

2021 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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2021 Official Board

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Member-at-large: Leanne Joneson

Member-at-large: Joseph Johansson

A Message from Vicki McPhee

"Who do you say I am?" (Matthew 16:15)

As we enter into a new year here at Symons Valley United Church, I am preparing to attend the 44th General Council of the United Church of Canada. The theme of the General Council gathering is, 'who do you say I am?' There was much speculation about Jesus amongst the religious folk and his disciples. He's told what the rumour mill is saying and he replies – but, who do you think I am? 'You are the Messiah,' says Simon Peter, the rock upon which Jesus would build his church. 'Blessed are you!' replies Jesus.

The year 2021 arrived with excitement as there was promise of vaccines and hope of restrictions lifting. As we moved through 2021, we were presented with new challenges and frustrations. But we also had opportunity to answer for ourselves, as Symons Valley United Church – who do we say we are? Our Committee and Ministry reports have done a lovely job of answering that question. We are a caring, thoughtful, loving community of people who follow the teachings of Jesus, trying our best to be the hands and feet of Christ, in times of celebration and in times of trouble.

The word *pivot* had to have been the word most used in 2021. Just when we thought we were headed in one direction, we had to change course. While it has not always been easy, this community of faith has worked together to make the best of each situation as it presented itself. When a person (or group of people) was feeling done in, others stepped in to carry the load. And when they needed time to rest, grieve or lament, others, again, stepped up.

And here we are, at the beginning of 2022—still worshipping together, welcoming new members, baptizing, praying, cooking for one another, loving one another, helping each other. I am so grateful to be able to serve in a community, a family, such as Symons Valley United Church. You folks know who you are—God's beloved family—and you live out God's love each and every day. Pivoting, celebrating, mourning, and loving all together, as one.

Yours in faith and Christ,

Vicki McPhee

A Place for You

It is somewhat of a challenge to sit down at the end of a year like 2021 and try to summarize what the work of the church and the Board looked like. At the end of my pondering, I believe that *resilience in the face of challenge* was the theme that ran through our choices and our actions this year. Our need to remain connected, supporting and loving played out in so many ways.

At the beginning of 2021, we were continuing to adapt to the pandemic challenges that we were all learning to live with and hoped would disappear soon. We were streaming the Sunday services and our groups and committees were meeting virtually. People continued to be innovative about how we communicated and stayed in touch to support each other. Donna and the choir were managing to give us full choir/anthem music (I continue to be amazed at how individual choir members can sing separately at home and Donna can put it all together into a full choir sound!) We searched for new Board, Trustee and committee members and our hopes were answered by 11 people who joined those groups to support the life and work of the church.

During the year, we chose to become a trial member of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good, an organization that works for social justice and takes action for the common good. They work on issues that cross economic, faith and neighbourhood lines to find common ground. This was an important piece of outreach for us and many of our members became very involved.

As a Board, we wanted to ensure that we were regularly communicating with our congregation. We added in a Board Meeting synopsis in the Week at a Glance to ensure that everyone could remain up-to-date on items that were discussed at the Board, allowing them the opportunity ask questions about the direction that the Board takes.

In March, Stephen Harper gave his notice as he had accepted a position with Chinook Winds Region. This began the formation of our Community of Faith Profile committee and their work towards reviewing the needs of Symons Valley United Church.

The Homecoming Committee became an ongoing committee of the Board, meeting to ensure that we could adapt to the changing public health measures and needs. They helped establish September 12 as the returning date of in-person worship. That included a set of public health measures to ensure that we could worship together and remain as safe as possible.

We began some outdoor activities such as the Quilting outdoor social and Trunk or Treat at Halloween. It was a day of great costumes (including the adults), great decorations and lots of laughter, truly enjoyed by all. I personally think the scariest part of the afternoon was the large crowd sitting on top of our church steeple and cawing at us all!

Cocoa and Carols took place on the Sunday of Advent, November 28. It was amazing to gather around outdoor fires, sit in our lawn chairs and be able to join in singing together in the same space, for the first time in quite a while. We were truly blessed that day, not only with the ability to blend our voices

but with the incredible weather. That same month, Katelynd, our Board Secretary requested a hiatus due to the birth of their daughter, and Nancy generously agreed to take on her duties for the next while.

The week prior to Christmas, it was with heavy hearts that we made the decision to move to online Christmas Eve and Sunday services, in response to the rise in COVID cases. Our folks did an amazing job to put a great Christmas Eve service together, allowing us to still feel the anticipation and magic of Christmas and remain connected.

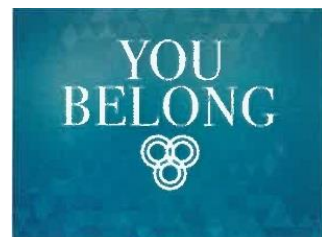
I want to take a moment and thank all of those who have given of their time and talents to provide leadership and support to move SVUC through these challenging times. I also want to thank those who continue to adapt and “learn to do things differently”, joining us during services, singing in the virtual choir, work on the livestreaming, providing casseroles, meeting virtually and generally providing outreach and support to each other. You have continued to show resilience and faith through our changing challenges.

So where do we go from here? How do we continue to move forward and find hope and support in these times?

From a Board perspective, we are continuing to monitor the public health situation in Alberta and hope to resume in-person worship on Sunday, February 27. Our Annual general meeting is scheduled to take place later that afternoon (virtually, so that all can attend). The Symons Valley Players are planning for a spring theatre production which should be a highlight of our spring.

From a personal perspective, I want you to know that you are not alone. There are days that we need a hand and those days when we are reaching out to help someone else. If you need help, don't hesitate to let us know. If you are looking for opportunities to reach out to others, you could provide food for the Caring for Casseroles program, check in with our Outreach group or just phone someone you haven't heard from for a while.

And through it all, remember **there is A PLACE FOR YOU as a child of God, and you belong to this faith community.** So find the place where you belong. Welcome home!



Janet Stein
Chair of the Board

From the Worship Ministry

Gathering for worship is a particularly important piece of community life for Symons Valley United Church. The Worship Ministry Committee is responsible for supporting regular Sunday services throughout the year, as well as special services of the church year such as the Sundays of Advent, Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Mandy Thursday, Sundays through Lent, Good Friday and Easter.



In 2021, from January to August, worship services ran via Livestream only. In September we welcomed people back into the sanctuary while maintaining dedicated to providing a robust Livestream experience. We decided that, when gathered in person, we will not be singing. Donna continued to provide excellent music leadership.

