

2017 Annual Report



Our Mission

*We are called to be a vibrant and affirming Christian community,
sharing God's love and engaging ALL through dynamic worship,
strong family ministry and loving hospitality,
in service and outreach to the community.*

Our Vision

Your church, at the centre of the community. Welcome home!



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2017 Official Board

Chairperson: Scot Middleton

Secretary: Nancy McKellar

Treasurer: Michelle Middleton

Stewardship & Finance: Wayne Carmichael

Ministry & Personnel: Scott Riddell and Colleen Marchant

Worship: Pat Riddell

Presbytery Rep: Gloria Davis

Pastoral Care: Donna Williams

Outreach: Colleen Nabata

Faith Formation: Shari Derksen and Letitia Berger

Property Management: Dennis McLaren

Member-at-large: Daniel Sore

Member-at-large: Alice Cockroft

A Message from Vicki McPhee

And Jesus said, 'In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in God, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by God, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.' John 14:19-21

It has been a full and vibrant year here at Symons Valley United Church. More and more people are attending Sunday worship and there are requests for more programming through the week. As I was considering which scripture reading to select to frame this message, I thought of how, through thick and thin, and through all the changes of the past few years, this congregation has kept keeping on primarily because the love of God is felt by all who enter our building. There is a strong foundation of faith by the people of this congregation upon which the various ministries of this community rest. The congregation's faith in God and in God's call to minister to North Calgary has given strength for the congregation to grow and evolve over the years.

As the minister of this congregation, I have witnessed God working in and through this congregation. Love and support is offered to everyone who attends. From the giving of compassionate quilts to the care baskets sent to those who are ill to invitations to sit together in worship and fellowship time with people who are new on Sunday to the attention the building and grounds are given by volunteers to the leadership of the Board and various working groups to the outreach that is done for a variety of organizations—it is evident that the congregation of Symons Valley is working hard at being the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

As our congregation grows, we are seeing new faces each time we gather. While growth is an exciting adventure for Symons Valley, there needs also to be intention around keeping the congregation feeling like the family that is for so many people. Symons Valley takes seriously the need of folks to feel that they are welcome and that they belong to a community of loving and caring people of God. The faithful lay leadership of the different ministries and committees have been intentionally inviting newcomers to help out with different tasks and activities as well as making our worship space and programs available for all who would like to participate in the life of our community.

As we move through 2018, working on yet another Joint Needs Assessment, possibly calling another minister and moving into the changes that are taking place in the wider church, I am certain that the work, ministry, faith and love of this congregation will continue because through the love of Jesus, we know God and God knows us.

Yours in Christ,
Vicki McPhee

From the Worship Ministry

Worship Ministry Vision Statement

Worshippers will find a sacred, inclusive, authentic atmosphere and lasting spiritual effects. We will lead the congregation in awareness and involvement in worship. All will go deep together as we worship God and follow Christ's way, transformed by the Holy Spirit.



Shari Derksen, Barb Goodwin, Allison Andruchuk, Daniel Sore, Judy White, Tatum Gallop, Pat Riddell met monthly with our Minister Vicki McPhee, to plan challenging, affirming, relevant worship experiences.

We are aware that our growing congregation presents us with challenges and exciting times. With this reality in mind and in keeping with both our vision and purpose, we made several changes during 2017 to help us move forward.

One change was the creation of the Worship Animation Working Group which met several times during the latter part of the year to brainstorm and then formulate plans for worship during the major seasons in the church year. The creative and innovative plans have been very positively received and I say thank you to each one in that group.

Another major change has been the format of the Worship Ministry Group itself. We have determined that in order to bring more volunteers into the experience of assisting in planning and implementation of those plans, we needed to set up a number "working Groups" under the umbrella of Worship Ministry. The Worship Ministry will consist of the lead person for each of these groups, who will seek out persons who are interested in volunteering and offering their skills to that group. Volunteers can sign up to assist as their time allows.

The new Working Groups are: Communion (preparation, setup and clean up); Music; Sanctuary (setup and take down); Scripture and Offering Invitation Readers (scheduling); Bulletin Board (decoration). Should anyone be feeling called to join one of these groups, please speak with one of the members of the Worship Ministry so we can pass your name to the appropriate Working Group.

In 2017 we celebrated the circle of life in these ways:

Baptism	6	Celebration of Life	2
New Members Received	8	Weddings	3

Respectfully Submitted
Pat Riddell

From the Board

Dear Friends of Symons Valley United Church,

2017 was truly an inspiring year to be part of our church community. We have recently launched a **discernment process for Letitia Berger** to be considered as candidates for ordered ministry in the United Church of Canada. Serving on her Discernment Committee are: Scot Middleton, Deepa Patel and Katelynd (Marchant) De Boer, and Christopher McPhee. They are joined by Calgary Presbytery representative Justin McNeil, one of the Ministers at St. Thomas United. We became a Learning Centre of the United Church, with Stephen Harper beginning work with us as an intern as he pursues ordination this coming spring within the United Church. **Vicki and 7 youth embarked on an educational exposure trip to Zambia** in August, equipped with enthusiasm, song, and some cash gifts raised by the congregation to offset costs and to donate to the organizations they visited.



A new conversation was sparked with the **United Church congregations of North Calgary** on January 14, 2018 so that we may contemplate how we might form a **Cluster relationship** together. The United Church will transition at the end of 2018 to a new church governance model where Presbytery and Conference will dissolve. Our congregation will become a member of a newly defined region which has been proposed to be from the south Alberta border and extend north to Wetaskiwin. We have come away from that conversation energized by what the new possibilities for cross congregational relationships and program offerings may look like.



As I write this article, we are approaching the 1 year anniversary of a mass shooting that occurred at a mosque in Quebec on January 29, 2017. At that time our Christian community reached out with hospitality and concern to our Muslim friends who gather in our sanctuary every Friday morning. We greeted them with this sign, coffee, muffins and smiles, expressing that they are welcome in our space,

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and that we continue to uphold the common values that our two groups share. An **interfaith service** was also held at SVUC on January 28, 2018 commemorating the 1 year anniversary of this tragedy lead by Imam Syed Sohawardy, and with words of support from Vicki.

Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) Appointed

Our JNAC committee that generated the JNAC report at the end of 2016 was appointed once again, with the addition of Scott Riddell. Over the past 8 months we have been testing a two minister model to fulfill the job description elements specified within the JNAC Report, with positive feedback across many fronts. The purpose of re-engaging with this group was to open the consideration with Presbytery of calling a second ordered minister role to assist in the fulfillment of our ministry needs. Vicki McPhee is currently serving a call to SVUC, and Stephen Harper is currently serving in an internship role which will be complete at the end of April. **This JNAC Committee, which was appointed on December 15, 2017 will bring their new report for congregational approval on Feb 11, 2018 to a special congregational meeting immediately following worship on that day.**

While I expect there will be a separate report highlighting the findings of this committee, the Board would like to recognize the dedication and time spent collecting feedback from all staff, committees and members of the congregation as they assessed what the staffing model needs are for our church going forward. **Many thanks go to this group, with special gratitude extended to Sandy and Letitia** that co-chaired this diligent group.

