

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH  
HALIFAX, N.S.**



**OUR PURPOSE**

We strive to be a people of God who welcome, worship, care and grow in faith through Jesus Christ. We accept the challenge to witness in action in our community and the world, and we nurture our hopes for the future.

**2015  
ANNUAL REPORT  
198<sup>th</sup> YEAR**

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## In Memorium 2015

Marion Archibald

Sheila Boylan

Mary Buckrell

Winnifred Ruby Farnell

Alan DeNyse Fetterly

Joyce Fry

Mary Gold

Laura Elizabeth Graham-Young

Dorothy Kelley

Dr. G. Ross Langley

Sheila Lauraine Lindsay

Marian Louise MacFadden

Stewart Norman MacMillan

Mildred Robinson

Dr. Douglas Leonard Roy

Jean Roy

Gilbert Roy Steed

W. Grant Thompson

John (Jack) H. Walsh

Loving God,

We thank You for those who have gone before us – your people who served and worshiped in this place. We are grateful for their contribution and we ask for grace and strength to build on their foundation. May we continue to serve You in ways of love and faithfulness. Amen.

## Lead Minister's Letter

Friends,

This letter is for the annual report for 2015 but I'm going to write mostly about 2016. My very strong hope is that in 2016 we are going to dive headlong into some initiatives that have been delayed for a year or two by fires, fraud, and staff departures. First on that list is the Year of Invitation. This is a year in which we announce more intentionally and broadly to the community of Halifax that we are here, we are a different kind of community than most people assume as they zip by in their cars, and that we are ready to welcome a great variety of people – to join us, to partner with us in mission, or to seek refuge and hospitality.

In order to get into the right groove for the Year of Invitation, however, we need to do some serious prep work. First of all, we need to grow a little stronger in our ministry of hospitality. Frankly, we're pretty good at this, but this aspect of church life is evermore essential, so let's build on our strength. The vision is that when newcomers and long-standing members alike arrive on a Sunday, they will be met with welcoming faces, smells, tastes, and conversation from 9am through lunch. In the season of Lent, we're going to push the envelope a little further in this direction by having coffee and muffins available at 9am when the Animate Faith sessions begin. Can we keep this going beyond Lent? Can we expand coffee time into stone soup lunches available every Sunday starting this fall? I hope so.

A second kind of prep work is getting *the tone, the ethos*, of invitation right before the Year of Invitation begins. A recent Sunday's worship message was very much about this. If you missed it, please check out the recording: <http://www.standrewshfx.ca/recent-sermons/audio-sermon-russ-daye-we-need-a-new-culture-of-leadership/> Also, check out this blog if you have time: <http://effectivechurch.com/blog/is-it-the-end-of-contemporary-worship/> These will give you a taste of the shift in ethos I'm talking about. There will also be some other opportunities. There should be a congregational retreat with some exciting guest leaders on the weekend of April 15-17. Please try to keep these open.

As usual, I look back on the past year with very strong gratitude for all our lay leaders - this time for seeing us through the end of the fire and fraud challenges, for keeping worship fresh and interesting, for developing our strategic plan, for improving our financial procedures and governance, for all the refugee support and social justice work, for hospitality to those on the margins, and for the growing depth of our small groups - to name just some of the vital contours of our life together. I'm also grateful to be working with such a strong set of staff colleagues at St. A's.

I am feeling very upbeat about 2016. To me, this feels like our time ... Put on your seatbelt!

Russ

### **Chair of Council's Letter**

The past year at Saint Andrews has been a very busy one focused on recovery and renewal. The fraud and fire of the previous year continued to occupy a great deal of time and energy. The transition in the church leadership team has involved a steep learning curve for the new faces on Council, all of whom have benefited greatly from the experience and advice of those who have served previously. Our past Chair, Carole Cooley, has continued to provide outstanding leadership in dealing with the police fraud and fire investigation, working on the fire insurance claim, and dealing with the bank on accountability for financial loss. Under Ian Sutherland's dedicated guidance a stewardship campaign was launched to strengthen the church's financial situation. We hired a talented new church administrator, Linda Burrows, to administer day-to-day activities and provide critical staff support. Thanks to the stellar work of Susan Chisholm we were able to cope effectively with the recent departure of Kevin Little to minister to another congregation. Our treasurer John Gunn has taken hold of the accounts and we now have a strong base of financial information and improved financial control. Audiovisual improvements to the sanctuary make it easier for everyone to hear, see and participate in services. Kevin Parks our Minister of Music and a talented team of musicians, vocalists and choir delivered another wonderful year of musical experience.

Saint Andrews has a longstanding commitment to outreach and caring that has been demonstrated again and again, such as the response to the Syrian refugee crisis, the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, support of Brunswick Street Mission, hosting of Sunday Suppers and Foot Care Clinic, and building relationships with denominations and other religious groups across our community.

Now that we are moving forward from the disruption of the fire and fraud, the coming year will launch the Year of Invitation, and focus on Saint Andrews as a place where all are welcome.

We made important progress on beginning the development of a strategic plan to define the church's priorities and future direction. This work will continue in the coming year and will focus on both the opportunities and the challenges affecting the church's ongoing mission.

With Eric Roe as a very able chair, a committee of dedicated volunteers has focused on the plight of Syrian refugees, and has made impressive progress in gathering necessary resources to bring a family to Nova Scotia and to support the critical work of an on-the-ground outreach partner church working with refugees in camps in Lebanon.

Thanks to a generous donation from the Buckrell family, we are blessed with a sparkling and modern new kitchen! This wonderful gift will provide long term benefits to the congregation and to the many other diverse groups who use the church's facilities.

I particularly want to express my thanks and appreciation to our professional ministerial staff, support personnel, committee chairs, and all the other dedicated volunteers without whom Saint Andrews could not function. They have made it possible to continue to deliver and enhance the mission of Saint Andrews.

Finally, a big "thank you" to my colleagues on Council for their commitment and dedication to continuing the good works of Saint Andrews. I look forward to 2016.

Lorne Ferguson

### **Congregational Roll – 2015**

Number of households under pastoral care– January 1, 2015      353

Number of households under pastoral care - December 31, 2015      338

Members – January 1      336

Members – December 31      310

Adherents – January 1      334

Adherents – December 31      340

Total Congregation – January 1      671

Total Congregation – December 31      650

The member designation is given to both adults and youth who were confirmed in the United Church. Adherents are those of all ages, including children who have not been confirmed or who were confirmed at another church and have not transferred their membership to St. Andrew's. If your membership is with another church and you wish to transfer to St. Andrew's, please call our church office. Transfer of membership may be done at any time.

During 2015, there was 1 confirmation.

Every United Church must keep a membership register. St. Andrew's register began in 1925 when the United Church was formed. The register contains the names of every person who is or has been a member. This includes persons who no longer attend St. Andrew's, but have not transferred membership to another congregation. These persons are considered to be "non-residents". Some may begin attending again and some may transfer their membership. As of December 31, there were a total of 70 on the non-resident list.

For 2015

Number of funerals    16

Number of baptisms    4

Number of weddings    10

Transfers of members in    9

Transfers of members out    3

## **Council & Committee Membership 2016**

**Note: Term Ends At Annual General Meeting Held Following Year Noted Below:**

### **COUNCIL**

Lorne Ferguson, Chair (2016)  
John Finley, Vice Chair of Council and Chair of Management (2016)  
Carole Cooley, Past Chair & Communications Co-Chair (2016)  
Barbara Karten, Secretary (2017)  
John Gunn, Treasurer (2016)  
John Young, Board of Trustees Chair  
Treena Faloon, Faith Formation Chair (2017)  
TBD, UCW Representative  
Margaret MacKay, Ministry & Personnel Co-Chair (2018)  
Barb Stonehouse, Ministry & Personnel Co-Chair (2016)  
TBD, Presbytery Representative  
Penny Bedal, Worship & Music Co-Chair (2017)  
Krista Locke, Worship & Music Co-Chair (2017)  
Betty Anderson, Pastoral Care Chair (2016)  
Ian Sutherland, Stewardship Co-Chair (2016)  
Karen Ferguson, Communications Co-Chair (2017)  
TBD, Outreach Chair  
Eric Roe – Member at Large (2017)  
Bob Hanf – Member at Large (2017)  
Dana-Lynn Farrell, Youth Member at Large (2017)  
Rev. Dr. Russell Daye, Covenanted Staff  
Caitlyn Weir, Faith Formation Minister

### **PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVES**

Doug Brown	Kevin Selig
Linda Scherzinger	Sherry Hassanali

### **TRUSTEES** (as confirmed by Board of Trustees)

John Young, Chair	Justin McDonough, Vice Chair
Frank Sommerville, Past Chair	Dale Noseworthy, Treasurer
George Buckrell, Vice Chair	David Stewart
Wayne MacLean	Charlotte Sutherland, Secretary

### **MINISTRY & PERSONNEL**

Margaret MacKay, Co-Chair (2016)	Barb Stonehouse, Co-Chair (2016)
Don Couse (2016)	Tricia MacLeod (2017)
Bob Shepherd (2018)	Roy Hayward (2018)

**WORSHIP & MUSIC**

Penny Bedal, Co-Chair (2017)  
Heather Chase (2017)  
Susan Alexander  
Kevin Parks, Ex Officio  
Caitlyn Weir, Ex Officio

Krista Locke, Co-Chair (2016)  
Margaret MacKay (Communion Chair) (2016)  
Robert (Bob) Shepherd (2016)  
Russ Daye, Ex Officio

**COMMUNION**

Margaret MacKay, Chair (2016)  
Sherry Hassanali (2016)  
Joan MacVicar (2016)

Margot Robar (2016)  
Linda Bird  
Michael Bird

**HOSPITALITY**

Trish Betts, Chair (2016)  
Frank Sommerville

Sandy MacLean, Co-Chair (2016)  
Jacqui Warkentin

**WELCOMING**

Carol Young, Chair

Vivian Layton (2017)

**MANAGEMENT**

John Finley, Chair, and Vice Chair of Council  
John Gunn (2016)  
Frank Sommerville (Trustees Chair)

