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ANNUAL REPORT

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**FOR PRESENTATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2013**

**Annual General Meeting
St Andrews River Heights United Church
Sunday, February 24, 2013**

Agenda

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| 1. Call to order and declaration of quorum | Linda Paul |
| 2. Opening prayer and time of remembrance | Lesley Fox/Karen Lumley |
| 3. Motion allowing adherents to vote | |
| 4. Acceptance of Agenda | |
| 5. Acceptance of Minutes of AGM, February 26, 2012 | |
| 6. Acceptance of Committee Reports | |
| 7. Report of the Chair of the Board | Linda Paul |
| a. Introduction of the Board | |
| 8. Foundation Report | John Barber |
| 9. Finance Report | Paul Webster/Bill Craddock |
| a. Independent reviewer's statement | |
| b. Finance Committee | |
| c. 2013 Budget | |
| 10. Constitutional Amendments/Policies | Linda Paul |
| 11. Nominations | Marianne Ward |
| 12. New Business | |
| 13. Expressions of Appreciation | Anne Grewar |
| 14. Closing prayer and adjournment | Ministers |

Our Mission

**To send our people into the world restored, refreshed, forgiven and joyful;
to live as Christ would have us live, with love and justice as our goals.**

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A Message from Karen

It is unbelievable that another year has come and gone. It was a busy year, a fulfilling year and a year of hopeful planning. The verse that comes to my mind is, "Behold I make all things new," Revelation 21:5. This was for me the theme of the year and the focus of the work I was involved in ministry.

The highlights of my year were Sunday School and the Outreach work of the church. I was able to be in Sunday School with the children on most Sundays which is where I love to be. I love helping with the new multi-age classes and visiting in the Junior and Senior High School classes. It has been wonderful working more directly with the teachers and Sunday School Superintendant.

Being a part of the Outreach ministry has been a very rewarding experience. To know that we, as a church, are responding to Christ's call to reach out to the world in which we are a part of. I was able to meet many of the folks we are helping. The women from Sage House were moved by our gifts to them and I know that each one who went to serve a meal at Siloam Mission were humbled and deeply moved. For me this is what the CHURCH is all about - MISSION! It was wonderful to sense the spirit moving among us making all things new.

It has been great to work with the youth as we prepare for the Mission experience in Guatemala in 2013. The Spirit is at work in our youth, in Guatemala and here too! I feel truly blessed to be here serving with you. It is an honour and a gift to have the opportunity to serve with the children, youth, adults and also the committees. Whether I am visiting in the hospital, officiating at a wedding, celebrating the life of one of the saints gone before us or participating in Christian education events I truly feel I am blessed. It is the relationships that I have developed over the last year with you that help me to see the Spirit at work among us making all things new.

A special thanks to Maggie Zoske, our Office Manager, who keeps all the pieces (including us) together, for Lou Jubinville who keeps the building in one piece, helping with the set up of events and was always there to lend a helping hand, for Bill Craddock for his hard work with the financial concerns of the church, for Derek Morphy, Wes Elias, all the choirs and the Handbell Choir who offer their musical gifts to us each and every Sunday. It is truly a privilege and honour to work with them all.

A special thanks to our Sunday School Superintendent, Tara McCallum who works so diligently with our children and youth. We could not begin to run the Sunday School

program without the help of the many volunteers who teach Sunday School, and our youth leaders, Kim Hannam and Jeff Ward.

Where, oh where would we be without the women who work so hard with the Fellowship Committee? Truly we are a people who love to eat and truly they are a committee of committed women who know how to serve.

A special thank you to my team mate and ministry colleague Lesley Fox. It has been a great year for us as a team and together we serve the people of St. A's.

The library also falls under Christian Education and I want to thank Pat Drewett for years of service as our librarian. She has faithfully collected materials and resources for the Sunday School teachers and has faithfully served us well. As well you may know the library is now shared with a new project 'The Basement Bookstore'. Betty Lorimer had a vision for a Bookstore and this vision is now realized. Thanks Betty for your hard work too. Please see their reports after the Christian Education Committee Report.

Another year has come and gone and a new year is upon us which I embrace with excitement, exuberance and expectation knowing that God is at work in us, among us and with us making all things new. Truly, the best is yet to come!

Yours in Christ,

Karen Lumley

A Message from Lesley

Just prior to Christmas, I had the privilege of sitting in on Jeff and Lorne's junior and senior high school youth classes. One of our young people spoke about two philosophical adages by which she leads her life. Many of the other youth had their own expressions, and I shared mine which is from Paul's letter to the Philippians, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13) Do you have an expression, philosophy, or piece of wisdom that guides you or informs you when the going gets tough?

The year 2012 may have been a tough year for you, and you'll be welcoming 2013 with some fear and trepidation. Or maybe 2012 was a year of great celebrations, or perhaps it was simply a year of transitions, or maybe just maybe it was one of those quiet years in your life history. It is challenging to be at peace in each year of our lives when we are forever making plans, or always hoping it will get better, or simply wanting to stay exactly where we are with no changes ever from this point in time. As children, we are told to "grow up", and then we are told "don't act like a child". As we grow older, we search for "the child within", and we're encouraged to learn how to play again. We also hold this silly cultural belief of staying forever young. It is, to say the least, confusing for all of us when we receive these mixed messages from society. Perhaps, it is better that we hold fast to our pieces of philosophy that sustain us, instead of the contradictory messages coming from the secular world! Each age of our lives is completely different, and we do not need to leave those ages behind, we simply need to keep journeying forward building upon the experience of each year.

In our faith family this year, Marianne Ward passed the torch of Board Chair onto Linda Paul. Each of these people is extremely gifted, and each one has offered their own unique leadership to our congregation. We thank them both, and we thank Anne Grewar who has stepped up to be our incoming vice chair. I'd like to thank all of the chairs and members of committees for the wisdom and leadership they have brought us. I'd also like to thank all of our staff for their support and guidance as I entered year two in fellowship with St. Andrew's.

We work to create a caring, loving place at St. Andrew's, and that is due to all of you and your manifold ministries! From our visiting pets (Luke, Holly, Chloe, Vern, and Coke), to our drop ins from the street, to our members who come in during a walk around the neighbourhood, do remember that our doors are always open, and you will always find a friendly face and a kind word. May we continue to build community with

one another, sharing our life philosophies, our dreams, and our understandings of what it means to live out our Christian faith in the time that is ours.

Many blessings,

Lesley Fox

ST. ANDREW'S RIVER HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH

Our Mission Statement

To send our people into the world restored, refreshed, forgiven, and joyful; to live as Christ would have us live, with love and justice as our goals.

Church staff

Ministers	All the people of the congregation
Clergy	Lesley Fox
	Karen Lumley
Ministry of Music	Derek Morphy
	Wes Elias
Office Manager	Maggie Zoske
Treasurer	Bill Craddock
Church Caretaker	Lou Jubinville
Sunday School	Tara McCallum

The Church Board

Executive

Chair	Linda Paul
Past Chair	Marianne Ward
Vice Chair	Anne Grewar
Secretary	Joan Stevenson
Chair, Finance Committee	Paul Webster
Treasurer	Bill Craddock

Committee Chairs (as of December 31, 2012)

Anna Blair Circle	Margaret Pratt
Christian Education	Tara McCallum
Fellowship & Pastoral Care	Betty Jubinville
Finance	Paul Webster
Ministry and Personnel	Gary Hamilton
Nominating	Marianne Ward
Outreach	Karen Lumley (acting Chair)
Property and Administration	David Wreford
Stewardship	Jeff Ward
Worship	Heather Quinn
Church Trustees	Bernard Boland, Bruce Burrow
Presbytery Representatives	Peter Brehaut, Roger Kane, Linda Paul, Rita Swan

St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Foundation

Chair	John Barber
Secretary/Treasurer	David Wreford

St. Andy II	Pat Drewett
Basement Bookstore	Betty Lorimer

Statistical Information

Number of baptisms	7
Number of confirmations.....	10
Number of marriages	19
Number of deaths, funerals, memorial services	15
Number of supporting households as at December 31, 2012	267

Baptisms:

Matthew Michael Duncan	April 15, 2012
Drake Arthur DeFehr	August 5, 2012
Leah Marie Chiapetta	November 4, 2012
Jaron Allen Bentley Kremer	November 4, 2012
Ciara Adele Oliver	December 9, 2012
Mya Gabrielle Oliver	December 9, 2012
Elizabeth Lee Oliver	December 9, 2012

Confirmations:

Matthew Duncan	April 15, 2012
Michael Duncan	April 15, 2012
Sigrid Duncan	April 15, 2012
Samuel Murray Matheson	April 15, 2012
Kim Hurst	May 13, 2012
Jack Maier	May 13, 2012
Alenna Mark	May 13, 2012
Thomas McCallum	May 13, 2012
Sarah Roche	May 13, 2012
Sam Duncan	May 27, 2012

Marriages:

Joel Daniel Taylor & Jessica Kayla Thiessen	February 18, 2012
Bernard Boland & Joan Beverley Wilton	May 11, 2012
Jason Daniel Nash & Janet Lynn Leochko	May 26, 2012
Kevin Valente Vieira & Ainsley Elyse Wilson	June 9, 2012
Donald Harold Lowe & Juanita Fern MacKinnon	June 23, 2012
Owen Jordan Young & Ashton Amanda Liban	June 29, 2012
Nelson Cheney Woods & Crystal Gail Zastre	July 14, 2012
Dustin Lee Friesen & Rebecca Lee Gerbrandt	July 14, 2012
Stephen Douglas Capelle & Stephanie Anne Carstens	July 21, 2012
William James Watson-Burgess & Tamara Lee Fehr	August 18, 2012
Michael Alexander Neufeldt & Mae Esi Wincott	August 25, 2012
Craig Douglas Miller & Kaley B. Forsyth	September 8, 2012