Gerry Van Keeken (Outreach Ministry)

Kathy Spence Cameron (Pastoral Care)

Wayne Carmichael (Stewardship)

Vicki MacDonald (Faith Formation)

Sandy Crawford (Stewardship)

Letitia Berger (Affirming Mission)

April Boutin (Children's Ministry)

Scott Riddell (Ministry and Personnel)

Carolynne Bouey Shank (Calgary Presbytery)

Bill Dickson (Calgary Presbytery)

Recognitions and changes on the Board in 2018

Alice Cockcroft will be stepping down from her Board position representing Women's Ministries. We are currently seeking a new nominee to represent this group. If you are interested please let me know! **Colleen Nabata** has been providing coverage as chair of Outreach Ministry. She will be passing the baton to new co-chairs **Janet Rowland** and **David Ward**. Janet leads the Drop In Centre breakfast server program, and David leads the Drop In Centre sandwich making program. **Shari Derksen** is stepping down from her co-chair role of Faith Formation Ministry. Letitia Berger is continuing, and seeking another candidate to help her out as co-chair. All other people mentioned in chart below have agreed to let their names stand for 2018.

We thank all the outgoing members for their faithful service, and welcome the new nominees slate!

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AGM which will be held on Sunday February 25th following worship. Lunch will be provided. Please plan to attend! New Business will include: electing the Board for 2018, approving the 2018 budget, and appointing a Search Committee for follow up on the outcomes of the JNAC report to be received at the Feb 11 Congregational meeting.

The following slate of nominees will be brought before the congregation for approval at the AGM. With the exception of the Treasurer's office, all Board positions are 3 year terms, renewable for one additional term.

Here is the current slate of nominees for Board positions in 2018 to be approved at the AGM:

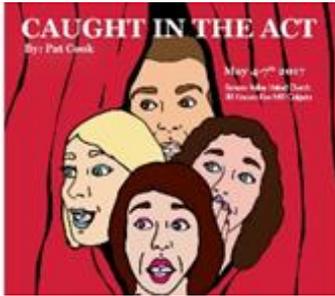
Name	Board Position	Status	Year Appointed
Vacant	Women's Ministries	Continuing	2015
Daniel Sore	Member at Large	Continuing	2016
Dennis McLaren	Chair, Property Management	Continuing	2014
Donna Williams	Chair, Pastoral Care	Continuing	2017
Gloria Davis	Presbytery Rep 1	Continuing	2012
Michelle Middleton	Treasurer	Continuing	2010
Nancy McKellar	Recording Secretary	Continuing	2014
Pat Riddell	Chair, Worship Committee	Continuing	2017
Scot Middleton	Chair of the Board	Continuing	2013
Scott Riddell	Co-Chairs, Ministry and Personnel	Continuing	2013
Colleen Marchant	Co-Chairs, Ministry and Personnel	Continuing	2015
Letitia Berger / Co-Chair TBD	Chair, Faith Formation	Continuing	2016
Mobalaji Omipidan	Member at Large	Continuing	2017
Janet Rowland/David Ward	Chair, Outreach Committee	Incoming	2018
Wayne Carmichael	Chair, Stewardship Committee	Continuing	2017
Outgoing:			
Colleen Nabata	Chair, Outreach Committee		
Shari Derksen	Co-Chair, Faith Formation		
Alice Cockcroft	Women's Ministries		

Scot Middleton

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Dessert Theatre Report 2017



The production "Caught In The Act" was a great success with 22 dedicated cast members putting many hours of rehearsal time into the show. The chicken and beef meals and the desserts were terrific with a huge number of volunteers pulling together to make this a successful fund-raising / fun-raising adventure! Thanks to everyone who helped out with the Dinner Dessert Theatre in any way. This event raised about \$12,000 for the work of the church. The play received three adjudications from ACTS (Calgary's Alliance of Community Theatres) which were quite complimentary to the cast and crew. The set which had many functioning doors received special

mention from the adjudicators- kudos to Wayne!

Well done everyone!

-Submitted by Ann Crawford

From Women's Spirit



Women's Spirit continues to meet twice monthly at Symon's Valley United Church. Our gatherings provide a safe space wherein women can meet, and discuss various topics at a rich, deep level of conversation. It provides us with a lens through which we can view the world, and all that life offers us.

We again hosted a Valentine's Tea for the residents at Dulcina Hospice under the expert direction of Elsa McLaren.

We have viewed videos, had guest speakers such as Marsha Read, Nancy McKellar, Heather Weins, and Vicki McPhee to name just a few.

A major achievement this year was the first annual "Women of God" day-long retreat held here at Symon's Valley. Vicki McPhee led us on a journey to help us discover direction in our own individual spiritual walk. The day was punctuated by crafts, art, yoga, drumming, labyrinth-making, and writing. Lunch was provided.

We are so pleased that this event has spawned such enthusiasm that a Wednesday evening Women's Group has begun, to accommodate women who are not available in the day-time.

Respectfully Submitted

Alice Cockroft

From the Planned Gift Committee

At the start of 2017, the Planned Giving Committee was made up of Heather McDonald, Richard Freed and Donna Williams. Susan Sarassin has replaced Donna Williams as chair and Richard Freed is no longer a member of this committee since moving to British Columbia this past summer.

We encourage congregation members to consider planned gifts through the many financial vehicles available in the United Church or through gifts given in memory of loved ones, to the **Symons Valley Memorial Fund**.

Planned (or legacy) giving, very simply, is planning to make a gift. Legacy gifts are generally funded from accumulated resources or assets rather than from income. The most common legacy gift received by the church is a bequest. The tax benefit from a bequest accrues to the donor's estate. The Philanthropy Unit can also arrange several gifts that allow you to make a gift in the future but receive the tax benefits now.

You can designate your legacy gift to any aspect of The United Church of Canada—the Mission and Service Fund, your local congregation, a local mission unit, a United Church camp, a theological college, The United Church of Canada Archives, The United Church of Canada Foundation - the possibilities are abundant and rich with the excitement of giving! For more information, check out the following website: www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/donate/howto/planned. If you would like to discuss this area further, please talk to one of the committee members or contact Kathryn Hofley at khofley@united-church.ca.

Our local Memorial Fund falls under the umbrella of Planned Giving. Money from the Memorial Fund will not be used to cover regular or ongoing operational expenses of the church. Monies in the fund will be used for development and enhancement of the ministry of Symons Valley United Church in areas such as the following: outreach activities, youth ministry and programming, lay education, music and worship enhancements, capital improvements.

In 2017, the Memorial Fund was used to purchase music folders for the worship choir. These folders are an investment for the church that will provide an attractive, durable, professional and practical way of holding music for services and extra performances for many years to come. The total cost of the folders was \$1,279.24 with the memorial fund covering \$979.24 of the purchase and the worship choir contributing \$300.00.

Account Summary:

January 2016 opening balance:	\$2,964.72
Memorial Fund Spending:	\$ 979.24
Memorial Fund Contributions:	\$ 0.00
Account Interest:	\$ 0.46

Account balance – Dec. 2017: \$1,985.94

We encourage all congregation members to consider Planned Giving and the Symons Valley Memorial Fund in their contributions to the church.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Williams, past-chair



From Faith Formation & Programming

Greetings from the Faith Formation & Programming Committee at Symons Valley United Church. The purpose of the Faith Formation & Programming Committee is:



- To provide opportunities for the congregation to be in relationship with one another outside of Sunday mornings
- To offer times of learning, faith formation, spiritual formation and social engagement for all ages within the congregation
- To allow for members of the congregation to connect with the Divine outside of traditional Sunday worship
- To engage and to serve the surrounding communities by offering relevant and needed programs as well as opportunities to explore faith formation in a safe, welcoming environment

Highlights from 2017:

Children's Ministry

- Kathy Dion stepped down as Sunday School Coordinator, but continues in her role as Building/Rental Manager. Special thanks to Letitia Berger who filled in as volunteer interim Sunday School Coordinator until a new Coordinator was hired.
- Hired Stephen Harper as Sunday School and Youth Ministry Coordinator for a contract from Sept 2017 to April 2018.
- Sunday School Summer Children's Program led by Pat Riddell and Deepa Patel
- Sunday School numbers continue to grow
- Cheryl moved to become the Blue room teacher, Heather moved to become the Red room teacher, and Letitia became the Green room teacher.
- We implemented a rotation for the teacher's assistants, where each T.A. is committed to one room for one Sunday per month and we have had a lot of success with this model.
- Blue Room curriculum was updated to match the same curriculum that the Red and Green rooms are using.