Terry Brennan (Church & Hall)  
John Wilson (Insurance) (2017)

**CHURCH & HALL**

Terry Brennan, Chair (2017)  
Wayne MacLean (2016)  
Doug MacIntosh (2016)

Doug MacLean (2017)

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

John Gunn, Chair (2016)  
Peter Boudreau (2017)  
George Buckrell (2016)

Bruce Nauss (2017)  
John Wilson (2017)

**FAITH FORMATION**

Treena Faloon, Chair (2017)  
Jocelyn Corkum (2016)  
Christine Balan

Kelly Kitamura (2016)  
Caitlyn Weir, Faith Formation Minister,  
Ex-officio

**LIBRARY**

Betty Sutherland, Chair (2017)  
Grant Cooke (2017)  
Karen Ferguson (2016)

Bev Twohig



**PASTORAL CARE**

Betty Anderson, Chair (2017)  
Marion Anderson (2017)  
Joan Auld (2016)  
Jean Chapman (2016)  
Rev. Dale Chisholm (2016)

Ken Penrose  
Jean Shaw (2016)  
Janet Skiba (2017)  
Alma Hayward (2016)

**ROLLS**

Margot Robar, Chair (2016)

Joan McVicar (2016)

**MEMORIALS**

Marilyn Corkum, Chair (2017)

Betty Anderson (2016)

**STEWARDSHIP**

Ian Sutherland, Chair (2016)

Mark Simpson (2017)

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Carole Cooley, Co-Chair (2017)  
Peter Butler (2017)  
Hugh Creighton (2017)  
Shelley Meisner

Karen Ferguson, Co-Chair (2017)  
Jennifer Callbeck  
Kevin Parks, Ex officio

**OUTREACH**

TBD, Chair  
Pam Brown (2016)  
Elaine Gunn (2017)

Carol MacLean (2016)  
Janet Skiba (2016)

**REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP**

Eric Roe, Chair  
Jack Warkentin  
Bill Mason  
Susan Zurawski  
Hashem Abou-Shahla  
Jennifer Stevens-Ross

Linda Scherzinger  
Janet de Saint Sardos  
Jacqui Warkentin  
Dean Robertson  
Ellen Taylor

**MISSION & SERVICE**

Vacant

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**Minutes of the 197<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**  
**March 29, 2015**

**1. Welcome**

The meeting was called to order by Carole Cooley at 12 pm.

**2. Opening Prayer**

Kevin Little opened the meeting with a prayer.

**3. In Memoriam**

Margot Robar read the names of the members and adherents who passed away in 2014.

**4. Election of Chair and Secretary**

Carole Cooley asked for nominations for chair and secretary for the meeting.

*Motion by Ian Sutherland to nominate Russ Adams as Chair for the meeting. Seconded by Trish Betts. Motion carried.*

*Motion by Ruth Cordes to nominate Barbara Karten as secretary for the meeting. Seconded by Charlotte Sutherland. Motion carried.*

Carole handed the meeting over to Russ Adams.

**5. Voting Privileges**

Russ Adams asked for a motion to extend voting privileges to adherents of the congregation

*Motion by Trish Betts to extend voting privileges to adherents of the church. Seconded by Betty Sutherland. Motion carried.*

**6. Approval of Agenda – Russ Adams**

Russ Adams asked whether there were items to add to the agenda. No items were brought forward.

*Motion by Frank Sommerville to approve the agenda as circulated. Seconded by Trish Betts. Motion carried.*

**7. Approval of Minutes of February 22, 2014 Annual Meeting – Russ Adams**

Russ Adams asked for comments and corrections regarding the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on February 23, 2014. No comments or corrections were brought forward.

*Motion by Trish Betts to approve the minutes as circulated. Seconded by Doug Brown. Motion carried.*

## **8. Committee Reports – Russ Adams**

Russ Adams asked whether there were any questions or comments regarding the Annual Committee Reports as printed in the Annual Report. No questions or comments were brought forward.

*Motion by Frank Sommerville to approve the committee reports as circulated. Seconded by Trish Betts. Motion carried.*

## **9. Nominating Committee Report – Carole Cooley**

Carole Cooley explained that the main nominations report was approved at a separate meeting on February 22, 2015. Two names were to be added to the nominations report:

- Nomination of Marilyn Corkum as chair of the memorial committee.
- Nomination of Vivian Layton as a member of the welcoming committee.

*Motion by Carole Cooley to approve the two additional nominations as read. Seconded by Ian Sutherland. Motion carried.*

## **10. Presentation re Kitchen Renovations – Brien Fraser**

Brien Fraser from the site renewal committee presented the plans for a kitchen renovation. Brien explained that the committee, namely Brien Fraser, Eric Burchill and Linda Frank, were asked to plan kitchen renovations in consultation with the main stakeholders. A key goal was to update the kitchen so that it will continue to meet the health and safety regulations. Brien explained that Mary and George Buckrell had given St. Andrew's a very generous gift of \$75,000 for the kitchen renovation. St. Andrew's has also obtained kitchen equipment from St. David's Presbyterian Church that St. David's no longer needed after giving up its kitchen. The equipment has been in storage at St. Andrew's since the past summer. The committee had two separate consultation sessions with the key stakeholders, including the UCW, the hospitality committee, University suppers, the sextons, organizers of Sunday suppers and representatives of Phoenix Youth. The committee also sought written input from stakeholders. Brien outlined the key items that were identified by the stakeholders as necessary to renovate, and then asked the congregation for questions and input regarding the information presented to that point.

Peter Corkum stated that he had been asked by George Buckrell to act as overseer of the kitchen renovation project, and offered his help to obtain quotes and prices for the equipment that needed to be purchased. Brien thanked Peter Corkum for his offer.

Brien presented a draft scope of work, and explained that the committee planned to present a more detailed plan for the renovations to Council in June, and to tender the work in June/July. The work itself is planned for a 4 to 6 week time span beginning in August once the GO project has finished their use of the St. Andrew's facilities.

Some questions were asked around the state of the equipment obtained from St. David's, and the impact of the renovations on events taking place in the hall and kitchen during that time. It was also suggested to retain the services of a professional kitchen designer. Brien explained that the equipment would be professionally assessed before the final decision, and that the committee had taken questions of energy efficiency and the

ecological impact of new vs. used equipment into consideration. Russ Daye added that the Sunday supper group was discussing options to deal with the disruptions.

#### **11. Presentation re Audio Visual Upgrades – Russ Daye**

Russ Daye explained that the audio system in the Sanctuary had been upgraded a few years previously, and the audio system in the hall was upgraded in the past year with the help of a generous donation by Brunswick Street United Church. However, the visual system in the Sanctuary still needs to be upgraded, because the screen is hard to see and the system is unreliable and difficult to operate. Russ said that the Site Renewal Committee had researched different systems, and has been on site visits to several churches who had recently installed new visual systems, for example Knox United and Sackville United Church. Most churches had decided on a system with retractable screens instead of monitors that would always be visible. Russ explained that the screens would be mounted at the front arch of the sanctuary, and that they would hardly be visible when retracted. A double monitor would be mounted to the balcony. The site renewal committee had originally approached five different companies, and finally obtained a detailed quote for a retractable screen system from Backman Vidcom, which is the local company that installed comparable systems in several other churches and in the IWK. The company has performed in acoustic assessment and is very committed to delivering a good product. The costs for equipment and labour are estimated to be \$17,586 with tax. Donations of \$2000 each were received from five adult children of Doris Bryson in honour of their mother. Other named donations may follow, so that the cost for the system is nearly covered.

During the discussion, it was asked how the system would be secured and whether warranty and service contracts were included in the quote. Brien said that the committee would raise these points with the account manager of Backman Vidcom. Russ Daye added that the committee is also considering installing a flat screen TV to ensure visibility from the choir loft.

#### **12. Board of Trustees Report – Frank Sommerville**

Frank Sommerville reported that the Trustees paid out the usual 4% of the capital to the operating fund and, at the request of Council, the deficit in 2013 reported to the Annual Meeting in March 2014. In addition, loans of a total of \$175,000 were granted to the operating fund and for capital work (repairs and upgrades to the building following the fire, including the ceiling insulation in hall and sanctuary): a loan of \$75,000 was transferred to the building fund, and a \$100,000 loan was made to cover the cash flow shortfalls in the church's operating account. Frank stated that the Trustees were uncertain when the church would be able to repay these loans. Frank expressed the hope that the congregation would find a way to develop more sustainability in their financial management.

***Motion by Frank Sommerville to accept the Trustee report as printed in the Annual Report. Seconded by Charlotte Sutherland. Motion carried.***

In response to a question about donations, gifts or bequests to the endowment fund over the past year, Frank explained that there had been no bequests. St. Andrew's was a beneficiary in the estate of Mary Holmes, however, this was not administered by the Trustees. Hester Miller gave a generous donation of \$35,000 in shares to the endowment fund.

### **13. Financial Report and 2015 Proposed Budget – John Gunn**

Carole Cooley introduced John Gunn as the new treasurer for St. Andrew's, describing John's extensive expertise as an accountant and his previous lay leadership in the United Church.

Before presenting the budget, John said that the previous budgets were based on faulty bookkeeping, and did not accurately reflect the financial state of the congregation. The current statements are based on the correct numbers and can be relied upon for financial decision making. Bruce Nauss contributed greatly to compiling the correct numbers.

John highlighted a few aspects of the financial report for 2014. The property and operating costs were much increased, mostly because of the fire and fraud, necessitating building repairs, investments into a new security system and retaining professional services, such as the financial review by Grant Thornton. John said that the revenue from PAR and envelopes had not increased as projected in the 2014 budget. Salary expenses were somewhat lower than budgeted, mostly because St. Andrew's was without a sexton and office administrator for some of the year. A total of \$100,000 were received from the insurance to partially cover the losses to employee dishonesty over the last years. Since the losses in 2014 alone were approximately \$40,000, a nominal plus of \$60,000 appeared in the 2014 financial results. John reminded the congregation that in previous years, the deficit had been covered by a loan from the Trustees. However, since the numbers were incorrect, the deficit had been underestimated and a deficit of \$80,000 remained not covered by transfers from the endowment fund. The accumulated deficit for 2014 was \$148,306. John then explained the 2015 budget estimates, showing a \$49,970 deficit.

