

St. Martin's United Church

2016 Annual Report

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**ST. MARTINS UNITED CHURCH**

**VISION & MISSION STATEMENT**

**VISION**

St. Martin's United Church strives to be a thriving, growing and welcoming faith community. Following in the path of Jesus, we seek to live faithfully in the midst of everyday life.

**MISSION**

St. Martin's United Church publicly affirms that diversity is truly a gift of God and that all people belong here. We commit to living in right relationship with our Creator, ourselves and the wider community.

**VALUES**

***We***

- Nurture Christian faith, purpose and joy.
- Embrace diversity and welcome all, regardless of age, gender, race, nationality, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, culture, education, economic status, family status, sexual orientation or gender identity.
- Care for each other through all stages of life.
- Strive to be a justice-seeking and compassionate community.
- Provide opportunities for fellowship and service.
- Embrace the mysteries and challenges of life.
- Share our faith journey.
- Strive to live with respect in creation.

*Endorsed by the St. Martin's Annual Congregational Meeting  
March 9, 2014*

*Approved by St. Martin's Board March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014*

## **Group Reports**

### **Affirming Ministries Report**

It has been a number of years since our church community heartily supported a motion to become an “Affirming Congregation”. In that time, we’ve continued to look for ways to meaningfully and contextually build upon the premises of that designation into the congregation’s lifework.

#### **Context for Affirming Work**

As set out in our Mission statement, we believe that to be “affirming” is to live in such a way so that others know “that diversity is truly a gift of God and that all people belong here”, and know that we are committed “to living in right relationship with our Creator, ourselves and the wider community”. For us, to be truly affirming means that we all must continually reflect on our privilege and on our relationships with those in our communities who are marginalized. We recognize that it is critical to be leaders in personal learning as we hope to engage the congregation in collective learning. With that in mind, we strive to educate ourselves about a variety of equity issues and support the congregation in the same.

Our congregation has lived our “affirming” identity in many ways this past year. It is not possible to adequately capture the congregation’s incredible commitment to the ongoing support of our most recently arrived refugees, as well as those currently in process to come. As well, some members of the congregation experienced the powerful and compelling *Blanket Exercise*. This experience helped to impress us with the critical work of reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Metis people. The congregation also participated in advocacy work related to the elimination of poverty (support for shelters and housing). Many congregants work tirelessly for events like “Coldest Night of the Year”, Grandmothers for Grandmothers, and with the Integrated Community Ministry, the Lighthouse and Aids Saskatoon to name only a few.

#### **Structures to Support our Work**

St. Martin’s commitment to growth as an Affirming congregation is facilitated and supported by the “Affirming Action Group”. This small group meets to imagine, consider and plan educational opportunities for itself and the congregation. The Affirming Action group is deeply grateful for the patience and wisdom of the staff (Darren, Keith and Michael) as they work to help us realize our intentions.

St. Martin’s also works with an informal group that we refer to as the “LGBT Friendly Churches”. While this group meets mainly to consider matters relevant to sexual minorities and the church, there is an opportunity to share resources and to encourage one another in becoming inclusive.

#### **Actions that Engage the Congregation**

The Affirming Action Group, supported by staff, plan an Affirming Sunday each year. We also encourage and facilitate a group to represent St. Martin’s in the Saskatoon Pride Festival Parade. The Affirming Action Group also plans regular “Affirming Minutes” that help to draw

attention to those issues that separate us from one another due to marginalization. As well, the group seeks to identify and plan opportunities for the congregation to learn more about how we can live out our mission.

### **Hopes for the Future**

The Affirming Action Group has identified a number of issues for our attention and focus in the year ahead. We are considering opportunities for the congregation to:

- more fully understand the concept of “privilege”, and how our consciousness of our own privilege will free us from oppressive actions
- consider more fully how we can be a place of safety and support for those who experience challenges with their mental health
- more fully understand identity, expression and orientation with respect to sexuality and gender
- to reflect on reconciliation, and consider actions that advance right relationship with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples.

We are grateful for the commitment of the St. Martin’s congregation, the staff and the Affirming Action group in helping to construct a truly affirming identity.

We are currently searching for a chair for our action group and some new members ...please join us!

Affirming Action Group  
Kit Loewen  
Ken Glover  
Dorothy Griffith  
Bonnie Lawrence  
Keith Hall –Staff Liaison

### **Ministry By Phone Program 2016**

The Ministry by Phone program is an important way in which we re-connect with and reach out to the St. Martin's family. Just over 300 families are phoned twice per year by a group of 14 phoners, who are in turn supported by 7 prayermates. In 2016, both the Spring and Fall sessions went well, and we were again pleased to welcome new phoners and prayermates to the program.

In the Fall session our ministry was short by one phoner and a decision was made to divide the families from the 14<sup>th</sup> box among the 13 phoners so all families would be contacted. We hope this is a temporary solution and that a 14<sup>th</sup> phoner can be found for the next session.

