

# 2018 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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### 2018 Official Board

**Chairperson:** Scot Middleton

**Secretary:** Nancy McKellar

**Treasurer:** Michelle Middleton

**Stewardship & Finance:** Wayne Carmichael

**Ministry & Personnel:** Scott Riddell/Colleen Marchant

**Worship:** Pat Riddell

**Presbytery Rep:** Gloria Davis

**Pastoral Care:** Donna Williams

**Outreach:** Janet Rowland/David Ward

**Faith Formation:** Letitia Berger/Katelynd DeBoer

**Property Management:** Dennis McLaren

**Member-at-large:** Daniel Sore /Alice Cockroft

**Ministers:** Vicki McPhee/Stephen Harper

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## A Message from Minister Stephen Harper

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*Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

Hebrews 13:8 is one of the foundational theological verses in terms of Christology. It gives us a foundational understanding of the unwavering character and nature of Jesus. However, we seldom, if ever, find that kind of unchanging stability anywhere else in life. The rest of our existence is full of change. This has been especially true of Symons Valley in the last year.

This is nothing new for our church. Change has been a theme in the life of Symons Valley since the beginning, but it was especially true this past year. We have had a busy year and have seen changes in four primary areas: new people, new programs, new staff and new students.

**New People:** We have seen an increase in our average attendance. Our overall numbers from last year show an increase of just over 15% from the previous year. This is a significant increase! Especially in light of the fact that the United Church as a denomination has been in decline for decades. In fact, the United Church has closed an average of 5 churches a month, for the last nine years. And yet we are growing! That is something that we should be thankful for and excited about!

**New Programs:** Another change has been the addition of programs like Coffee Talk, Ladies Night Out, and Beer with God. These programs have been very well received and have provided an opportunity for many participants to explore their faith and connect with others who are on a similar journey.

**New Staff:** We had a staff change this past year when we decided as a congregation to bring on a second minister (thank you for that), to work alongside Vicki and the Board. As a growing church we are moving from a smaller congregation (often called a *pastoral church model*), to a larger congregation (with is often referred to as a *program church model*).

On a personal note, I have enjoyed my time at SVUC immensely! You are a caring, friendly and energized congregation which makes ministering here a pleasure.

**New Students:** Our church has a strong tradition of embracing students and being a teaching church. This is a trend that has been echoed in our Presbytery as well. In a recent meeting, Vicki found that 25% of the candidates for ministry in all of **Canada** come from Southern Alberta and BC, with Calgary having the most folks in process of any one area. We have two right here at Symons Valley! We are thrilled to have the opportunity to be a part of the journey of Daniel and Letitia. Watch for them to be more involved in Sunday services this year as a part of their ongoing education and development.

All of these changes lead us to one exciting conclusion; there are good times ahead for SVUC, and it will fun to make this journey together! We can't wait to see what the next year will bring!

Yours in Christ,  
Stephen Harper

## Worship Ministry

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### **Symons Valley United Church Worship Ministry Vision:**

Worshippers will find a sacred, inclusive, authentic and dynamic 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.

Worship is a very important part of our community here at Symons Valley United Church. Our worship happens with the participation of many volunteers and worshippers.

Each year we invited our Ministers to gather with us to discuss and explore together the themes we are interested in delving into during worship for the upcoming year. We then set the worship calendar with these themes in mind and the Ministers decide on the scripture readings that are best appropriate for each Sunday.

The Worship Ministry is responsible for supporting regular Sunday services as well as special services throughout the year. Extraordinary services that took place in 2018 were: Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday (a shared worship service between Northminster and Wild Rose United Churches – 2018 was our year to host), Easter Sunday sunrise service, a Covenanting Service with our newly called clergy, Longest Night, both Christmas Eve services.

Some of the responsibilities of the Worship Ministry are as follows: set-up/take down of the stage for all services, preparation of the elements and scheduling servers for Communion, set up for Baptism and scheduling lay scripture readers. Worship Ministry is also responsible for decorating the stage for the seasons/themes of the year and finding music and/or worship leadership coverage if our regular staff are on holidays or leave.

A big thank you to each and everyone who has assisted or filled a role in creating our worship services. What you do has added amazing value to our collective worship experience. We welcome everyone who would like to help with any of these tasks to speak to our Ministers, Vicki or Stephen. We have "a place for you" helping to make our experience in worship a meaningful one.

### **In 2018, we celebrated the Circle of Life with:**

6 Baptisms

22 New Members

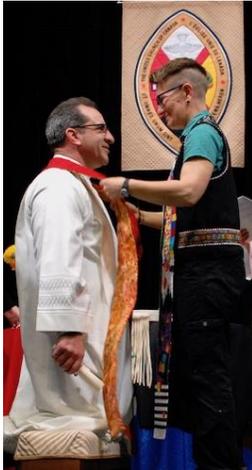
2 Celebrations of Life (Funerals)

2 Weddings

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Riddell, Chair of Worship

## The Board@SVUC

2018 was a year filled with significant milestones for our faith community.



**Stephen Harper**, who had been working with us in an internship while he completed the work experience requirements to become an Ordained Minister in the United Church of Canada in May 2018, and accepted a call from Symons Valley United Church as the Minister Responsible for Coordinating Pastoral Care, Strategic Leadership for Youth/Children's Faith Formation and Community Engagement. *Left: Stephen being ordained by Moderator Jordan Cantwell. Right: Stephen Harper and Vicki McPhee on their Covenanting Service day.*



Together as **Ministry Team, Vicki and Stephen** have brought new energy to the breadth and depth of programming offered to our congregation, and to those outside our church walls. We are truly blessed that they have chosen to fulfill their calling to Ministry at Symons Valley United Church.

