b>		
Purchase of capital assets		-
Increase in other assets	(15,362)	<u>15,360</u>
	<u>(1,751)</u>	
	<u>(17,113)</u>	<u>15,360</u>
<b>Cash provided by (used in) financing activities:</b>		
Repayment of long term debt	(10,000)	(10,000)
Faith Bonds redeemed	<u>(57,000)</u>	<u>(57,000)</u>
	<u>(67,000)</u>	<u>(67,000)</u>
<b>Increase(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Beginning of period	<u>1,894,897</u>	<u>1,892,072</u>
End of period	<u>1,870,674</u>	<u>1,910,868</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**  
**Notes to Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2012**

**1 Purpose of the organization**

St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church (“St. Andrews”) is an intentional missional congregation in which mission is core to our purpose and identity. 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 o Christ’s call to love our neighbor. We will “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 will be visible to the wider community. They will appreciate not only what we are doing but also why we are doing it. In this way our mission is a witness to Christ.

**2 Basis of presentation**

These financial statements include only the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenditures of St. Andrew’s including the memorial fund. They do not include the assets or activities of various self-sustaining groups and organizations associated with St. Andrew’s.

**3 Accounting policies**

**Measurement uncertainty**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires the making of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of the assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the period. Future actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Investments and marketable securities**

Investments, including marketable securities, are carried at cost except where the market value of the investments becomes lower than cost and the decline in value is considered other than temporary, in which case the investments are written down to market value. Investment income is recorded annually.

**Capital assets and amortization**

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair market value at the date of contribution. Amortization is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method as follows:

Building	50 years
Furniture and equipment	20 years

**Financial instruments**

a) The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, term deposits, interest receivable, GST receivable, prepaid expenses and current liabilities approximate their carrying value due to the relatively short term to maturity of the instruments. The fair value of the term deposits approximate their carrying value since the interest rate earned thereon approximates market rates. The fair value of the interest free personal loan cannot be determined as it has no fixed due date.

b) Interest, currency risk and credit risk

It is management’s opinion that St. Andrew’s is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency or credit risk arising from its financial instruments.

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**Revenue recognition**

St. Andrew`s follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

**Capital contributions**

Capital contributions restricted for the purpose of long term debt retirement are recorded in income in the year received.

**Contributed services**

St. Andrews receives a significant benefit in carrying out its activities from services contributed by volunteers. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

**4 Capital assets**

	<u>2012</u>		<u>2011</u>	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Net
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	27,000	-	27,000	27,000
Building	1,683,322	664,518	1,018,805	1,052,471
Furniture and Equipment	<u>166,432</u>	<u>144,542</u>	<u>21,890</u>	<u>14,850</u>
	<u>1,849,755</u>	<u>809,060</u>	<u>1,067,695</u>	<u>1,094,320</u>

**5 Other assets**

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
	\$	\$
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies (face value \$39,043) (Note 6).	<u>20,635</u>	<u>18,884</u>

**6 Future pledge**

St. Andrew`s is named as the owner and beneficiary of life insurance policies on the life of a member who funds the annual payments required by the policy. As at December 31, 2009 the cash surrender value of the policy has been reflected as an asset in the accompanying financial statements.

**7 Personal loan and Faith bonds**

The personal loan is an interest free loan received from a member and is repayable at the rate of \$10,000 per year. This loan will be paid in full in 2013  
The Faith Bonds were issued in 2010 and are redeemable in 2015

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**8 Investment in Capital Assets**

The investment in capital assets consists of the following:

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Capital Assets	1,067,695	1,094,321
Less: Long term debt	<u>101,000</u>	<u>168,000</u>
	<u><u>951,333</u></u>	<u><u>926,321</u></u>

The net change in the investment in capital assets is represented by:

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Capital asset additions	-	-
Repayment of debt	<u>67,000</u>	<u>16,000</u>
	<u><u>67,000</u></u>	<u><u>16,000</u></u>