We were excited when the time came for us to be able to open our doors for in-person worship. Those able to attend worship in-person found the reuniting as community to be an uplifting experience, a certain blessing. Unfortunately, we had to suspend in-person worship just before Christmas Eve when it became clear that the number of COVID-19 cases in our province were surging. With this fact before us, it became prudent to return to worshipping only via Livestream.

The decision, made just two days before Christmas Eve, created the necessity for a quick turnaround but was made possible because of the experience our Minister, as well as the technology and knowledge of our AV volunteers. A huge "Thank You" goes out to Vicki McPhee, Donna Williams, Christopher McPhee, Wayne Carmichael, Scot Middleton, Janet Stein, Ariane Carmichael and all the other volunteers for the work they have done this past year navigating through the pandemic and yet keeping our worship services meaningful in such a brilliant fashion.

Also, a huge "thank you" to each and every person who assisted in one or more of our worship services, your participation has helped to create an experience of being in God's presence each and every service whether in person and or especially during Livestream only. Our Worship Lay Leader Team has offered invaluable help and assistance through the fall. During the days when Livestream was our go to worship time you have helped to draw us closer in community with one another even though we were separated.

During both regular and pandemic times the Worship Ministry team is responsible for the staging and decorating of the chancel (stage) for services of Worship. We would welcome anyone who has an interest in these tasks. If you would like to help please speak with our Minister Vicki.

During the year we celebrated the Circle of Life with:

- Baptisms - 2
- New Members - 2
- Celebrations of Life - 1
- Weddings - 2

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Riddell, Chair of Worship Ministry Committee

From the Stewardship Committee



I must admit, it was with some trepidation that the committee took to monitoring the 2021 deficit budget approved by the congregation. However, as 2021 came to a close, the actual deficit wasn't as large as expected. One reason was the generosity of our congregation! Financially, while there was a slight decline in financially contributing households compared to 2020 (108 vs 116) and total donations (\$218,954 vs \$242,315), givings were quite strong considering the circumstances.

The generosity of our volunteers was also outstanding! Their efforts enabled the work of the church continue through another socially distanced year with its own unique changes and challenges. Thank-you for contributing your time and talents.

The stewardship committee was pleasantly surprised to find out that we were successful in obtaining a 2022 Chinook Winds Region funding grant to assist with our on-going journey to provide effective ministry both within and outside the walls of the church building and meet our financial obligations to the United Church of Canada. We give thanks for the Region's support because we are quite aware that our request was just one of many in these challenging times.

A big thank-you to Michelle Middleton who took on the role of interim Treasurer. The stewardship committee will be continuing its search in 2022 for a new Treasurer. With Michelle's help, we will also be continuing to investigate ways of restructuring the day-to-day tasks and procedures to spread the position's workload.

Long time committee member and former chair, Sandy Crawford, passed away in December 2021. Over the years that I have known Sandy, he was an outstanding example of stewardship being lived out through his enthusiastic volunteer efforts in various committees, work bees, and outreach activities.

Yours in Christ,

Wayne Carmichael

Chair, Stewardship Committee

Planned Giving/Memorial Fund

The Planned Giving Committee is currently not active and the Stewardship Committee has taken on the oversight of the Memorial Fund.

Planned (or legacy) giving 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 ... there are abundant possibilities! The United Church of Canada website has more details: <https://united-church.ca/community-and-faith/get-involved/ways-give/giving-through-your-estate>

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. Instead, 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:

- a. Outreach activities
- b. Youth ministry and programming
- c. Lay education
- d. Music and worship enhancements
- e. Capital improvements

Account Summary:

January 2020 opening balance:	3,039.90
Memorial Fund Contributions:	4,275.00
Account Interest:	6.21
Account balance (Dec 2021):	7,321.11

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

Children and Youth Programming

Children & Youth Ministry



Wow, another year has gone by, and we are still dealing with the roller-coaster of Covid-19. Who would have thought that we are still having to write about this? As we look at 2021 and the advancements that have come along to help our children be safe, we can hope that programming for children will return soon.

Last year, children's programming was done as an on-line collaboration with Northminster, St. Thomas, and Woodcliff United Churches. Through the fall we have worked to determine when it would be safe for children and volunteers to resume programming. As we move into the New Year, we are hopeful to start up children's programs before Easter.

The Youth Group programming continued to be done in collaboration with St. Thomas United Church. They met with on-line zoom activities through the winter and spring of 2021 and throughout the summer. With the return to in-person worship services in September, Youth Group also began to meet in-person. Youth Group met online and in-person through the fall, moving to exclusively online in December due to the Omicron wave. The Youth Leaders work diligently to ensure the safety of the youth by following all COVID protocols as set by both SVUC and STUC. We said good-bye to Youth Leader Heather Robertson, when she resigned the end of the year. St. Thomas UC hired Isaac Reimer to fill this role.

As we move into 2022, we cannot wait to move forward and start doing in-person children's programming and having the youth meet in-person once again. It will be interesting to see what "new normal" can be established as our community of faith continues to journey the way of Christ together.

Respectfully Submitted,

Letitia Berger,
Family Ministry Coordinator

From The Ministry and Personnel

So we find ourselves in another year of pandemic in 2021. Who would have thought? M&P had met 16 times in 2021 for dedicated meetings, not counting staff reviews interviews during recruiting for new positions, or counting individual check ins with staff. In June we said goodbye to Stephen Harper, one of our Ministers, as he took on a role with Chinook Winds Region of the United Church of Canada as Pastoral Relations Minister. The board appointed a community of faith profile committee, to which Bob Dunn and Bill Gallop joined as representatives from M&P in that process.

M&P would like to give thanks to all of the appointed members of the Community of Faith Profile Committee, who will be bringing their report to the Annual General Meeting in February. This committee is tasked to assess what our ministry staffing needs are to serve our faith community in the future.