In April 2018 we celebrated our **tenth year in our church building at Kincora**. How time flies when you are having fun! More than 13 years ago we accepted the invitation of Calgary Presbytery to partner together to build a new church in North Calgary, and we did it! Presbytery bought the land, and we sold our church building in Beddington and began the build in Kincora. *Right: Dave Williams (Trustee), Vicki McPhee, Scot Middleton (Board Chair)*



In December we entered a covenant as a faith community with Ministry candidates **Daniel Sore and Letitia Berger**, both of whom completed the final requirements of the discernment process. Daniel has been recommended for Ordained Ministry, and Letitia for Diaconal Ministry. We are delighted to see them take the next steps of their faith journey!

*Left: Vicki McPhee, Letitia Berger, Scot Middleton, Daniel Sore, Allison Andruchuk, Stephen Harper*

Also in December we said **farewell to Calgary Presbytery** as they held their last gathering as the regional governing body of the United Church for congregations within the City of Calgary. Starting on January 1, we now belong to the **Chinook Winds Region**, which covers an area within Alberta stretching from Highway 13 South to the U.S. border. Symons Valley also continues to have active representation within the SPARK Community, which is an informal gathering or 'Cluster' of North Calgary congregations to gather locally to share ideas, synergy, and to contribute to and benefit from each other's programs offered in neighboring United Churches.

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**Recognitions and changes on the Board Slate in 2019**

In Memoriam, we recognize the dedicated service of **Dennis McLaren**, who represented the Property Management Committee on the Board since 2014, and was an invaluable volunteer in some many aspects of how our building operates. He is truly missed. **Else McLaren**, serving since 2017, has also chosen to step down as the representative for the Pastoral Care committee in 2019. **Mobalaji Omipidan**, who has served as Member at large since 2017 is also stepping down. Since Calgary Presbytery no longer exists through the church governance model restructuring effective on December 31, 2018, **Gloria Davis** will step down as the Presbytery Representative, and will assume the new role as Lay Representative to the new **Chinook Winds**. **Scott Riddell**, Co-chair for the Ministry & Personnel (M&P) Committee, and **Scot Middleton** (yours truly), Chair of the Board, have both reached term limit of two, three-year terms in those roles, having both started in those roles in 2013. Scott Riddell is planning to stay on as a sitting member of the M&P committee, and Scot Middleton has allowed his name to stand together with Colleen Marchant as Co-chair of the M&P committee.

**Janet Stein** and **Jon Savory** have both put their names forward for consideration for the position of Chair of the Board in 2019. The congregation will elect this position by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting. Please plan to attend this brief meeting to approve the 2019 budget, the general slate of nominees to the board, and for this special vote for Chair of the Board.

Outgoing:	Outgoing Role:	
<b>In Memoriam: Dennis McLaren</b>	Board Rep, Property Mgmt	In Memoriam
<b>Else McLaren</b>	Board Rep, Pastoral Care	Stepping Down
<b>Scot Middleton</b>	Chair of the Board	Term Limit
<b>Scott Riddell</b>	Co-Chair of Ministry and Personnel	Term Limit
<b>Mobalaji Omipidan</b>	Member at Large	Stepping Down

We thank both the current and outgoing members for their faithful service, and welcome the new nominee’s slate!

*Scot Middleton*

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### Notice of Annual General Meeting

The AGM which will be held on Sunday February 24th following worship. Lunch will be provided. Please plan to attend! New Business will include: electing the Board for 2019, electing Chair of the Board, and approving the 2019 budget.

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 2019 to be approved at the AGM:

Name	2019 Board Slate	Status	Year Appointed
<b>Janet Stein or Jon Savory</b>	Chair of the Board	Incoming	2019
Michelle Middleton	Treasurer	Continuing	2010
Nancy McKellar	Recording Secretary	Continuing	2014
<b>Gloria Davis</b>	Regional Lay Rep 1	<b>Incoming</b>	2019
<b>Vacant</b>	Regional Lay Rep 2	<b>Incoming</b>	
Letitia Berger / Katelynd De Boer	Chair, Faith Formation	Continuing	2017/2018
Colleen Marchant/ <b>Scot Middleton</b>	Co-Chairs, Ministry and Personnel	Continuing/ <b>Incoming</b>	2015/2019
Janet Rowland/David Ward	Co-Chairs, Outreach Committee	Continuing	2018
Donna Williams	Chair, Pastoral Care	Continuing	2017
<b>Gord Rowland</b>	Chair, Property Management	<b>Incoming</b>	2019
Wayne Carmichael	Chair, Stewardship Committee	Continuing	2017
<b>Vacant</b>	Women's Ministries	Continuing	2015
Pat Riddell	Chair, Worship Committee	Continuing	2017
Daniel Sore	Member at Large	Continuing	2016
<b>Vacant</b>	Member at Large	<b>Incoming</b>	2017

## Faith Formation & Programming Ministry

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 share in community 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 2018:

#### Children's Ministry

Stephen Harper continues as Sunday School and Youth Ministry Coordinator under his position as minister.