Youth Ministry

- Summer Youth Program lead by Ashley Dion and Robyn Pugh
- **Zambia Youth Exposure Tour:**
During 2017, 6 members of the Symons Valley Youth Group along with 10 other youth from around Calgary and 7 adult leaders went on the Zambia Youth Exposure Tour. The trip allowed the youth to immerse themselves in Zambian culture and learn about the everyday situation of Zambians. They visited places around the Copperbelt Region and met many different people with unique stories to tell.
- **Haunted House**
The Youth Group ran a haunted house during the church's open house. They had a lot of fun setting up the creative haunted house and the Youth got to act throughout the event trying their best to scare anyone who dared to enter.
- **Serving Breakfast at the Drop In Centre:**
In December the youth group joined in on the monthly breakfast serving at the Drop In Centre. It was an early Sunday morning for the Youth who came out, but everyone seemed to enjoy the experience. They had some good talks over breakfast afterwards and it was a great experience all around.

- Said goodbye to Ashley Dion, Youth Leader as she continues her studies at Mount Royal University, and goodbye to Robyn Pugh, Youth Assistant as she pursues a teaching career.
- Welcomed back Matthew Taylor-Kerr as Youth Leader, and hired Ian Robertson as Youth Assistant
- Continued success of new Junior Youth program (grades 4-6)

General Ministry

- Hired Stephen Harper as Welcoming and Integration Coordinator for a contract from Sept 2017 to April 2018
- Successful launch of Thursday morning Coffee Talk
- Continued success of new Wing and a Prayer Adults Ministry (ages 21-40ish) led by volunteer Brendon Cockroft
- Established Communications Committee and Communications Guidelines
- “Daring Greatly” book by Brene Brown study led by Vicki McPhee
- Family and Children’s Easter Event
- Beer & Folk Songs Night at Scotsman’s Well
- Another successful Dessert/Dinner Theatre
- “Animate Practices” video series study
- 2 successful Grownups Only Fun Nights
- Advent Festival Event
- Beer and Carols Night at Scotsman’s Well

We look forward to continuing to serve Symons Valley United Church congregation and the community at large in 2018.

Warmly,

Shari Derksen and Letitia Berger, Co-Chairs

From the Outreach Committee

Outreach is...

Support, recognition and love for vulnerable adults at Christmas

Access to nutritious and affordable food

Respect and compassion for children and families who seek shelter

Community and fellowship building, in service of others, through sandwich making and breakfast serving

Mission and Outreach is a vibrant part of the life and work of Symons Valley United and a tangible way that we live out our Christian faith and define ourselves as a congregation.

2017 was a productive and busy year for our committee, as we continued to support our Outreach programs.

We presently have nine active members on our Committee. Gerry and Cheryl VanKeeken continue to coordinate volunteers for the Inn from the Cold Program. They are enjoying traveling now that they have both retired and our newest member to Outreach, Chris Becker, has stepped up to help coordinate Inn from the Cold volunteers while they are away. Thanks Chris for joining Outreach! Paul Armstrong is a long time member of our Committee. Liz McGregor coordinates our SHARP White Gift Christmas Project. David Ward is the program coordinator for the monthly sandwich making for the Drop-In Centre. Janet Rowland is the program coordinator for the Drop-In Centre Breakfast serving. Shelley Loke is our Good Food Box coordinator. In 2017 Nicole Williams stepped down as a coordinator for the Good Food Box program due to work commitments. At present we are still trying to fill this position.

Colleen Nabata continued as Acting Chair of Outreach through 2017. Janet Rowland and David Ward have stepped forward to act as co-Chairs of Outreach, beginning in 2018, which is very exciting! Colleen will continue as a member of the Outreach Committee and will act as a mentor to the new Chairs.

Our Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month, in the church office at 7:00 p.m. Of course, new members are always welcome and congregation members are encouraged to help with Outreach projects in big ways and small. We appreciate all our volunteers for our programs. We couldn't run them without you. THANK YOU.

On October 15, 2017, Jordan Hamilton from the Drop-In Centre delivered the message during service. Our congregation came away with a better understanding of the workings of the D.I. Centre and the support they provide to Calgary's homeless population.

We were approached by Calgary's Brown Bagging for Kids Program in late 2017. They needed access to a kitchen two times per week, to prepare lunches for school children in need. The Outreach Committee is now sponsoring this group and they will begin using our kitchen in 2018. Another worthwhile program to help feed the hungry.

Here is a summary of the various programs and projects the Outreach Committee supports:



The Good Food Box is back for 2018 – offering the same great quality fruit and vegetables we've come to expect, at the same prices as 2017. And like the beautifully grown produce, our Program was "growing" too in 2017. Monthly orders now average between 250 to 300 pounds of seasonal fruits and vegetables. This translates into at least 2,000 pounds of reasonably priced quality food benefiting our community during the year.

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Here's how the Program works:

- The Good Food Box buys produce directly from farmers and from wholesale clubs.
- The food is bought in bulk and dropped off at the Good Food Box warehouse.
- Volunteers divide the produce into portions to create the food boxes.

The program is available to everyone within our community, and we advertise in both Symons Valley and community-based newsletters. The cost of the boxes in 2017 were as follows:

Small Box - \$25 (approx. 20 to 25 lbs of fruits/vegetables)

Medium Box - \$30 (approx. 30 to 35 lbs of fruits/vegetables)

Large Box - \$35 (approx. 40 to 45 lbs of fruits/vegetables)

These costs will remain the same for 2018.

Orders and payment are accepted following Sunday service two times a month, and also from Monday to Friday from 9:15 am to 3 pm at the Symons Valley United Church office. Orders are picked up at Symons Valley United Church between 7 pm and 8 pm one Thursday per month.

The program coordinator is Shelley Loke. Essie provides important support in accepting orders from the community, providing payment to The Good Food Box drivers, and receiving deliveries.



Volunteer Opportunity

There is currently one person coordinating the Good Food Box, though the initiative would benefit from having another person share the coordination role. This would ensure program coverage, stability and longevity. Time commitment would be approximately 3 - 4 hours a month, and include accepting orders two Sundays per month, placing and confirming orders with

Good Food Box organization, liaising with Essie on orders placed at the church, payment and delivery

of boxes, representing Good Food Box at Outreach meetings, and being available to distribute boxes (at the church) on the assigned delivery dates. The Good Food Box folks are fabulous to work with and this volunteer commitment provides a great opportunity to support our church and our community.

White Gift Project - in support of the SHARP Foundation.

A huge thank you to the congregation for their support of our White Gift project which raised \$2,495 this year. This project makes Christmas merrier for the residents of Scott & Beswick House and Project 2011 which are hospices and homes for vulnerable adults living with HIV/AIDS, almost all of whom would be homeless without the support and care provided by SHARP (www.thesharpfoundation.com).