- Brian Nicholson (Regional Representative)
- Bob Dunn (M&P)
- Bill Gallop (M&P)
- Leanne Joneson (Congregation, Member at Large on the Board)
- Debra Downey (Stewardship)
- Barb Goodwin (Worship)
- Pat Riddell (Worship)
- Justin Norris (Congregation, Outreach)

Staffing Changes in 2021

The board approved a revised staffing model during the pandemic:

- **Stephen Harper** leaves SVUC Minister role to become Chinook Winds Region Pastoral Relations Minister in June
- **Vicki McPhee** re-prioritized her job pie to cover all the bases of ministry while we are in this transitional time.
- **Jane Wittstock** leaves SVUC Facility Administrator role in August to pursue other career opportunities.
- **Lana Avery** starts as SVUC Facility Administrator in August
- **Letitia Berger** joins the SVUC staff team as Family Ministry Coordinator in August. Letitia is tasked to assist Vicki in pastoral care, connect with families that have children and youth as we look to build up engagement in family ministry.
- **Essie Gaqui Elefante**, Church Administrator takes on more responsibilities to load PowerPoint on the AV computer in September
- **Brad Lavenne**, Social Media Coordinator role evolves to a broader scope to include video content editing, and overall leadership for Communications. The role is renamed Communications Coordinator. Brad's hours per month in this part time contract have increased to accommodate his involvement in worship technical support and special event planning.
- **Donna Williams** continued in a combined role that included choral direction and accompaniment. As Music Ministry Director, Donna has continued to innovate with virtual anthems, and utilization of a mini choir to support hymn singing when public health guidelines have allowed.
- **Todd Robertson** continues to provide contract support as our Webmaster.

Keeping our ministry running in an ever changing pandemic environment has had its challenges, but M&P cannot be more proud of what our staff team has accomplished in 2021.

We continue to offer cutting edge livestream worship both for our local congregation, and for others across the country who join us regularly online. **Please join me in thanking each one of our staff team members for their diligence and hard work in the past year! We love and value each one of you.**

Government Program Support

The federal government CEWS Covid Wage subsidy program helped subsidize salary and wage costs to the tune of \$51,593, a welcome injection during a period where our rental income from church building use has dropped dramatically during the pandemic.

Looking ahead – budgeted staff changes in 2022

In January we have been busy with budgeting for 2022, and have included the following in our 2022 budget assumptions, in consultation with the Community of Faith Profile Committee. This committee's recommendations are still subject to approval by the Board, Region, and Congregation in February. Should these proposals be approved, we are ready with the following included in our 2022 budget:

- A second $\frac{3}{4}$ time Minister to start by September
- Continuation of a Family Ministry Coordinator role to focus on the build of children and youth ministry in the fall
- Hiring a Choral Conductor and youth leader to get started in the spring of 2022, so we can hit the ground running in fall 2022

To meet these staffing commitments would put us back on par to what was approved in the 2021 budget at the start of the year.

M&P Committee Changes

At the start of 2021, Scott Riddell stepped down from the committee, and we welcomed Jay Boutin and Bill Gallop as new members to our committee. Our current members of the committee are:

Scot Middleton – Chair
 Colleen Marchant
 Bob Dunn
 Jay Boutin
 Carmen Cousins – stepping down in 2022
 Bill Gallop – stepping down in 2022

The board is in process of finding two new appointees to name to the committee.

Homecoming Committee

The Homecoming Committee met a total of 9 times in 2021. This group also provides policy guidance to Property Management and to the Board regarding best practices for COVID 19 safety and protocols. This Committee has met 9 times since July. This cross functional committee is composed of: Scot Middleton (Chair), Colleen Marchant (M&P), Gord Rowland (Property), Pat Riddell (Worship), Vicki McPhee (Minister), Donna Williams (Music), and Lana Avery (Facility Admin). At the time of writing this report, we are targeting resumption of in person worship to occur on February 27, also the day that the SVUC Annual General Meeting will take place as well.

As Vicki would say... **God is Good! All the time...**

Scot Middleton



Chair, Ministry and Personnel Committee

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.

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.



Here are the active members on our Committee.

Gerry and Cheryl VanKeeken continue to coordinate volunteers for the Inn from the Cold Program with help from Chris Becker.

Colleen Nabata 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 and is a member of the core team for the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good (CACG).

Kathy Spence Cameron is a member of the core team for the CACG and she is taking over the Good Food Box program from Shelley Loke.

Janet Rowland is the program coordinator for the Drop-In Centre Breakfast serving.

Ina Folkmann has recently joined the Outreach Committee as the core team coordinator for the CACG.

Shelley Loke and Paul Armstrong have recently stepped down from the Outreach Committee and we would like to thank them for their valuable work over the years.

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

Our Committee meets on Zoom on the first Tuesday of every month 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.

Good Food Box

Program Coordinator – Kathy Spence Cameron



While The Good Food Box has received steady support from the congregational and surrounding community in recent years, the program was suspended at SVUC due to concerns regarding the growing spread of Covid-19.

The Program was reviewed toward the latter portion of 2021, when vaccines became available to the community and facilities/services began a gradual re-opening. Because of this, and also the assumed need within the community, it was agreed by the Outreach Committee that the Program could safely proceed.

Contact was re-initiated with The Good Food Box organization, and SVUC was placed back on the monthly delivery schedule.

Because of Covid-19, the Good Food Box organization had made a number of procedural and process changes on how food was handled and ordered, and how payment was received. This included online ordering and payment by e-transfer only.

As such, the Program via Symons Valley was revamped and re-launched to ensure alignment with the new procedures. At the same time, communication was re-started for the At-A-Glance newsletter and the SVUC social media feed. A new email was established specifically for The Good Food Box, so all communication, ordering and confirmation information is housed in one central area. E-transfer procedures were established within SVUC treasurer, both for accepting payment from clients and for generating payment to The Good Food Box organization. An online ordering site was set up for SVUC, with appropriate passwords and deadlines established. A new order/delivery schedule was set for 2022. And new client pick-up hours were established, in alignment with scheduled SVUC hours/activities.

A “trial run” of the new procedures/process took place in October, consisting of members from the Outreach Committee. Following a successful trial run, the program was launched to the community and congregation in November.

Prior to Covid-19, clients ordered an average of between 400 and 450 pounds of food each month via SVUC.

During the trial launch in October, Outreach members ordered 235 pounds of food. During the November 2021 launch to the congregation and community, 380 pounds of food were ordered. In December, 270 pounds of food were ordered.

Kathy Spence Cameron has recently taken over coordinating the Good Food Box from Shelley Loke.

Thank you very much Shelley for all your hard work over the years.

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Calgary Drop-In Centre Breakfast Serving

Program Coordinator – Janet Rowland



Over the past several years, our congregation has been providing 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. We were able to continue with this program until March of 2020 when lockdown began.

Due to the pandemic, volunteer meal service at the Drop-In Centre remains on hold. Thanks to the support of the congregation through our ongoing bottle collection and donations to the White Gift project, we have been able to donate \$1350 to the DI Centre this past year.