- Continued success with Sparkhouse Curriculum.
- Sunday School Summer Children's Program led by Letitia Berger and Deepa Patel.
- Sunday School numbers continue to grow.



#### Youth Ministry

- Youth Program lead by Youth Leader Matthew Taylor-Kerr and Youth Assistant Ian Robertson.
- Haunted House: The Youth Group ran a haunted house again during this year's Halloween open house. They had a lot of fun planning and setting up the haunted house and the Youth got to act throughout the event, trying their best to put everyone in the Halloween spirit.
- Monthly Events: The Youth Group and Junior Youth participated in monthly gatherings that included sleep overs, bake off's, movie nights, and game nights.
- Regional Youth Events such as Naked Faith, Christmas Sleepover and the RYC Camp weekend.
- Senior High only events in the fall. Activities such as going to the Calgary Film Festival and watching short films that led to interesting discussions.
- Continued success of the Junior Youth program (grades 5-6).

#### General Ministry

- Continued success of Thursday morning Coffee Talk.
- "Braving the Wilderness" by Brene Brown book study led by Vicki McPhee.
- "Animate Faith" study and "Animate Bible" study led by Vicki McPhee and Stephen Harper.
- John's Gospel Bible Study lead by Vicki McPhee and Stephen Harper.
- Family and Children's Pentecost Event.

- Family and Children's Earth Day Event.
- Spring Flight Talent Night.
- Halloween Open House.
- Continued success of ladies' night.
- Successful launch of 'Beer with God'.
- Another successful Dessert/Dinner Theatre.
- 2 successful Grownups Only Nights.
- Very successful Advent Festival Event.
- Beer and Carols Night at Mr. Mikes Steakhouse.



We look forward to continuing to serve Symons Valley United Church congregation and the community at large in 2019.

Warmly,  
Letitia Berger and Katelynd De Boer, Co-Chairs

## Dessert Dinner Theatre Report



The 2018 farce "Don't Get Your Vicars in a Twist" was great fun and we received many very positive comments about the quality of the play, the food, and the British-

themed decorations.

We tried a few different things with the production this year: relatively small cast, only one dinner, online ticket sales, and internal adjudication.

With only one dinner, the revenue was down from the previous year, but the costs were

also down resulting in a net amount of \$12,000, which matched the 2017 net revenue. There was one complaint about ticket processing fees, but overall, the use of BrownPaperTickets for online ticket sales was very positive. The internal adjudication was also well-received as it was given prior to the public performances so the cast had an opportunity to integrate the feedback into their performance.

A great thanks to the countless people who helped to make the 2018 Dessert Dinner Theatre production a fun and engaging event!

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris McPhee

## Outreach Ministry

### 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.
- Fellowship and community 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 Church and a tangible way that we live out our Christian faith and define ourselves as a congregation.

2018 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 Chris Becker has stepped up to help coordinate Inn from the Cold volunteers while they are away. Paul Armstrong continues to be 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 and Donation sorting. Shelley Loke is our Good Food Box coordinator.

Janet Rowland and David Ward have been serving as co-chairs of Outreach.

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.

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

**The Good Food Box is back for 2019** – offering the same great quality fruit and vegetables we've come to expect, at the same prices as 2018 (and also 2017).

And like the beautifully grown produce, our

Program continues to grow, too. In 2018, monthly orders average between 350 and 400 pounds of seasonal

fruits/vegetables (compared to approximately 250 – 300 pounds in 2017). That translates into a lot of high quality, reasonably priced food benefiting our community.



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.

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The program is available to everyone within our community, and we advertise in both our Symons Valley and community-based newsletters. The cost of the boxes in 2018 were:

- 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)

Orders and payment were and will continue to be accepted following Sunday service two times a month, and also from Monday to Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Symons Valley United Church office (38 Kincora Rise NW). Orders are picked up at Symons Valley United Church between 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. one Thursday per month.

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

### 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, cleanup, 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](mailto: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.



**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 \$2,313.25 this year.** This project makes Christmas merrier for the residents of Scott, Beswick & 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](http://www.thesharpfoundation.com)).

*“Thank you for thinking of us, for the gifts & everything you do”,* Note from Jarrid, one of the residents.

Your wonderful generosity meant that we were able to give gifts and stockings to 16 residents! We were also able to provide two ‘Welcome Home’ packages for residents moving in to ‘Murray’s House’ (see <http://www.resolvecampaign.com/murrays-house-is-now-open/>) for information about this incredible new facility. The Welcome Home packages includes a laundry basket filled with dishes, cutlery, glasses, dish rack, tea towels, can openers, place mats, oven gloves and other items to help them get set up in their supported living apartment.

**Thanks to all who helped to decorate & fill the stockings, make and track the donations, sewed stockings, 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 5-10 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 2018, the Outreach Committee designated funds to sponsor two hot breakfasts at a cost of \$1000 each. In January and June, 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 Donation Sorting**

In July of 2018, a group of eight volunteers from SVUC spent a couple of hours sorting donations, such as clothing, furniture and small household items at the Drop-In Donation Centre in the North East of Calgary. Response from this event was positive and another date was scheduled in November. Volunteers of all ages are welcome at the Donation Centre and group sizes may range from 5-25 people. Based on the response from the volunteer survey, we will continue to support the Donation Centre with our volunteer time 3-4 times per year.