Judy Lynn Gaus & Necole Elizabeth Belanger	September 8, 2012
Joshua David Flynn & Trisha Jean Bially	September 22, 2012
Gregory Ryan O'Brien & Michelle Julianne Czarnecki	September 22, 2012
John Allan Ryrie & Carol Lynne Selin	October 6, 2012
Roger Dale Wiebe & Lindsay Ann Amirault	October 20, 2012
Daniel Nicholas Atkins & Lisa Diane Pomeroy	October 27, 2012
Kerry Gordon Waddell & Julia Rose Ferguson	November 24, 2012

Deaths, Funerals, Memorial Services:

Jean McGeoch Smith	January 7, 2012
Elizabeth Easterbrook	January 9, 2012
Craig Fotheringham	January 14, 2012
Rosalie Albertina Ashton	February 23, 2012
Barbara Phyllis McDougall	March 13, 2012
Robert Howell Jones	April 21, 2012
Florence Peel	April 21, 2012
Kathleen Donalda Turnbull	May 30, 2012
Edward Omelan	June 8, 2012
Evelyn Lucille Ramsay	July 14, 2012
Ruth Lund	August 23, 2012
Lorna McDonald O'Brien	September 14, 2012
Margaret (Peggy) Bowman	October 13, 2012
Edna Sparrow	November 8, 2012
Ruby Mary Ashdown	November 25, 2012

From the Board Chair

Luke, in the tenth chapter, tells the story of Jesus' visit to the home of the sisters Mary and Martha. We know that Mary sat at Jesus' feet listening to his teaching while Martha busied herself in the kitchen preparing a feast. Martha has become the symbol of serving Jesus in a unique way. When thinking about the work of a church Board the image of Martha comes to mind. A Board knows that it is involved in the work of the church with Jesus as its Master teacher. Yet the day to day issues that a Board is involved with at times feel somewhat like the busyness of Martha.

In our meetings we try to remain aware that we are in the service of God and this congregation. We like to believe that we use love, wisdom, compassion, fairness, insight and foresight in the issues that we consider on your behalf while keeping Jesus at the center of our thinking.

As time permits we focus on an educational/theological discussion item at the Board meeting. We briefly studied an article by Walter Wink titled "The Angels in the Churches." We discussed several Remits which were voted on at Presbytery. We engaged in discussion about what it means to be or to become an Affirming Ministry inclusive of all. We made a constitutional amendment and we developed a fundraising policy. We established a protocol to follow should weather emergencies present themselves. We looked at issues such as recycling and the condition of the signage on our front lawn. We become aware of the various and sundry items that the committees are involved with. Through our Social Media Group a Facebook page was established, plus more issues too numerous to mention. We are conscious of the need to be good stewards of our time, our money and our environment.

These activities appear very "Martha-like" when we see them in a list, but we know that they are important in the life of a congregation. At the forefront of our thinking is the congregation of St. Andrew's and what is best for us and for our church going forward.

We are blessed to have the leadership of two wonderful, caring ministers. We are grateful for knowledgeable office and maintenance staff. We are fortunate that individual parishioners are willing to assume the roles of Committee chairs and all the work that entails. We enjoy the benefits of committee members, event planners, volunteers, music leaders and participants, Bible students, visitors to the ill and infirm, Sunday School teachers and attenders, and church goers. Each Sunday our bulletin tells us that all together we are the ministers of the church. We are all commissioned to

fulfill our mission ***“to send our people into the world restored, refreshed, forgiven and joyful; to live as Christ would have us live, with love and justice as our goals.”***

We pray that as Board representatives we meet your expectations and that the issues that become a focus for us are issues that you would consider worthy in the service of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Paul

Chairperson of the Board

Finance Reports

Chair of Finance Report

The Congregation of St. Andrew's approved a deficit budget for the 2012 fiscal year at its February 2012 Annual General Meeting. Our actual results for the twelve month period ending December 31, 2012 are slightly below budget due mainly to expenditures on unforeseen building maintenance issues.

At the February Annual General Meeting, the Board is presenting the 2013 budget for approval. Included in the draft budget are capital gains realized on the sale of church investments and interest earned on existing investments. The inclusion of these items has allowed us to budget a lower deficit.

The church has funds on hand due to prior year accumulated surpluses and bequests. However it is anticipated that the 2012 and 2013 deficits, coupled with future deficits could deplete these surpluses over the next few years. The Board of Directors is currently examining ways to alleviate this situation.

I look forward to seeing you at our Annual General Meeting and listening to any thoughts you may have concerning the financial situation of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Webster

Chairperson, Finance Committee

Treasurer's Report

Our church has concluded another successful year financially, notwithstanding a loss on our Operating Account. We started the year projecting a deficit of \$17,225 and concluded with a loss slightly larger at \$18,723.

Most revenue and expense items in our accounts were close to the initial budget. One exception was the cost of operating our church building. Several unexpected, but absolutely essential, large repairs occurred which put the cost of maintaining our church building somewhat over budget. On the positive side, we were able to maintain our revenues from member givings at budget even though there was a significant reduction due to members passing away.

Tables 1 and 2 (pages 17 and 18) give the consolidated financial statements. The Income and Expense Statement in Table 1 is for the Operating Account which is the account which administers the day to day operations of the church. We also have a number of Allocated Accounts which are outside the Operating Account and are not budgeted. The financial standings of all of these accounts including the Operating Account are shown in the Consolidated Balance Sheet (Table 2, page 18).

An example of an Allocated Account is our Youth Mission Account which has a balance of \$29,691. These monies will be used toward the spring trip to Guatemala and the Guatemala mission work throughout the coming year.

The Shelter (roof) Account was deficit \$21,534 at year-end. This is a reduction of \$23,348 from last year when it was \$44,883 deficit. With monies received in January, 2013 and pledges for the coming year, this account will be reduced to a deficit of \$11,637 over the coming year.

I believe that all financial statements accurately portray the church's financial position at year-end and that our accounting procedures are in good order. The Independent Review undertaken by the accounting firm Frostiak-Leslie will be available at the Annual Meeting and later at the church office.

Copies of the detailed financial statements are always available at the church office for any month-end and year-end.

It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as your church treasurer throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Craddock

Treasurer

Table 1

Table 1: Consolidated Income and Expense Statement, Operating Account				
<u>Actual 2011, 2012, Budget 2012</u>				
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Actual -</u>
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Budget</u>
				<u>2012</u>
Revenue:				
Regular Offerings	\$271,222	\$267,787	\$268,696	\$909
Open Collections	\$5,954	\$5,500	\$5,523	\$23
Sunday School	\$354	\$350	\$518	\$168
Mission & Service (special)	\$2,614	\$2,000	\$2,065	\$65
Fundraising (net)	\$18,029	\$17,700	\$19,081	\$1,381
Rentals	\$55,403	\$58,376	\$57,081	-\$1,295
Foundation Grant	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Investments (Dividends/Interest)	\$0	\$49,250	\$50,721	\$1,471
All Other Revenue	\$9,910	\$7,327	\$6,117	-\$1,210
TOTAL REVENUE	\$393,486	\$438,290	\$439,802	\$1,512
Expenses:				
Salaries	\$205,092	\$269,686	\$272,515	\$2,829
Utilities	\$43,213	\$43,211	\$39,447	-\$3,764
Building Operation	\$58,412	\$58,370	\$67,748	\$9,378
Administration	\$13,427	\$12,070	\$13,056	\$986
Committees	\$25,136	\$27,368	\$21,215	-\$6,153
Mission & Service	\$22,955	\$22,084	\$22,135	\$51
Outreach (net)	\$4,911	\$5,000	\$4,754	-\$246
Grants	\$16,225	\$16,726	\$16,965	\$239
All Other Expenses	\$3,481	\$1,000	\$691	-\$309
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$392,852	\$455,515	\$458,526	\$3,011
NET	\$634	-\$17,225	-\$18,723	-\$1,498

Table 2

Table 2: Consolidated Balance Sheet, December 31, 2012					
Balance Sheet			Balance Sheet		
Assets by Account			Liabilities by Account		
Line #	OPERATING ACCOUNT		Line #	OPERATING ACCOUNT	
1040	RBC Bank	-\$24,644.99	3000+	Retained Earnings	\$81,441.32
1010*	Petty Cash and Float	\$378.30			
1067	Steinbach Credit Union	\$94,802.27			
10701	G.S.T. Receivable	\$3,179.05			
1071	Accounts Receivable (RBC)	\$75.00	2760	Youth Missions	\$29,691.10
1078	CIBC-WG (Dividends/Interest)	\$2,040.65	2744	Anna Blair Circle	\$4,219.38
2010	Accounts Payable	-\$2,604.59	274306	Shelter (roof)	-\$21,535.79
9000	Investment Adjustments	\$8,215.63	27111	Deferred Regular Givings	\$27,205.50
3000+	TOTAL OPERATING ACCOUNT	\$81,441.32	274303	Capital Gains	\$20,973.42
			274304	Capital Recovery Earnings	\$1,700.80
			274301	Accrued Interest	\$2,475.00
			2780	Funjesus Mission	-\$568.93
				TOTAL DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS	\$64,160.48
1044	RBC Bank	\$29,691.10			

Senior Choir Report

The senior choir maintains a roster of approximately 48 members. We welcomed a few new members this past year. It is exciting to have new voices to share our love for music and our friendship toward one another. Our bursary recipients for 2012 were Ellen Ward (to June), Sarah Cory, Nathan Glowach, Suzanne Reimer and Nick Urquhart. These bursaries have proven very successful for encouraging new, young talent. Their amazing voices enhance the performance of our choir and we are thrilled to have them with us!

The choir would like to recognize the dedication and service made by our soprano soloist, Heather Kozak. Heather was accepted for the Glenn Gould School of Music and left for Toronto in the fall. We were fortunate to have Heather join us during Christmas season. Peter van Ginkel has also taken a leave from the choir.