Calgary Drop-In Centre – Sandwich Making

Program Coordinator – David Ward

Over the past several years, our congregation has gathered after worship once a month to 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. We also have an account at the Sage Hill Bottle Depot and funds from that account help pay for the sandwich making.

Inn From the Cold

Program Coordinator – Gerry and Cheryl VanKeeken - Chris Becker

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Inn made the decision to discontinue the use of volunteers to serve meals and do the kitchen cleanup. It is unlikely that we would resume this work until the pandemic is well under control. We continued to support the Inn this past Christmas with a donation of funds raised through the White Gift offering. A big thank you to the congregation for your fantastic support!



White Gift Project – in support of the SHARP Foundation.

Program Coordinator – Liz McGregor



A huge thank you to the congregation for your generous donations of money, time, and gifts this year. We raised \$2900! Once again, the kindness & generosity of the people of Symon's Valley shone through the challenges we faced in 2021.

This project makes Christmas merrier for vulnerable adults living in Calgary, almost all of whom would be homeless without the support and care provided by SHARP (www.thesharpfoundation.com).

Your donations allowed us to give gifts & stockings to 10 residents at Beswick House and Gift Bags filled with toiletries, gifts and treats to 14 women at Croydon House. We also provided an urgently needed replacement microwave and much wished for karaoke machine & puzzles for Beswick House.

We were able to donate \$350 to both the Inn From The Cold and the Calgary Drop In Centre to help families and individuals facing homelessness. The generosity of the people at Symons Valley in reaching out to help people in need in our community is truly appreciated. Our sincere thanks for your support!

Calgary Alliance for the Common Good (CACG)

Program Coordinator – Ina Folkmann



The CACG is a non-partisan and non-profit alliance of congregations, unions, schools and community groups in Calgary representing more than 30,000 people. These organizations came together to form the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good in order to organize the power of our communities to shape a just and compassionate city.

The mission of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good is:

- To create a broad-based shared organization that is as diverse as Calgary, building relationships among organizations and people from the various community, ethnic, non-profit, labour, and religious groups.
- To strengthen our member organizations and their leaders to develop a healthy and effective civic life.
- To use the principles and techniques of community organizing to effectively address the real issues facing Calgarians and our member organizations.

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On Nov. 21st we welcomed Ryan Andersen of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good at our Sunday service. Ryan and David Ward presented us with a deeper understanding of the work the Alliance is doing here in Calgary. We learned about what the opportunities are for our congregation to deeper engage with the Alliance and how the members of the congregation could benefit from workshops and training programs the Alliance has to offer.

Unfortunately, on this occasion David Ward also announced that he would have to step down as the liaison between the Alliance and SVUC. Ina Folkmann volunteered to take over this role and it became a smooth transition.

We started a new Core Group with the Alliance here at Symons Valley, which so far consists of Kathy Spence-Cameron, David Ward and Ina Folkmann. The Core Group has been busy with meetings in preparation of the congregational vote at our AGM in February as our exploratory membership with the Alliance has come to an end and the congregation will have to decide on a permanent membership of Symons Valley UC within the Calgary Alliance.

In the meantime, the work of the Alliance has been continued online and in person.

Ina obtained a Mental Health First Aid certificate during a course offered by the Alliance in collaboration with Alberta Health in December.

Kathy and Ina have been attending the Mental Health Action Group meetings of the Alliance, which Kathy has been a participant for many years, and Ina joined as a new member of the team.

Ina was part of a meeting with the City of Calgary to further explore how the Calgary Alliance and the City of Calgary can work together in the City's Mental Health Strategy.

Ina is also part of the Alliance's newly founded Core Team Cohort which will meet once a month during 2022 and help the member organizations of the Alliance build and maintain strong Core Groups to nurture the members' bonds with the Alliance's work and give the member organizations a strong voice within the Alliance.

Ina attended the yearly planning retreat of the Alliance where feedback was given and the Alliance's campaigns for 2022 were planned.

Last but not least, with the knowledgeable and much appreciated help of Brad, we produced a video about the work of the Alliance and Symons Valley UC's continuing partnership to raise awareness of the good work we have been able to do with the Alliance and to encourage our congregation to vote in favour of a permanent membership of SVUC within the Alliance at our AGM on Feb 27th.

The Core Group now also has an email address calgaryalliance@symonsvalleyuc.com and we would like to invite everyone to reach out to us via email with any questions or concerns.

From The Music Ministry

Music has always been a valued element of worship at Symons Valley and the past year has been no exception.

2020 began with Symons Valley hosting the 1st virtual Twelfth Night Celebration broadcast. This is an annual gathering and celebration of Advent and Christmas choral music. Choristers and congregants from other NW United Churches join together in song and offer some of the music they have used in their own churches during the advent and Christmas services. Although we were not able to be together for this celebration, with the help of Brad Lavenne, we shared this music through video and enjoyed a wonderful celebration of song once again courtesy of Northminster, Parkdale, St. Thomas, Wildrose and Symons Valley churches.



Despite the challenges of offering choral music in the environment we have been in, the Worship Choir has continued to offer weekly anthems that have been presented virtually. We regularly have approximately 14 singers who contribute recordings that are compiled to create beautiful pieces that tie into our worship themes each week. These capable, faithful singers have been learning these anthems remotely, and are independently submitting audio recordings to be used in the creation of our anthems.

Although we were not at a point where we could have an in-person worship choir presence at our worship services, a group of 9 singers volunteered regularly to be part of a 4-person mini-choir that supported our hymn singing for many weeks of 2021.

We were able to gather for 2 Worship Choir rehearsals in December. This was a joyful, and at times, tearful, opportunity for much of the group to come together in a distanced, masked setting and finally join together in song in the same building. What a celebration!!



Sadly, it has not been possible to involve all of our Symons Valley choir members in our singing because of the challenges involved in participating. Grateful thanks to all of the choir members who have been able to continue to support our worship music through their participation in this unique singing environment.

Our start to Advent this past year was celebratory and full of song. Thanks to amazingly warm temperatures, over 50 of the congregation members, choir, and friends gathered on lawn chairs in the parking lot to sing favourite carols and Christmas songs. It was wonderful to hear so many voices and have a chance to sing together once again!

Thank you to Brent VanDusen for his percussion contributions. Although Brent made a move to British Columbia this last summer, we have still benefited from his musical skills and talent because he continues to participate virtually in our music. This has been a blessing that we have been fortunate to benefit from in this on-line setting of creating music.