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

	2012 \$	2011 \$
Amortization of capital asset	<u>41,988</u>	<u><u>36,412</u></u>

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9 Internally restricted member's equity

The internally restricted member's equity is comprised of following:

	2012 published	2012 restated
Building Fund	54,421	51,421
Reserve for Major Repairs	45,172	45,172
Bequests received and not spent	55,145	55,145
Memorial Fund	32,599	32,599
Continuing Education	0	
Youth Conferences Fund	6,913	6,913
Mission Fund	17,803	17,803
Legacy Fund	509,263	509,263
South of Fish Creek Fund	<u>1,032,649</u>	<u>1,032,649</u>
	<u>1,753,965</u>	<u>1,750,965</u>

The excess (deficit) of revenue over exp. Is represented by:

	2012 published	2012 restated
Building Fund - donations	35,977	35,977
Building Fund - debt service	-64,000	-67,000
Major Repairs - reserve	35,000	35,000
Major Repairs - spent	-10,148	-10,148
Bequests received	5,240	5,240
Bequests spent	-1,000	-1,000
Memorial Fund gifts rec'd & int. earned	5,230	5,230
Memorial Fund - ent	-5,049	-5,049
Continuing Education - reserved	0	0
Continuing Education - spent	-6,728	-7,125
Youth Conferences Fund - reserved	500	500
Youth Conferences Fund - spent	0	0
Mission \$\$ - raised	27,789	27,789
Mission \$\$ - spent	-31,096	-31,096
Legacy Fund-rec'd	551	551
South of Fish Creek Fund - rec'd	<u>10,224</u>	<u>10,224</u>
	<u>2,490</u>	<u>(907)</u>

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**  
**Notes to Unaudited Financial Statements**  
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**10 Income tax status**

St. Andrew's is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act ("the Act"). As such, it is exempt from income taxes and is allowed to issue donation receipts for income tax purposes. In order to maintain its status as a registered charitable organization, St. Andrew's must continue to meet certain requirements within the Act.

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**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**  
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**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

Excess of Receipts over Expenditures  
 Reconciliation of Reported and Re-stated  
 For the year ended December 31, 2012

Reported Receipts in Excess of Expenditures	2,702
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**Add: Transfers to Restricted accounts**

Amounts designated for future expenditure

Bequests	4,240
Interest allocated to Legacy/SFCF	10,775
Reserve for Major Repairs	24,853
Youth Conference	500

Total Transfers to Restricted accounts	40,368
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**Less: Transfers from Restricted accounts**

Amounts designated in prior years, spent in current year

Mission	3,308
Continuing Education	7125

Total Transfers from Restricted accounts	<u>10,433</u>
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<b>Net Transfers to and from Restricted accounts</b>	<u>29,935</u>
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Total Receipts in Excess of Expenditures	<u><u>32,637</u></u>
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# **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

Unaudited Financial Statements

December 31, 2013

# Review Engagement Report

## **To the Members of St. Andrew`s Presbyterian Church**

I have reviewed the statement of financial position of St. Andrew`s Presbyterian Church as of December 31, 2013, the statements of revenue and expenditures, changes in member`s equity and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of Session and the Board of Managers of St. Andrew`s Presbyterian Church. My review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to me by session and management.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, St. Andrew`s Presbyterian Church derives revenues from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory verification. Accordingly my review of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the organization and I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations, excess of revenue over expenditures, and liabilities. There may be adjustments to assets and/or member`s equity. These adjustments go back to previous years which require more review.