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### **Brown Bagging for Calgary Kids (BB4CK)**

BB4CK is a charitable organization, which began using the SVUC kitchen twice each week during the school year to prepare lunches for local school children in need. The Outreach Committee is pleased to sponsor this group and support their important work in the community.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Ward *(on behalf of Outreach Ministry)*



potluck meal between services and 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 and to 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 Ann Crawford, Anne Heinemeyer and Lori Chang-Shivji 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. 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

## Communications Working Group

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**Members:** Nancy McKellar, Scot Middleton, Vicki McPhee

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

2018 saw the CWG move forward on many of the initiatives started in our first year of 2017. We have increased our presence on Facebook and Twitter with more posts and tweets. We continue to use Curbex signs at the entrance to the parking lot, the video monitor in the main foyer and postcards 3X/year to advertise to the surrounding communities and to those who use our facility. Our most significant achievement was to get the Livestream of the Sunday service up and running. After using the Spring to experiment and work out the kinks, we had a hard launch of livestreaming in the fall and are slowly, but surely building our audience. Special thanks to Stephen Harper, Christopher McPhee, Wayne Carmichael and the AV crew for their many hours of hard work in setting up and refining the process so that folks can tune in from as close as next door in Calgary to the far-flung reaches of Earth. Karen tendered her resignation in January 2019. We thank her for her contributions to getting us this far. We have worked with M&P on the job description so that it can be posted soon.

2019 is starting on a high note, as we have secured a significant amount of funding thanks to Vicki McPhee's excellent grant-application writing skills, to further our online communications efforts. As well, we hope to finally move forward on a permanent sign for the entrance to the parking lot.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy McKellar

## Ministry and Personnel

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It was another dynamic year for Symons Valley United Church! In our last annual report we celebrated the approval of a JNAC report confirming our call to Vicki McPhee in a role of solo ministry. Yet, even as that report was being written the Spirit was moving. There was a continued sense of vibrancy and growth within our congregation. There was a heightened awareness of the potential and purpose of our church within the centre of our community. There was a call to respond proactively to the momentum we were gaining.

Symons Valley United Church has a bit of a reputation for stepping outside the box—or at the very least reshaping the box. So true to nature, we responded to our Call and in very short order a JNAC was reconvened and from its recommendations and subsequent approval, a search committee was struck. And as we were all confident in the direction the Spirit was prodding us, Dr. Stephen Harper went from being an intern minister to answering our Call to Ministry.

Vicki assumed the role of Minister Responsible for Coordinating Worship and Leading Adult Faith Formation, Outreach, Stewardship, and Staff Team Lead. Stephen assumed the role of Minister Responsible for Coordinating Pastoral Care and Leading Youth and Children's Faith Formation and Community Engagement. And together they formed the dynamic duo that leads our ministry team. We are continually Blessed by their leadership, energy, encouragement and support.

Our ministry team, lay staff, volunteer and congregation continued to work together to answer our call to be a vibrant and affirming Christian community. The excitement and renewed vitality continues to grow and we feel affirmation as we work towards our vision and mission. The Ministry and Personnel Committee continues with its mandate to support our congregation by supporting, overseeing and supervising ministry personnel and lay staff.

Music continues to be a vital and vibrant part of Symons Valley United Church. Donna Williams (Instrumental Director) and Karen Nell Bennett (Choir Director) provide the music leadership for our congregation and, due to their talents Symons Valley United Church experiences exceptional and beautiful music.

The youth of our congregation continue to be supported and challenged along their faith journey by Matthew Taylor-Kerr and Ian Robertson.

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 centre for our church but also for our community. Karen Nell Bennett is our Communications, Marketing and Community Engagement Coordinator, a position that is integral to 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.

As the Spirit continues to move and guide us at Symons Valley Church we endeavour to be receptive to the challenge. We continue to have a sense of anticipation and excitement of where our journey will take us and 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

## Planned Gift Committee

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Christian stewardship involves the faithful management of all that has been so generously given to us: creation, time, skills and money. The stewardship of money specifically includes the use of both our current income and our accumulated assets. Gifts from our accumulated assets are called planned gifts because donors usually make them with considerable forethought and planning.

On October 15th, 2018, the Stewardship committee hosted a Planned Giving information session lead by Kathryn Hofley,

United Church regional Financial Development Officer for the Prairie Region.

The information session covered the basics of what is planned giving and touched on topics including:

- bequests in wills
- life insurance
- gifts of RRSPs, RRIFs and Tax-Free Savings Accounts (TFsAs)
- personal endowment funds
- gifts of publicly-listed stocks, mutual funds and bonds

If you were unable to attend the session or would like more information, Kathryn provided SVUC with electronic copies of the presentation and some additional documents regarding gifts of stocks, mutual funds and bonds. Contact the Stewardship Committee if you would like copies as well.

## Stewardship Ministry

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2018 was a challenging year for the stewardship committee to ensure that the monthly bills were paid so that the various ministries supported by the congregation were able to continue to operate and grow. However, we give thanks for and are very grateful to the congregation members who were able to make extra "faith" financial contributions during the year.

Volunteer contributions of time and effort were outstanding and greatly assisted with ministry activities during and outside of Sunday morning Worship time. Our ministries effectively run seven days a week and we could not do it all without you. Thank-you!