Your wonderful generosity meant that we were able to give gifts and stockings to 17 residents! Floyd Visser, the Executive Director of SHARP wrote to say "*The residents could not have been happier with the gifts!!! ... The generosity of the Symons Valley United Church congregation is overwhelming! With up to 60 residents there is always a need but more importantly it shows them that there are people in the community who really do care.*"

We were also able to provide 17 movie passes for the residents and a 'Welcome Home' package and a Netflix subscription for residents moving in to a new facility called 'Murray's House' (see <http://www.resolvecampaign.com/murrays-house-is-now-open/> about this incredible new facility). SHARP will be providing support services for the residents who start moving in this January. The Welcome Home package included a laundry basket filled with dishes, cutlery, glasses, dish rack, tea towels, can openers, placemats, oven gloves and other items to help them get set up in their supported apartment.

Thanks to all who helped to decorate & fill the stockings, make and track the donations, sew gifts, sign cards, shop & find gifts, wrap and deliver the gifts. This is truly a project that requires help from the entire congregation.



Calgary Drop-In Centre Breakfast Serving

During the past year, our congregation provided 15-20 volunteers once each month to serve breakfast to clients at the Calgary Drop-In Centre. A meal of cereal, milk and juice is served to approximately 400-500 clients at each breakfast. In 2017, the Outreach Committee designated funds to sponsor two hot breakfasts at a cost of \$1000 each. In March and May, clients enjoyed a hearty breakfast of eggs, sausages and hash browns sponsored by SVUC. The DI clients are especially appreciative of the warm, friendly presence of our volunteers on Sunday mornings.

Calgary Drop-In Centre - Sandwich Making

Once a month, except for July and August, we make approximately 400 sandwiches for the Calgary Drop-In Centre. These sandwiches are used to pack lunches for the DI patrons who have jobs. The sandwich making is funded by the congregation in a separate collection that is made during the service on sandwich making day. All members of the congregation are invited to help make sandwiches in the Valley View Room after service. Everyone seems to enjoy working together to do their part in helping others. The time commitment is only about 20 minutes. The sandwich coordinator is David Ward, he is responsible for buying all the supplies, setting up the room, supervising the sandwich making and clean-up, and delivery of the sandwiches to the Drop-In Centre. If anyone is interested in delivering the sandwiches or have any questions David can be reached at dnward@shaw.ca



Inn from the Cold

SVUC continued to support the work of Inn from the Cold by providing volunteers for a monthly dinner service at the Inn. We are fortunate to have a dedicated core group of volunteers who make this service to our community possible. This year we're fortunate to see some additional SVUC families volunteer their time for this important work. The Inn's mission to provide shelter, sanctuary and healing to children and their families is certainly in keeping with our core values here at Symons Valley.

From The Music Ministry



It has been another great year in Music at Symons Valley. We are fortunate to have such talented singers and musicians in our choirs.

The annual Twelfth Night celebration was held at Wild Rose United this past January. Our worship choir sang two anthems and participated in the massed choir. It was a great evening and wonderful start to 2016.

The Worship Choir works hard on Thursday evenings to prepare weekly anthems for worship services and additional time goes into extra music preparation for the special celebrations in our church year; Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Our Vocal Praise youth choir also practices on a weekly basis, following the church service. This group typically sings a piece of music in the worship service every 4 -6 weeks.

We wrapped up our singing year in June with an enjoyable evening of appetizers and social time at the Scotsman's Well.

Our year began in September with a short rehearsal followed by cake and refreshments. This always gives the choir an opportunity to catch up after summer and a good excuse to enjoy tasty treats. In December, we also find time for celebrating with appetizers and sweets after our final December rehearsal.

As part of our leadership during the Advent season, the Worship Choir presented a musical sermon during the December 17th service. The sermon text was written by Karen and focused on "Joy".

Christmas Eve was another opportunity for our choir program to shine. Vocal Praise and the Worship Choirs sang at the early service and the Worship Choir provided a 15 minute choral prelude prior to the candlelight communion service.

We would like to say a big thank you to our choir members who give so much to our music ministry at Symons Valley. We welcomed two new members to our Worship Choir in the fall; Kim Becker and Stephen Harper. Thank you as well to the all of the musicians who help throughout the year and contribute to our services. We are fortunate to have Brent VanDusen playing along with us at worship services and special singing engagements when he is available. Special thanks to Alice Cockroft, Ann Crawford and Anne Heinemeyer for their contributions to music ministry.

A further thank you to all of the choir members who assist readily whenever additional help is needed. Special mention needs to be made of our amazing librarian, Barb Goodwin. She keeps us organized and we are very thankful for all of her help. Each week, Dennis McLaren faithfully sets up our choir seating and gets us ready to go. Thank you also to Essie Gaqui-Elefante for her office support and also to the dedicated crew in the sound booth, led by Wayne Carmichael.

Music, fellowship, food and laughter all go hand in hand. Our worship choir shares in each other's concerns and celebrations and provides much support to each other as part of this small group ministry. Thank you to the congregation for their continual support of our special music events and weekly music contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Nell-Bennett
Donna Williams

From The Ministry and Personnel

2017 was busy year! Our ministry team, lay staff, volunteer and congregation continued to work together to answer our call to be a vibrant and affirming Christian community.

Symons Valley United Church is indeed a dynamic and exciting place to be. Over the course of the past year we have felt a continued excitement, a renewed vitality and a sense of affirmation as we strive to meet our mission and vision. The Ministry and Personnel Committee continued with its mandate to support our congregation by supporting, overseeing and supervising ministry personnel and lay staff.

The Joint Needs Assessment (JNAC) report was accepted and indeed validated the good work being done by our staff and congregation. That report also gave us some direction on our journey forward. From its recommendations our congregation renewed its support and covenant with Vicki McPhee as minister. Her leadership and energy continue to inspire and challenge us as a congregation and a church.

Music ministry is an integral part of Symons Valley United Church and under the direction and care of Donna Williams (Instrumental Director) and Karen Nell Bennett (Choir Director) our church continues to experience, exceptional and beautiful music.

Our Children's and Youth Ministry has experienced changes over the past year as job descriptions were revised and as existing staff responded to individual needs or changes in their lives. We said good bye to Ashley Dion and Robyn Pugh in their roles as Youth Leaders and welcomed Matthew Taylor-Kerr and Ian Robertson to fill those positions. Kathy Dion had been graciously acting as Children's Ministry coordinator until a suitable candidate could be found. We thank her for her gifts and patience during that process. Upon review of job descriptions and what best met the needs of our congregation the Children's Ministry position was revised and designated as the Children's and Youth Ministry Coordinator.

In April, we welcomed Stephen Harper to our staff team. Stephen assumed the combined roles of Children and Youth Ministry Coordinator and Welcoming and Integration Coordinator. In continuing with our history of supporting lifelong learning, Symons Valley applied for and was approved as a Recognized Learning Site and Stephen was matched to us as a Ministry Candidate effective September 01. In order to best facilitate his experience, he expanded on his previous roles and fulfilled identified learning goals in order to be recommended for ordination in spring, 2018.

Our Worship team and congregation are very much supported by our lay staff. Essie Gaqui-Elefante continues to provide a solid foundation for our church office with her organization, pleasant nature and her care and concern for our staff and congregation as a whole. Kathy Dion continues as Facility Administrator and works closely with the Property Management Committee as our building continues to serve as not only a center for our church but also for our community. Karen Nell Bennett is our Communications, Marketing and Community Engagement Coordinator and an integral part of the team.

As a congregation, Symons Valley United Church is indeed blessed by the many talents, gifts and care of our entire staff team. We are grateful to them and for them!

There are many individuals who provide Worship Support and "behind the scenes" efforts and we recognize them as unofficial members of our team. Thank you all for your many contributions and for the work that you do that allows our staff to fulfill the mandates of their job descriptions and roles.