Except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which might have been determined to be necessary had I been able to satisfy myself concerning the completeness of the revenues referred to in the preceding paragraph, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

**Calgary, Canada  
January 31, 2014**

**Signed  
"R.A. Pollard"**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Receipts and Expenditures to  
December 31, 2013**

	2013 Budget	2013 Actual to Date	2012 Actual to date
<b>Receipts</b>			
<b>Our Sharing</b>			
Church Support (PAR)	225990	229949	210053
Church Support (Envelope)	305232	290047	301274
	531222	519996	511327
Church School	600	457	550
Open Plate	12000	10723	11164
Interest income	23000	43199	34442
Use of space	6000	8112	12704
Other donations	35000	49746	53290
<b>Total Receipts</b>	607822	632233	623477
<b>Expenditures</b>			
<b>The Work of St. Andrew's</b>			
<b>Choir Music &amp; Expenses</b>			
Music and registration	6050	5091	5143
Guest Musicians and other	11050	12092	13532
	17100	17183	18675
<b>Congregational Teams</b>	17210	17608	14828
<b>St. Andrew's People</b>			
Ministers and Ministerial Support(4)	208831	179592	201370
Continuing Education-Ministers	2000	1500	1130
Continuing Education-Members	2300	708	1537
Support Staff Remuneration(5)	115760	106227	111049
Employment Benefits	47000	48995	35561
Search Team		2445	
Leading & Leader Resources	700	224	705
	376591	339691	351352
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>			
Bank Charges	1100	907	1078
Insurance	17500	18443	16260
Office Supplies & Expenses	12000	12790	13398
Transportation	200	0	
	30800	32140	30736

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
**Receipts and Expenditures to**  
**December 31, 2013**

	2013 Budget	2013 Actual to Date	2012 Actual to date
<b>Maintenance &amp; Operations</b>			
<b>Building/Grounds Maintenance</b>	35000	34166	36338
<b>Major Repairs</b>	<b>32,000</b>	32000	35,000
<b>Computer Enhancements</b>	1200	2611	757
<b>Consulting</b>		10500	3844
<b>Utilities</b>	28000	27625	26294
	<hr/> 96200	<hr/> 106901	<hr/> 102233
<b>We Reach Out</b>			
<b>Advertising</b>	1500	1087	1559
<b>Presbyterians Sharing</b>	52222	53241	54239
<b>Presbytery &amp; Synod Dues</b>	34077	34080	29808
<b>Youth Conferences</b>	500	500	
	<hr/> 88299	<hr/> 88907	<hr/> 85606
<b>Total Expenditures On operation account</b>	<hr/> 626200	<hr/> 602430	<hr/> 603430
<b>Excess (deficiency) of receipts over expenditures on operating account</b>	<hr/> -18378	<hr/> 29803	<hr/> 20047

**Notes for 2013 Actual**

- \*\* Interest income includes \$10,603.00 which was transferred to restricted accounts-Ladies Evening Guild, South of Fish Creek, Sudanese, and consequently was not available for operating expenses
- \*\* Other donations includes: Heritage Seniors (3500); Ladies Guild (1000); United Way (16932); Memorial fund (13,399) as well as other donations
- \*\* Ministerial Support includes: Jan, Peter, Frank, Cody, Ben
- \*\* Support Staff includes: Annika, Rhonda, Oscar, Vacation Supply, Nursery, Alice (side x side) and Dolly
- \*\* Search Team expenses are for our Presbytery Reps.
- \*\* Consulting is for the study done on the YMCA property, in 2012 this line was for installation of the Trinity Stained Glass (3844)
- \*\* Presbyterians Sharing includes our allocation 52222 plus 1019 which was donated through the Bridge the Gap program

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
Receipts and Expenditures to  
December 31, 2013**

	2013 Budget	2013 Actual to Date	2012 Actual to date
<b>Building Account</b>			
Faith Bond Donations	30000	92368	34077
<b>Total Faith Bond Receipts</b>	30000	92368	34077
Building Loans - Personal repayments	10000	10000	
Faith bond redemptions		91000	
	10000	101000	0
<b>(added to restricted building fund equity)</b>	20000	-8633	54124
<b>Other income-Legacy Fund Interest (to October 31, 2013)</b>		9102	