Questions following John's presentation regarded the total current deficit, and fundraising in 2014. John said that in addition to the loans of a total of \$200,000 from the endowment fund, St. Andrew's had a line of credit debt of \$90,000. Carole explained some planned fundraising were not possible or less successful because the sanctuary was not available.

*Motion by John Gunn to accept the financial report for 2014 and the proposed budget for 2015. Seconded by Trish Betts. Motion carried.*

### **14. Courtesies**

Russ Daye presented Carole Cooley, the outgoing Chair of Council, with a stained glass window created by Penny Bedal as a gift from the congregation to acknowledge her dedication and sacrifice in working for St. Andrew's over the past year. Carole also received a cheque over \$940 from the congregation, to spend on a Mission project connected to St. Andrew's of her choice. Carole briefly spoke about her time on Council, and thanked Russ

Daye and Kevin Little for their support over the past years. The congregation acknowledged Carole with a standing ovation.

On behalf of the congregation, Caitlyn Weir thanked all members of the staff, volunteers and everyone who worked for St. Andrew's throughout the year. Caitlyn expressed specific gratitude to Russ Daye and Kevin Little for their leadership in Sunday service, their devotion to the spiritual life at St. Andrew's and dedication to working with Council and the many committees; to Dale Chisholm for the warmth, comfort and fellowship that she brings to pastoral care; to Kevin Parks and the choir for the gift of music they share with the congregation with such joy; to Susan Chisholm for inspiring leadership; to Rick Carruthers, who is currently on medical leave, Kevin Burke and Somed Shadadu for tending to the care and cleaning of the facilities, and to Scott Little for taking over sexton duties on short notice and with so much good will and dedication; to Elaine Warwick for her capable administration of the church office; to all who teach and provide leadership to the youth and Sunday school; to all who serve on Council and committees, volunteer as greeters, collection counters, hospitality and contribute to the many other ways that the life and work of the church is done; and to all who make the spiritual life of St. Andrew's fulfilling.

**The meeting closed at 1.15 pm with a benediction pronounced by Russ Daye.**

**Saint Andrew's United Church  
Congregational Meeting  
February 22, 2015**

1. Motion to designate Roy Hayward as Chair of this Congregational Meeting.

Motion: Frank Sommerville

Seconded: Trish Betts

Motion Carried

2. Motion to designate Susan Chisholm as Secretary of this Congregational Meeting Motion: Betty

Sutherland

Seconded: Robbie Shaw

Motion Carried

3. The Chair advised that Saint Andrew's United Church members and adherents are eligible to vote on any motions of this meeting.

4. Carole Cooley presented the report of the Nomination Committee, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. In addition to the names printed in the report, Carole added the following:

On the list of Council members:

- Penny Bedal and Krista Locke to Co-Chair Worship & Music
- Karen Ferguson and Carole Cooley to Co-Chair Communications
- Dana-Lynn Farrell as Youth Member at Large

Carole also noted that this Council will be in effect immediately, following the approval of the congregation, with one exception. Normally the Vice Chair of Council is in place for two years before assuming the role of Chair. Lorne Ferguson agreed to stand as Vice Chair in the fall and he and Carole are having a two month transition. He will assume the role of Chair of Council in May.

On the list of Committee members:

- Worship & Music
  - add Penny Bedal as Co-Chair
  - note Krista Locke as Co-Chair
  - add Heather Chase as Member
- Pastoral Care
  - Add Diana Smith as Member
  - Add Janet Skiba as Member
- Communications
  - Add Karen Ferguson as Co-Chair
  - Add Carole Cooley as Co-Chair

The Chair called for further nominations.

There being none, a motion to accept the list of Nominees.

Motion: Carole Cooley

Seconded: Hugh Creighton

Motion Carried

5. The Chair thanked all outgoing members of the Saint Andrew's United Church Council. Incoming Council members were requested to stand for acknowledgment.

6. Kevin Little spoke the blessing

7. Meeting adjourned at 12:47 pm

## **Board of Trustees**

The Board of Trustees met twice in 2015, in March and October. Seamark continues to be the manager of Saint Andrew's investment funds and the custodian of these funds is the National Bank Correspondence Network (NBCN).

The Board continues to believe that an annual 4% payout of the value of the Endowment Fund to support the annual operating budget of the congregation is the optimum amount that can be sustained in the long term. In recent years the Council has requested that the Board make additional withdrawals from the Endowment Fund to cover previous years' budget deficits.

In 2013, 2014, and 2015 a total of \$250,000 was loaned to the church's operating account from the Endowment Fund for capital improvements and cash flow needs arising from revenue uncertainties as a result of the fire and fraud. With the re-establishment of the church's financial position in 2015, it was determined that the accumulated deficit to the end of 2014 was \$148,306. In October the Board agreed to the Council's request to write down that amount of the outstanding loans.

At the end of 2015, given the prospect of a deficit pending for 2015 and another anticipated in 2016, Council further requested the Board to also write down the remainder of the outstanding loans (\$101,694). This request was acceded to by the Board at a meeting in February 2016.

As the following financial statements show, favourable market conditions in 2014 and 2015 has resulted in the Endowment Fund being reduced by some \$140,000 despite transfers out to the operating account of \$404,000. The latter amounts to an average in these two years of over three times the 4% the Board considers to be sustainable.

Market conditions going forward in 2016 may not be so favourable and the Board urges the Council to pursue its planning for a sustainable financial future for St Andrew's.

The Board also administers the Manse Fund and the Consolidated Fund. Annually the earnings of the Manse Fund go to defray the minister's housing allowance. The Consolidated Fund is composed of a number of funds, the earnings of which must be used for the purposes designated by their contributors. The two largest components of this fund are the Organ Fund and three funds that support Christian Education and the Sunday School. The Building Fund, which has been part of the Consolidated Fund, has remained in the Church's operating account for the last several years

The generous donations by Mary and George Buckrell for the renewal of the church kitchen was invested in the Consolidated Fund in 2015 until it was needed to cover the renovation cost incurred.



The members of the Board of Trustees in 2015 were:

Russ Adams  
George Buckrell Vice-Chair  
Wayne MacLean  
Justin McDonough Vice Chair  
Dale Noseworthy Treasurer  
Kirby Putnam  
Robbie Shaw  
Frank Sommerville Chair  
David Stewart  
Charlotte Sutherland Secretary  
John Young

Three of these are requesting that their resignations for personal reasons be accepted at the annual congregational meeting in 2016, namely, Russ Adams, Kirby Putnam, and Robbie Shaw.

I am pleased to report that John Young has agreed to accept the position of Chair of the Board of Trustees in the spring of 2016.

The status to Dec. 31, 2015 of funds invested by the Trustees is reported in the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Sommerville, Chair

**For the Years Ended Dec 31**  
*(in thousands of dollars)*

	Endowment			Manse		
	2015	2014	2013	2015	2014	2013
Total Value Value at Jan 1	\$1,430	\$1,525	\$1,177	\$271	\$251	\$217
Activity:						
Capital additions	\$1	\$36	\$286	-	-	-
Realized Net Capital Gains (Losses)	\$73	\$81	\$17	\$2	\$1	-
Income	\$49	\$44	\$37	\$7	\$6	\$5
Management & Transaction Fees	(\$14)	(\$16)	(\$15)	(\$3)	(\$3)	(\$2)
Withdrawals	(\$110)	(\$294)	(\$103)	(\$11)	(\$10)	-
Unrealized Capital (Losses)	(\$44)	\$54	\$126	\$5	\$26	\$31
<b>Total Value at Dec 31</b>	<b>\$1,385</b>	<b>\$1,430</b>	<b>\$1,525</b>	<b>\$271</b>	<b>\$271</b>	<b>\$251</b>

**Consolidated Fund**

	2015	2014	2013
Total Value Value at Jan 1	\$168	\$155	\$163
Activity:			
Capital additions	\$70	-	-
Realized Net Capital Gains (Losses)	\$5	\$1	-
Income	\$5	\$4	\$5
Management & Transaction Fees	(\$2)	(\$1)	(\$2)
Withdrawals	(\$80)	(\$5)	(\$15)
Unrealized Capital (Losses)	\$3	\$14	\$4
<b>Total Value at Dec 31</b>	<b>\$169</b>	<b>\$168</b>	<b>\$155</b>

**Consolidated Fund  
Earnings and Distributions for the Year Ended Dec 31, 2015**

	Market Value	Earnings <sup>(1)</sup>
Organ Fund	\$93,647	\$2,946
Longuard Fund (Christian Education)	\$33,424	\$1,051
McInnis Fund (Sunday School)	\$25,484	\$802
Creighton Memorial Fund (Sunday School)	\$10,701	\$337
Mission and Service Fund	\$2,606	\$82
Benevolent Fund	\$2,587	\$81
Flower Fund	\$917	\$29
Total <sup>1</sup>	\$169,366	\$5,328

Notes:

1) Earnings from each of the funds are to be paid out on an annual basis.

**Fair Market Value of Assets Under Administration**

<i>As at December 31,</i>	2015	2014	2013
Manse Fund	\$271,388	\$270,713	\$250,802
Consolidated Fund	\$169,366	\$167,856	\$155,433
Endowment Fund			
Investments	\$1,384,616	\$1,425,746	\$1,521,456
Loan to Building Fund	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Loan for Capital Work	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Loan to Operating Fund	\$1,694	\$100,000	\$0
Endowment Fund total	\$1,486,310	\$1,625,746	\$1,546,456
<b>Total Funds under Administration</b>	<b>\$1,927,064</b>	<b>\$2,064,315</b>	<b>\$1,952,691</b>

## **Ministry and Personnel**

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee acts as a liaison between the clergy/lay staff and the Council/congregation. This is a mandatory committee required by the bylaws of the United Church of Canada. M&P oversees the roles, functions and entitlements (e.g. vacation, sick leave, continuing education time) of the clergy and lay staff. When M&P receives personnel related concerns from the congregation, the committee works to find a resolution to the issues. Each year, the committee meets with the clergy and staff to review and to evaluate their performance over the past year and to discuss their goals for the coming year.