The stewardship committee was successful in obtaining another Mission Support grant for 2019 which will continue to be used to support our congregation's various outreach programs. The Communications working group was successful in obtaining grants to help fund the weekly Sunday service live streaming activity (a big thank-you to our A/V booth volunteers who have taken on the additional camera operator role) which is being used to expand ministry and outreach beyond the church building walls. This has been another example to me that abundance is around us, but more often than not, you have to ask.

We ended the year on a sad note with the passing of Dennis McLaren, a very active volunteer and congregation participant. Dennis was certainly able to find several places for himself within SVUC's ministries and we give thanks for having known and worked with him. We are grateful for the people who have stepped forward to carry on Dennis' volunteer work.

2019 looks to be another challenging year, but with faith, community and commitment, I believe that this congregation will continue to provide and support effective and relevant ministry to Northwest Calgary and beyond.

Yours in Christ,

Wayne Carmichael  
Chair, Stewardship Committee

## Property and Management Committee

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

This past year we were saddened to have lost our most active member, chair of the Property Management Committee and a member of our congregational family Dennis McLaren. Dennis, with his wife Elsa, spent many hours volunteering at Symons Valley United Church and he was always the first to offer a helping hand with any task that was needed. Whether it was shoveling snow, setting up chairs, updating and replacing lighting, attending committee and board meetings or just sharing a coffee, we could always count on Dennis being there.

**BUILDING USAGE:** Our building continues to be a busy place all year long, welcoming many different groups each month and almost every day of the year. The financial contribution from our regular tenants, community groups and occasional rentals continues to provide SVUC with the financial support needed to maintain and operate SVUC and ensuring that we are able to provide our congregation a wide variety of programming and events.

### **Our church programming:**

Dessert Dinner Theatre, choir rehearsals, quilting ministry, women's programming, youth functions, book clubs, Adult Only and Family Events, and committee meetings.

### **Our regular tenants:**

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

### **Our community groups:**

Al-Makah Calgary Islamic (Prayer Group, Youth and Adult Quran Classes 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 and the Education & Students committee.

### **Occasional Renters:**

Piano recitals, dance recitals, meetings and workshops, School groups, a variety of AGM's and condo meetings 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:** This past year our volunteers were continuing to ensure the building was always operating efficiently and safely and meeting our high standards of appeal. This year we will be looking for additional support with maintenance and repairs above our existing janitorial maintenance contract. Activities that currently have been accomplished through volunteer support include.

**General activity**

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



Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Dion  
Gord Rowland

## Quilting Ministry



The Quilting Ministry had another fantastic year in 2018. We are so blessed in the ministry that happens when the quilters gather—we learn from one another, lean on one another, and share our stories, giving and receiving pastoral care. And that is BEFORE we even make or gift any quilts. We met approximately 40 times and saw an average of 10-12 participants each week. We continue to have about a 50-50 split on SVUC congregation members and members of the community in attendance. We held 2 very successful (at capacity) Saturday workshops.

We distributed 7 compassionate quilts, so the congregation was able to ‘wrap’ those people going through critical or chronic illness with love and prayers.

5 presentation and recognition quilts were given to members of the congregation so that they can be used and enjoyed, and the quilts can be brought back for signatures when appropriate.

We made 2 stoles for Stephen (Ordination and Covenanting) and 1 for Vicki (Covenanting), and a Labyrinth quilt that served as the guest book at the Covenanting.

All are welcome to join us at our regularly scheduled events.

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Middleton and Colleen Marchant [msmiddleton@shaw.ca](mailto:msmiddleton@shaw.ca) [ccinc@telusplanet.net](mailto:ccinc@telusplanet.net)

## Pastoral Care Ministry



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. Our Pastoral Care group at Symons Valley is 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 (Kay Dunn/Elsa McClaren)
2. Luncheons (Kay Dunn)
3. Welcoming (Stephen Harper)
4. Prayer Chain (Mark Stein)
5. Caring (Kay Dunn/Joyce Pouteaux)

**'Hospitality'** is a very visible area of our ministry with weekly coffee time offered after each service. In an effort to spread responsibility across more people for coffee prep and clean-up each Sunday, Kay Dunn has been organizing a weekly rotation of volunteers. We appreciate the people who have come forward to assist with this highly valued part of our hospitality at Symons Valley. We plan on continuing with this approach to managing the volunteer effort

required for this part of our fellowship and gathering of our community.

This past year we continued to host 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 be arranged with advanced notice to the office.

A baking session continues to be held on Thursday mornings following **"Coffee Talk"** almost weekly. This time brings enthusiastic bakers together in our kitchen to prepare ahead for upcoming coffee and hospitality needs. Elsa welcomes interested bakers to this weekly session as well as ongoing contributions to the baking supplies. Thank you to all of the many bakers who work to keep our freezer stocked with a plentiful supply of tasty treats to enjoy at our coffee gatherings. We continue to welcome individual contributions to our baking inventory and therefore sometimes take a break from the weekly baking session when we are in good supply.

We look ahead to Lent 101 when we will offer our Newcomer's and not-so-new members an opportunity to gather for refreshments after church. This is a chance to get to learn more about Lent in the United Church, 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 will continue to have a theme for each of these gatherings to encourage interest in attending. Thank you to the members of the board who volunteer their time to attend and provide leadership at these events. Our hospitality

group provides the refreshments and goodies for these sessions.