# St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

## Unaudited Statement of Financial Position

As at

	December 31, 2013 \$	December 31, 2012 \$
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	44,244	18,381
Investments	1,854,630	1,852,292
Interest receivable		
GST receivable	3,807	3,460
Prepaid expenses	<u>7,918</u>	<u>16,543</u>
	1,910,599	1,890,676
<b>Capital assets</b> (Note 4)	1,040,004	1,067,695
<b>Other assets</b> (Note 5)	<u>21,080</u>	<u>20,635</u>
	<u><u>2,971,683</u></u>	<u><u>2,979,005</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Current</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	9,929	6,418
Sudanese fund	27,502	25,573
Other accounts owing	<u>22,407</u>	<u>18,711</u>
	<u>59,838</u>	<u>50,702</u>
<b>Long term debt</b>		
Faith Bonds (note 7)	0	91,000
Personal loan (Note 7)	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>
	<u>0</u>	101,000
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>0</u>	<u>151,701</u>
<b>Members' Equity</b>		
Invested in capital assets (Note 8)	1,003,654	951,333
Internally and externally restricted (Note 9)	1,763,986	1,750,964
Unrestricted	<u>144,205</u>	<u>125,008</u>
	<u>2,911,845</u>	<u>2,827,304</u>
	<u><u>2,971,683</u></u>	<u><u>2,979,005</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**  
 Unaudited Statement of Changes in Members` Equity  
 For the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012

	<b>2013</b>			
	<b>Invested in Capital Assets Note ( 8 ) \$</b>	<b>Internally Restricted Note ( 9 ) \$</b>	<b>Unrestricted \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<b>Balance – Beginning of year</b>	951,333	1,750,965	125,006	2,827,304
Net Change in investment in capital assets	90,000	(90,000)	-	-
Excess of (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(37,679)</u>	<u>103,021</u>	<u>19,200</u>	<u>84,542</u>
<b>Balance – End of year</b>	<u><u>1,003,654</u></u>	<u><u>1,763,986</u></u>	<u><u>144,206</u></u>	<u><u>2,911,846</u></u>
	<b>2012</b>			
	<b>Invested in Capital Assets Note ( 8 ) \$</b>	<b>Internally Restricted Note ( 9 ) \$</b>	<b>Unrestricted \$</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
<b>Balance – Beginning of year</b>	926,321	1,751,872	116,473	2,794,666
Net Change in investment in capital assets	67,000	(67,000)	-	-
Excess of (deficit) of revenues over expenditures	<u>(41,988)</u>	<u>66,093</u>	<u>8,533</u>	<u>32,638</u>
<b>Balance – End of year</b>	<u><u>951,333</u></u>	<u><u>1,750,965</u></u>	<u><u>125,006</u></u>	<u><u>2,827,304</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**  
**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31**

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
<b>Revenues</b>		
Donations -		
Current		
PAR	229,949	210,053
Envelope and other	<u>301,227</u>	<u>312,988</u>
Total	531,176	523,041
Building donations	92,368	35,977
Designated givings	-	
Memorial fund	6,206	5,230
Rental and other receipts	57,858	65,994
Benevolent giving	41,072	33,028
Interest and other income	<u>32,699</u>	<u>34,442</u>
	<u>761,379</u>	<u>697,712</u>
<b>Expenditures</b>		
The Work of St Andrews	34,791	33,503
Memorial fund	13,443	5,049
St Andrews People	338,191	358,477
Administrative expenses	32,140	30,976
Maintenance and operations	139,098	119,368
We Reach Out	<u>119,174</u>	<u>117,202</u>
	<u>676,837</u>	<u>665,075</u>
<b>Excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	<u>84,542</u>	<u>32,637</u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**  
**STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31**