We certainly felt the "Spirit move" at Symons Valley United Church in 2017, as we were challenged, nudged, and guided. The sense of anticipation and excitement of where our journey will take us continues and we are affirmed by the growth and vibrancy that we have experienced. Our church family continues to work together in our call to be a vibrant and affirming Christian Community. And together we continue on our journey.....

Submitted on behalf of the Ministry and Personnel-Committee

Scott Riddell
Carmen Cousins

Colleen Marchant
Bob Dunn

Anne Chapman Heinemeyer
Shauna Getz

From Stewardship



From the stewardship committee's perspective, 2017 was a year of celebration and thanks. Regarding finances, while the year saw givings reduced from congregation members who retired or were laid off, other members increased their givings through the church such that identifiable contributions remained level with 2016 and covered 2017 operational expenses. Given the economic environment, this is quite remarkable and we give thanks!

Volunteer contributions remained strong and adaptable in 2017. We give thanks to those whose efforts made the ad hoc and regularly scheduled activities within and outside the church building happen. Kudos to those whose "sweat equity" helped keep expenses down while allowing the church's various ministries to continue at the same or higher levels.

With the building mortgage being held by the national United Church of Canada as of November 2016, the blended mortgage payments of \$5,000 per month are much more manageable. While the stewardship committee would like to make lump sum payments, the current economic situation in Calgary and of our congregation means that we are prioritizing meeting operational expenses in the short term. Going forward, look to see more emphasis on programs such as the grocery card program where the congregation can increase its givings through the church without significantly changing their spending or budget patterns.

Yours In Christ,

Wayne Carmichael
Chair, Stewardship Committee

From the Communications Working Group

Members: Nancy McKellar, Scot Middleton, Vicki McPhee

Communications, Marketing & Community Engagement Coordinator: Karen Nell-Bennett

The creation of the Communications Working Group came out of the JNAC report of the Fall of 2016. The JNAC recommended increasing the hours of the Communications Director as part of working to increase awareness of SVUC in northwest Calgary. There was no committee in the prior structure of the church for the Communications Director to work with, so the CWG was created to fill that void.

The first year of the CWG has been extremely busy as we experimented with many ways of getting SVUC's name and mission out into the community. We sent out 10,000 postcards 3 times (Lent/Easter, Halloween Open House, Advent/Christmas) as we have done in previous years. We also started using Curbex signs at the entrance to our parking lot to promote church activities to our own members and the many folks who use our building every day. We've increased our social media presence with more Facebook posts and Tweets, including regular features such as 'In Case You Missed It (ICYMI) and our Friday Teasers, as well as Vicki's blog. Within the church, we've tried to streamline the process for committees and groups to advertise their events and encourage everyone to keep the foyer bulletin boards up-to-date and engaging. We have a horizontal banner to carry at events such as the Calgary Pride Parade and the new vertical banner will soon be in the foyer. Our most recent innovation is repurposing the monitor right opposite the front doors to play in-house produced videos highlighting who we are and what we are doing here and in the community. Our first year has not been without a few glitches, but we are happy with what we've done and where we are going to promote the wonderful church community at SVUC.

Property and Management Committee

The Property and Management Committee consists of Dennis McLaren, Gord Rowland, Ann Crawford, Teresa Dutton, Bill Gallop and Kathy Dion as staff support.

BUILDING USAGE: Our building is a busy place all year long, welcoming many different groups each month and almost every day of the year!

Our regular tenants:

Early Discoveries Nursery School, Alberta Gold Chorus, 212 Degrees, Weight Watchers, All Canadian Karate, Foxy Kickboxing, Fitsproutz, Panorama, Play Ball, Sport Ball. During the summer we welcome the Pedal Heads and Bricks for Kids Programs.

Our community groups:

Al-Makah Calgary Islamic (Prayer Group, Quran Classes, Women's Group and Board Meetings), AA, Kincora Community Association, Girl Guides of Canada (Pathfinders and Guides), and MCNA (Muslim Children of North America) and Islamic classes. In support of the wider United Church community we have hosted Presbytery meetings, the Education & Students committee, Dream Team (Presbytery Youth), Zambia Dream Team.

Occasional Renters:

Piano recitals, dance recitals, meetings and workshops, School groups, a variety of AGM's and condo meetings, birthday parties, and more. We continue to be a preferred location for rental in this part of the city. Symons Valley United Church has the added benefit for tenants as it is a warm welcoming and well-maintained space where clients receive a sense of personal service from the staff team and Building Hosts.

Many thanks to our building monitors that host our Occasional Rentals by welcoming them, settling them in to their space and providing on-site support for large events.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE: Gary MacDonald and Dennis McLaren oversee all the maintenance and repairs to ensure the building is in good shape for the tenants and our own congregation. They do much of the work themselves and get support from a variety of congregational members saving us thousands of dollars in our annual expenses.

General activity

- Chair and table movement for events and cleaning.
- Replacing light bulbs and ballasts in lighting systems.
- Garden and lawn and tree care.
- Equipment maintenance
- Parking lot and sidewalk snow removal
- Carpet cleaning

Major projects completed in 2016

- Successfully added Green Recycling Program in our building
- Installed LED lights in the Parking Lot
 - Dennis secured a grant from the Provincial Government of \$3,000.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Dion
Dennis McLaren

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care supports the congregation of Symons Valley United in their pain, loss and anxiety, triumphs, joys and victories and also aims to make sure all people feel welcome when they walk through our doors. This past year, the Pastoral Care at Symons Valley was organized into 5 focus areas with individuals leading each of the areas. This allows each group to operate as a small committee with each of the leaders able to recruit, co-ordinate and carry out the tasks which fall under their particular piece of the pastoral care ministry. The Pastoral Care team leads meet on a monthly basis.

1. Hospitality (Elsa McClaren)
2. Luncheons (Kay Dunn)
3. Welcoming (Stephen Harper)
4. Prayer Chain (Mark Stein)
5. Caring (Joyce/Pouteaux/Alice Cockroft)

'Hospitality' is a very visible area of our ministry with weekly coffee time offered after each service. A monthly baking session was introduced to bring enthusiastic bakers together in our kitchen to prepare ahead for upcoming coffee and hospitality needs. Because this has been so successful, an additional Wednesday evening baking session will be offered in the last week of each month. Elsa

welcomes interested bakers to the morning and evening sessions as well as ongoing contributions to the baking supplies. Thank you to all of the many bakers who work to keep us with a plentiful supply of tasty treats to enjoy at our coffee gatherings.



We continue to offer Newcomer's sessions after church for an opportunity for the newer members of our community to gather for refreshments after church. This is a chance for these individuals to get to know each other, ask questions and learn a bit more about Symons Valley. We will continue to offer these get-togethers on an as-needed basis but are moving towards having a theme for each of these gatherings to encourage interest in attending. We offered a newcomer's session entitled "Advent 101" at the end of November and look ahead to the next event which will be "Lent 101". All are welcome to these Newcomer events if these opportunities for fellowship and learning more about our church are of interest. Thank you to the members of the board who volunteered their time to attend and provide leadership at these events. Our hospitality group provides the refreshments and goodies for these sessions.

Symons Valley luncheons are well received and a great opportunity to come together in community. During the past year we have hosted 4 congregational luncheons. Along with many volunteers, Kay plans and carries out tasty luncheons that vary in menu. Attendance has been excellent with the Valleyview Room full and overflow into our lobby for lunch.