Symons Valley **congregational luncheons** provide a great opportunity to come together in community. During the past year we have hosted several congregational luncheons. With the help of many volunteers, Kay Dunn plans and carries out tasty luncheons that vary in menu. Attendance has been excellent with the Valleyview Room full and overflowing into our lobby for lunch. We look ahead to our next Pastoral Care hosted lunch following the AGM in February. Thank you to the many people who assist in food preparation, serving and cleanup.

'**Welcoming**' remains a vital part of Pastoral Care on Sunday mornings as well as at extra services and special events. This past year, welcoming was remodelled to a rotational system. Under this new approach, the welcoming team members volunteer one Sunday each month. Thank you to all those individuals who generously give their time to this important ministry at the church. As part of his role as Minister in Charge of Pastoral Care and Community Engagement, Stephen continues in his role as team lead with this area.

Our **Prayer Chain**, led by Mark Stein, offers ongoing prayer support for our church community. The Prayer Chain is made up of 24 members and approximately 20 prayer requests were received in 2018. Our prayer chain mail address, [prayers@symonsvalleyuc.com](mailto: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. Karen Nell-Bennett and Donna Williams provide the music leadership for these services. Thank you to Alice Cockroft and Anne Heinemeyer who have assisted with the music when needed. Worship services at Covenant Care are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Marguerite's at 2pm. Worship services at Evanston Grand are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am. Effective October, 2018, we now also provide a service at Sage Hill Retirement Residence on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 11:00 am.

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 together to reach out to our community at Symons Valley and beyond. If you are interested in volunteering with Pastoral Care, please talk to the team leader(s) responsible for the area you would like to volunteer with.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Williams, Chair

# 2017 Annual Meeting Minutes

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## SYMONS VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

### 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2018

**MOTION 1:** That Scot Middleton act as chair for the SVUC AGM.

Moved by Wayne Carmichael, seconded by Dennis McLaren. Carried.

**MOTION 2:** That Nancy McKellar be the recording secretary for the SVUC AGM.

Moved by Daniel Sore, seconded by Scott Riddell. Carried.

**MOTION 3:** That the agenda be accepted as presented.

Moved by Katelynd de Boer, seconded by Letitia Berger. Carried.

**MOTION 4:** That adherents be allowed to vote in this AGM.

Moved by Michelle Middleton, seconded by Shauna Getz. Carried.

**REMEMBERING:** those in the church family who passed away during 2017.

**Cynthia Richardson**

**MOTION 5:** That the Minutes from the 2016 AGM (February 26, 2017) be adopted as presented.

Moved by Paul Armstrong, seconded by Gloria Davis. Carried.

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

**MOTION 6:** That the Annual Reports be accepted as written.

Moved by Paul Armstrong, seconded by Dianne Moore. Carried.

**Acceptance of Financial Statements:** presented by Michelle Middleton, Treasurer and Wayne Carmichael, Stewardship Committee.

**MOTION 7:** That internal, unaudited Financial Statements presented by Michelle Middleton be accepted as written.

Moved by Michelle Middleton, seconded by Wayne Carmichael. Carried.

**Presentation/Discussion/Adoption of Budget:** presented by Michelle Middleton, Treasurer and Wayne Carmichael, Stewardship Committee.

**MOTION 8:** That the budget be adopted as presented.

Moved by Wayne Carmichael, seconded by Gloria Davis. Carried.

**BOARD NOMINATIONS: Thanks to the current board.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Board Position</b>
<b>Alice Cockcroft</b>	Women's Ministries
<b>Daniel Sore</b>	Member at Large
Dennis McLaren	Chair, Property Management
<b>Donna Williams</b>	Chair, Pastoral Care
Gloria Davis	Presbytery Rep
Michelle Middleton	Treasurer
Nancy McKellar	Recording Secretary
<b>Pat Riddell</b>	Chair, Worship Committee
Scot Middleton	Chair of the Board
Scott Riddell/Colleen Marchant	Co-Chairs, Ministry and Personnel
Shari Derksen/ <b>Letitia Berger</b>	Co-Chairs, Faith Formation
<b>Mobalaji Omipidan</b>	Member at Large
<b>Colleen Nabata</b>	Chair, Outreach Committee
<b>Wayne Carmichael</b>	Chair, Stewardship Committee

**2018 NOMINATIONS for SVUC Board**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Board Position</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Year Appointed</b>
<b>Vacant</b>	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
Colleen Marchant/Scott Riddell	Co-Chairs, Ministry and Personnel	Continuing	2015/2013
Letitia Berger / <b>Co-Chair TBD</b>	Chair, Faith Formation	Continuing	2016
Mobalaji Omipidan	Member at Large	Continuing	2017
<b>Janet Rowland/David Ward</b>	Chair, Outreach Committee	<b>Incoming</b>	2018
Wayne Carmichael	Chair, Stewardship Committee	Continuing	2017
<b>Outgoing:</b>			
Colleen Nabata	Chair, Outreach Committee	Stepping Down	
Shari Derksen	Co-Chair, Faith Formation	Stepping Down	
Alice Cockcroft	Women's Ministries	Stepping Down	

Nomination of Katelynd de Boer to be co-chair of Faith Formation.

**MOTION 9:** That the new slate of board members be approved as amended.

Moved by Paul Armstrong, seconded by Anne Chapman-Heinemeyer. Carried.