	2013	2012
	\$	\$
<b>Cash provided by (used for):</b>		
<b>Operating activities:</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenditures for the year	84,542	32,637
Items not affecting cash -		
Amortization of capital assets	<u>37,679</u>	<u>41,988</u>
	122,221	74,625
Changes in non-cash working capital items -		
Decrease (increase) in GST receivable	(347)	(679)
Decrease (increase) in accrued interest	0	8,288
Increase (decrease) in prepaid expenses	8,625	(3,574)
Increase(decrease) in current liabilities	<u>9,136</u>	<u>(18,770)</u>
	<u>139,634</u>	<u>59,890</u>
<b>Investing activities:</b>		
Purchase of capital assets	(9,988)	(15,362)
Increase in other assets	<u>(445)</u>	<u>(1,751)</u>
	<u>(10,433)</u>	<u>(17,113)</u>
<b>Cash provided by (used in) financing activities:</b>		
Repayment of long term debt	(10,000)	(10,000)
Faith Bonds redeemed	<u>(91,000)</u>	<u>(57,000)</u>
	<u>(101,000)</u>	<u>(67,000)</u>
<b>Increase(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>		
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>		
Beginning of period	<u>1,870,674</u>	<u>1,894,897</u>
End of period	<u><u>1,898,874</u></u>	<u><u>1,870,674</u></u>

The accompanying notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**  
**Notes to Unaudited Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2013**

**1 Purpose of the organization**

St. Andrew`s Presbyterian Church (`St. Andrews`) is an intentional missional congregation in which mission is core to our purpose and identity. 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 o Christ`s call to love our neighbor. We will "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 will be visible to the wider community. They will appreciate not only what we are doing but also why we are doing it. In this way our mission is a witness to Christ.

**2 Basis of presentation**

These financial statements include only the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenditures of St. Andrew`s including the memorial fund. They do not include the assets or activities of various self-sustaining groups and organizations associated with St. Andrew`s.

**3 Accounting policies**

**Measurement uncertainty**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires the making of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of the assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the period. Future actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Investments and marketable securities**

Investments, including marketable securities, are carried at cost except where the market value of the investments becomes lower than cost and the decline in value is considered other than temporary, in which case the investments are written down to market value. Investment income is recorded annually.

**Capital assets and amortization**

Purchased capital assets are recorded at cost. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair market value at the date of contribution. Amortization is provided over the estimated useful lives of the assets using the straight-line method as follows:

Building	50 years
Furniture and equipment	20 years

**Financial instruments**

a) The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, term deposits, interest receivable, GST receivable, prepaid expenses and current liabilities approximate their carrying value due to the relatively short term to maturity of the instruments. The fair value of the term deposits approximate their carrying value since the interest rate earned thereon approximates market rates. The fair value of the interest free personal loan cannot be determined as it has no fixed due date.

b) Interest, currency risk and credit risk

It is management`s opinion that St. Andrew`s is not exposed to significant interest rate, currency or credit risk arising from its financial instruments.

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**Revenue recognition**

St. Andrew's follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Restricted investment income is recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted investment income is recognized as revenue when earned.

**Capital contributions**

Capital contributions restricted for the purpose of long term debt retirement are recorded in income in the year received.

**Contributed services**

St. Andrews receives a significant benefit in carrying out its activities from services contributed by volunteers. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

**4 Capital assets**

	<u>2013</u>		<u>2012</u>	
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Net
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land	27,000	-	27,000	27,000
Building	1,683,322	693,376	989,946	1,018,805
Furniture and Equipment	<u>176,421</u>	<u>153,363</u>	<u>23,058</u>	<u>21,890</u>
	<u>1,886,743</u>	<u>846,740</u>	<u>1,040,004</u>	<u>1,067,695</u>

**5 Other assets**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
	\$	\$
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies (face value \$39,043) (Note 6).	<u>21,080</u>	<u>20,635</u>

**6 Future pledge**

St. Andrew's is named as the owner and beneficiary of life insurance policies on the life of a member who funds the annual payments required by the policy. As at December 31, 2009 the cash surrender value of the policy has been reflected as an asset in the accompanying financial statements.