A special thank you to Brad Lavenne for his work adding images and/or video to the combined choir audio recordings resulting in beautiful visual presentations to accompany our music. Todd Robertson has been instrumental in the production of our choir anthems that also included video of the singers.

A big thank you to Anne Heinemeyer for her capable coverage on the piano in some of our services. Additional thanks to Sonia Waldie for her piano contributions at Christmas.

Symons Valley and the Worship Choir had to say good-bye to a very dear, much-loved member of our group at the end of 2021. We all benefited from Sandy Crawford's passion for music, many years of singing, and caring friendship that he shared with everyone. He is missed by all of us.

We had hoped to resume regular choir rehearsals in January but as of yet have been unable to do so. I look forward to the time in the near future when we are again able to gather in person and bring our voices together in song. It will be a great celebration when we also can enjoy congregational singing once again!

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Williams, Music Ministry

From the Building and Property Committee

Our building and property have continued to be used by the various groups that are still able to operate through the pandemic including SVUC staff for in person and virtual services, Early Discoveries Nursery School, Al Makkah Calgary Islamic Prayer Group and Alcoholics Anonymous. We also were able to provide the regular use of our parking lot for socially distanced meeting space and Pedalheads Bike Camp who operated over the summer providing a valuable service to the community by giving the children a safe venue to learn valuable skills.



Symons Valley United Church continues to operate within the restrictions that have been recommended by the Homecoming Committee and the SVUC Board. This leadership and support have been vital in SVUC being able to provide a safe environment for staff, lease partners, community groups and occasional renters. SVUC has been fortunate to work with user groups that are diligent and respectful of the restrictions that they currently work within.

Through the continued changes of COVID restrictions we are happy to welcome Lana Avery as our new Facility Administrator. Lana is taking over the position from Jane Wittstock who had decided to accept a position closer to home with St. Thomas United Church. Jane has provided very appreciated support for Lana during this transition and has helped to provide a valuable resource with our neighboring church. We look forward to a successful year working with Lana as we transition to more regular use of our facility.

Although our building has continued to see lower use over the past few years, regular maintenance has continued in the building and on the property including snow and ice control, lawn maintenance, painting and electrical and plumbing repairs. We were also able to complete a number of projects that required attention this year such as the repair to roof that had begun to leak as evidenced by the water stains that had begun to appear in the Foyer and Sanctuary, the relocation of one of the three C -Cans to the East part of the parking lot for easier access to snow removal and lawn mowing equipment and the shrub and tree beds were given much needed attention. We continue to rely on and appreciate our very dedicated group of volunteers that were able to spend their valuable time ensuring Symons Valley United Church was maintained to a high standard.

I would like to thank our committee members for their continued dedication in providing time to support the operation of SVUC: Stephen Peck, Bill Gallop, Ann Crawford, Lana Avery, Vicki McPhee with special acknowledgement to Sandy Crawford who had been an integral part in the maintenance of the building. Sandys leadership, hard work and dedication to SVUC is irreplaceable and will be sorely missed.

Respectfully Submitted

Gord Rowland *(on behalf of the Property Management Committee)*

From Women's Spirit

Women's Spirit is a group for all women who wish to grow in faith, relationships and community. Prior to Covid we met twice a month in the Church Sanctuary. We enjoyed two Potluck lunches, in June and December. We had presentations with Marsha Reid about healing, drumming and the Medicine Wheel. One evening we walked the Labyrinth. We had presentations and discussion about the book of Job and Revelation with Stephen Harper. Vicki McPhee presented Feminist Theology. In the past year we have found it difficult to have a sense of community on Zoom and have discontinued meeting. It is my hope that we will be able to meet in person later this spring, perhaps a Potluck lunch in June.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Spence-Cameron
Women's Spirit

Quilting Ministry

2021 was a year of zoom gatherings with the additional blessing of a few parking lot meets, and it's a good thing we all had quilts to bring to those, to keep warm. We've also had several good email chains full of news about our families (several new grandkids and a few weddings!), our quilts, our life struggles, and a few funny memes as well. We had about 23 participants across all those means of connection, and have 39 on our email list.

While we weren't able to quilt in the same room together, we were still able to work on several quilts for the church and other charities—sharing out the tasks of cutting, piecing, quilting and binding as packages of fabric and quilt were handed from person to person. Nancy McKellar headed a drive for pillows for heart surgery patients.

We presented a farewell quilt to Stephen Harper, and we gave 4 compassionate quilts to people who needed extra love and care. The congregation wasn't able to sign all of the quilts this year (or 2020), so the recipients may choose to bring them back at some point for signing.

We look forward to being able to gather in person again in 2022. If you'd like to be on our email list please let the office know.

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Middleton and Colleen Marchant



2021 Annual Meeting Minutes

SYMONS VALLEY UNITED CHURCH
2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 2021

1) Prayer - Stephen Harper

2) Nomination for Chair of Congregational Meeting

MOTION: That Janet Stein act as Chair for the 2021 SVUC

Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Cindy Neufeld. Seconded by Nancy McKellar.

Carried.

3) Nomination for Recording Secretary for the SVUC Annual

General Meeting.

MOTION: That Katelynd De Boer act as Recording Secretary for the 2021 SVUC Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Letitia Berger. Seconded by Scot Middleton.

Carried.

4) Allowing adherents to vote

MOTION: That adherents be allowed to vote in the 2021

SVUC Annual General Meeting.

Moved by Wayne Carmichael. Seconded by Lorane Jososen. **Carried.**

5) Constitution of Meeting in the Name of Jesus Christ:

In the name of Jesus Christ, the one true head of the Church,

this gathering of Symons Valley United Church is called to order, for worship and for work appropriate to its time.

6) Acceptance of Agenda as outlined:

MOTION: That the agenda be accepted as presented.

Moved by Bob Dunn. Seconded by Ann Crawford. **Carried.**

- *Remembering*
- *Adoption of Minutes of February 23, 2020*
- *Acceptance of 2020 Annual Report*
- *Acceptance of 2020 Financial Statements*
- *Approve 2021 Budget*
- *Thriving Congregations*
- *Celebration of Board, Trustees, Committee members and volunteers*
- *Board Nominations*
- *Trustee Nominations*
- *Committees Seeking Members*
- *Closing Prayers*
- *Adjournment*

7) Remembering

Aron Funk, Suzanne Ward, Dorothy Smith, Joy Van Dusen, Grant MacPhee

8) Adoption of Minutes of February 23, 2020

MOTION: That the minutes from the February 23, 2020

SVUC AGM be adopted as written.