Our choir is extremely fortunate to have our amazing leads that help the choir to maintain its musicianship. We appreciate their gifts and extra work that they must do on our behalf. Our leads were Heather Kozak (to August) and Ainsley Wray for the sopranos, Diane Wreford for the altos, Jan van der Hooft for the tenors, and Fred Cross for the basses.

Our amazing choir director, Derek Morphy, continues to inspire and lead our choir. We appreciate the passion, humour and dedication that Derek displays each practice and service. We enjoy performing familiar repertoire and are challenged under his skilful direction to learn new and interesting works. The choir is pleased to share in the presentation of inspirational music each Sunday of the year and at other special occasions such as the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday and Christmas Eve Service. This year the choir presented Eleanor Daley's Requiem on November 18. This composition was awarded the 1994 National Award for Outstanding Choral Composition of the Year by the Association of Canadian Choral Conductors. This challenging and beautiful piece was appreciated by both the choir and the congregation. Our accompanist, Wes Elias, adds his amazing musicianship to each and every Sunday as well as all other occasions. We admire Wes' patience especially during choir practice. Thank you Derek and Wes, you make an amazing team and we are blessed to have you.

The choir held a "Roamin' in the Gloamin'" concert on March 2 and 3 which raised \$5,331.40. This concert was sold out for both evenings! These funds were distributed

between the church general budget \$4,000.00 and the choir designated fund of \$1,331.40. The choir is investigating new ways of holding the music to eliminate putting music on the floor during the service.

The 2013 concert is being prepared for March 1 and 2. The theme for this concert is music by Andrew Lloyd Webber! There will be a wine and cheese reception during intermission. We welcome everyone to bring their friends and family to enjoy the music of Cats, Jesus Christ Superstar, Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat, Evita and Phantom. Please watch the bulletin and St. Andrew's News e-mails for further information! We encourage everyone to get their tickets early!

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jubinville

Choir President

Junior and Youth Choir Reports

Due to declining numbers, it was decided to suspend both of these choirs for 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Graham

Junior Choir Director

Senior Youth Report

Buoyed by the addition of a spirited graduating class of Junior Youth, the Senior Youth group of St. Andrew's United Church took up the continuing pursuit of serving within our Church, our community and in God's world.

Graduating members of the Senior Youth included Shanelle Gingras, Jessica Siddall, Becca Ward, Eric Whiteside, Jess Neufeld and Helen Beaumont. All of them will take the experience gained as part of HSiA (Holy Spirit in Action) to fuel their ongoing spiritual journey. Becca and Shanelle volunteered at Safe Passage in Guatemala last May and June. Safe Passage is the organization that provides a safe haven for children and women that reside in the community adjacent to the Guatemala City dump.

Our 2012 HSiA group included returning members Simon Koots, Kathleen Kopp, Vanessa Whiteside, Alana Colina, Carrie Siddall and Kasen Neufeld, joined by our new members, Kim Hurst, Emma Grewar, Abby Koots, Thomas McCallum, Jack Maier, Sarah Roche, Alenna Mark and Marley Smith.

The group is led by Kim Hannam and Jeff Ward and supported by Karen Lumley, their parents and the congregation.

HSiA continues to support youth from the village of San Pedro Sacatepéquez and provided over \$9,000 in 2012 for educational assistance to 34 deserving recipients to cover their tuition, transportation and other educational costs. The recipients are all very grateful for this opportunity to continue their education. In addition to the scholarships, HSiA also provided \$3,000 toward teachers' salaries for the Pezzarossi School in Esquintla.

Our major education fundraising continues to be our annual Wreaths & Swags sales. We also started Hand Up! – a sponsorship program where a person can donate \$250 to further bolster our efforts. Education can transform the lives of children, families and communities - giving with justice, compassion and love transforms our lives.



HSiA was also busy fundraising for the 2013 Guatemala Experience Mission Trip. Soup & Sandwich lunches after worship, Rent-A-Youth and our annual Spaghetti Dinner are just a few of the events we took on in 2012 to raise money.

The 2013 Guatemala Experience mission trip is planned for the Spring School break and 13 youth, including seven first-timers, and

nine chaperons are preparing to reconnect with our friends in Guatemala – and do God’s work. The seven first-timers will bring the number up to 49 youth from our Church who have participated in our mission trips that began bi-annually in 2003.

The group would like to thank family, friends and congregation members who support our efforts – may God bless you.

Prepared by,

Jeff Ward

Committee Reports

Anna Blair Circle Report

The Anna Blair Circle consists of women and their friends from the church who meet during the year for fundraising and social events.

In January, a small group of women met at the home of Doreen Craddock to plan events for the coming year. As well as planning activities for 2012, Doreen Craddock introduced a motion that the group donates \$300.00 to the Guatemala scholarship fund as well as \$200.00 to the Foundation. It was seconded by Barbara Coombs and passed unanimously. The first event of the year, the annual Valentines Bake Sale was held in the church auditorium after the Sunday service on February 12. Thank you to all who baked the 'goodies' as well to the women who worked behind the scenes to organize a successful event. On March 12, a C.P.R. clinic was held in the daycare area. This event was open to anyone in the church community and was quickly filled to capacity. Both C.P.R. and the Automated External Defibrillator device were demonstrated and practiced by the participants. On May 31, ten women from the group met for a wind-up dinner at Prairie Ink Restaurant in McNally Robinson Booksellers. After the summer, a Wine and Cheese tasting event was held on September 28 in the church lounge with Glenn Neufeld presenting several wines. Thanks to Glenn, Diane Wreford and Susan Bolton for a lovely evening of wine and food. November 26 was the Christmas Pot-Luck dinner held in the lounge. Food, gifts and money were also collected to donate to the St. Matthews-Maryland 'Christmas Store' so clients of the Resource Centre would be able to choose gifts for their family. Thank you to all who contributed.

I have stepped down from my leadership role of the Anna Blair Circle and Doreen Craddock has agreed to take over the position. Thanks to everyone for their support during these last two years.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Pratt
Chair, 2012

ABC Financial Summary for 2012

Balance as of December 31, 2011	\$ 3,918.71
Income	
Bake Sales	458.05
Wine & Cheese Reception	48.00
Interest Income	97.89
Christmas Cheer Board Hamper	0
St. Matthew's-Maryland	85.00
Miscellaneous	<u>335.00</u>
Total	\$1,023.94
 Expenses	
Capital Items for Church	\$ 139.06
Wine & Cheese Reception	0
St. Matthew's-Maryland	84.21
Guatemala Education Fund	300.00
Other	0
Miscellaneous	200.00
Total	\$723.27
<hr/> Balance as of December 31, 2012	<hr/> \$4,219.38

Christian Education Report

2012 started out under a snowy blanket for our little group. We all headed outdoors as has become our norm in February. The experience of all the ages coming together has become one that we all treasure. We spend our Sundays learning about our community, so it is wonderful to be able to share a few moments bonding as a group.

As usual, Mother's Day was the official end to the Sunday school sessions. Ralph Milton Family Story Bibles were presented to grade 1 students and Teen Devotional Bibles were presented to grade 6 students. We had the annual Sundae Sunday event and it seems the children love it more every year. We think it makes sense to plan a small group activity to coincide with the ice cream, to bring closure to our year together; for example, a yoga session or heading outside to plant a little garden.

The CE Committee is especially grateful to the many very devoted Sunday School teachers who are so committed to their calling to provide support for the spiritual

journey of our children and youth. As a small token of our thanks we gifted each of them with a geranium but they each deserve a whole garden of flowers.

September brought us back together as a group for “Celebration Sunday”. This was the fourth year that we have held the service outdoors and once again it was a huge success that brought a number of new families to St. Andrew’s. There were many extra hands that offered their assistance throughout the morning and lots of little feet that really enjoyed the family friendly atmosphere.

Sunday School was offered from September – December with approximately 50 students registered. On average, the attendance has been 35 students per week. Attendance is such that we still require classes from toddler care to senior youth. We changed our curriculum this year; we are now following Seasons of the Spirit online (www.seasonsonline.ca).

CE once again decided to collect shoes for the Fit Feet on the Street program headed by Brian Scharfstein. This year we were able to collect an amazing 200 pairs of shoes. The Junior Youth assisted in organizing and preparing them for donation through Canadian Footwear.

This year’s Children’s Sunday discussions revolved around the ideas of incorporating technology into our youth worship. We watched and talked about many wonderful videos that we hope brought new ideas to the fore front for our young members.

Our Advent season brought us together as a group again for the final time this year. We started the year outdoors so we thought we should end it that way too. We gathered together outside once more to listen to the story of the Nativity and then put up our own Nativity scene. We started something this year that I think will soon become a tradition for our younger members. We went caroling in the neighbourhood. It was a wonderful day and the singing got louder the longer we stayed out.

Members of the CE Committee in 2012 were Megan Dyck, Elly Hoogterp-Hurst, Tara McCallum and Becca Ward. Karen Lumley was our ministerial support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tara McCallum

Chairperson, CE Committee

St. Andy II's Report:

The following books were added to our library this year:

Adult: "As Spirituality Named Compassion" – Matthew Fox

Juvenile: "What's Heaven" – Maria Shriver;

"I Can Make a Difference" – Marian Edelman.

No new audio tapes or DVD's were added to our collection.

The Sunday School curriculum continues to be downloaded from the internet, but extra material to compliment the lesson is put out each Sunday for use by the teachers.

The magazines "Geez" (the cheeky magazine for the 'over-churched, out-churched, and unchurched") and the United Church Observer are available in the library. They don't have to be signed out, but please make sure they are returned!

St. Andy II congratulates Tara McCallum in her new position as Sunday School Superintendent. Thank you to our ministers and Sunday School teachers for their on-going input and support.

And special thanks to Maggie Zoske, our Office Manager, who always makes room in the bulletin for "And now a word from St. Andy II".

Respectfully submitted,

St. Andy II and his assistant

Patricia Drewett

Basement Bookstore Report:

On December 6, 2012 the Basement Bookstore marked its first anniversary. The Bookstore is open every Thursday, 10:00am to 5:00pm and I am there almost every Thursday.