**7 Personal loan and Faith bonds**

The personal loan is an interest free loan received from a member and is repayable at the rate of \$10,000 per year. This loan was paid in full in 2013  
The Faith Bonds were issued in 2010 and are redeemable in 2015. All Faith Bonds were paid in full in 2013.

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**8 Investment in Capital Assets**

The investment in capital assets consists of the following:

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Capital Assets	1,040,004	1,067,695
Less: Long term debt	<u>0</u>	<u>101,000</u>
	<u><u>1,040,004</u></u>	<u><u>966,695</u></u>

The net change in the investment in capital assets is represented by:

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Capital asset additions	9,989	-
Repayment of debt	<u>90,000</u>	<u>67,000</u>
	<u><u>90,000</u></u>	<u><u>67,000</u></u>

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

	2013 \$	2012 \$
Amortization of capital asset	<u><u>37,679</u></u>	<u><u>41,988</u></u>

*Note:*

*Investment in capital Assets Account is out of sync with its corresponding balance sheet account. An analysis is currently underway.*

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9 Internally restricted member's equity

The internally restricted member's equity is comprised of following:

	2013	2012
Building Fund	28,788	51,421
Reserve for Major Repairs	50,653	45,172
Bequests received and not spent	46,125	55,145
Memorial Fund	25,362	32,599
Cont. Education	1,500	0
Youth Conferences Fund	7,413	6,913
Mission Fund	17,803	17,803
Legacy Fund	543,366	509,263
South of Fish Creek Fund	<u>1,042,975</u>	<u>1,032,649</u>
	<u>1,763,985</u>	<u>1,750,965</u>

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

	2013	2012
Building Fund - donations	92,368	35,977
Building Fund - debt service	(115,000)	(67,000)
Major Repairs - reserve	32,000	35,000
Major Reprs -spent	(26,518)	(10,148)
Bequests received	2,480	5,240
Bequests spent	(11,500)	(1,000)
Memorial Fund gifts rec'd & int. earned	13,443	5,230
Mem. Fund -spent	(6,206)	(5,049)
Continuing Education - reserved	1,500	0
Continuing Education - spent	0	(7,125)
Youth Conferences Fund - reserved	500	500
Youth Conferences Fund - spent	0	0
Mission - raised	29,489	27,789
Mission Fund - spent	(29,489)	(31,096)
Legacy Fund- rec'd	34,102	551
South of Fish Creek Fund - rec'd	<u>10,326</u>	<u>10,224</u>
	<u>13,021</u>	<u>(907)</u>

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**10 Income tax status**

St. Andrew's is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act ("the Act"). As such, it is exempt from income taxes and is allowed to issue donation receipts for income tax purposes. In order to maintain its status as a registered charitable organization, St. Andrew's must continue to meet certain requirements within the Act.

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**St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

Summary of Transfers between Restricted and Unrestricted Accounts

For the year ended December 31, 2013

Total Receipts in Excess of Expenditures 84,542

**Add: Transfers from Restricted accounts**

Amounts designated in prior years, spent in current year

Investment in Capital Assets (Amortization)	37,679
Bequests	9,020
Memorial Fund	7,237

Total Transfers from Restricted accounts 53,936

**Less: Transfers to Restricted accounts**

Amounts designated for future expenditure

Building	92,368
South Fish Creek Fund	10,326
Legacy Fund	9,102
Reserve for Major Repairs	5,482
Continuing Education	1,500
Youth Conference	500

Total Transfers to Restricted accounts 119,278

**Net Transfers to and from Restricted accounts** 65,342

Operating Receipts in Excess of Expenditures 19,200

# **St. Andrews Presbyterian Church**

2014 Budget

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**  
**Draft Budget to**  
**December 31, 2014**