Committee meetings are held monthly, with the exception of the summer months. M&P reports regularly to Council and the business of the committee remains confidential. This past year has seen several clergy or staff transitions at St. Andrew's. M&P coordinated the hiring of our Office Administrator, Linda Burrows and additional temporary Assistant Sextons. M&P also participated in the planning for Rev. Russ Daye's sabbatical and the recruitment/coverage initiatives for the vacant Minister of Pastoral Care and Faith Formation position

We are grateful to our ministers and lay staff for their leadership, hard work, diligence and ongoing commitment to St. Andrew's.

The committee members for 2015 were: Margaret MacKay, Don Couse, Trish MacLeod, Bob Shepherd, Roy Hayward and Barb Stonehouse. A sincere thank you to all M&P members for their time and efforts on behalf of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret MacKay and Barb Stonehouse, Co-chairs

## **Pastoral Care**

The Pastoral Care (Visitation) Committee has met several times over the past year. We were blessed to have Rev. Kevin Little, our Minister of Pastoral care and Faith Formation, to guide us and keep in close touch with us throughout the year until mid-Dec. Before he left Saint Andrew's for his new charge, we had a meeting with him and Susan Chisholm who was taking over for him until the end of Dec. Susan followed in his footsteps and did an amazing job of looking after th Pastoral Care needs of the Saint Andrew's congregation.

Rev. Little organized and held Advent Services at Melville Heights, Saint Vincent's Guest House and Parkland Estates (Parkstone). The Pastoral Care Committee took part in these services. Members of the Him Singers and a number of other members of Saint Andrew's congregation

attended these services and lent their voices to singing the Hymns and Carols. Our Minister of Music, Kevin Parks attended these services as well, and was a great asset with his gift of piano playing as well as singing. A social time was held over tea and coffee and sweets at Parkstone and Melville Heights. These services are well attended and a very important part of the Advent Season.

We are looking forward to working closely with Rev. Dale Chisholm, our new Pastoral Care Minister, in meeting the Pastoral Care needs of our congregation.

Betty Anderson, Chair

## **Library**

### **Library Committee**

Grant Cooke, Karen Ferguson, Maureen Mayne (resigned mid-year), Betty Sutherland (chair), Bev Twohig

The weeding project, begun in 2014, and which was required if we were to add any more new books to the collection, was completed in 2015, and the rearrangement of the somewhat smaller collection has also taken place. My thanks to Kevin Little for his help in identifying which children's books could be discarded and to David Sutherland who helped me reshelve the collection. In all, a total of 141 books were eliminated from the collection.

However, we continue to maintain the "booktruck collection." which includes a fairly large selection of more recently published items and is available in the coffee area each week after services. It attracts both regular and new library users and the result has been a significant increase in borrowing activity, particularly among a number of the children in the congregation. Special thanks to Kathy Brown and the older Sunday School members who designed and constructed two attractive signs to go with the booktruck collection.

### **Acquisitions**

Number of new titles added in 2015: 15

Books for adults:	9
DVDs for adults:	0
Books for children:	6
DVDs for children:	0

After discussion with the parents of some of the younger Sunday School members, it was decided to add titles dealing with non-traditional families, including same sex parent families and families with transgendered children. As with previous years, many of new titles were donated. The Library Committee thanks those people who donated these items. The total number of books and videos in the library as of 31 December 2015 was 1048.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betty Sutherland, Chair

## **Communications Committee**

2015 saw the rebirth of the Communications Committee, which had been inactive for several years.

One of the first tasks of the Committee was to ensure that the St. Andrew's website become more relevant and up to date. We hired Kevin Parks to be the new webmaster. His responsibilities include posting new content; removing outdated or unneeded content; recording, editing and uploading sermons; and working with the Communications Committee and staff to ensure the website is current, relevant and user friendly, within the confines of what can be accomplished in approximately 3 hours per week.

Another important task was to develop the terms of reference for the committee, which were approved by Council in November.

### **Purpose and mandate**

The Communications Committee helps to ensure that communications of St Andrew's United Church reflect the mission, values and strategic priorities of the organization – as it engages and relates with its key publics (stakeholders). To this end, the committee provides oversight, guidance and support for St. Andrew's internal and external communications.

The committee regularly monitors St. Andrew's communications needs, proposes strategic priorities for communications, and works to ensure communications are timely, consistent, well-co-ordinated, maximizing the effectiveness of the church's resources; and responsive to the diverse needs of the organization's members and audiences outside the congregation.

This committee is a work in progress, as we work to better utilize existing communications tools (website, bulletin, Sunday announcements, Friday e-mail, exterior sign, bulletin boards, etc.) to ensure that the congregation and partners groups receive the information they desire about St. Andrew's.

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Cooley & Karen Ferguson, Co-Chairs

### **Brunswick Street Mission – Meal a Month Program**

To follow is the 2015 report for the Brunswick Street Meal a Month Program. The congregation and friends take part in this service and provide food items and money which is donated to Brunswick Street United Church Mission. On the third Sunday of each month, from September to June, donations are brought to the Church Service. The children in the congregation gather it up and place it in the “Brunswick Street Box”. We greatly appreciate the ministerial staff for encouraging the children in this task and thank the children for performing this service. Also our thanks to Linda Burrows who puts the reminder in the bulletin each month.

The donated food items are given to those who are in emergency situations and go to Brunswick Street Mission for assistance. The people serviced by the Mission are often receiving provincial assistance that does not always cover the necessities of life for themselves and their families. The situation becomes even more urgent for them if an emergency crisis erupts that requires money. The monetary donations forwarded to the Mission are used to buy extra food, food vouchers when appropriate, rent, utilities, bills, etc., when necessary. It has been brought to our attention that as well as other food items, they would appreciate receiving peanut butter, Cheese Whiz, etc.

St. Andrews is the only United Church to make it their mission to offer help to this worthy cause on a regular basis. For this, we thank all those who faithfully donate each month. Keep up the good work, and on behalf of the Brunswick Street Mission and those who are the recipients of your help, thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Wyman  
Bill Chaddock

### **Benevolent Fund**

Ministerial staff receive periodic requests for benevolent assistance, and authorize payments from the fund as deemed warranted and as available resources allow. During the year donations totaling \$6,229 were received by the fund, and payments totaling \$4,270 were made from the fund.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gunn, Treasurer

## Restoration and Maintenance

**Restoration History:** See 2011 Annual Report for history.

**Restoration:** Aluminum thermo pain Storm windows were installed on the 9 windows on the bell chord room level of the tower.

**Fire: Belfor Property Restoration** repaired stage spotlights and glued vinyl baseboard in lower hall. They said they are not responsible for screens in Mary Holmes room however they are missing.

**Backman Vidcom** installed **Video cameras** which cover the gym and the Coburg Rd hall door and **New projectors and screens** were installed in the Sanctuary and the equipment storage compartment was renovated. **Capital Lock & Safe** installed locks on the balcony doors.

**Day Care:** Little Ladybug Daycare has returned after being relocated due to the fire.

**Kitchen:** the kitchen was completely renovated due to a donation by Mary and George Buckrell.

**Snow Removal:** Snow removal was contracted to Dynamite Tire in 2015.

**Organ:** submitted by Kevin Parks

The organ received routine tunings from Jean Francois Mailhot before Easter and Christmas in 2015. These tunings are of a maintenance variety, where the most obvious intonation issues are isolated and rectified. A thorough tuning of the complete organ is planned in early 2016. The baseline intonation (the 4' Principal against which the rest of the instrument is tuned) of the instrument has not been set in several years, and when this is re-established the entire instrument will need to be 'set back to default' against the baseline. The largest wood chests upon which the complement of approx 2000 pipes sit have experienced cracks. This is an ongoing concern that has been addressed periodically over the history of the organ. There was one major repair to the Swell chest last year to address air leaks due to cracks. A brace was fabricated with clamps to compress the chest and seal the leaks. The Great Chest will receive similar attention in Jan 2016 to repair cracks that result in loss of wind pressure. In general, the organ is in excellent working order.

**Maintenance: Darlene's Draperies** replaced the gym stage valence, that had been lost in the fire, and repaired the curtain track.

**Philco Enterprises** repaired the hall downspouts on the Edward St. side.

**Atlantica Gas** serviced the furnace boilers and the Dept. Labour did a vessel safety inspection.



**MacGregor Brown** replaced 2 circulators in furnace room and a toilet in the hall lower men's washroom They also repaired a leak in the heating piping under the north aisle just east of the north transom.

We are very fortunate to have private contractors that keep our systems going: Lloyd MacGregor of **MacGregor Brown Plumbing**, John Gerogiannis of **George Mitchell Electrical** and Peter Phillips of **Philco Enterprises**.

**Acknowledgements:** I would like to thank Linda Burrows our new Office Administrator and Kevin Burke our new Sexton, for their help insuring that St. Andrew's and all its activities run smoothly. I would also like to acknowledge the time and effort spent by the Donna Llewellyn chair of the Housekeeping Committee. Also Doug MacIntosh and Bill Roy are involved in many projects around the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug MacLean  
John Finley  
Terry Brennan  
Church & Hall

## **Finance and Administration**

The Finance and Administration Committee met three times during the year to carry out the following responsibilities:

- Preparation of proposed annual operating budget for consideration of Council
- Regular monitoring and reporting to Council of actual financial results compared to budget and financial position of the church's operating fund
- Oversight of annual regulatory filings
- Oversight of weekly collection counting
- Oversight of offering envelope management and issuance of charitable donation receipts
- Review of terms of renewal of the church's insurance policy

In October 2014 Council received from a Financial Governance Task Force that it had established, a set of 37 recommendations for improving financial controls. This followed the discovery of a significant misappropriation of funds in June 2014. The task force's recommendations were based substantially on a report prepared by Grant Thornton in conjunction with their forensic audit work.