As of December 31, 2012 the Bookstore raised \$1,600, all of which was donated to the church. On average, the Bookstore takes in \$29 weekly. Paperbacks cost \$1.00 and hard covers cost \$2.00.

Since the number of customers dropped significantly in the last two weeks of July and the first two weeks of August, the Bookstore was open but not staffed. A note was left for the customers who still came and did, in fact, leave money.

Summer is here; I am not.
Please come in and browse a lot.
Leave your loonies
and/or your toonies.
Without a good book, don't get caught.

The Bookstore is at the bottom of the stairs across from the caretaker's office. It shares the space with the church library. The location seems suitable with the daycare children, parents, grandparents and teachers going by throughout the day. It is easy access to the stairs, as well as to the elevator. There are many "walk ins" because of the sign that is out every Thursday—even in the summer.

There are about 20 categories of books: art, antiques, biographies, Canadiana, classics, children's picture and chapter books, coffee table/large format, comedy, crafts, dictionaries, fiction, fantasy, health, military, mysteries, non-fiction, plays, poetry and science fiction.

The Bookstore was a success in its first year. I am delighted with the proceeds that have been contributed to the church. I would like the Bookstore to continue, to thrive and to expand.

All the books are donated, as are my time and effort of managing the Bookstore. I thank Ellen Bruneau and Kay Shawcross for volunteering to help me and the Bookstore.

I hope many of you will soon have an opportunity to visit the Bookstore.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Lorimer

Basement Bookstore Manager

Fellowship and Pastoral Care Report

The Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee consists of three major components: The Fellowship Committee, the Caring Community and the Prayer Shawl Ministry. This report will recognize each committee individually.

The Fellowship Committee:

This very active committee consists of Carol Bremner, Karen Carswell, Verla Cleland, Maxine Hannam, Marilyn Muir, Kay Shawcross, Brenda Kennedy, Laura Kozak-Regier, Marion Kozak, Roberta Popoff, Marlene Websdale and chair-person Betty Jubinville. This committee strives to encourage fellowship and support to all members of the congregation and the surrounding community. After several years of dedication to St. Andrew's and the Fellowship Committee, Margaret Pratt has taken a leave to pursue continuing education in Theology.

Every Sunday this committee prepares and serves refreshments after each service. This time following the service gives newcomers and members an opportunity to visit. We serve coffee as well as tea, juice and popcorn for the children.

The Fellowship Committee has taken an active role in outreach to the community. With Maxine's leadership, the committee prepared and served a beautiful roast beef dinner at Ronald McDonald House on January 5. Ronald McDonald House has the "Home for Dinner" program which invites groups to prepare home cooked meals for the family members staying at the house while their children are being treated at the Children's Hospital. There were approximately fifteen very appreciative people in attendance. The leftovers were enjoyed by those whom arrived later.

A congregational dinner was held at Dalat Restaurant on January 27. Dinner was a set menu with coffee/tea and taxes included for \$20.00. There were 30 people in attendance and the great food and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

A Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was on February 21 from 5:00 to 6:30pm. The weather was beautiful at -5°C with light snow. Forty-nine people attended the dinner of pancakes, sausages and fruit for a cost of \$5.00 per person. An Ash Wednesday service was held in the sanctuary immediately after the supper at 6:30pm.

Another Outreach mission held by the Fellowship Committee was a lunch prepared and served for approximately 40 West Broadway Seniors at the Agape Table on March 19. The lunch consisted of beef stew, buns, dessert and beverages. The lunch was well received with leftovers to be taken home. It was a humbling experience to be in someone else's kitchen and we were grateful for the expertise of the volunteers at West Broadway.

The Easter Breakfast was held at 9:00am on April 8 and was attended by 80 people. This breakfast consisted of the traditional scrambled egg dish, ham, waffles and hot

cross buns. Marlene Websdale enjoyed being the “Easter Bunny” handing out treats to the children.

Back by popular demand, a second Royal event was held on April 21 with the Queen’s Garden Party in celebration of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. This high tea event was coordinated by Doreen Craddock and there were approximately 200 people in attendance. There were beautiful displays and a short visit from the Queen. This was definitely a memorable event. The tickets were \$15.00 and it was a sellout event. The profits were \$2,406.00.

Many members of the congregation helped with the annual Bridge Luncheon on April 30, by donating salads, dainties, as well as assisting in the preparation, serving and cleanup. Verla Cleland and Margaret Pratt did a great job organizing this sold out event and raised \$3,083.08. Excellent job!

Celebration Sunday took place on Sunday, September 9 with an outdoor service. The Fellowship Committee prepared the outdoor lunch consisting of hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy and the 100 foot sundae. This event was well attended by the congregation and the neighbourhood.

This year the Hustle for Hunger was held on September 15 and was arranged by Karen Carswell. The preparation of the food was assisted by the Fellowship Committee. There were 240 participants and the net proceeds of over \$6,000.00 and 77 jars of peanut butter were donated to the Agape Table. Excellent work Karen!

Doreen Craddock coordinated the Harvest Supper once again and this event which was held on October 3. The event was well supported by all members of St. Andrew’s with their preparation of food, set-up, clean-up and attendance. A huge thank you to everyone! This fundraiser made a net profit of \$4,128.00. All surplus food was taken to the Agape Table.

The Fellowship Committee held a Prime Rib fundraising dinner on November 17 and 18 for the purchase of two new double oven stoves for the kitchen. The tickets were \$25.00 and dinner included a complimentary cocktail, appetizers, salad, dinner, dessert and coffee. There were approximately 92 people in attendance on Saturday and 56 on Sunday. The beautiful table settings, excellent food and restaurant style serving created a professional atmosphere. The ovens were completely paid for with the funds raised by this event and with generous donations from individuals.

A waffle breakfast was served immediately after the service on Sunday, December 9. There were over 90 people in attendance. Brunch consisted of waffles, sausages, fruit and beverages. The price was \$5.00 per person. The proceeds were to cover any outstanding costs of the stove. As the stoves were completely paid for, the Board approved that the small profit of \$304.26 would be designated to a fridge fund.

The Fellowship Committee also took on the leadership of the Cookie Walk on December 1. The Board members and the congregation supported this event by baking approximately 400 dozen cookies. The Cookie Walk made a net profit of \$1,349.60.

Maxine Hannam again took on the leadership of the Memory Tree on Oak Street. This meaningful event took place on December 15 with a reception and short service in the lounge prior to the lighting of the tree. The “Memory Book” was on display that day and is now in the Narthex for all to view throughout the year. The total amount of \$1,375.00 was donated to Jocelyn House which is a privately owned palliative care facility. A huge thank you to Gord and Kay Shawcross for putting the lights on the tree and to Maxine Hannam for organizing this very meaningful event!

Every year, in December, we distribute small gifts to the people on Oak Street. This year the Sunday School children delivered these gifts during their caroling on Sunday morning, December 16. We would like to thank the Sunday School children for their help with these deliveries.

We did not hold a “Dine and Dash” event this year but the committee is planning to hold at least one in 2013. The “Dine and Dash” is this committee’s continuing attempt to bring new visitors to the church. This event is well received by the community.

We continue to collect Canadian Tire money. This year a new pot was purchased. Thank you to everyone that has put their spare Canadian Tire money in the box! It really does make a difference!

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Jubinville

Chairperson, Fellowship & Pastoral Care

Caring Community:

The Caring Community comes under the umbrella of the Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee. Our mandate is to be in contact with our ministers to keep them up-to-date on those, within our congregation, who are in need of Pastoral care. Lesley and

Karen are also in close communication with us to keep us updated on our sick and shut-ins.

Sheila Corder has, for many years, done an excellent job of sending out sympathy and “thinking of you” cards to those in need. Sheila retired this year and this ministry has been assumed by Marjorie Eckert and Shirley Lush. Thirty-seven sympathy cards and 30 “Thinking of You” cards were sent in 2012. We know, from the appreciation extended to us that receiving the cards has touched many lives. The cards have been specially designed and printed for us by Colette Berriault.

From Easter 2011 to Easter 2012, many in our congregation experienced the loss of a family member or close friend. During Holy Week of 2012, 40 mum plants were delivered by many of our members. The plants are purchased from Vic’s Fruit Market on Pembina Highway and are accompanied by cards which are handmade by Brenda Trevenen. Not only are the recipients touched by this remembrance, but it is a meaningful experience to those who deliver. Sincere thanks to our 2012 deliverers – David Bergman, Bernard Boland, Diane Bowles, Peter Brehaut, Ellen Bruneau, Bruce and Ardelia Burrow, Verla Cleland, Donna Earl, Maxine Hannam, Karen Lumley, Tara McCallum, Ruth McKenzie, Maureen and Quinton McNaught, Nancy Ann Parkhill, Bill and Marilyn Muir, Glenn Neufeld, Margaret Pratt and Theresa Whiteside.

In the Narthex, we have placed bookmarks which have been designed and printed by Colette Berriault. These can be used by anyone who is visiting on behalf of the church. If the recipient does not read, the bookmark can be placed on a bulletin board or elsewhere to alert the family that their loved one has had a visit on behalf of the church.

In 2012, we hosted two Seniors’ Luncheons – one in the spring and one in the fall. Each of these was attended by approximately 70 people. The food, fellowship, and programs following the luncheons, have been enjoyed by all. Our caterer, Cathy Barnsley, has retired after many years of being with us. Our sincere thanks and appreciation was extended to her. We also could not have done this without the help and support of members of the Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee and our Senior Youth Group, who did the serving and clean-up. Proceeds were given to support their Guatemala Project.

Thank you to each and everyone on the committee (Bruce and Ardelia Burrow, Verla Cleland, Marjorie Eckert, Lesley Fox, Maxine Hannam, Brenda Kennedy, Karen Lumley, Shirley Lush and Marlene Websdale) for your concern for those who are unable to be

with us for Sunday worship. Keeping in contact with them is vital for their connection with St. Andrew's and keeps them in touch with their faith community.