	2014 Budget	2013 Budget	2,013 Actual
<b>Receipts</b>			
<b>Our Sharing</b>			
Church Support (PAR)	241,400	225,990	229,949
Church Support (Envelope)	294,196	305,232	290,047
	<b>535,596</b>	<b>531,222</b>	<b>519,996</b>
Church School	800	600	457
Open Plate	10,000	12,000	10,723
Interest income	40,000	23,000	43,199
Use of space	6,000	6,000	8,112
Other donations	35,000	35,000	49,746
	<b>91,800</b>	<b>76,600</b>	<b>112,237</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>627,396</b>	<b>607,822</b>	<b>632,233</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
<b>The Work of St. Andrew's</b>			
<b>Choir Music &amp; Expenses</b>			
Music and registration	6,000	6,050	5,091
Guest Musicians and other	9,000	11,050	12,092
	<b>15,000</b>	<b>17,100</b>	<b>17,183</b>
<b>Congregational Teams</b>			
Missions	2,000	2,000	991
Pastoral Care/Bereavement	1,000	3,000	3,984
Christian Education	9,500	9,350	9,676
Communion & Districts	200	160	12
Welcome and Fellowship	1,200	1,500	1,129
Stewardship & Planning			535
Side by Side	4,000		
Worship & Nurture	1,200	1,200	1,281
	<b>19,100</b>	<b>17,210</b>	<b>17,608</b>
<b>St. Andrew's People</b>			
Ministers & Ministerial Support(4)	202,741	208,831	179,592
Continuing Education-Ministers	2,000	2,000	1,500
Continuing Education-Members	2,300	2,300	708
Support Staff Remuneration(5)	108,259	115,760	106,227
Employment Benefits	53,000	47,000	48,995
Leading & Leader Resources	800	700	224
Search Team	25,000		2,445
	<b>394,100</b>	<b>376,591</b>	<b>339,691</b>

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

**Draft Budget to  
December 31, 2014**

	2014 Budget	2013 Budget	2,013 Actual
<b>Administrative Expenses</b>			
Bank Charges	1,125	1,100	907
Insurance	11,000	17,500	18,443
Office Supplies & Expenses	12,240	12,000	12,790
Transportation	200	200	
	<b>24565</b>	<b>30,800</b>	<b>32,140</b>
<b>Maintenance &amp; Operations</b>			
Building/Grounds Maintenance	35,000	35,000	34,166
Major Repairs	80,000	32,000	32,000
Money allocated in prior years	-30,000		
Computer Enhancements	1,200	1,200	2,611
Consulting Fee YMCA property			10,500
Utilities	28,840	28,000	27,625
	<b>115,040</b>	<b>96,200</b>	<b>106,901</b>
<b>We Reach Out</b>			
Advertising	1,500	1,500	1,087
Presbyterians Sharing	50,596	52,222	52,222
Bridge the Gap			1,019
Presbytery & Synod Dues	25,298	34,077	34,080
Youth Conferences	600	500	500
	<b>77,994</b>	<b>88,299</b>	<b>88,908</b>
<b>Total Expenditures on operation account</b>	<b>645,799</b>	<b>626,200</b>	<b>602,431</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of receipts over expenditures on operating account</b>	<b>-18,403 -</b>	<b>18,378</b>	<b>29,802</b>

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"The chance to work on behalf of The PCC has been extremely rewarding. It was incredible to play an active role in delivering healthcare in the community of Ekwendeni, and to see firsthand the work that is being done in Malawi through the PCC."

— Dr. Ian Persaud, Short Term Volunteer, Malawi



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"I am extremely excited and happy to witness each member of our congregation learning about God. I am grateful to see them overcoming the cultural barriers, economic difficulties, loneliness and many other hardships of life as first generation immigrants."

— Rev. Eunsung Moon, Sohrae Church, Toronto



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"Thank you so much for your support. You cannot know what it means to us. Please keep Stonegate Ministry and our community in your prayers."