Moved by Heather Hanson-Evans. Seconded by Helen Brown.

Carried.

9) Acceptance of 2020 Annual Report:

MOTION: That the 2020 Annual Reports be accepted as amended.

Moved by Nancy McKellar. Seconded by Gerry Van Keekan.

Carried.

- **SVUC Annual Report is being used by the wider church as an exemplar.**

10) Acceptance of 2020 Financial Statements

MOTION: That the internal, unaudited 2020 Financial Statements presented by Michelle Middleton be accepted as written.

Moved by Michelle Middleton. Seconded by Wayne Carmichael.

Carried.

11) Approve 2021 Budget

MOTION: That the 2021 budget be adopted as presented by Michelle Middleton.

Moved by Wayne Carmichael. Seconded by Michelle Middleton. **Carried.**

12) Thriving Churches by Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

13) Celebration of Staff Members, Board Members, Trustees, Committee Members and Volunteers

This has been a year of change and uncertainty and we would like to take a moment to celebrate those that have given their time, talents and hearts to help Symons Valley United Church move through this pandemic, continuing to minister to the needs of the church, the congregation and the community.

For each of you – for your generosity, your love and compassion and all that you do to ensure that the ministries of Symons Valley can continue, thank you.

14) Board Nominations

MOTION: That the slate of new Board Members be accepted as presented.

Moved by Sandy Crawford. Seconded by Wayne Carmichael. **Carried.**

15) Trustee Nominations

MOTION: That the slate of new Trustee Members be accepted as presented.

Moved by David Williams. Seconded by Scot Middleton.

Carried.

16) Committees Seeking Members:

- **Stewardship Committee** - *if you are interested in joining the Stewardship Committee, please contact Wayne Carmichael.*
- **Worship Committee** - *if you are interested in joining the Worship Committee, please contact Pat Riddell.*
- **Audio Visual Team** - *if you are interested in joining the Audio Visual Team, please contact Wayne Carmichael.*

17) Closing Prayer - Stephen Harper

18) Motion to Adjourn

MOTION: That the Annual General Meeting of Symons Valley United Church be adjourned.

Moved by Katelynd De Boer.

Treasurer's Report

Generally, each year in this report we detail all the stewardship best practices Symons Valley United Church follows and that is still important and needs to be told. But first, I want to walk through the highlights of the finances of 2021. Particularly because we have not had any face-to-face financial updates since last annual meeting.

The attached financial statements have 3 parts, Consolidated, General Fund and MPCCC Fund. Each part has a Statement of Financial Position (aka Balance Sheet) and a Statement of Operations (aka an Income Statement). The Consolidated also has a Statement of Cash Flow, and that statement ties the Statement of Operations to the Statement of Financial Position—basically checking to make sure the cash accounts balance. Which they do. The Consolidated statements are a summation of the General Fund and the MPCCC Fund. The General Fund statements are the operations of the congregation, are the most detailed, and are probably the ones on which you want to focus. The MPCCC Fund statements are accounting for a grant from the United Way for the MPC Foundation and their work with Connect Care community seniors program (which continued through Covid shutdown); SVUC received, held and disbursed those funds, as a one-time service to that program.

The following are the items I want to highlight in the statements:

General Fund Statement of Financial Position

cash balances are quite high—mostly because of the CEBA loan from the federal government, which is interest free until December 31, 2023. Payables were also higher than they often are at December 31, which means cash will be drawn down in 2022 as those are paid. But if we compare the chequing account \$73,000 to the Current liabilities of \$58,000, we have about \$15,000 working capital, or about ½ a months expenses. That balance is a nice level of working capital and makes my job easier—I don't have to check the account balance every time I want to issue a payment.

General Fund Statement of Operations

General donations decreased by about 10%, and were at 63% of 2019.

Rentals were higher than 2020, but only at 65% of 2019.

Fundraising was only grocery card income. It's a great program. You should try it.

Overall operational income (excluding government grants) was at 63% of 2019.

How then, did we manage to only have an operating deficit of \$8,189?

Federal government grant income of \$51,593 and Provincial grant income of \$5,000 was received.

Overall operation expenses were reduced by almost \$20,000

No payments were made on the mortgage, and the General Council Office very generously did not accrue interest in 2021. We will enter discussions soon about future payments.

We had 121 identifiable donors in 2021 with an annual average donation of \$1,960. (2020 we had 148 donors with an average of \$1,760, and in 2019 we had 164 donors with an average donation of \$2,252).

Now, on to the usual report of Stewardship practices.

We follow as many best practices from the UCC Financial Handbook as we can.

Procedures have changed, due to Covid restrictions, but we still make sure that every deposit and every expense are seen by 2 people and reviewed.

The treasurer completes bank reconciliations monthly and provides monthly reports to the Official board. Reports are published regularly to the congregation, in 2021 this was more periodic, mainly through At a Glance emails and posted on the website. 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. The accounting records are reviewed annually by Dart Bryant accounting firm, and they provide a Notice to Reader statement.

Good Stewardship of SVUC's finances is a task that has many hands and we 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 donations receipts are sent to each identifiable donor annually, government filings are up to date, 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 physical envelopes but all we really need is your name).

Confidentiality is important. All counters have signed confidentiality agreements, and cumulative donation histories (totals) are only seen by Wayne Carmichael, Heather McDonald, and the Treasurer.

All M&S receipts were remitted, and all 2021 Outreach receipts have been appropriately spent.