Respectfully submitted,

Ardelia Burrow

Rose Ferries Prayer Shawl Ministry:

Maggie Zoske was the coordinator of the Prayer Shawl Ministry in 2012.

We had a number of faithful knitters who were very busy knitting shawls this past year. We received 31 new shawls this year, and have given out 17 shawls to people in need of support during difficult times. If you are interested in becoming a knitter, please call Maggie in the church office (204-488-1130) and she will give you the knitting/crochet instructions, etc. We are also very grateful for donations of wool for the shawls.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from receiving one of the prayer shawls, please call the church office at 204-488-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Zoske

Ministry and Personnel Report

The Ministry & Personnel Committee is a confidential consultative body that supports the pastoral relationship. In the United Church, we describe ourselves as "being in ministry together", recognizing that the work of the paid Ministry Personnel is only part of the work of the ministry. There are also a number of other staff positions for which the M&P Committee is responsible including the Office Manager, Custodian, Choir Director and Organist.

Duties of the M&P Committee include:

- Provide a consultative and supportive agency;
- Review working conditions and remuneration;
- Oversee the relationship of staff members among themselves and with the congregation;
- Conduct annual staff evaluations;

- Review regularly the responsibilities of staff and revise position descriptions when required;
- Monitor continuing education.

As a committee we have three main areas of responsibility: Administration, Personnel and Ministry.

Administration

On September 28, Maggie Zoske celebrated her third anniversary as Office Manager. Responsible for organizing, coordinating, and supervising office operations and procedures, Maggie has proved herself a valued asset to the St. Andrew's team. Using our ChurchWatch software program as well as other programs, Maggie is able to track membership, manage calendars, coordinate events and facility management and maintain an email database that enables electronic communication with our congregation and community partners. Her office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Personnel

We continue to be supported by a group of talented and dedicated staff members. Music is one of the cornerstones of our congregation. We are truly blessed to have the talents of our Senior Choir led by Derek Morphy and Organist, Wes Elias.

Our Custodian, Lou Jubinville, meets the many challenges of maintaining our facility and surrounding property. Lou's other duties include managing the sound system for Sunday Services, and assisting with weddings and funerals.

As Financial Administrator and Treasurer and reporting to the Finance Committee, Bill Craddock manages the financial affairs of St. Andrew's. For 36 years Bill has served on many committees including the Board of Directors.

This past year the M&P Committee conducted evaluations on all staff members. These annual reviews allow ministry personnel, staff members and various groups and committees of the congregation to support one another in their mutual responsibilities for ministry. There was both written and oral feedback. These reviews ensure proper functioning among all parties and in some cases identify areas for professional development. Our committee also monitors and, where necessary, adjusts position descriptions that accurately reflect areas of responsibility and accountability for all staff.

Ministry

The Reverend Dr. Lesley Fox celebrated her first anniversary at St. Andrew's on September 1. Together with Karen Lumley, the team ministry supports the mission of St. Andrew's and draws members, adherents and newcomers into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. This is accomplished by their two distinct roles. Lesley's priorities are worship with a focus on preaching and sacraments, pastoral care, and adult education. Karen focuses on Christian Education, youth programs and education for youth, interacting effectively with the intergenerational mix of members, and spiritual and pastoral care. We are very fortunate to have two highly respected and gifted individuals ministering in our community.

Conclusion

The M&P Committee would also like to offer a special thank you to the St. Andrew's team of volunteers for the many hours spent performing countless tasks and projects.

Roger Kane joined our committee in November. He brings a new perspective to our committee and we look forward to his contribution and support.

The M&P Committee is always available to handle comments or questions from the members of our congregation. All enquiries will be handled in a confidential manner.

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Roger Kane	204-257-2975	rakane@mymts.net
Gary Hamilton	204-488-4559	whamilt@mts.net

Sincerely,

Gary Hamilton

Chairperson, M&P Committee

Nominating Report

The Nominating Committee is composed of the Board Chairperson being Linda Paul, the Vice Chairperson, Anne Grewar and the Past Chairperson who is the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Marianne Ward. The ministers, Lesley Fox and Karen Lumley are both resources to the committee.

The Nominating Committee met during the past year to fill vacancies as required. We were pleased to start the year by recruiting Anne Grewar as our Vice Chair. As well, we

filled the empty Presbytery Representative positions to bring our total to four representatives from our church. We also assist committees in recruiting new members as needed.

At the time this is written, we have three positions on the Board that have completed their terms as stated by the constitution. The constitution does state however that terms can be extended on a year by year basis. If there are no suitable candidates to replace the people in these positions, the persons currently holding these positions are agreeable to continuing their duties. The positions are Treasurer, Chair of Finance and one position of Presbytery Representative.

The Nominating Committee will present the full slate of nominees to fill the Board positions at the Annual General Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Marianne Ward

Chairperson, Nominating Committee

Outreach Report

The Outreach Committee has been busy this year! They have added new members to the committee as well as increased their outreach projects and involvement in the community. We have a co-chair for the committee, thanks to Joan Stevenson, and are still looking for someone to co-chair with her.

Each month a different ministry was the focus of the month for the bulletin, service, prayer and donations. This past year we focused on the following ministries, Sage House, West Broadway Community Ministry, Siloam Mission, Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council, Safe Passage, Agape Table, St. Matthew's-Maryland Community Ministry and Rainbow Ministry. We collected various items for each ministry and offered opportunities of service varying from serving meals to wrapping Christmas presents. We served meals at Siloam Mission once a month for nine months of the year.

The community ministries of the United Church of Canada continue to be promoted through the Christmas Catalogue, outreach giving of the church and Minute for Mission. The gifts to West Broadway, St. Matthews-Maryland, Northend Stella, Oak Table and Rainbow Ministry were all featured. This is a continued initiative of Winnipeg Presbytery which has had donations of over \$40,000.00 in the last year.

The Hustle for Hunger was held earlier this year on Saturday, September 15. Our church supports this event with Karen Carswell and the Fellowship and Pastoral Care Committee who prepare the breakfast and help with the planning. The church sees this as an event they are in partnership with. All proceeds collected go to the Agape Table. Thanks to all who participated by volunteering, walking, running or cooking.

Our congregation was very generous in supporting special appeals and needs throughout the year. We also supported families in need this past year, one family who lost everything in a fire, another family who needed storage fees covered and we supported the Safe Halloween project at the Indian and Métis Centre for children in the north end. The church also supported Siloam Mission, Agape Table and 1Hope Winnipeg, families and individuals in need and the ESL Program at Christmas for immigrant students from Grant Park High School. Our congregation also supported two international emergency appeals – the Philippines and the Sahel region of Africa.

As always the Mitten Tree was a great success with mittens going to the Outreach Ministries in the city that are represented in 1Hope Winnipeg. We are also trying to find ways of keeping the congregation informed of Community Ministry events and involvement through the Minute for Mission and the bulletin.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry, Meals on Wheels and the Right to Housing Coalition are also a part of the Outreach Committee's work and their reports are filed separately. We look forward to continuing to reach out in meaningful ways to the community, as the Outreach Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Karen Lumley

Interim Chairperson, Outreach Committee

Fun Jesus:

Fun Jesus is a Board approved mission project of St. Andrew's. It is an orphanage for children and youth in Guatemala. Fun Jesus has 32 children from the ages of 10 months to 20 years old, has no organized fundraising, and operates on prayers and faith. All of the younger children (under 13 years old) are brought from a jail where they were sent with their mothers as it would be safer in most cases than remain in the neighbourhoods where they were being raised, especially the girls if left to fend for themselves as many have been abused.

Vanessa (the housemother) raises them as her own (on my last trip she told me she was convinced that 32 was the maximum that could be raised as a family). All of the children see themselves as a big family of brothers and sisters and the older ones all help of the raising of the younger ones. Vanessa's goal as a parent is to have each child go through University to assure that the circle of poverty/crime for survival is broken and they go forward to raise families that will benefit society and the country in a positive manner. There are now four youth currently in University. Karla is in accounting and helps to manage house finances and Maylin is in a hotel management and tourism. Noelia is in Sports Therapy and is a very accomplished martial arts student who has represented Guatemala outside the country in tournaments and Amy is just beginning a fashion and merchandising program. All the children are encouraged to dream big and work towards their goals. Few of the children have ever been taken out of the home after their mothers are out of jail as they see how well adjusted the children are and have lives that have a bright future which the mothers could not provide. The children take dance, music, swimming and martial arts as well as their school results are very closely monitored. They also enjoy some private time with Vanessa to review their progress and to identify areas they need additional help.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Hannam

Housing- an Aspect of St. Andrew's Outreach:

Right to Housing Coalition is a non-profit, volunteer advocacy coalition of 50 supporting organizations, one of which is St. Andrew's River Heights United Church. We have an active membership of over 40 individuals and an email circulation list of 160. I appreciate this opportunity to report on the past year's activities.

As the outcome of the future of the operational land on the Kapyong base drags on, we are preparing for the time when it will be opportune to advocate for a diverse housing plan to be included.

This year Right to Housing has produced major policy papers aimed at the Federal and City of Winnipeg governments. They can be seen on our website, www.righttohousing.ca. The Federal Government continues to refuse to meet with us so we are not counting on any significant change in their policy to gradually withdraw from all funding of affordable and social housing. The City of Winnipeg is in the process of drafting a new housing policy, a process in which we took an active part. However, the City budget has been tabled, it does not appear to allow for any significant policy changes, at least for the coming year.