All recommendations of the Financial Governance Task Force have now been substantially implemented. Highlights of this effort include:

- Treasurer is meeting regularly with Office Administrator to provide support guidance and oversight.
- The UCW, Choir and Memorials bank accounts have been consolidated into the church's main bank account. We now have only a single bank account.
- Monthly reconciliations of the accounting records to the bank statement provided by Scotiabank are being prepared by the Office Administrator and reviewed by the Treasurer within two weeks of month-end.
- Treasurer is conducting monthly reviews of the detailed general ledger, journal entries, bank and loan statements, lists of amounts receivable and payable.
- Financial accounting data files are being backed up and stored offsite on a monthly basis.
- Budget to actual variance analysis reports are being regularly reviewed by Council
- Treasurer is reporting at each Council meeting that accounting records are clean, balanced and up to date.
- Grant Thornton has been engaged to provide an independent review of a full set of financial statements for the 2015 and 2014 years.

Respectfully submitted,

John Gunn, Chair

## **UCW Annual Report for 2015**

St Andrew's UCW, comprised of the J-Dickson Unit and Unit G, had a busy year of meetings, worship, fellowship and service. UCW in 2015 had a total of 28 active members and 16 home members. New members are always welcome!

One general UCW meeting was held in April, a luncheon, featuring a shower of baby items for the IWK layette program. The Friendship Committee visited 5 home members, sent cards, and gave them calendars at Christmas. The annual Yuletide Bake Sale Plus was held on November 29, with proceeds going to Brunswick Street Mission. The UCW provided catering services for nine funeral receptions in 2015. Donations were made from the UCW General Fund toward the new AV system for the sanctuary and to several organizations as detailed in the financial statement.

Unit G met seven times in 2015 and welcomed guest speaker Emily Haynes from Taste of Nova Scotia at the February meeting. Unit G organized the Mitten Tree program this year, donated items to the IWK layette and Correctional Centre programs, and made cash donations to three community organizations. A UCW Life Membership was presented to Linda Frank in recognition of her contributions to the group.

The J-Dickson Unit met intermittently this past year primarily for fellowship. The members contributed to projects such as the IWK layette program, Yuletide Bake Sale Plus and the Mitten Tree. Dorothy MacMillan will assume the leadership role in 2016.

Thanks to all the UCW members for making 2015 a successful year of worship, fellowship and service and to the St. Andrew's congregation for your continued support.

Respectfully Submitted:

Eleanore Brown, Chair J-Dickson Unit, and Linda Frank, Chair Unit G

## St. Andrew's UCW - Financial Statement - 2015

**Closing balance - 2014 annual report** **\$4,693.00**

**Income:**

Unit donations	1460.00
Fellowship of the Least Coin	23.25
Unit G projects	624.20
Funeral receptions	2575.00
Bake Sale Plus (net)	2624.98
Calendars (net)	117.50
Maritime Conference Financial Services (interest)	80.00
Bequest - Estate of Joyce Fry	100.00
	<b>\$7,604.93</b>

**Donations:**

St. Andrew's - for AV system	2500.00
St. Andrew's Mission & Service Fund	500.00
St. Andrew's Memorial Fund	100.00
Angola Memorial Scholarship Fund	200.00
ARK [Sunday Suppers]	500.00
Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp	200.00
Brunswick St. Mission	2500.00
Halifax Presbyterial & Maritime Conference UCW	190.00
Women's Interchurch Council of Canada [Fellowship of the Least Coin]	23.25
Brunswick St. Mission (Unit G project) *	240.00
Arthur Kidston Memorial Camp (Unit G project)	192.10
Nova Scotia Association for Community Living (Unit G project)	192.10
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	<b>\$7,337.45</b>

**Expenses:**

Maritime Conference UCW Newsletter	14.00
UCW Life Membership	60.00
officers' expenses	50.00
expenses re receptions	199.12
laundry - tablecloths	43.00
	<b><u>-\$366.12</u></b>

**Closing balance:** **\$4,594.36**

Investment Certificate: Maritime Conference Financial Services **2,000.00**

\* plus 1 cheque (\$20) payable to Brunswick St. Mission

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruth Cordes, UCW Treasurer

## **Worship & Music Committee**

On May 3, 2015, the congregation of Saint Andrew's celebrated our return to worshipping in the sanctuary after the fire forced services into the Upper Hall. Much discussion focussed on how the consequences of the fire and fraud re-invigorated the congregation and brought many of us into deeper fellowship with each other. Four stained glass panels by Penny Bedal were installed above the Cobourg Street doors to commemorate the congregation's journey through both good and difficult times.

On Wednesday, June 10, 2015 about a dozen people tried their hand at ringing the bell to celebrate the United Church of Canada's 90th birthday.

It was a year ago this month that W&M began planning eight Wednesday Food/Fellowship/Faith gatherings for July and August. Anywhere from a dozen to almost 30 people (when the GO project was in town) participated each week. The lack of kitchen facilities posed some manageable challenges, as did the absence of the ordained and lay ministers during this time period.

It was through the summer months as well that we shared Sunday services with three other congregations: Saint David's Presbyterian, First Baptist and Saint John's United Churches. Many enjoyed experiencing different approaches to worship; although, it reinforced how blessed we are to have the talented leadership we do.

One of the most pressing and recurring concerns was, and continues to be the need to secure audio visual and technical support. Most of the time it is the Chisholm/Young family that assembles the weekly power point and monitors the sound for Sunday services. It is a huge responsibility and we are very grateful for their dedication; but, they cannot be expected to maintain this forever, especially as they head off to jobs and university. With perseverance, a number of enthusiastic and capable people have been recruited for these tasks and they continue to receive training.

On October 4, 2015 an expo showcased the many and varied committees and groups operating within the church.

With Kevin Parks' support, Kevin Little and Susan Chisholm guided us through the theme of "Grace" last Fall while our lead minister was on sabbatical. With Kevin L. accepting a call to Bethany United Church and Susan pursuing theological studies, we enthusiastically welcomed Caitlyn Weir to the W&M Committee.

Another consequence of Kevin's and Susan's departures is that W&M will be inviting more guest preachers/speakers to SA's than in recent years. This has resulted in a request for an increased budget for pulpit supply.

Two items that arose in 2015 that will be getting more attention this year are: implementation of the worship and music component of the strategic plan and a dialogue around the possibility of introducing flexible seating in the sanctuary.

In closing, we recognize and appreciate all of the efforts and advice of M&W committee members in fulfilling our annual objectives. Thanks to Russ Daye, Kevin Little, Susan Chisholm, Bob Shepard, Heather Chase, Trish Betts, Susan Anderson, and Caitlyn Weir. We look forward to their continued support in 2016.

Respectfully submitted

Penny Bedal and Krista Locke, Co-chairs

## **Christian Development Committee**

(Newly the Faith Formation Committee)

2015 started with a weekend retreat of 9 lay leaders at the Tatamagouche Centre. We explored congregational change and renewal led by former United Church moderator Mardi Tindel and Becky Mckenna. It was a winter wonderland and a wonderful time of connecting and contemplating.

The year unfolded with many terrific programs under the guidance and leadership of Kevin Little and Susan Chisholm. There were youth walks, workshops, book studies and small groups. We are very grateful to everyone who led and participated in offering these programs, thank you.

We renewed our Christian Development Committee in September. We redefined our purpose to connect people to the life of the church.

In October, we held a St. Andrew's Expo. The life of the church was on display as committees, small and large groups and various volunteer opportunities were profiled with volunteer opportunities to join!

We welcomed our new Sunday School teacher, Christine Balan. Christine has been a welcome addition to our St. Andrews community and her interest and experience working with children has been a gift. Thank you Christine.

We had a terrific party in December to wish Kevin well in his new job and in true Kevin style, we had a table over-flowing with food donations.

We had the terrific news in December that Caitlyn Weir would return to St Andrews as Faith Formation Minister and we are delighted to have her back. Welcome Back Caitlyn!

2015 ended with a remarkable Christmas pageant, “God our Refuge: Welcome a Stranger” written by Karen Bassett directed and led by Susan. The children were blessed with the time that Susan and Christine spent with them around this important message.

“Hope is a Star”

Hope is a star that shines in the night, leading us on till the morning is bright.  
Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth.  
Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Saviour is born.  
Love is a flame that burns in our heart. Jesus has come and will never depart.  
When god is a child there’s joy in our song. The last shall be first and the weak shall strong, and none shall be afraid.

Respectfully submitted

Treena Faloon, Chair, Faith Formation

## Outreach Committee

The year began with a lively ‘**Outreach Fair**’ in the church hall following morning worship Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. Participating outreach projects and partners who had colourful, informative booths included: Brunswick Street Mission, Phoenix Youth, Sunday Drop In, Sunday Supper, the Green Team, Gardening for Food Security, the Air Miles project, UCW outreach, Direction 180, Sunday Foot Clinic, Metro Non Profit Housing Association, Choosing Peace with Justice for Palestine and Israel, and University Suppers.

**Jan. /Feb. – Nov.: Choosing Peace with Justice for Palestine and Israel:** Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> we sponsored a Lunch and Learn with Mel Early speaking of his 6 month experience as an Ecumenical Accompanier, a World Council of Churches program, in placements in the occupied Palestinian territories. His time there was sponsored by the United Church of Canada. Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> we hosted a reception for Jeff Halper, Jewish Israeli Peace Activist and founder of the Israeli Committee Against House Demolitions. The following week we unexpectedly hosted his Halifax speaking event that was snowed out of Dalhousie. The last weekend of August we hosted (at MSVU) the annual general meeting of the United Network for Justice and Peace for Palestine and Israel (United Church members and supporters). At the UCW ‘Bake Sale Plus’ we sold Fair Trade Palestinian olive oil / Zatoun products.

**Feb./March - fall: The Green Team:** March 1<sup>st</sup> a Lunch and Learn was organized on the theme: “Simple Living; Living Simply” . There was also a significant amount of time and energy spent on improving the church recycling system that had not been working properly. The effort resulted in noticeable improvement. We lost several members of the Green Team in the summer when Jenni Ratten and Caitlyn Weir moved out of Halifax and Diana Smith’s health did not permit her to continue. No new members were able to be recruited so Elaine Gunn and Linda S. will continue to support environmental concerns through the Outreach Committee.