Yours in Christ,

Michelle Middleton, Treasurer

Symons Valley United Church
Financial Statements (UNAUDITED)
For The Year Ended December 2021

CONSOLIDATED

Statement of Financial Position
Statement of Operations
Statement of Cash Flow

GENERAL OPERATIONS

Statement of Financial Position
Statement of Operations

MPCCC FUND

Statement of Financial Position
Statement of Operations

Notes

Attached Statements have been prepared
by the Church Treasurer with no independent
review having been performed.
February 6 2022

Symons Valley United Church
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)

December 31 2021

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Chequing Accounts	\$ 73,325	\$ 81,347
Memorial fund	7,321	3,040
Trustee Account RBC	2,728	2,728
MPCCC Account	-	28,551
Grocery Gift Cards	6,200	4,850
Accounts Receivable	2,510	1,279
Subtotal Current Assets	92,084	121,795
INVESTMENTS	1	1
FIXED ASSETS		
LAND	1,445,472	1,445,472
BUILDINGS	2,769,120	2,875,445
EQUIPMENT	12,764	17,350
Subtotal Fixed Assets (net of amortization)	4,227,356	4,338,266
TOTAL ASSETS	4,319,441	4,460,062
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
UCC Benefits Payable	\$ 2,972	\$ -
Damage Deposits Rentals	3,850	2,600
Prepaid Rents	3,890	5,090
Trade Accounts Payable	7,238	3,231
CEBA Gov't Loan	40,000	40,000
MPCCC Deferred	-	28,551
Subtotal Current Liabilities	57,951	79,472
LOANS FROM RELATED PARTIES		
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	1,838,699	1,838,699
Subtotal Loans from Related Parties	3,075,246	3,075,246
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,133,197	3,154,718
NET ASSETS	1,186,244	1,305,344
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$4,319,441	\$4,460,062

Symons Valley United Church
Consolidated Statement of Operations (Unaudited)
 Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
RECEIPTS		
CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 217,208	\$ 242,246
OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS	4,724	6,638
MISSION AND SERVICE CONT.	11,007	10,859
MEMORIAL FUND	4,325	835
Subtotal Contribution Receipts	237,264	260,578
OTHER RECEIPTS		
COMMUNITY BUILDING/FUNDRAISING	1,800	3,725
CHURCH ACTIVITIES	-	66
MISSION SUPPORT GRANT	25,000	25,000
OTHER GRANT INCOME	5,000	-
CEWS COVID Wage Subsidy	51,593	67,523
TWSE COVID Wage Subsidy	-	4,847
CEBA Grant Federal Govt	-	20,000
INTEREST INCOME	140	114
OTHER RECEIPTS	4,500	-
BUILDING USE RECEIPTS	88,276	57,786
MPCCC- United Way Grant	28,551	22,449
Subtotal Other Receipts	204,859	201,511
TOTAL RECEIPTS	442,124	462,088
DISBURSEMENTS		
PROGRAM EXPENSES	314,830	338,014
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	31,931	28,287
FACILITIES EXPENSES	74,988	75,899
MPCCC EXPENSES	28,564	22,461
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	450,313	464,660
OPERATING SURPLUS	(8,189)	(2,572)
AMORTIZATION	110,910	111,841
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	(\$119,100)	(\$114,412)

Symons Valley United Church
Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows (Unaudited)
 For The Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Deficiency	(119,100)	(114,412)
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization of Tangible Assets	110,910	111,841
	<u>(8,189)</u>	<u>(2,572)</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts Receivable	(1,231)	58
Trustee Funds	-	-
Memorial Fund	(4,281)	(840)
Grocery Gift Cards	(1,350)	4,100
UCC Benefits Payable	2,972	
Prepaid Rents	(1,200)	(3,477)
Trade Payables	4,008	(717)
Damage Deposits	1,250	(5,250)
CEBA Gov't Loan	-	40,000
MPCCC Deferred	(28,551)	28,551
	<u>(28,383)</u>	<u>62,424</u>
Cash flow from (used by) operating activities	<u>(36,573)</u>	<u>59,852</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase equipment, furnishings and fixtures	-	-
Cash flow used by investing activities	-	-
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Increase to UCC Mortgage (2019 Interest)	-	-
Repayment of UCC Mortgage	-	(1,597)
Cash flow from financing activities	-	(1,597)
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW	(36,573)	58,256
Cash (deficiency) beginning of year	109,897	51,641
CASH - END OF YEAR	73,324	109,897
CASH CONSISTS OF:		
Cash	73,325	109,898
	<u>73,325</u>	<u>109,898</u>

Symons Valley United Church		
General Fund Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)		
December 31, 2021		
	2021	2020
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Chequing Accounts	\$ 73,325	\$ 81,347
Memorial fund	7,321	3,040
Trustee Account RBC	2,728	2,728
Grocery Gift Cards	6,200	4,850
Accounts Receivable	2,510	1,279
Subtotal Current Assets	92,084	93,244
INVESTMENTS	1	1
FIXED ASSETS		
LAND	1,445,472	1,445,472
BUILDINGS	2,769,120	2,875,445
EQUIPMENT	12,764	17,350
Subtotal Fixed Assets (net of amortization)	4,227,356	4,338,266
TOTAL ASSETS	4,319,441	4,431,511
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
UCC Benefits Payable	\$ 2,972	-
Damage Deposits Rentals	3,850	2,600
Prepaid Rents	3,890	5,090
Trade Accounts Payable	7,238	3,231
CEBA Gov't Loan	40,000	40,000
Subtotal Current Liabilities	57,951	50,921
LOANS FROM RELATED PARTIES		
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	1,838,699	1,838,699
Subtotal Loans from Related Parties	3,075,246	3,075,246
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,133,197	3,126,167
NET ASSETS	1,186,244	1,305,344
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	4,319,441	\$4,431,511

Symons Valley United Church
General Fund Statement of Operations (Unaudited) page 1/2
 Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
RECEIPTS		
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 217,208	\$ 242,246
OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS	4,724	6,638
MISSION AND SERVICE CONT.	11,007	10,859
MEMORIAL FUND	4,325	835
Subtotal Contribution Receipts	237,264	260,578
OTHER RECEIPTS		
COMMUNITY BUILDING/FUNDRAISING	1,800	3,725
CHURCH ACTIVITIES	-	66
MISSION SUPPORT GRANT	25,000	25,000
OTHER GRANT INCOME	5,000	-
CEWS COVID Wage Subsidy	51,593	67,523
TWSE COVID Wage Subsidy	-	4,847
CEBA Grant Federal Govt	-	20,000
INTEREST INCOME	126	102
OTHER RECEIPTS	4,500	-
BUILDING USE RECEIPTS	88,276	57,786
Subtotal Other Receipts	176,295	179,050
TOTAL RECEIPTS	413,559	439,628
DISBURSEMENTS		
PROGRAM EXPENSES		
MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL	269,130	284,499
REGION EXPENSES	-	-
UCC AND REGION ASSESSMENT	15,708	17,279
MISSION AND SERVICE	11,007	11,500
OUTREACH	6,195	5,875
FAITH FORMATION	961	615
COMMUNICATIONS	6,801	9,916
PASTORAL CARE	584	1,997
WELCOMING	272	1,448
MINISTRY EXPENSES	1,053	859
WORSHIP EXPENSES	904	1,761
MUSIC	2,214	1,485
COMMUNITY BLDG/FUNDRAISING	-	780
Subtotal Program Expenses	314,830	338,014