Our working relationship with the Provincial Government is more positive. Because of the expiration of operating grants on social housing they have the unwelcome task of deciding which social housing units will be maintained and which will be forced to charge market rents, or be sold outright, in either case being lost as social housing. We recently received confirmation that no three and four bedroom homes would be sold after our members made a passionate plea to safeguard these larger homes as they are exactly what large families of newcomers need. On the other hand, Right to Housing is a supporter of Make Poverty History Manitoba and we were active in the campaign to increase the housing allowance for recipients of Employment Insurance Assistance including the 12 Days of Christmas initiative that just ended on January 4. The Provincial position is that they are trying to encourage education, training and getting employment, as their solution to EIA housing problems. We don't and can't argue with that, however it does nothing for the 60% of recipients that are unemployable for legitimate reasons such as disabilities, health and family circumstances. Neither does a precarious housing condition encourage education and training for employment. The housing allowances have not been raised since 1992 and rents have been sky rocketing, making food banks and increasing homelessness hard facts of life.

Some housing facts:

The rental vacancy rate in Winnipeg is just over 1%, still among the lowest in the country.

- The rental universe in Winnipeg continues to lose units, due to conversions to condos and demolitions.
- Since 1992 Winnipeg's rental universe has declined by 9%, from 57,279 to 52,319. Over this same time Winnipeg's population has increased by 11%, from 677,000 to 753,600.
- Homelessness in Winnipeg is rising steadily. We have 500 shelter beds in Winnipeg. They are full every night and people are always being turned away. Homeless people are not always visible as they are often living in overcrowded apartments with friends and relatives, (couch surfing).
- Soup kitchens and Winnipeg Harvest have become a necessity not just for the homeless, but also for renters who must supplement their housing budget with food money and depend on Harvest to keep from starving.

A Summary of our Activities in 2012

We don't spend a lot of time accounting for our activities but a quick look through my day book and hard drive came up with this rough calculation of the coalition's activity in 2012.

• Presentations	15
• Affordable Rental Housing Roundtable meetings	3
• Demonstrations and staged events	5
• Letters to the editor, op/eds published in the Free Press	5
• Letters to the Minister of Housing in Manitoba	2
• Letters to Premier Salinger	2
• Letters to Members of Parliament	3
• Meetings with Members of Parliament	2
• Meetings with the Minister of Housing	2
• Meetings with Manitoba Housing	2
• Meeting with Opposition	1
• Meetings with City Counselor	1
• Meetings with Winnipeg Housing	5
• Papers	3
• Press Releases	5
• Petitions	1

These tangible deliverables represent many hours of regular coalition meetings and consultations. For more details about the content you may want to go to our website, www.righttohousing.ca or visit our Facebook page. We are always glad to speak to community interest groups. Individuals are welcome to any of our monthly meetings. They are held at Crossways in Common on the third Tuesday afternoon of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Brownlee

Coordinator

Meals on Wheels:

For the past many years, St. Andrew's has been responsible for the staffing of Meals on Wheels Route 4 out of the Misericordia Hospital. Meals are delivered five days a week for the entire year, with the route being in the south River Heights area. We are

fortunate in having many who drive or deliver on a weekly basis - Roy and Melba Allen, Epic Opportunities (two Tuesdays a month), Mary Campbell, Bruce and Ardelia Burrow and Arcane Horizon. The Grant Park Autistic Program, for years, staffed the route on the Fridays when there was school. This year, they decided to take a different direction with their program. However, one of the young lads who delivered for them, has graduated to Arcane Horizon. He desperately wanted to continue delivering the Meals and, as a result, Arcane Horizon is now doing every Friday.

With summer holidays, and vacations during the winter, plus other days where some vacancies are available, our "spares" are contacted to fill in the empty spaces. David Bergman, Don and Diane Bewell, Clark Brownlee, Ellen and Neil Bruneau, Donna Earl, Carole Enefer, Gerry and Janet Hirose, Betty Jo and Ross Johnston, Margot Kalinowsky, Eldred Mancer, Jim and Pat Richtik, Gord and Kay Shawcross, Joan Stevenson and Hartley Stinson provide driving or delivering services throughout the year.

Our thanks are extended to each and every one for their dedication and commitment - not only to the Meals on Wheels Program, but to their willingness to be available on a regular basis or respond so quickly when called upon to help.

Respectfully submitted,

Ardelia Burrow

Social Media Group:

In November 2011, Karen Lumley and Maggie Zoske attended a one day conference entitled 'The Social Media Marketing Conference'. Although the conference was geared toward the corporate world, valuable ideas were learned that could be adapted by St. Andrew's. In 2012, a group consisting of Karen Lumley, Lesley Fox, Maggie Zoske, Pat McCallum and Marianne Ward met to discuss how St. Andrew's could expand our visibility using social media (web pages, blogs, Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.) It was decided that in addition to our current website and our page on the The Conference of Manitoba and Northwest Ontario website, a Facebook page was needed to be developed for St. Andrew's as well as blogs to be written by Lesley and Karen. These would increase our exposure in and connection to the community. Information about activities, services and messages could be added by the Ministers to both Facebook and their blogs. Many thanks for Marianne Ward and Colette Berriault for their work developing our new Facebook page. Visit our Facebook page at: <http://www.facebook.com/St.AndrewsUnitedChurch>.

You can visit the ministers' blogs at: <http://www.karenschurcblog.blogspot.com/>
and <http://www.revlesmustardseed.blogspot.com/>

Many thanks to a very dedicated Pat McCallum for revising and updating our website every week. Fred Cross joined our group in late 2012 and we're very excited about the ideas and expertise he can bring. In 2013, we're working towards being able to tape the Sunday services which can then be put on our website.

We welcome any ideas or comments from the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Zoske

Property and Administration Report

The life of a Property Committee for an aging building is fraught with anxieties amid the awareness of all that could go wrong with geriatric physical plant. In 2012 such apprehensions were amply borne out.

Early in the year, following a shut-down for routine maintenance and checking, the fire alarm system could not be re-activated. Repair was impossible due to the control panel's age/obsolescence, and consequent non-availability of parts. The entire panel had to be replaced, along with some smoke detectors that were incompatible with the new panel. The cost of this misfortune came in at just over \$7,000.

Soon after, the chimney for the hot water tanks (in the electrical room behind the main kitchen) was found to be seriously corroded and in danger of allowing carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide back into the building in the event of a strong wind from the wrong direction. A new exhaust stack and related internal ducts had to be installed at once, for a cost of about \$6,000.

These two unbudgeted items resulted in the "major repairs" item in the 2012 budget being overspent by some \$6,500. In addition several smaller major repair costs were incurred. These included, for example, the repair of an awkwardly positioned major valve in the heating system, and \$1,400 for work on the office and ministers' computers.

On the plus side, heating costs came in well under budget for 2012. This was partly due to more aggressive management of the boiler during the "shoulder" (spring and fall)

months of the year, and partly due to the continued decline in the price of natural gas that has now been underway for several years. Indications are that the price of natural gas will remain low through 2013.

Another significant investment in 2012 was the retirement and replacement of the chairs in the auditorium. Welds on the metal framework of these chairs were failing with increased frequency, and the plywood backs and seats were delaminating beyond the point of easy repair. The initial plan was to begin a gradual replacement program, with solid plastic and metal institutional chairs, in 2012. Funds were budgeted accordingly for the first 70 or so of these. Early in the year, however, it became apparent that we could replace all the old chairs with basic banquet chairs available at a distress price from a supplier who needed to get rid of them. Examination of the pros and cons led the Property and Finance Committees to go with the banquet chairs which have on the whole proved satisfactory. The committee stresses, however, that these chairs are lightly-built, and urges that they be handled gently during set-up and take-down for events in the auditorium.

As usual with our heavily-used building, countless day-to-day items of routine maintenance, cleaning and administration had to be attended to throughout the year. These matters were ably handled by Caretaker, Lou Jubinville and Office Manager, Maggie Zoske, and their work is gratefully acknowledged. Special thanks are also due to committee member Gord Shawcross whose tireless attention to many small (and some larger) maintenance jobs, both internal and external, helps keep the building operating smoothly. Additionally, committee members Hartley Stinson, Sue Wiste and Murray Cameron provide invaluable support through their work with various external contractors and building tenants (daycare and nursery school). The chair salutes and thanks you all!

Respectfully Submitted,

David Wreford

Chairperson, Property and Administration Committee

Stewardship Report

The Stewardship Committee started to meet on a more regular basis and developed a PREPARE | ASK | RECEIVE model to lay out our short term and long term ideas and activities. Adding the Stewardship Seconds to the weekly bulletin and planning a more robust Stewardship campaign has us moving in the right direction. More work is to be done to round out our approach for 2013.

Our committee members included Bill Craddock, Pat Drewett, Lorne Hurst and Bill Muir. Karen Lumley and Lesley Fox alternated their attendance at our meetings.



The 2012 campaign was called Abundant Joy, Overflowing Generosity and set our four cornerstones of stewardship on which we can use for a solid foundation to grow our Church – and our faith. Bulletin inserts during the month of October were introduced to the congregation by some of our committee members at the start of worship, as follows:

Lorne Hurst - Giving My Day

Bill Muir - Giving My Worship

Bill Craddock - Giving My Spiritual Gifts.

On Stewardship Sunday, October 28, Jeff Ward provided the message during Worship on Giving My Income.

The campaign also included an attempt to hold small group meetings, called a Stewardship Bee, in the homes of the committee and Board members. Although the response to attend was underwhelming we did reach out personally and invited all members of the congregation with the residual effect being that we drew awareness to our campaign. Promotional posters were hung in the Church, the campaign was promoted on the St. Andrew's News e-mail blast and a pamphlet was mailed out with each member's stewardship response package.

The campaign resulted in increased givings that will be reported at our Annual General Meeting.

I would like to thank the committee members for their participation, Karen and Lesley for their leadership and Maggie for her support with the annual campaign.

Sincerely,

Jeff Ward

Chairperson, Stewardship Committee

Farmer's Market:

The River Heights Farmers' Market celebrated its third year last summer. Once again, it was a hot summer, but we survived the elements. We would like to sincerely thank everyone who was involved with the market. First, we'd like to thank our partners at the Central Corydon Community Centre for taking care of the setup each week, getting

out information to the public, and doing the bookkeeping. Your helpful, can-do attitudes were wonderful. Thank you to our 'clickers', those folks who count the visitors each week. You're always smiling and helpful. Thank you, too, to our vendors. You're a great bunch to work with! It's been a pleasure to get to know you. And finally, thank you to our loyal customers. Without you, the market would not be thriving. We look forward to chatting with you next year.