**Feb./March – Oct.: Support for Syrian Refugees:** Diana Dalton returned from a visit to the Middle East with an acute awareness of the plight of the Syrian refugees in huge camps in countries neighbouring Syria. Diana shared information and encouraged church members to contribute to this dire need during the church service Sunday March 22. Despite very stormy weather, congregational members donated almost \$1,800 to the cause. In September as media attention raised everyone’s awareness of the desperate plight of refugees, church members expressed interest in sponsoring a refugee family to come to Halifax. Russ encouraged us to proceed and to connect and work with Eric Roe. The initial organizing meeting was Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and soon thereafter, when Eric Roe returned from a business trip, he began to chair this growing group.

**Somalia Refugee family update:** St Andrew’s, in partnership with MSVU, is the sponsor for the mother, brother and sister of 2 Somali students at MSVU who were sponsored by the university. The family has been living in Dadaab, the world’s largest refugee camp, for over 20 years. It has been 3 years since we applied to sponsor this refugee family. The students’ sister was interviewed at the Canadian Consulate in August, but there was no progress on the family’s case after that. Everyone is anxious for some progress towards reuniting this family.

**April – Dec.: Brunswick Street Mission:** April was St Andrew’s month to provide funding and volunteers for the Saturday breakfasts. With the leadership and coordination of Susan Chisholm, Barbara Karten, Pam Brown and Ellen and Scott Taylor, and the generous response of many St Andrew’s members, many volunteers came forward and enough money was donated to cover the costs. It was again a successful and enjoyable effort. When St Andrew’s was asked to help with the breakfast one Sat. in Dec., Susan Zurawski and friends/participants in her yoga class gladly volunteered and did a great job.

Community volunteer John Aikenhead again invited us to assist with special events for Brunswick Street Mission and Turning Points. We responded with volunteers and financial support to help with a very successful BBQ for over 200 guests at BSM in July and for Christmas gifts of Tim Horton’s gift cards for 25 recipients.

**Air Miles for Brunswick Street Mission:** St Andrew’s has had an Air Miles account since Sept. 2014. The points collected are redeemed for Sobey’s gift cards which are donated to Brunswick Street Mission. We now have at least 36 card holders and to date have donated \$830 worth of grocery gift cards. The cards are free to use and the more points collected the more benefit to



those in need. Janet Skiba coordinates the project and is happy to get cards to those who want to participate.

**May/June – Nov.: Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) closing and Calls to Action for Reconciliation:** Morning worship May 31<sup>st</sup> focused on this issue and Kathy Martin was an invited guest who demonstrated and explained Indigenous spiritual practices. Members of the Garden group spoke to the Sunday School about the Indian Residential Schools and the children planted a bleeding heart bush in the church garden in memory of the children who went through that sad and difficult experience and our concern and hope for a better future for all children. In July we encouraged the Go Project to experience the Blanket Exercise for a view of Canadian history through the experience of its Indigenous peoples. We also invited a volunteer from the Friendship Centre to teach Go Project participants to make Dream Catchers as she explained their meaning and related it to the nearly 1,200 missing and murdered Aboriginal women. In Nov. we hosted a workshop facilitated by national KAIROS staff focused on responding to the TRC Call to Action #62 re education in NS.

**June - October: Gardening/Food Security:** The gardening season began Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>. Members of the committee, Linda Scherzinger, Diana Smith, Janet skiba and Susan Alexander prepared the garden for the growing season. Vegetables grown were beans, kale, tomatoes and cucumber. Well-wishers from Common roots donated kale transplants, Len Sweet donated tomato transplants, and Linda Scherzinger donated cucumber transplants and beans. Harvesting began the second week of July. The garden was well cared for all summer and into the fall. The early harvest was kale and later beans, tomatoes and cucumbers. The produce was donated to the Drop Inn Center run by the Ark on Gottingen Street and occasionally supplemented Go Project meals. We were able to donate approximately 5 pounds of vegetables every two weeks until the end of gardening season late October. Vegetables were also donated to a few members of the congregation who supported the garden project by buying tulips Janet Skiba had planted at the end of the previous gardening season. In addition to vegetables, the lavender buds from the lavender plants donated by Edie Corkum were harvested. We had 5 small sachets of fragrant buds. They were donated to well-wishers too.

Diana Smith did the composting from the plant materials from the previous years and it was used for the ornamental plants. Diana and Florencia Berakha were responsible for the care and maintenance of flowering plants in the church sign planter at the corner of Robie and Coburg. For World Food Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>, Susan Alexander was able to locate Diane Swinemar, former executive director of Feed NS, who spoke at the morning worship and responded to questions at a Lunch and Learn. We distributed “chew on this” bags containing an apple and facts re the number of people in Canada and in Halifax that are food insecure and rely on food banks. Nearly 17% of Nova Scotians do not have enough to eat on a daily basis. In Halifax it is one in five people – the highest in Canada. The church garden is helping by providing fresh produce to those hosting meals for people in need. Church members are invited to help by donating time, work or funds to the garden and/or donating produce from their own gardens.

**Nov. to year end: Sunday Drop In:** The afternoon Drop In for Sunday Supper guests opened for business Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> after having been closed all the previous year due to the fire and rehab work

taking place in the church basement. New supplies and equipment were bought to replace what was lost. 45 guests came the first and next Sunday and expressed great enthusiasm and appreciation for the Drop In to have reopened. The foot clinic set up services in the back portion of the downstairs hall so there was a lot going on in one open hall. The following weeks a new partition was in place. The number of guests grew until the average was about 60 guests by the end of the year. Volunteers enjoy their experience and are always needed and welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Scherzinger, Chair

### **Refugee Sponsorship and Support**

At this moment, there are nearly 20 million people who have been forced to leave their homes and their countries because of war or fear of persecution. Many of these people will never be able to return home. As Russ saw during his time in the Middle East last year, the conditions in many of the refugee camps are poor and getting worse. In response to this humanitarian crisis, and together with other faith groups and people of good will across Canada, we are determined to help.

When St. Andrew's first began exploring the idea of refugee support in the late winter, early spring of 2015, a small working group was formed and articulated three objectives for our work:

- 1) The sponsorship of a family, most likely from Syria.
- 2) Support for refugees still in the Middle East and agencies and faith communities that are helping them.
- 3) Building friendship with the Halifax Muslim community.

A lot of progress has been made on all of these fronts.

In October, a committed group of volunteers formed a refugee family sponsorship team that includes members of the Saint Andrew's congregation as well as others who were drawn to our mission to support refugees. The team is ready to welcome a refugee family to our community and provide assistance in such areas as transportation, language, education, medical support and employment. Under Canada's refugee sponsorship program, private sponsors such as Saint Andrew's accept financial responsibility for a family for up to one year. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we have raised \$55,000 in cash donations, or nearly 50% more than our original goal, and have gathered furniture and other goods needed to properly house a refugee family. At the time of writing this report, the family we will sponsor has not yet been officially identified but we believe we will have important news to share about the family in the next few weeks.

We have built up strong relations with the Ummah Mosque and the Centre for Islamic Development as well as the United4One Muslim network that is coordinating the sponsorship of

many refugees. Also, we have identified a potential church partner that is doing much to support the poorest refugees, in the worst conditions, in the poorest part of Lebanon, right on the Syrian border. This Presbyterian church is providing various kinds of support for, mostly Muslim, refugees and has opened a modest clinic in its Christian Education building to offer primary health care. In October, Russ visited this church and the camps to which it has a mission.

We are in the fortunate position of being able to sponsor a refugee family for settlement in our community as well as to help refugees stranded in the Middle East. At the December 17, 2015 church council meeting, council approved the principle of using two-thirds of the funds raised for sponsorship of a refugee family and one-third for partnership with an agency or faith community helping refugees in Lebanon. All donors have been consulted to determine if they would like to designate a proportion of their donation towards supporting refugees on the ground in the Middle East.

For further information and what you can do to help, please contact Eric Roe at [ericroe61@gmail.com](mailto:ericroe61@gmail.com) or Linda Scherzinger at [lindakseven@gmail.com](mailto:lindakseven@gmail.com)

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Roe, Chair

### **Him Singers**

Our group consists of 15 men who enjoy singing and the comraderie. We are led by our truly talented and dedicated pianist – Vivian Layton.

We start every year in the month of October, and we meet at the Mary Holmes Room for an hour of singing the old favorites (with some new ones thrown in from time to time). After the session we have refreshments, and attempt to solve the world problems.

In December, it is the highlight of our year. We participate in services for the senior residences in our city. These important services are put on by our talented clergy. We go to Melville Heights, Parkstone and St. Vincent's.

Our last get together is in May, with the 4 months of summer off. I do encourage anyone who would like to sing, to come out the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. I assure you it is fun, and truly relaxing.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Couse

## Hosting Committee

Patricia (Trish) Betts has continued to chair the Hosting/Welcoming committee. The result has been to form a loosely-knit group of dedicated people who have worked, voluntarily with me throughout the past year, with the generous support of Sandy Maclean, (my co-chair), Jaqui Warkentin, and Mary MacGlashan. Ken Penrose and Frank Sommerville have also made excellent contributions. There are members of the congregation, who also stop by on a regular basis, to offer help preparing, serving and clearing up after community time. The committee would like to thank Elvira Gonella-Welch, Jennifer Stephens-Ross and Pam Brown in particular for the extra help they have given, especially once the majority of the congregation have already left for the day. Murray Brown has now handed over the responsibility of banking donations to finance committee. We would like to thank Murray for his efforts over the years. However, coffee and community time would not function without the generous support of members from the congregation as a whole, who have helped out with preparing, serving and clearing up on a rotating basis. Our thanks is also extended to you all.

During the summer months St. Andrew's was responsible for providing juice and cookies for just the three weeks, since we worshipped at different churches for the other nine weeks. During this upcoming Lenten season we are going to try additional ways to serve refreshments, watch for the details.