Symons Valley United Church
General Fund Statement of Operations (Unaudited) page 2/2
 Year Ended December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		
ADMIN/OFFICE COSTS	23,377	20,178
COMPUTER EXPENSES	3,321	3,194
LEASED EQUIPMENT	3,506	3,731
STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE	471	126
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	1,257	1,059
Subtotal Administrative Expenses	31,931	28,287
FACILITIES EXPENSES		
Mortgage interest	-	3,403
Utilities	21,548	28,804
Security	1,342	1,537
Janitorial Services	34,695	26,073
Janitorial Supplies	875	1,212
Garbage and Recycling	3,174	2,136
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	10,443	10,760
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	2,481	1,471
RENTALS EXPENSES	430	503
Subtotal Facilities Expenses	74,988	75,899
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	421,749	442,199
OPERATING SURPLUS	-8,189	-2,572
Amortization	110,910	111,841
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	(\$119,100)	(\$114,412)

Symons Valley United Church
MPCCC Fund Statement of Financial Position (Unaudited)
 December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
ASSETS		
MPCCC Account	\$ -	\$ 28,551
TOTAL ASSETS	-	28,551
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
MPCCC deferred revenue	-	28,551
TOTAL LIABILITIES	-	28,551
NET ASSETS		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	-	28,551

Symons Valley United Church
MPCCC Fund Statement of Operations (Unaudited)
 Year Ending December 31, 2021

	2021	2020
RECEIPTS		
MPCCC- United Way Grant	\$ 28,551	\$ 22,449
Interest Income	\$ 14	11
TOTAL INCOME	28,564	22,461
DISBURSEMENTS		
MPCCC Personnel	12,500	12,500
MPCC Supplies/Equip	4,759	2,766
MPCCC IT	2,500	2,500
MCCC Admin	5,000	
MPCCC Other	3,805	4,695
TOTAL EXPENSES	28,564	22,461
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	-	-

Symons Valley United Church
Internally Prepared Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended December 31, 2021

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)(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		2021	2020
		Cost	Depreciation		
	LAND	1,445,472	-	1,445,472	1,445,472
	BUILDING	4,253,007	1,483,887	2,769,120	2,875,445
	EQUIPMENT	216,732	203,968	12,764	17,350
		5,915,210	1,687,855	4,227,356	4,338,266

Note 4 UCC Mortgage Repayment
Initial Loan Amount (October 2016): \$1,834,000
Only One payment made in 2020
No Payments in 2021, no accrued interest. Expect to accrue interest in 2022

Note 5 SVUC is the Charitable Sponsor for MPC Foundations Emergency Community Support Fund Grant from United Way. The grant was carried into 2021 due to Covid-19 This was a one time event and was completed in 2021

Note 6 CEBA Loan
The Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan payable bears interest at 0% per annum until December 31 2023. If the loan is not repaid by December 2023, it will be converted into a 2 year loan bearing interest at 5% per annum.

The church was advanced \$60,000 during the fiscal year of 2020, of which \$20,000 will be forgiven if the loan is repaid by December 2023. The forgiven amount was recognized as revenue in 2020 as it is expected the loan will be repaid within the established timeline.

Symons Valley United Church
Proposed 2022 Budget for Congregational Approval

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	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	Proposed 2022 Budget
RECEIPTS			
CONTRIBUTION RECEIPTS			
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 217,208	\$ 289,000	\$ 329,000
OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS	4,724	4,000	7,900
MISSION AND SERVICE CONT.	11,007	11,500	11,500
MEMORIAL FUND	4,325	-	-
Subtotal Contribution Receipts	237,264	304,500	348,400
NON RECEIPTABLE			
COMMUNITY BUILDING/FUNDRA	1,800	3,600	27,800
MISSION SUPPORT GRANT	25,000	25,000	20,000
Other Grants	5,000	5,000	-
CEWS COVID Wage Subsidy	51,593	24,000	-
INTEREST INCOME	126	75	75
OTHER RECEIPTS	4,500	-	-
BUILDING USE RECEIPTS	88,276	88,453	95,000
Subtotal Non Receiptable	176,295	146,128	142,875
TOTAL INCOME	413,559	450,628	491,275
DISBURSEMENTS			
PROGRAM EXPENSES			
MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL	269,130	307,425	301,112
UCC AND REGION ASSESSMENT	15,708	15,708	14,306
MISSION AND SERVICE	11,007	11,500	11,500
OUTREACH	6,195	6,000	8,900
FAITH FORMATION	961	3,750	3,750
COMMUNICATIONS	6,801	11,500	13,000
PASTORAL CARE	584	1,650	1,150
WELCOMING	272	3,400	3,400
MINISTRY EXPENSE	1,053	980	1,035
WORSHIP EXPENSES	904	2,550	2,650
MUSIC	2,214	4,200	4,200
COMMUNITY BLDG/FUNDRAISIN	-	-	2,000
Subtotal Program Expenses	314,830	368,663	367,003
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE			
ADMIN/OFFICE COSTS	23,377	24,780	25,818
COMPUTER EXPENSES	3,321	3,500	5,060
LEASED EQUIPMENT	3,506	3,900	3,650
STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE	471	800	350
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	1,257	1,095	205
Subtotal Administrative Expense	31,931	34,075	35,083

Michelle:
 When we were having the budget planning meeting we found it helpful to refer to "pre-covid" 2019 numbers so I've included some in notes for reference.

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 2019 Actual \$347,000

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Proposed 2022 Budget for Congregational Approval

GENERAL FUND 01, December 2021

	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	Proposed 2022 Budget
FACILITIES EXPENSES			
Utilities	21,548	31,500	24,000
Security	1,342	1,650	1,650
Janitorial Services	34,695	38,000	38,000
Janitorial Supplies	875	1,500	1,200
Garbage and Recycling	3,174	3,400	3,400
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	10,443	12,000	17,000
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	2,481	2,300	2,600
RENTALS EXPENSES	430	1,250	1,500
Subtotal Facilities Expense	74,988	91,600	89,350
Total Cash Expenses	421,749	494,338	491,436
Operating Surplus (deficiency)	(8,190)	(43,710)	(161)
Non Cash Items			
Amortization Expense	110,910	112,000	111,000
Interest Accrual	-	-	45,000
EXCESS INCOME/EXPENSES	(119,100)	(155,710)	(156,161)

Michelle:
2019 actual \$547,000