Achievements: We overcame some organizational hurdles this season, and we are becoming known to potential vendors:

- We maintained a friendly, welcoming atmosphere at the market, and all of our farmers from 2011 returned to the market this season. In addition, another farmer joined the market;
- Many of our other vendors from 2011 returned to the market for the 2012 season;
- We acquired new buskers and prepared food vendors, and the average number of vendors per week increased over last year's average;
- We now have a website that is updated weekly;
- We established a small Steering Committee to make decisions and have added a second coordinator;
- All farmers' markets in Manitoba now work in conjunction with the provincial health inspectors. This change gives all markets equal opportunities when acquiring new vendors.

Challenges: Some of the challenges we still face are:

- Maintaining the six canopies from FMAM is challenging mostly because they add additional duties to the setup routine. However, they also created some feelings of unfairness amongst the vendors. Therefore, we are selling two of the canopies;
- Keeping prepared food vendors throughout the season;
- Protecting everyone's products from the elements;
- Finding effective, low cost advertising is always a challenge;
- Increased competition from more markets close to ours during the weekdays;
- Access to electricity is very limited at our site;
- Keeping the market open in September is difficult for the co-coordinators. A plan needs to be developed if vendors want to keep the whole market going during that month.

Suggested Actions for the 2013 Season:

- Email our website followers with weekly updates;
- Enforce the idea that all vendors, especially food vendors, need to make a commitment to the market and not attend sporadically;
- Increase our vendor registration fee;
- Encourage registered charities to attend the market to promote their cause, but they must bring a canopy.

Visitor Count:

General Tally 2012

Week/Date	No. Vendors 2012	No. Visitors* 2012	No. Visitors 2011
Sub Total/Average July & August	NA/ 15	3942/ 438	3720/ 465
Sub Total/Average September	NA/ 9	1100/ 275	1635/ 224
Totals	NA	5042	5355
Averages from July to September	13	388	412

*Visitors – Anyone who is walking/biking into the market area, including kids.

NA – Not applicable

Visitor Survey Summary: Data collected from the survey is below. The survey consisted of two questions, and there were a total of 106 responses. Most of the collection was done by the vendors at their stalls. Data was collected over two weeks in August, but it was never conducted during the first hour of the market when the market is busiest.

Q1. How did you hear about the market? Q2. What is your postal code? (not everyone responded)

<i>Forms of Advertising</i>	<i>No. of Responses</i>
Sign on Corydon	31
Friend	25
Mailbox Flyer	12
Sign on Grosvenor	10
Not indicated	9
Wpg. Free Press	6
Comm. Centre	4
Other Newspaper	3
A website	3
Sign on Academy	2
Church	1

<i>First 3 Digits</i>	<i>No. of Responses</i>
R3M	38
R3N	22
R3R	3
R3G	3
R3P	2
R2M	2
R2J	2
R3T	2
R3L	2
And 6 other postal codes with 1 visitor	

Vendor Survey: Please contact the Market Co-coordinators below for a complete copy of this end-of-season survey. The vendors gave us some great ideas, and the Steering Committee needs time to fully discuss them.

Financial Breakdown: Below is a breakdown of our revenue and expenses. The profit from last year's market of \$685 was transferred to the community centre at the end of their fiscal year (March, 2012). Please note that we do not have to pay for insurance as other markets do because we are covered by the insurance provided to the C4 by the City of Winnipeg (as long as we act with due diligence).

Beginning Balance	-0-
Revenue	
Registration Fees	240.00
Monthly/Weekly Fees	565.00
Canopy Sale (reserve)	50.00
TOTAL	855.00
Expenses	
FMAM Dues	225.00
Metro Advertising	105.00
All Around Signs	306.00
Canopy Maintenance	66.15
In-house Copying	90.00
Website Domain Registration	67.90
TOTAL	860.05
Balance to Date	- \$ 5.05

Contact Info: For further questions, contact Barbara Coombs or Stephanie Barke at farmersmarket@centralcorydoncc.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Coombs
Market Coordinator

Worship Report

The Worship Committee provides support and assistance to the ministerial staff in connection with worship services. The committee arranges for the weekly scripture readers and ushers, decorates the church for special services, prepares the communion elements, arranges for communion servers, and assists with the baptisms. The committee also discusses matters of policy regarding worship services, baptisms, weddings, funerals and music.

The congregation of St. Andrew's is blessed with our two Ministerial Staff; Karen Lumley and Lesley Fox. These two women both challenge and cheer us and we are truly thankful for their leadership.

We are also blessed and thankful for the ministry of music at this church. Derek Morphy our Music Director and Wes Elias our Organist, consistently provide music of a high quality at worship services. Olivia Arnason volunteers her expert leadership to the Handbell Choir. The Worship Committee wishes to thank Derek, Wes and Olivia for their commitment and talents as well as the members of the Handbell Choir, Senior Choir, its soloists and the Music Bursary students who give of their time and skill during rehearsals and worship services.

Once again we kicked off the fall season with Celebration Sunday. Following an outdoor worship service Oak Street became a place of fun, food, games and laughter. We thank Karen and the Christian Education committee for this wonderful event which reunites us after the summer months.

There are many people who give of their time and talents to ensure that worship at St. Andrew's is a meaningful, mindful experience and that all feel valued and included in these services. I would like to thank the members of the Worship Committee, Rita Swan and Ruth Mackenzie and ex-officio members, Lesley Fox, Derek Morphy, Wes Elias for the work they do. Special thanks to Ruth who orders and picks up flowers, prepares and serves the communion elements, arranges for servers and decorates the church for each new season. Thanks to Rita who faithfully serves as an usher each Sunday as well as the myriad of other services she provides to our church. Thanks to Pat and Jim Richtik who continue to assist with decorating the sanctuary with Jim's beautiful creations. Thanks to Colleen Watters who recruits scripture readers. Thanks also to Robert Maxwell and Tyler Craddock who usher virtually each Sunday and to Bill Craddock and Quinton McNaught who also help with ushering duties. Lou Jubinville is indispensable as sound technician, ladder climber and finder of lost things. Allison

Koots has taken on the job this year of providing us with greeters at the Narthex doors each Sunday, thanks Allison.

To all of you who have read scripture, collected the offering, decorated the sanctuary, served communion and perhaps most importantly, greeted a newcomer with a handshake and a smile, thank you.

The Worship Committee welcomes your comments about worship services. Please feel free to write or talk to any of us. We welcome new members to the committee or people who would like to assist with any of the committee tasks.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Quinn

Chair, Worship Committee

St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Foundation Report

The St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Foundation was established in 1975. The Foundation was initially funded with funds derived from special gifts and the sale of the church manses. Since its inception the Foundation's assets have grown as a result of bequests, memorial gifts and donations. A minimum of 80% of the annual and/or accrued income derived from the Foundation is distributed annually to St. Andrew's United Church to be employed in the ongoing mission and work of the church.

The Foundation has been primarily invested in fixed income investments such as Guaranteed Investment Certificates, bonds and deposit notes/certificates of deposit. As at December 31, 2012, 71% of the market value of the Foundation's assets were invested in fixed income or equivalent investments (comprised of Guaranteed Investment Certificates and provincial, municipal and corporate bonds ranging in duration from 1 to 9 years) and with 26% being invested in mutual funds, common stocks, preferred shares and real estate trust units (comprised primarily of large cap Canadian companies, US and international growth and dividend funds and a Canadian real estate investment trust). The remaining balance (approximately 2%) was held in cash.

Over the past number of years, due to relatively high percentage of fixed income investments, the Foundation's balance sheet and rate of return has been quite stable. The table below indicates the *approximate* market value of the Foundation * (inclusive of accrued interest) as at December 31 in each of the following years:

2008	\$740,500
2009	\$758,000
2010	\$789,000
2011	\$815,000
2012	\$864,500

Although the market value of the Foundation has been increasing, the income earned by investments has been declining due to an ongoing low fixed interest rate environment. For the past three years the foundation has crystallized small capital gains upon the disposition of several investments that had appreciated in value. In the 2012 year the Foundation determined to move a larger portion of investments from bonds into preferred shares in an effort to improve yield.

The Foundation's investment advisors (CIBC Wood Gundy) have confirmed that the annualized rates of return for the foundation investment portfolio as at September 30, 2012 were as follows:

From 1998 to 09-2012	5.696%
10-2009 to 09-2012 (3 year)	5.823%
10-2011 to 09-2012 (1 year)	6.478%
04/12 – 09/12 (6 months)	2.440%

Similar to 2011, during the 2012 calendar year, Foundation investments earned interest and dividend income of approximately \$30,000.00. From this income the Foundation once again contributed \$30,000.00 to the operation of St. Andrew's Church during the 2012 calendar year. These contributions were paid during mid-summer and in early December 2012. During the 2013 calendar year the Foundation projects earnings of slightly over \$33,000.00. The slight increase in income comes at the risk of moving some assets from bonds to preferred shares which provide a higher yield than current bond yields. At the Foundation Annual Meeting held in October of 2012, the Board committed to make a gift of \$40,000.00 to the operation of the St. Andrew's during the 2013 calendar year. Audit costs and income tax filing costs for 2012 (payable in 2013) are anticipated to be in the neighborhood of \$3,500.00 plus taxes.

The specific gifts received by the Foundation during 2012 are set forth in Schedule 'A' to this Foundation Annual Report. It is noteworthy that a very generous bequest from the Estate of Francis Wickberg substantially increased the value of the Foundation assets during 2012.

Once again, the Foundation expresses sincere thanks to all who gave so generously to the Foundation during the 2012 calendar year. As Chair, I would encourage all members of the church to make annual contributions to the Foundation and I would challenge all members to consider prayerfully their part in attempting to increase the value of the foundation assets to 1 million dollars over the course of the next three to five years.