**LIST OF TRUSTEES:** no change.

Sandy Crawford

Gerry Van Keeken

Janet Stein

Susan Broderick

Dave Williams

Scot Middleton

Vicki McPhee (ex-officio)

**MOTION 10 to Adjourn:** Michelle Middleton.

Scot Middleton  
Chairperson

Nancy McKellar  
Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

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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, less than 2.5% of donations are unidentified, or in our parlance 'loose'.

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, as of the Hot Breakfast we sponsored at the Drop In January 20, 2019, all outreach funds have been spent.

Yours in Christ,  
Michelle Middleton, Treasurer

### Key things in 2018 Internal Financial Statements

The first set of statements is a consolidated balance sheet and statement of operations (income and expenses) -which means this includes SVUC operations AND the 2017 Zambia trip.

Trade accounts payable is just about timing of payments. Equipment increased by a lawn tractor and a snow blower. Anything under \$1000 isn't capitalized (new computers, small furnishings etc). Computer assets from 2009 were removed from the balance sheet—those dinosaurs are all long gone.

What we want to learn by comparing current assets and current liabilities is: **are we solvent?** Or, in other words, if we ceased operations on Dec 31, would we have been able to meet our commitments and **the answer is no**. If we had converted all grocery cards and Accts Receivable to cash, we would have been short \$15,000 to pay current liabilities (excluding current portion of long term debt). **We need to increase our working capital.**

Statement of Operations -the consolidated statement includes the Zambia youth trip income and expenses in 2017, I've made it clear what is Zambia income and expenses. There is a SVUC only statement (General Fund Statement of Operations) further along if you want to compare Year over year. And if you want details on income/expenses, the proposed budget is really the most detailed document to look at.

SVUC total offerings were up by almost 22% in 2018, to \$317,000 from \$260,000. Congratulations and thank you to all. That is a significant increase. If we can show some increase again, then we will perhaps be able to amass some working capital.

### Statement of Cash Flows:

This document ties the balance sheet to the income statement. We start with the operating surplus from the income statement, and then account for balance sheet changes--add in any sources of cash (reduced receivables, money transferred from savings, increased liabilities), subtract any capital investments, adjust for changes in financing (principal payments), and relate all those changes to the bank accounts and thus account for the change in bank balances. So you can see we bought \$3690 worth of equipment and paid \$18,459 of principal which both used cash but aren't expenses. The \$6,700 in operating surplus wasn't enough to cover these, and thus we have had take on a short term loan to meet cash flow needs.

Symons Valley United Church  
**Financial Statements (UNAUDITED)**  
For The Year Ended December 2018

CONSOLIDATED  
Balance Sheet  
Statement of Operations  
Statement of Cash Flow

GENERAL OPERATIONS  
Statement of Operations

Notes

Attached Statements have been prepared  
by the Church Treasurer with no independent  
review having been performed.  
January 25.2019

Symons Valley United Church  
**Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited)**  
 December 31, 2018

	2018	2017
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Chequing Accounts	\$ 3,537	\$ 2,670
Memorial fund	1,990	1,986
Trustee Account RBC	2,728	2,728
Grocery Gift Cards	5,650	13,400
Accounts Receivable	1,415	5,084
<b>Subtotal Current Assets</b>	<b>15,320</b>	<b>25,868</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>	1	1
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
LAND	1,445,472	1,445,472
BUILDINGS	3,088,095	3,194,420
EQUIPMENT	29,614	32,015
<b>Subtotal Fixed Assets</b>	<b>4,563,181</b>	<b>4,671,906</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4,578,502</b>	<b>4,697,775</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
SVUC Outreach Found'n Payable	210	210
Damage Deposits Rentals	9,650	7,900
Prepaid Rents	2,080	9,202
Trade Accounts Payable	7,211	3,000
current portion of LTD-UC	15,000	14,700
Grocery Card Loan C	-	5,000
Short Term Loan M	11,000	-
<b>Subtotal Current Liabilities</b>	<b>45,151</b>	<b>40,011</b>
<b>LONG-TERM LIABILITIES</b>		
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	1,785,327	1,804,086
<b>Subtotal Long-term Liabilities</b>	<b>3,021,874</b>	<b>3,040,633</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,067,025</b>	<b>3,080,645</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>1,511,478</b>	<b>1,617,130</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>4,578,502</b>	<b>4,697,775</b>

Symons Valley United Church  
**Consolidated Statement of Operations (unaudited)**  
 Year Ended December 31, 2018

	2018	2017
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
<b>CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS</b>		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$294,572	\$237,988
OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS	4,845	5,086
MISSION AND SERVICE CONT.	17,658	16,874
Zambia Contributions	-	10,301
<b>Subtotal Contribution Receipts</b>	<b>317,075</b>	<b>270,249</b>
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>		
COMMUNITY BUILDING/FUNDRAISING	22,563	31,025
CHURCH ACTIVITIES	2,580	1,872
MISSION AND SERVICE GRANT	27,000	27,000
OTHER GRANT INCOME	5,000	-
ZAMBIA RECEIPTS	-	116,465
INTEREST INCOME	4	0
OTHER RECEIPTS	25	-
BUILDING USE RECEIPTS	144,085	171,529
<b>Subtotal Non Receiptable</b>	<b>201,257</b>	<b>347,892</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>518,332</b>	<b>618,141</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
PROGRAM EXPENSES	349,754	321,337
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	34,588	35,340
FACILITIES EXPENSES	127,227	131,556
ZAMBIA EXPENSES	-	126,638
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>511,570</b>	<b>614,871</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b>6,763</b>	<b>3,270</b>
AMORTIZATION	112,415	112,249
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	<u>(105,653)</u>	<u>(108,979)</u>