A new addition to the pastoral care ministry this fall was Thursday morning "Coffee Talk" gatherings. Vicki & Stephen lead this weekly time of coffee and conversation. Topics include current affairs and how they impact our faith and spirituality. Coffee (and tea) are provided and all are welcome. Childcare can even be arranged with advanced notice to the office.

'Welcoming' is also a weekly part of pastoral care at our front doors on Sunday morning, extra services and special events. Dianne Moore previously led this area but we are currently organized with Stephen Harper as the team lead for this group. A big thank you to our team of welcomers who commit to be at the door to greet on Sunday mornings once per month.

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Our Prayer Chain offers ongoing prayer support for our church community. The Prayer Chain is made up of 19 members and approximately 30 prayer requests were received in 2017. Our prayer chain email address, prayers@symonsvalleyuc.com, is in place to receive prayer requests and is monitored by Mark Stein.

The retirement home services are one of the areas that fall under 'Caring'. These services are primarily led by Stephen Harper. Worship services at Covenant Care are on the 3rd Sunday of the month starting at 1:30. The first service is at the Holy Cross Manor building at 1:30. The second service is held at St.Margeurite's across the road at 2pm. Worship services at Evanston Grand are on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 10am. Karen Nell-Bennett and Donna Williams currently provide music leadership at these services and Alice Cockroft provided the music in the first part of 2017.

Quilting Ministry

The Quilting Ministry had a fantastic 2017.

We continued to meet on Monday evenings and Tuesdays about twice a month, and while our average attendance is close to 12, we have welcomed as many as 20 quilters over a Monday/Tuesday. We also hosted two Saturday workshops, and those run pretty much full at 20 quilters.

We are so blessed in the ministry that happens when the quilters gather—we learn from one another, and share our stories, giving and receiving pastoral care. One of the very interesting things about the Quilting Ministry, to me, is that approximately 50% of our quilters do not come to us via the SVUC congregation, and so, surprisingly, we have also become a means of outreach beyond our doors.



In 2017 we gave out 3 compassionate quilts, so the congregation was able to 'wrap' those people going through critical or chronic illness with love and prayers.

The Covenants wall hangings were completed and hung in the sanctuary just before Easter and were blessed during a Sunday service. Worship Ministry had wanted to put permanent rainbows in the sanctuary, and although it took a long time to complete them, we are very pleased with them.

We also made a thank you table runner for Frank and Joy Van Dusen, who formally 'retired' from their years and years of volunteer work for SVUC in 2017.

A new project was a raffle quilt to support the Zambia Youth Exposure Tour. The Quilting Ministry sponsored a quilt as a prize, and WestJet generously provided a trip for two. The Raffle was able to raise \$2,820 which we were very pleased with.

We have also been diligently working on a few more projects, which will come to fruition in 2018, so you can look forward to seeing those quilts.

A congregation member donated boxes and boxes of quilting fabrics and kits, and we were able to raise \$560 with the kits and fabrics that the Quilting Ministry couldn't use by holding a silent auction at one of our Saturday workshops. Some of the batiks in this donation will soon start to appear in compassionate quilts for 2018.

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We always have room for new members to the quilting ministry, no experience or special tools required. Watch for dates in the newsletters and come join us.

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Middleton and Colleen Marchant msmiddleton@shaw.ca ccinc@telusplanet.net

Thank you to the many individuals who volunteer under one or more of our Pastoral Care groups. We cannot effectively offer Pastoral Care without the many hands that join to reach out to our community at Symons Valley.

We look ahead to another year of Pastoral Care and exploring ways in which we can further expand and develop our Pastoral Care at Symons Valley. These groups that are in place welcome volunteers to carry out the ministry that they are in place to offer.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Williams, Chair

(written with quilting submission by Michelle Middleton and Colleen Marchant)

2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

SYMONS VALLEY UNITED CHURCH 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES February 26, 2017

MOTION: That Scot Middleton act as chair for the SVUC AGM.

Moved by Scott Ridell. Seconded by Paul Armstrong. Carried.

MOTION: That Nancy McKellar be the recording secretary for the SVUC AGM.

Moved by Ann Crawford. Seconded by Daniel Sore. Carried

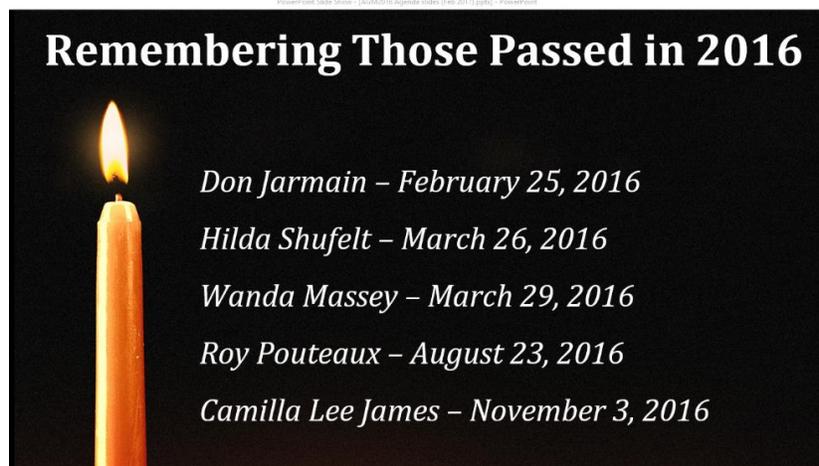
MOTION: That adherents be allowed to vote at the AGM in addition to members.

Moved by Katelynd Marchant. Seconded by Paul Armstong. Carried.

MOTION: That the agenda be accepted as presented.

Moved by Gerry VanKeeken. Seconded by Colleen Nabata. Carried.

REMEMBERING Those Who Passed in 2016:



MOTION: That the Minutes from the 2015 AGM (February 28, 2015) be adopted.

Moved by Sandy Crawford. Seconded by Simon Middleton. Carried

Acceptance of Annual Reports & Financial Statements: presented by Michelle Middleton, Treasurer.

MOTION: That the Annual Reports be accepted as presented.

Moved by Paul Armstrong. Seconded by Wayne Carmichael. Carried.

MOTION: That internal, unaudited Financial Statements presented by Michelle Middleton be accepted as written.

Moved by Michelle Middleton. Seconded by Dennis McLaren. Carried.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Thanks to the current board

PowerPoint Slide Show - (AGM2016 Agenda slides (Feb 2017).pptx) - PowerPoint

Celebrate Our 2016 Official Board	Chair	Scot Middleton
	Recording Secretary	Nancy McKellar
	Treasurer	Michelle Middleton
	Stewardship & Finance	Reps Wayne Carmichael, Sandy Crawford
	Worship	*Allison Andruchuk
	Presbytery Reps	Gloria Davis & Vacant
	Pastoral Care	*Zoe Gulley
	Faith Formation	Shari Derksen
	Outreach	*Colleen Nabata, *Bessie Leal
	Ministry & Personnel	Scott Riddell (Colleen Marchant)
	Property Management	Dennis McLaren
	Member-at-large	Alice Cockcroft
	Member-at-large	Daniel Sore
	Ministry staff	Vicki McPhee

2017 Nominations for SVUC Board

PowerPoint Slide Show - (AGM2016 Agenda slides (Feb 2017).pptx) - PowerPoint

2017 Official Board Nominations	Chair	Scot Middleton
	Recording Secretary	Nancy McKellar
	Treasurer	Michelle Middleton
	Stewardship & Finance	Wayne Carmichael
	Worship	Pat Riddell
	Presbytery Rep	1. Gloria Davis 2. vacant
	Pastoral Care	Donna Williams (Elsa McLaren)
	Faith Formation	Shari Dersken, Letitia Berger
	Outreach	Vacant
	Ministry & Personnel	Scott Riddell, Colleen Marchant
	Property Management	Dennis McLaren
	Member-at-large	Daniel Sore
	Member-at-large	Zoe Gulley
	Member-at-large	Mobolaji Omipidan
Women's Ministries	Alice Cockcroft	
Ministry staff	Vicki McPhee	

BOLD ~ incoming

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MOTION: That the new slate of board members be approved as presented.
Moved by Bob Dunn. Seconded by Allison Andruchuk. Carried.