As Chair of the Board of the Foundation I wish to thank all the members of the Board for their valuable assistance. A special expression of thanks goes to Eleanor Gibson who had been a long standing member of the Foundation and who retired from the Board in 2012. The Foundation welcomed Ross Johnston back onto the Board in 2012 and for 2013 welcomes Tom Brown as a new member of the Board. Again, this year, I wish to express thanks for the tireless efforts and contributions of David Wreford as

secretary of the Foundation and to thank Jim Cristall, Hart Pollack and Mark Braun of CIBC Wood Gundy for their investment counsel.

Once again, the Foundation wishes to encourage members of St. Andrew's United Church and other individuals or organizations who utilize the church building for the advancement of community objectives and activities, to make a donation to the Foundation. All gifts to the Foundation receive a charitable donation tax receipt which reduces the out of pocket cost of the gift. It is particularly useful in estate planning to consider gifting registered investments such as an RRSP or RRIF to a charity (if such investments are not eligible to be 'rolled over' to a surviving spouse as beneficiary). In situations where the registered investment cannot be gifted or 'rolled over' to a surviving spouse, the donor's estate will receive a significant reduction in tax that would otherwise be payable to Canada Revenue Agency upon collapse of the registered investment. Money that would otherwise go to Canada Revenue Agency may thereby find its way into the Foundation to serve the broader purposes of the Foundation and the church. Please speak with your investment advisor, accountant or lawyer for more information in planning your charitable estate gifts. Your gifts enable the Foundation to contribute financially to the ability of St. Andrew's River Heights United Church to serve both the community of faith within the church and the broader outreach work of The United Church of Canada. Gifts to the Foundation truly are gifts that 'keep on giving' - while you are alive and after you have departed this world. The Foundation encourages gifts made at any time during your lifetime or as a charitable bequest under your will. Please direct any enquiries or questions to any member of the Foundation or to John Barber at 204-949-3244.

As at December 31, 2012 the following persons were members of the Board of the Foundation:

Rev. Karen Lumley, David Wreford, Bill Craddock, Deborah Metcalfe, Linda Paul, Paul Webster, Ross Johnston, Tom Brown and John Barber

Respectfully submitted,

John Barber
Chair

*cash + interest receivable + market values of investments

Schedule "A"

St. Andrew's River Heights United Church Foundation Annual Report 2012

NATURE OF GIFT:

DONOR:

SPECIFIC GIFTS

Eleanor Gibson
Ross Johnston
Kay Shawcross
Anna Blair Circle

BEQUESTS

Estate of Francis Wickberg
Estate of Kathleen (Kay) Turnbull

IN MEMORY OF PHYLLIS MCDOUGALL

Marjorie Eckert
Bob and Bev Barr

IN MEMORY OF RUBY ASHDOWN

Shirley Lush
Sally Dowler

IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE PEEL

Loretta Doyle
Adrienne and Ralph McFadyen
Jerry and Carla Droznak
Terry and Bonita Bruneau
Sheila Hughes
Catherine Gordon
Barbara Gallelli
Laurie Johnston
Maureen Jordan
Len and Valerie McDonald
Carol Beardsley
Harold and Dorothy Peel
Dolores and Ken Jardine
Bill Pope
Susan Peel

IN MEMORY OF EVELYN RAMSAY

Sally Dowler
Jeannie MacKay
Douglas and Deborah Matuska
Norma and Robert Ramsay
Suzanne and Steve Bennett
Robert Giesbrecht

APPENDIX A

St. Andrew's River Heights United Church
Annual General Meeting
February 26, 2012
Attendance: 65 persons

1. **Call to order:** Chairperson Marianne Ward called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. Karen Lumley was asked to open the meeting with prayer; this was followed by a reading by those present of St. Andrew's Mission Statement.
2. **Time of Remembrance:** Karen Lumley and Lesley Fox asked people to reflect for a moment of silence and to honour the memory of the individuals whose funerals were conducted at St. Andrew's during the past year.
3. **Motion to allow adherents to vote. Moved:** Ross Johnston/Heather Quinn that adherents be permitted to vote during this meeting. **Carried.**
4. **Motion to accept minutes. Moved:** Dawn McKeag/Lenore Miller that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, February 27, 2011 are accepted as presented. **Carried.**
5. **Motion to accept Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting, May 22, 2011.** The purpose of this meeting was to present the name of the candidate chosen by the Joint Search Committee and to ask the congregation to approve the call of that person to St. Andrew's River Heights United Church.
Moved: Joyce Rich/Pat Drewett that the minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting, May 22, 2011 are accepted as printed and circulated. **Carried.**
6. **Introduction of the Board Members:** Marianne Ward asked members of the Board who were present to stand as she read out the names of all of the Board Members stating their respective chair positions. She then thanked everyone for the work that they have done over the past year(s).
7. **Report of the Chair of the Board.** In addition to her report, Marianne Ward stated that in this her final official job as Chair of The Board of St. Andrew's, she wanted to say that the job has been interesting, challenging at times and even somewhat frustrating at other times. Marianne acknowledged that she has learned a lot from everyone and is very thankful for the support of all. To end her remarks, Marianne mentioned that she has been a proud member of this church family for the past 19 years.

8. Acceptance of Committee Reports. Moved: Bernard Boland/Hartley Stinson that the Committee Reports are accepted as presented in the Annual General Meeting Report Booklet. **Carried.**

9. Report of the Nominating Committee:

- Marianne Ward read the Nominating Committee report as given to her by Ellen Bruneau.
- The members of this committee are: Ellen Bruneau, Chair, Marianne Ward, Linda Paul, Karen Lumley and Lesley Fox.
- The Slate of Officers for the term February 2012-February 2012 is listed as follows:

Board Chair –Linda Paul

Board Vice-Chair – Vacant

Secretary – Joan Stevenson

Ministry & Personnel – Gary Hamilton

Property & Administration – David Wreford

Fellowship & Pastoral Care – Betty Jubinville

Christian Education – Tara McCallum

Presbytery Representatives – Rita Swan (until at least June 2012) Linda Paul,
Roger Kane plus **one vacant position.**

Past Chair, Nominating – Marianne Ward

Treasurer – Bill Craddock

Finance – Paul Webster

Outreach – Karen Lumley, acting chair

Stewardship – Jeff Ward

Worship – Heather Quinn

Foundation – John Barber

Term Extensions:

1. Bill Craddock has agreed to extend his term as Treasurer for an additional year to accommodate an orderly transition to the newly defined roles of Financial Administrator and Treasurer and to allow for appropriate succession planning.
2. Paul Webster has agreed to extend his term as Chair of the Finance Committee for one year to accommodate an orderly transition to the newly defined roles of Financial Administrator and Treasurer and to allow for appropriate succession planning.

Moved: Linda Paul/Dolores Jardine that the Nominating Committee Report is accepted as presented by Marianne Ward on behalf of Ellen Bruneau. **Carried.**

10. Foundation Committee Report: John Barber (full report, p. 47-48)

- Committee members are: Rev. Karen Lumley, David Wreford, Bill Craddock, Deborah Metcalfe, Marianne Ward, Eleanor Gibson, Paul Webster and John Barber.
 - John Barber stated that the Foundation Committee is in need of one further member.
 - Ross Johnston volunteered for the position and John Barber thanked him for doing so.
- John Barber noted that the Audit costs have increased this year to approximately \$3,100.00 from the approximate amount of \$2,000.00 plus taxes. (see top page 48)

Moved: John Barber/Bob Barr that the Foundation Report be accepted with one correction to page 48 which indicates that Audit costs and income tax filing costs are anticipated to be in the approximate amount of \$2,000.00 plus taxes. The correction to the minutes will read that the above listed costs will be in the approximate amount of \$3,100.00. **Carried.**

11. Financial Report:

- Independent Reviewer's Statement. Paul Webster, Chair of the Finance Committee reported that the statement of the financial position of St. Andrew's for the year ending December 31, 2011 has been reviewed by Frostia & Leslie, Chartered Accountants Inc.

- Finance Committee Report. See report, page 12. **Moved:** Paul Webster/Hartley Stinson that the congregation accept the year-end Financial Statement as presented and circulated. **Carried.**
- Presentation of 2012 Budget. **Moved:** Paul Webster/Elly Hoogterp-Hurst that the congregation accept the 2012 Operating Budget with a \$17,025.00 deficit as presented. **Carried.**
- Comments & Discussion regarding the Financial Report:
 - In answer to a question regarding the Shelter Project/Roof Repair Loan, Bill Craddock stated that the amount still owing on the Shelter Project is \$44,882.90. (p. 17)
 - Bill Craddock commented that St. Andrew's is presently in a good financial position.
 - Bill Craddock also commented that many of our investments are in Bonds which are expiring or soon to be expired and are being replaced by lower yielding Bonds.

12. New Business: None

13. Expressions of Appreciation:

1. Marianne Ward
 - Thanked the many people in St. Andrew's who continue to work very hard during the course of each year.
 - Thanked the ABC members who prepared and served the wonderful lunch for this AGM meeting.
 - Thanked the staff: Karen Lumley, Lesley Fox, Maggie Zoske and Lou Jubinville for all of their help and kindness.
2. Linda Paul
 - On behalf of the congregation and the Board of St. Andrew's, Linda Paul expressed her appreciation to Marianne Ward for her hard work during the past four years during her term as both Vice Chair and Chairperson of the Board.
3. Dolores Jardine
 - Thanked the small group of women who come early every Sunday to make coffee.
4. Karen Lumley
 - Thanked Lou Jubinville for his support and help.
 - Thanked Derek Morphy, Wes Elias and John Standing for their music contributions.

14. Closing prayer The Meeting was closed with a prayer led by Lesley Fox.

15. Adjournment: 12:40pm

If you would like additional copies of this report, please contact
St. Andrew's River Heights United Church office at 204-488-1130.