Due to the ongoing re-construction of the kitchen, when no services were available during the fall the juice and cookies were served. Once the kitchen was almost finished we needed to resort to using the urns to make tea and coffee because we were waiting for the new carafe system to be installed. After Christmas, hot chocolate was served on the colder days in January, 2016. I am delighted to say that the new Bunn® system is now in place and we are now getting used to how to make best use of it. Once we have learned more about the differences of this machine over using urns, we will be able to produce tea and coffee that will stay hot for longer periods of time. I am happy to introduce the system to any who wish to learn how to make best use of the machine.

Generous donations of coffee, tea, sugar, juice, cookies and napkins have been made anonymously throughout this past year, and continue to help offset the cost of supplies. Thank you to every-one who has made a donation. We continue to offer real juice instead of flavoured 'juice'. It is more expensive but the welcoming committee members feel that real juice is a healthier choice. One concern is that the price of all supplies continue to rise. This could mean that the funds available will not meet the increasing costs and increased quantities of coffee, tea, juice and cookies consumed. Thus, the status of the funds may change this year, even though we do still receive some donations toward the cost of supplies. The budget will be carefully monitored during this year. Monetary donations continue to be an important addition to the budget. Thank you all for adding to the funds.

During 2015, members of the committee along with other community members also prepared refreshments, both food and beverages, for a number of different events taking place on

occasions other than following Sunday services – (for example, special events on Tuesday evenings, some early Sunday mornings) Even if another church member brought in refreshments, the supplies for community time were often added to the event, to ensure refreshments were adequate for the occasion.

We have found an increase in the number of folk staying behind after the service which has meant an increase in the quantities of coffee, tea and juice made. To meet this increase in demand I would like to add a fourth person to the weekly rotation team. Further, a number of members who have served on this rotation list have for one reason or another, have asked to have their names withdrawn from the rotation. My request is, that if you know you were on the list of volunteers, would like to continue to help, but haven't been contacted, could you please let our office administrator, and/or me know. I would also like to extend an invitation to any-one who would like to join the rotation to submit your name, e-mail address and telephone number to Linda Burrows, Office administrator, (saintandrews@eastlink.ca) or to me, patriciamb.003@gmail.com as soon as possible so that a revised list can be produced quickly. We have also started a sign up campaign in which volunteers can pick the date(s) they would like to help. Lists are available after church in the hall on Sundays. Some members of the community have kindly offered their help, but there are still plenty of dates available.

**To each and every-one who has made any contribution, we the committee extend our warmest thanks, and I extend my thanks to all of you who have helped me plan and run this important community time after church. And to the members of the Welcoming Committee, I thank you sincerely for your contribution throughout the past year.**

Those who wish to continue to serve and we welcome any-one who would like to join our group to support us in the best way that you can. Please contact either the Office or Trish Betts if you would like to join the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia (Trish) Betts, Chair  
patriciamb.003@gmail.com

### **Coffee Hour Donations**

A system of donations for the Sunday Coffee Hour was established after a suggestion made at St. Andrew's AGM of Feb. 2011. A bowl is placed near the cups except for the months of July and August. Donations in 2015 raised \$890.00. Thanks to everyone who donated. This really helps with the expense of this important social time!

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Boudreau, Kathy Brown, Murray Brown

## Minister of Music Report

Music continues to be a vibrant and life-giving facet of St. Andrew's. The choir met regularly for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings, taking a break in July and August. We bid farewell to soprano section lead Bethany Ingraham and bass section lead André Gaudet, who both graduated from the B. Music program at Dal. In September we welcomed Simone Hogeveen as soprano section lead. Simone is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year music student at Dalhousie University. We welcomed back alto section lead Erin Sparks and bass section lead Jeff Egger.

Many genres of music are included in Sunday worship. The choir sings standard anthems from the classic repertoire, along with Spirituals and Gospel arrangements. Our house band, *The Mostly Righteous Brothers* (Campbell Woods, guitar, Scott Cooper, banjo) featured their brand of roots/folk music with an enthusiastic response from the congregation. Bob Dylan and Tom Waits were also represented in special performances in worship by Steve Tugwell and Terry Brennan.

During the spring Dana-Lyn Farrell organized music presentations by the Sunday School in worship. Susan Chisholm also lead the Sunday School Children in song during the Christmas Pageant and on Christmas Eve.

During 2015 the restoration of the office wing of the lower hall was completed, with new flooring and repainting of the choir room. A modern roll-out library system, similar to the filing system found in doctor's offices was installed. Much thanks to Ruth Cordes, Tess Grynoch, and Trish Betts for many, many hours committed to cataloguing and re-installing the choir library in the new storage.

In accordance with copyright requirements we report our hymn/song use of projected lyrics. We have two reporting licenses, LicenSing and OneLicense. Thanks to Betty Sutherland for her assistance maintaining a hymn use data-base and ensuring license reporting is up to date. An analysis of the hymn use figures for July 2014-June 2015 shows that we sang 145 different hymns during that period, which represents about 12% of the available hymn repertoire in our two Hymn sources, Voices United and More Voices. Of the 145 selections used, 85% came from Voices United and 15% from More Voices. Roughly 10% of our congregation songs were items we had never sung before. About 75% of the songs/hymns sung in worship would qualify as 'familiar', having been sung multiple times over the past years. Betty has been keeping the hymn use data-base since Voices United was first published in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Parks  
Minister of Music

## University Suppers

The serving of suppers to University students on Tuesday evenings were has once again successful during the winter term of 2015, with between 8-and close to 30 participants. However, because the kitchen was under construction during the fall term of the 2015-2016 academic year, only two suppers were served at the end of November 2015, with just 10 and 18 students attending respectively. The organizers of the university suppers thank sincerely all those who have contributed to preparing the meals or contributing financially. There have been some wonderful dishes served to the students.

The number of students ranged from about eight to over 30 on one occasion.

From January -June 2014, the organizing of cooks was carried out through the administration office. Individuals or a couple were preparing and bringing a wide variety of dishes, and those who cooked were invited to join the students to 'break bread' together and join in the lively conversation. These sparkling discussions add an important dimension to the supper.

Since the start of the Winter term 2016 , contributors have had the option of picking a date for which they can prepare a main course. However, it is becoming difficult to find individuals, families and two folk to sign up. One reason is that it is becoming more costly to prepare dishes. Even the suggestion that families pair up for the preparation, we are still finding gaps in the calendar. Since the start of the new term the number of participants has been around 10-20. We invite any-one who would like to either continue providing a cooked meal, or who would like to be added to the list, or if you can pair up with some-one else, please contact either Trish Betts [patriciamb.003@gmail.com](mailto:patriciamb.003@gmail.com) or [caitlyn.s.wier@gmail.com](mailto:caitlyn.s.wier@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

On occasion we do have participants with specific dietary requests,- vegetarian and/or gluten free. Although few in number pairing up is an excellent viable option in order to add an additional dietary-specific dish.

Caitlyn Weir, and Tory have been faithful coordinators in the kitchen organizing the students to lay the table, prepare the salads, and clearing up after the supper. Thank you very much Caitlyn and Tory! Left-over food is often shared out among the students, who will pack up a small container to take with them

The financial contributions help offset the cost of salad items, ice cream or a non-dairy equivalent and juice, and could be used to purchase some re-usable containers. On occasion when the crowd is larger than usual a pizza or two is purchased for the meal.

I took over organizing the contributors for food preparation from the administrator after the fire and the loss of temporary staff in September 2014. At the time it was intended to be a short term offer of help. I have enjoyed working with the staff, volunteers and students. But I believe it is time to pass on the baton to some-one else. Thus, I respectfully resign from coordinating the suppers as of the fall term 2016. I will continue to contribute a supper on occasion along with other volunteers

Again, we thank warmly, everyone, who has and continues to support University Students Suppers. The students, in particular are very appreciative.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia (Trish) Betts  
patriciamb.003@gmail.com

### **St. Andrew's House Parties**

The House Parties Committee organized two events in 2015. Each was fund raiser.

St. Andrew's co-sponsored the "We've got you covered, Stan" tribute concert for Stan Carew, the much loved host of CBC Weekend Mornings, on September 27. This fund raiser was for The Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia. St. Andrew's earned \$ 300.00 from rental of the sanctuary.

The New Year's Evening Gala, was a fund raiser for St. Andrew's Refugee Sponsorship Committee. From 6:00 - 9:00 PM on Dec, 31, guests relaxed in the Mary Holmes Memorial Room and enjoyed wine, hors d'oeuvres, and the mellow sounds of Bill Stevenson's Band with special guest Chris Mitchell. Forty-nine people attended. Those present can attest to the quality of the music and the warm fellowship that developed over the evening. \$637.43 was raised for the Refugee Sponsorship Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Brown, Murray Brown



**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH  
Proposed 2016 Operating Budget**

	<b>2016 Budget</b>	<b>2015 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>Accountability</b>
<b>REVENUE - USUAL ITEMS</b>					
<b>ENVELOPE AND PAR OFFERINGS</b>					
General Operating	285,000	277,914	304,000	255,186	Stewardship Comm
Building	30,000	28,492	35,000	30,380	Stewardship Comm
Mission and Service Fund	45,000	44,088		44,448	Stewardship Comm
Easter	1,500	1,340	4,000	1,731	Stewardship Comm
Christmas	2,500	2,018	4,000	2,530	Stewardship Comm
Other Miscellaneous	700	399	4,200	614	Stewardship Comm
Less: Transfers to Designated Funds	(79,000)	(75,938)	(43,000)	(79,089)	
<b>TOTAL ENVELOPE AND PAR OFFERINGS</b>	<b>285,700</b>	<b>278,313</b>	<b>308,200</b>	<b>255,800</b>	
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>					
Loose Offering	25,000	23,235	32,000	32,046	Stewardship Comm
Church and Hall Rental	64,000	59,710	56,449	46,242	Management Comm
Fund Raising Projects	2,000	464	10,000	763	Stewardship Comm
Miscellaneous Income	0	5,523	0	8,784	
A M Mackay Trust	27,000	28,028	26,400	26,269	Finance Comm
O E Smith Trust	10,000	10,730	9,600	10,703	Finance Comm
Mary Holmes Trust	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	Finance Comm
Less: Transfers to Designated Funds	(1,200)	(1,200)			
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>131,800</b>	<b>131,490</b>	<b>139,449</b>	<b>124,807</b>	
<b>DESIGNATED RECEIPTS</b>					
Building		83,668		25,000	
Outreach		1,807		0	
Syrian Refugee Project		54,429		0	
Brunswick Street Mission		3,158		2,050	
Sunday Suppers		130		2,620	
Abdille Family Refugee Project		2,405		12,173	
Benevolent Fund		1,020		1,176	
UCW		12,388			