2017 Trustees and Nominations



MOTION: That Scot Middleton be added as a Trustee for SVUC.

Moved by Scott Riddell. Seconded by Paul Armstrong. Carried.

Presentation/Discussion/Adoption of Budget by Wayne Carmichael.

MOTION: That the budget be adopted as presented.

Moved by Wayne Carmichael. Seconded by Daniel Sore. Carried.

Approval of SVUC Governance Handbook

MOTION: That the SVUC Governance Handbook be accepted as presented.

Moved by Bob Dunn. Seconded by Paul Armstrong. Carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Letitia Berger. Seconded by Eden Middleton.

Scot Middleton
Chairman

Nancy McKellar
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

The following procedures from the UCC Financial Handbook section 3.5 are followed at SVUC:

SVUC has clearly defined procedures for counting and recording the offering, and those procedures are followed by a rotating schedule of Collection-counters who are at arms-length. We have good separation of duties for all individuals who deal with money—the counters (weekly offerings), Essie (PAR) and Kathy (rentals) make the initial accounting entries, which are verified by Heather McDonald before she makes the deposits. Then, the treasurer reviews those entries again when reconciling the bank statement. All cheques are signed by 2 people, and they inspect and initial the supporting documents (bills, invoices or written requests for reimbursement) before signing more than 300 cheques annually.

The treasurer completes bank reconciliations monthly and provides monthly reports to the Official board. Reports are published regularly to the congregation as well via announcements, posting on the bulletin board, or in newsletters. A designated member of the Official board, who is not involved in the finances in any other way, reviews the bank statements and reconciliations.

The Trustees maintain an up-to-date inventory of equipment and furnishings owned by the church, and ensure we have adequate insurance coverage

The accounting records are password protected, and access to information is limited to only those portions of the program that are applicable to the user, for example, a counter can only access the contributions they are entering that day; someone who maintains the addresses etc. on the database has no access to the financial portion of the program. The accounting records are reviewed annually by Dart Bryant accounting firm, and they provide a Notice to Reader statement.

Annual filings with the government are up to date.

Good stewardship of SVUC's finances is a task that has many hands and I truly thank everyone involved.

It is also important to know that the staff are paid on time each month and remittances are sent to the government, all bills are paid as they become due, GST returns are filed and income tax receipts are sent to each identifiable donor in a timely fashion, annual statistics are provided to The United Church of Canada, budgets are developed and provided to the Official Board and the congregation for approval.

Heather McDonald assigns envelope numbers to all identifiable donors throughout the year. (It is never too late to ask for envelopes). Heather and the counters do an amazing job of identifying our donors.

Confidentiality is very important. All counters have signed confidentiality agreements, and cumulative donation histories (totals) are only seen by Wayne Carmichael, Heather McDonald and myself. And, at least by me, are promptly forgotten again.

All M&S receipts were remitted, and due to the generosity and COMPASSION shown by our donors, we have \$485 in Benevolent funds and \$1685 in compassion funds (one hot breakfast was sponsored in January from these funds) to carry into 2018. Outreach has big plans for those compassion funds.

SVUC held and administered the funds for the 2017 Zambia Youth Exposure tour, which have all been disbursed and accounted for.

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Middleton, Treasurer

Symons Valley United Church
Financial Statements (UNAUDITED)
For The Year Ended December 2017

CONSOLIDATED
Balance Sheet
Statement of Operations
Statement of Cash Flow

GENERAL OPERATIONS
Balance Sheet
Statement of Operations

ZAMBIA Youth Exposure Tour
Balance Sheet
Statement of Operations

Notes

Attached Statements have been prepared
by the Church Treasurer with no independent
review having been performed.

January 31, 2018

Symons Valley United Church
Consolidated Balance Sheet (UNAUDITED)
December 31 2017

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Chequing Accounts	2,670	19,985
Memorial Fund	1,986	2,965
Trustee Accounts	2,728	8,222
Accounts Receivable	5,084	1,407
Grocery Gift Cards-SVUC	13,400	14,100
Bank Accounts - Zambia	-	28,822
Grocery Cards - Zambia	-	59,800
Subtotal Current Assets	25,868	135,301
INVESTMENTS	1	1
FIXED ASSETS		
LAND	1,445,472	1,445,472
BUILDINGS	3,194,420	3,300,745
EQUIPMENT	32,015	25,730
Subtotal Fixed Assets	4,671,906	4,771,947
TOTAL ASSETS	4,697,775	4,907,249
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
SVUC Outreach Found'n Payb	210	210
Damage Deposits Rentals	7,900	7,400
Prepaid Rents	9,202	6,731
Trade Accounts Payable	3,000	3,508
Grocery Card Loan Crawford	5,000	5,000
Current Portion LTD-UCC Mortgage	14,700	14,336
deferred revenue Zambia	-	38,132
Groc Card Zambia RTK Loan	-	50,490
Subtotal Current Liabilities	40,011	125,806
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES	3,040,633	3,055,333
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,080,645	3,181,139
NET ASSETS	1,617,130	1,726,110
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	4,697,775	4,907,249

Symons Valley United Church
Consolidated Statement of Operations (UNAUDITED)
Year Ended December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
RECEIPTS		
CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	237,988	245,659
OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS	5,086	6,119
MISSION AND SERVICE CONT.	16,874	16,949
MEMORIAL FUND	-	500
Zambia Contributions	10,301	-
Subtotal Contribution Receipts	270,249	269,228
OTHER RECEIPTS		
COMMUNITY BUILDING/FUNDRAISING	31,025	31,086
CHURCH ACTIVITIES	1,872	1,787
MISSION AND SERVICE GRANT	27,000	25,000
INTEREST INCOME	0	0
BUILDING USE RECEIPTS	171,529	167,205
Zambia Receipts	116,465	-
Subtotal Other Receipts	347,892	225,078
TOTAL RECEIPTS	618,141	494,306
DISBURSEMENTS		
PROGRAM EXPENSES	321,337	291,690
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	35,340	30,036
FACILITIES EXPENSES	131,556	150,422
Zambia Disbursements	126,638	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	614,871	472,148
OPERATING SURPLUS	3,270	22,157
AMORTIZATION	112,249	109,634
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	(108,979)	(87,476)