Symons Valley United Church  
**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (UNAUDITED)**  
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2018

	2018	2017
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Deficiency	(105,653)	(108,979)
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of Tangible Assets	112,415	112,249
	<u>6,763</u>	<u>3,270</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts Receivable	3,669	(3,677)
Trustee Funds	-	5,494
Memorial Fund	(4)	979
Grocery Gift Cards	7,750	700
ZYET Grocery Cards	-	59,800
Prepaid Rents	(7,122)	2,471
Trade Payables	4,211	(508)
Damage Deposits	1,750	500
Grocery Cards Loan	(5,000)	-
Short Term Loan	11,000	-
deferred revenue ZYET	-	(38,132)
Grocery Card Loan ZYET	-	(50,490)
	<u>16,254</u>	<u>(22,863)</u>
Cash flow from (used by) operating activities	<u>23,017</u>	<u>(19,593)</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Purchase equipment, furnishings and fixtures	(3,690)	(12,209)
Cash flow used by investing activities	<u>(3,690)</u>	<u>(12,209)</u>
<b>FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Advances from Calgary Presbytery	-	-
Advances from The United Church of Canada	-	-
Repayment of RBC mortgage	-	-
Repayment of UCC Mortgage	(18,459)	(14,336)
Cash flow from financing activities	<u>(18,459)</u>	<u>(14,336)</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW</b>	<b>868</b>	<b>(46,138)</b>
Cash (deficiency) beginning of year	<u>2,669</u>	<u>48,807</u>
<b>CASH - END OF YEAR</b>	<b>3,537</b>	<b>2,669</b>
<b>CASH CONSISTS OF:</b>		
Cash	<u>3,537</u>	<u>2,670</u>
	<u>3,537</u>	<u>2,670</u>

Symons Valley United Church  
**General Fund Statement of Operations (unaudited)**  
 Year Ended December 31, 2018

	2018	2017
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$294,572	\$237,988
OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS	4,845	5,086
MISSION AND SERVICE CONT.	17,658	16,874
<b>Subtotal Contribution Receipts</b>	<b>317,075</b>	<b>259,948</b>
<b>OTHER RECEIPTS</b>		
COMMUNITY BUILDING/FUNDRAISING	22,563	31,025
CHURCH ACTIVITIES	2,580	1,872
MISSION AND SERVICE GRANT	27,000	27,000
OTHER GRANT INCOME	5,000	-
INTEREST INCOME	4	0
OTHER RECEIPTS	25	-
BUILDING USE RECEIPTS	144,085	171,529
<b>Subtotal Other Receipts</b>	<b>201,257</b>	<b>231,427</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>518,332</b>	<b>491,375</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
<b>PROGRAM EXPENSES</b>		
STAFF	280,892	246,779
PRESBYTERY ASSESSMENT	14,280	12,982
MISSION AND SERVICE	17,658	16,874
OUTREACH	7,369	6,683
FAITH FORMATION	6,735	14,643
WOMENS MINISTRY	202	545
COMMUNICATIONS	6,970	5,464
PASTORAL CARE	878	863
WELCOMING	3,197	2,499
MINISTRY EXPENSE	1,445	1,539
WORSHIP EXPENSES	2,135	1,348
MUSIC	2,610	1,699
MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL	1,159	1,370
COMMUNITY BLDG/FUNDRAISING	4,223	8,051
<b>Subtotal Program Expenses</b>	<b>349,754</b>	<b>321,337</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES</b>		
ADMIN/OFFICE COSTS	24,813	23,641
COMPUTER EXPENSES	2,261	3,482
LEASED EQUIPMENT	6,111	6,226
STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE	351	840
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	1,052	1,023
<b>Subtotal Administrative Expense</b>	<b>34,588</b>	<b>35,212</b>
<b>FACILITIES EXPENSES</b>		
Mortgage interest	41,541	45,664
Utilities	27,941	28,211
Security	1,721	1,188
Janitorial Services	38,553	30,900
Janitorial Supplies	3,152	2,963
Garbage and Recycling	2,673	3,539
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	8,820	11,311
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	1,030	3,143
RENTALS EXPENSES	1,796	4,636
<b>Subtotal Facilities Expense</b>	<b>127,227</b>	<b>131,556</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>511,570</b>	<b>488,105</b>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b>6,763</b>	<b>3,270</b>
Amortization	111,677	112,249
<b>EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES</b>	<b>(\$104,915)</b>	<b>(\$108,979)</b>

Symons Valley United Church  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
for the Year Ended December 31, 2018

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		2018	2017
		Cost	Depreciation	Net Book Value	Net Book Value
	LAND	1,445,472	-	1,445,472	1,445,472
	BUILDING	4,253,007	1,164,912	3,088,095	3,194,420
	EQUIPMENT	218,441	188,826	29,614	32,015
		<b>5,916,919</b>	<b>1,353,738</b>	<b>4,563,181</b>	<b>4,671,906</b>

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  
remaining at \$5,000/month 2019

Note 5	DUE TO RELATED PARTIES	2018	2017
	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	1,800,327	1,818,756

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.