Memorial Fund	5,077			137
Choir Fund	1,989			802
Other	10,758			10,783
Less: Transfers to Designated Funds	(176,829)			(54,741)
<b>TOTAL DESIGNATED RECEIPTS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**TOTAL REVENUE**

<b>417,500</b>	<b>409,803</b>	<b>447,649</b>	<b>380,607</b>
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**TRANSFERS FROM TRUST FUND - USUAL ITEMS**

Creighton Trust	300	280	280	311	Trustees
Longard Trust	950	876	876	970	Trustees
McInnes Trust	700	668	668	740	Trustees
Organ Fund Trust	2,500	2,454	2,454	2,719	Trustees
Endowment and Manse Fund Income	65,000	68,561	68,000	70,000	Trustees
Other		1,392		178	
<b>TOTAL TRANSFERS FROM TRUSTEES</b>	<b>69,450</b>	<b>74,231</b>	<b>72,278</b>	<b>74,918</b>	

**TOTAL REVENUE PLUS TRUST TRANSFERS**

<b>486,950</b>	<b>484,034</b>	<b>519,927</b>	<b>455,525</b>
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**EXPENSES - USUAL ITEMS**

**SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

Salaries (including ministers' housing allowances)	291,620	303,351	308,482	261,912	Ministry & Personnel Comm
Canada Pension and Employment Insurance	17,537	16,689	16,996	13,995	Ministry & Personnel Comm
UCC Pension and Benefits	38,789	34,041	43,652	35,924	Ministry & Personnel Comm
Travel Allowances	950	1,270	1,563	1,725	Ministry & Personnel Comm
Continuing Education Allowances	4,582	2,059	5,333	2,710	Ministry & Personnel Comm
Ministerial Search and Moving Contingency	4,000				Ministry & Personnel Comm
<b>TOTAL SALARIES AND BENEFITS</b>	<b>357,478</b>	<b>357,410</b>	<b>376,026</b>	<b>316,266</b>	

**PROPERTY EXPENSES**

Electricity	9,200	9,140	9,600	10,437	Management Comm
Heating Fuel	64,000	64,295	48,600	53,465	Management Comm
Water	3,400	8,926	3,400	3,153	Management Comm
Maintenance and Repairs	16,000	15,022	12,000	20,063	Management Comm
Snow Clearing	7,000	7,181	3,800	1,083	Management Comm

Waste Removal	4,700	4,804	3,400	4,124	Management Comm
Cleaning Supplies	3,000	5,261	2,700	2,698	Management Comm
Security Alarm Monitoring	1,000	896	1,900	1,853	Management Comm
Insurance Premiums	22,000	23,647	17,600	16,829	Management Comm
Fire Protection Tax	700	696	700	613	Management Comm
Furniture and Equipment	2,000	2,774	2,100	3,606	Management Comm
Major Building Repairs	0			27,846	Management Comm
Miscellaneous	0	1,706		1,070	Management Comm
<b>TOTAL PROPERTY EXPENSES</b>	<b>133,000</b>	<b>144,348</b>	<b>105,800</b>	<b>146,840</b>	

### WORSHIP AND MUSIC EXPENSES

Music Supplies	800	273	800	1,800	Worship & Music Comm
Music Fees and Licences	1,200	1,010	641	679	Worship & Music Comm
Piano Maintenance	300	0	300	0	Worship & Music Comm
Organ Maintenance	3,300	1,668	600	788	Worship & Music Comm
Worship Equipment	0	1,370	0	0	Worship & Music Comm
Worship Supplies	400	653	400	320	Worship & Music Comm
Pulpit Supply	1,200	0	600	200	Worship & Music Comm
Choir Services	2,880	3,295	2,880	0	Worship & Music Comm
Guest Musicians	1,350	1,490	900	1,995	Worship & Music Comm
Substitute Choir Director	500	460	500	150	Worship & Music Comm
Social Hour	200	690	200	0	Worship & Music Comm
Other Miscellaneous	0	80		645	Worship & Music Comm
<b>TOTAL WORSHIP AND MUSIC EXPENSES</b>	<b>12,130</b>	<b>10,989</b>	<b>7,821</b>	<b>6,577</b>	

### COMMITTEE EXPENSES

Ministry and Personnel	700	500	600	844	Ministry & Personnel Comm
Christian Education	0	219	0	0	Christian Development Comm
Communications	0	0	0	0	Communications Comm
Outreach	250	10	500	828	Outreach Comm
Green Team	150	0	150	0	Outreach Comm
Garden	150	0	100	0	Outreach Comm
Stewardship	0	5	1,500	0	Stewardship Comm
<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>2,850</b>	<b>1,672</b>	

### CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

Video Licensing	300	0	300	0	Christian Development Comm
Supplies and Other	2,000	2,147	2,000	1,800	Christian Development Comm
Library	300	0	300	291	Christian Development Comm
University Suppers	500	178	500	0	Christian Development Comm
<b>TOTAL CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>2,325</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>2,091</b>	

#### GENERAL AND OPERATING EXPENSES

Telephone	8,000	7,994	8,400	8,330	Finance Comm
Postage	500	626	1,500	2,127	Finance Comm
Photocopier	5,500	5,476	6,000	4,777	Finance Comm
External Printing	0	0	1,500	0	Finance Comm
Office Supplies	1,500	1,319	2,000	4,689	Finance Comm
Computer Repairs and Supplies	2,300	4,481	1,600	1,137	Finance Comm
Website Management	3,600	2,916	2,000	1,925	Finance Comm
Advertising	0	269	1,000	1,126	Finance Comm
Offering Envelopes	500	473	300	470	Finance Comm
Financial Charges and Interest	4,000	4,077	5,300	5,565	Finance Comm
Legal, Accounting and Consulting Services	15,000	30,484	19,000	31,856	Finance Comm
Other Miscellaneous Operating	500	412	1,000	2,871	Finance Comm
<b>TOTAL GENERAL AND OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>41,400</b>	<b>58,527</b>	<b>49,600</b>	<b>64,873</b>	

#### STRATEGIC PROJECTS

Radical Stewardship	10,000				Executive Comm
Syrian refugee support / Muslim partnering	2,000				Executive Comm
Emerging St Andrews / Year of Invitation	8,000	5,733	8,000	1,782	Executive Comm
<b>TOTAL STRATEGIC PROJECTS</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>5,733</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>1,782</b>	

#### CONFERENCE AND PRESBYTERY EXPENSES

Presbytery Assessment	16,000	16,497	16,000	15,616	Finance Comm
Other Conference and Presbytery Expenses	700	0	700	326	Finance Comm
<b>TOTAL CONFERENCE AND PRESBYTERY EXPENSES</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>16,497</b>	<b>16,700</b>	<b>15,942</b>	

<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>585,058</b>	<b>596,563</b>	<b>569,897</b>	<b>556,042</b>	
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<b>OPERATING DEFICIENCY BEFORE UNUSUAL ITEMS</b>	<b>(98,108)</b>	<b>(112,529)</b>	<b>(49,970)</b>	<b>(100,517)</b>
<b>UNUSUAL ITEMS</b>				
Losses due to employee dishonesty				(83,769)
Recovery of losses due to employee dishonesty		52,551		120,704
Costs incurred to repair fire damage	(670,935)			(101,827)
Recovery of costs incurred to repair fire damage	670,935			101,827
<b>TOTAL UNUSUAL ITEMS</b>	<b>52,551</b>			<b>36,935</b>
<b>OPERATING DEFICIENCY FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(98,108)</b>	<b>(59,978)</b>	<b>(49,970)</b>	<b>(63,582)</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT) JANUARY 1</b>	(59,978)	(148,306)		(84,724)
<b>SPECIAL TRANSFERS FROM ENDOWMENT FUND</b>	158,086	148,306		0
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS (DEFICIT) DECEMBER 31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(59,978)</b>	<b>(49,970)</b>	<b>(148,306)</b>

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**Schedule of Designated Givings and Fundraising Proceeds**  
**For Years Ended December 31 2014 and 2015**

Purpose designated	Deferred	Donations	Expenditures	Deferred	Donations	Expenditures	Deferred
	Balance Dec 31 2013	Revenues & Transfers 2014	funded 2014	Balance Dec 31 2014	Revenues & Transfers 2015	funded 2015	Balance Dec 31 2015
Building	46,197	55,380	(101,577)	0	112,160	(77,759)	34,401
Mission and Service	7,237	46,179	(46,179)	7,237	45,928	(48,731)	4,434
Outreach	4,741	0	0	4,741	(2,434)	(1,797)	510
Syrian Refugee Project					54,429	0	54,429
Brunswick Street Mission	105	3,315	(3,420)	0	4,167	(2,315)	1,852
Sunday Suppers	120	2,620	(2,740)	0	130	0	130
University suppers	0	591	(534)	57	0	(57)	0
Phoenix House	120	100	(220)	0	47	0	47
Abdille Family Refugee Project	10,745	12,173	0	22,918	2,405	0	25,323
Benevolent	0	2,441	(2,300)	141	6,229	(4,270)	2,100
UCW					9,288	(4,683)	4,605
Memorial	0	137	0	137	5,077	(10)	5,204
Choir	0	802	(722)	80	1,989	(100)	1,969
Organ	0	40	(40)	0	20	(20)	0
Flower and Gift	608	52	(238)	422	388	(398)	412
Hymn books	395	0	0	395	0	0	395
Library	61	0	(61)	0	0	0	0
Other		10,000	0	10,000	14,144	(24,144)	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>70,329</b>	<b>133,830</b>	<b>(158,031)</b>	<b>46,128</b>	<b>253,967</b>	<b>(164,284)</b>	<b>135,811</b>