Symons Valley United Church
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (UNAUDITED)
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Deficiency	(108,979)	(87,476)
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of Tangible Assets	112,249	109,634
	<u>3,270</u>	<u>22,157</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts Receivable	(3,676)	32
Trustee Funds	5,494	11,101
Memorial Fund	979	1,095
Grocery Gift Cards	700	(1,250)
ZYET Grocery Cards	59,800	(59,800)
Prepaid Rents	2,471	(594)
M&S Payable	-	(123)
Trade Payables	(508)	(5,645)
Damage Deposits	500	(690)
Grocery Cards Loan	-	-
deferred revenue ZYET	(38,132)	38,132
Groc Card Loan ZYET	(50,490)	50,490
	<u>(22,862)</u>	<u>32,747</u>
Cash flow from (used by) operating activities	<u>(19,592)</u>	<u>54,905</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase equipment, furnishings and fixtures	(12,209)	(33,004)
Cash flow used by investing activities	<u>(12,209)</u>	<u>(33,004)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Advances from Calgary Presbytery	-	19,000
Advances from The United Church of Canada	-	1,939,000
Repayment of RBC mortgage	-	(1,939,000)
Repayment of UCC Mortgage	(14,336)	(878)
Cash flow from financing activities	<u>(14,336)</u>	<u>18,122</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW	(46,137)	40,023
Cash (deficiency) beginning of year	<u>48,807</u>	<u>8,784</u>
CASH - END OF YEAR	<u>2,670</u>	<u>48,807</u>
CASH CONSISTS OF:		
Cash	2,670	19,985
Cash-Zambia	-	28,822
	<u>2,670</u>	<u>48,807</u>

Symons Valley United Church
General Fund Balance Sheet (UNAUDITED)
 December 31, 2017

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Trade Accounts Payable	3,000	3,508
Grocery Card Loan Crawford	5,000	5,000
Current Portion LTD-UCC Mortgage	14,700	14,336
Subtotal Current Liabilities	40,011	37,184
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
UCC/Presbytery-Mtg Advance	500,000	500,000
UCC Property and Church D	19,000	19,000
UCC - CDF - non productive	717,547	717,547
UCC MORTGAGE	1,804,086	1,818,786
Subtotal Long-term Liabilities	3,040,633	3,055,333
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,080,645	3,092,517
NET ASSETS	1,617,130	1,726,110
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	4,697,775	4,818,627

Symons Valley United Church
General Fund Income and Expense Statement
 Year Ended December 31, 2017

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES	1,872	1,787
MISSION AND SERVICE GRANT	27,000	25,000
INTEREST INCOME	0	0
BUILDING USE RECEIPTS	171,529	167,205
Subtotal Other Receipts	231,427	225,078
TOTAL RECEIPTS	491,375	494,306
DISBURSEMENTS		
PROGRAM EXPENSES		
STAFF	246,779	223,277
PRESBYTERY ASSESSMENT	12,982	11,802
MISSION AND SERVICE	16,874	16,949
OUTREACH	6,683	6,520
FAITH FORMATION	14,643	4,681
WOMENS MINISTRY	545	415
COMMUNICATIONS	5,464	7,482
PASTORAL CARE	863	1,819
WELCOMING	2,499	2,168
MINISTRY EXPENSE	1,539	1,901
WORSHIP EXPENSES	1,348	1,344
MUSIC	1,699	3,402
MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL	1,370	999
COMMUNITY BLDG/FUNDRAISING	8,051	8,932
Subtotal Program Expenses	321,337	291,690
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
ADMIN/OFFICE COSTS	23,641	22,444
COMPUTER EXPENSES	3,482	1,383
LEASED EQUIPMENT	6,226	4,834
STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE	840	352
OTHER	1,023	1,023
Subtotal Administrative Expense	35,212	30,036
FACILITIES EXPENSES		
Mortgage Interest	45,664	57,952
Utilities	28,211	28,707
Security	1,188	2,414
Janitorial Services	30,900	31,052
Janitorial Supplies	2,963	2,543
Garbage and Recycling	3,539	2,814
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	11,311	18,346
GROUNDNS MAINTENANCE	3,143	1,791
RENTALS EXPENSES	4,636	4,804
Subtotal Facilities Expense	131,556	150,422
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	488,105	472,148
OPERATING SURPLUS	3,270	22,157
Amortization	112,249	109,634
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	(108,979)	(87,476)

*Symons Valley United Church- Zambia Youth Exposure Tour***Balance Sheet (Unaudited)**

December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
CASH ASSETS	-	28,822
Grocery Cards - Zambia	-	59,800
TOTAL ASSETS	-	88,622
LIABILITIES		
deferred revenue Zambia	-	38,132
Groc Card Zambia RTK Loan	-	50,490
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	88,622
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*Symons Valley United Church- Zambia Youth Exposure Tour***Income and Expense Statement (unaudited)**

year ended December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
RECEIPTS		
Donations	10,301	-
Participant Fees - Zambia	40,282	-
Leader Fees Zambia	7,029	-
Grocery Cards Income Zambia	10,750	-
Misc. Fundraising/Grants	19,357	-
Group Fundraising	15,364	-
Fundraising Zambia St Thomas/Balzac	1,179	-
Fundraising Zambia St And	592	-
fundraising Zambia SVUC	8,957	-
Proj Fundraising Zambia	2,138	-
Zambia Gala Income 2017	10,816	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	126,766	-
DISBURSEMENTS		
Banking fees	127	-
Flights and Insurance	60,156	-
Accommodation and Food	23,570	-
intra Zambia Transport	9,435	-
Excursions	6,244	-
Misc. Expenses Canada	5,548	-
Misc. Expenses Zambia	4,795	-
Fundraising Expenses ZYET	1,798	-
ZYET Project- donations given	15,091	-
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	126,766	-
SURPLUS(DEFICIENCY)	-	-

Symons Valley United Church
Notes to the Financial Statements
 for the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Note 1

DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Symons Valley United Church ("SVUC") is a member congregation of The United Church of Canada ("UCC"), located in Calgary, Alberta whose mission is to be a vibrant and affirming Christian community, sharing God's love and engaging all through dynamic worship, strong family ministry and loving hospitality in service and outreach to the community. In fulfilling its objectives, the church provides ongoing programs on spiritual guidance, religious training, education and general assistance to the local community and immediate congregational attendees.

SVUC was established as an unincorporated congregation of The UCC under the Federal statute, The United Church of Canada Act, 1925. Consistent with the terms of the Basis of Union which establishes the structure for governance of the individual congregations of the UCC, the operations of SVUC are managed by both the Committee of Stewards and the Board of Trustees. The Committee of Stewards is responsible for the management of daily operations and the financial affairs, while the Board of Trustees is responsible for the management of property and equipment owned by the congregation, including holding ownership of the congregation's land and buildings in their personal names and negotiating and signing for mortgages on the land and buildings.

The church is a registered charity, as defined in paragraph 149.1(1)(b) of the Canadian Income Tax Act and is consequently approved to issue donation receipts for income tax purposes.

The ongoing operations of SVUC are dependent on the continued donation support of its constituents and the various levels of governance within the UCC.

Note 2 These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of Canadian generally accepted accounting principles for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNFP")

Note 3	CAPITAL ASSETS	Accumulated		2017		2016	
		Cost	Depreciation	Net Book Value	Net Book Value		
	LAND	1,445,472	-	1,445,472		1,445,472	
	BUILDING	4,253,007	1,058,586	3,194,421		3,300,745	
	EQUIPMENT	225,545	193,530	32,015		25,730	
		5,924,023	1,252,116	4,671,907		4,711,947	

Note 4 UCC Mortgage Repayment

Initial Loan Amount (October 2016): \$1,834,000

Term: 3 year terms

Amortized: n/a

Interest rate:

2.5% simple interest from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018

Monthly Payment: \$5,000 from Nov 1, 2016-Dec 31, 2018

Note 5	DUE TO RELATED PARTIES	2017	2016
	UCC/Presbytery-Mtg Advance	500,000	500,000
	UCC Property and Church D	19,000	19,000
	UCC - CDF - non productive	717,547	717,547
	UCC Mortgage - active	1,818,786	1,833,122

The first 3 loans are interest free and are due after the UCC Mortgage is paid in full

Note 6 COMPARATIVE FIGURES

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