— Rev. Linda Dixon, Stonegate Ministry, ON



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"The PCC is doing something beyond the words of its Confession through the healing and reconciliation work of Hummingbird Ministries. For this, First Nations people at Hummingbird are grateful."

— Rev. Mary Fontaine, Hummingbird Ministries, Richmond, BC



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"We wish to be, by our words and our actions, here in our own community, convincing proofs that Jesus is alive!"

— Revs. Kirk and Allyson MacLeod,  
Keswick Church, Keswick, ON

# As God sent Christ to us, so Christ sends us into the world. We are here to proclaim Christ in word and deed.

Living Faith 9.1.1

Just after Christmas our family was driving through one of the many villages lining the highway.

Through my car window these villages looked alike: thatched huts, a few stalls selling fresh vegetables and old chickens, a one-roomed store crammed with stuff, kids kicking a homemade ball around a field.

Nothing in particular to take notice of; then I thought I saw Joseph, Mary, and the baby Jesus.

The man was pedaling an old bicycle, wobbling up the shoulder of the road. His wife was sitting over the back fender, her arms wrapped tightly around his waist. A baby was fast asleep on her back, swaddled in a colorful *chitenge* (a large piece of cloth). Now if it's true – as Malawian friends tell me – that the bicycle is southern Africa's real beast of burden, moving everything from sugarcane to people – then it might have been the Holy Family that I saw. Maybe they were on their flight to Egypt? But the truth is I was going too fast to get a second look. We roared past at 90 km an hour, our tailwind shuddering his bike and flapping her *chitenge*.

I've realized of late that I move too fast for this country. Malawi moves slowly, as in 6 km an hour – average walking speed. The guidebooks sell this as Malawi's "relaxed" and "laidback" ethos. Let's face it: it's mostly because of poverty. True, some folks own bikes and a few have cars. Yes, the cities are sprawling and more and more people have cell phones and bank cards, but Malawi remains largely rural, overwhelmingly poor and very slow. Folks wait in long lines to get what they need, whether its medicine at the hospital or fertilizer for their fields. And most have to walk to get where they need to go. This country moves along at 6 km an hour, as I hurtle along at 90 km an hour.

Of course I'm making attempts to get to know Malawi, from studying Chichewa to reading books to asking lots of questions of Malawian colleagues and friends. But I still move too fast: a high-speed, high-tech, high-stress, errand running, hurry-up 'Westerner' in a land of long walks and long waits. And I'm coming to realize that my upbringing may have left me too fast for God.

Because God, like Malawi, moves slowly. This is a frustrating fact of the Bible. It seems that God takes his time to do anything important. He could have made the world in seven seconds; instead, he took seven days. He let his people suffer as slaves in Egypt for years before he brought them to the Promised Land.

And before they got there, God moved the people of Israel through the desert at 6 km an hour for forty years. We 'hurry-up' Canadians typically skip over the tedious opening chapter of Matthew, which chronicles generation after generation after generation living and dying before Jesus finally arrives. God has a plan of salvation – but it plays out in slow motion, and despite Christ's assurance that "behold, I am coming soon", Christians are still waiting to see it finished!

Can our supersonic, twittering, high-speed internet, fast food culture bear with a God of long walks and long waits? I was thinking about this when I came across a book called *Waterbuffalo Theology* in Zomba Theological College's library. Kosuke Koyama, a Japanese missionary in rural Thailand, left his skyscrapered and Sony-ed homeland to work among Thai farmers in rice-paddies and mango plantations. Like me he suffered culture shock which left him pondering why it is that God, according to the Bible, typically moves as slowly as the farmers' plodding water buffaloes. He concluded that if God is love, as the Bible says, he is with people for the long haul. Koyama wrote: "Since God is love, he always prepared to operate in history 'inefficiently'. God's love proves its genuineness by working its way through history without magic formula, easy quick fixes or technologically efficient ways."

It's something to think about – if you have time.

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