We would like to express our thanks to all the phoners and prayermates for their continued dedication to this ministry, as well as for their support of us as coordinators. In addition, we would like to extend our appreciation for the service of the phoners and prayermates who decided to retire from the program in 2016. We are also grateful for the assistance of St. Martin's staff, especially Keith Hall, Michael Webster, and Sandra Afseth, as well as that of the congregation.

Respectfully submitted, Jana Eibich and Cathy Anderson, Coordinators, Ministry by Phone

**Communications** - Distributed as separate attachment

**AGENDA FOR 2016 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - MARCH 12, 2017**

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 Opening Remarks
- 3.0 Opening Prayer
- 4.0 **Motion** re voting privileges on Temporal Matters to be extended to all who are present
- 5.0 **Motion** re Approval of Agenda
- 6.0 **Motion** re Approval of Minutes of the 2015 ACM Dated March 13, 2017
- 7.0 Celebrations & Memorials
- 8.0 Staff Reports
  - 8.1 Michael Webster
  - 8.2 J. Keith Hall
  - 8.3 Darren Wooff
- 9.0 Committee Reports:
  - 9.1 Board Chair Report
  - 9.2 Christian Education
  - 9.3 Worship Committee
  - 9.4 Outreach Committee
  - 9.5 Outreach: Refugee Committee
  - 9.6 Property Committee
  - 9.7 Long Range Planning Committee
  - 9.8 Ministry & Personnel
  - 9.9 Presbytery Representatives
  - 9.10 Website
  - 9.11 United Church Women

9.12 Finance & Stewardship      Budget distributed as separate attachment

**Motion** re: Audited Financial Statement for 2016

**Motion** re: Budget for 2017

**Motion** re: Auditor for 2017

10.0 **Motion** re: Acceptance of Committee Reports

**Motion** re: Appreciation and Thanks to all Committee Chairs, members and officers of the Board

11.0 Trustees Report: Introduction of Trustees

12.0 Nominations Report

**Motion** re: That the slate of candidates nominated be declared elected (including those nominated from the floor if any)

**Motion** re: That the Board be authorized to fill any vacant positions by appointment without the call of a congregational meeting.

12.1 Introduction of the Board for 2017, and Thanks to retiring members

13.0 Other Business

Reminder to sign the attendance sheets

14.0 Closing Prayer

15.0 **Motion** for Adjournment

**St. Martin's United Church  
Annual General Meeting for 2015  
Date March 13, 2016**

1. Call to Order: at 10:07am
2. Opening Remarks
3. Opening Prayer – Donna Thiessen
4. **Motion #1: Nancy Pike/Bob Armstrong**  
**That voting privileges on Temporal Matters be extended to all adherents.**  
**Carried**
5. Approval of Agenda  
**Motion #2: Diane Young/Frank Pike**  
**That the agenda be approved as circulated**  
**Carried**
6. Presentation of Our Mission and Vision.
7. Minutes of 2014 A.G.M. dated March 8, 2015  
**Motion #3: Elizabeth Williamson/Judy Thomson**  
**That the minutes of the 2014 A.C.M. dated March 8, 2015 be approved as circulated**  
**Carried**
8. Memorials and Celebrations: Ministry Staff
9. Committee Reports:
  - 9.1. Board Chair: Highlights by Donna Thiessen
  - 9.2. Christian Education: Highlights by Joanne Kerlake
  - 9.3. Worship Committee: Highlights by Bunny Pfeifer
  - 9.4. Lay Pastoral Visitors: Highlights by Donna Thiessen for the committee
  - 9.5. Outreach Committee: Highlights by Judy Thomson
  - 9.6. Outreach: Garden Committee: Highlights by Donna Thiessen for the committee
  - 9.7. Outreach: Refugee Committee: Highlights by Dayle Armstrong
  - 9.8. Property Committee: Highlights by Ken Turner
  - 9.9. Long Range Planning Committee: Highlights by Andy Pawlovich
  - 9.10. Ministry & Personnel: Highlights by Elizabeth Williamson

- 9.11. Presbytery Representatives: Highlights by Nancy Pike
- 9.12. Affirming Congregations Steering Committee: Highlights by Donna Thiessen for the committee
- 9.13. Ministry by Phone: Highlights by Cathy Anderson
- 9.14. Website: Highlights by Cathy Anderson
- 9.15. Stewardship Committee: Highlights by Joanne Kerlake
- 9.16. Finance: deferred to later in the agenda
- 9.17. United Church Women: Highlights by Kathy Schmitz
- 9.18. St. Martin's Book Club: Highlights by Donna Thiessen for the Book Club
- 9.19. Contemporary Singers: Highlights by Keith Hall
- 9.20. Fellowship Handbell Choir: Highlights by Keith Hall
- 9.21. Worship Band : Highlights by Randy Cline
- 9.22. Sanctuary Choir: Highlights by Betty Lou Curtis
- 9.23. Communications Committee: Highlights by Darren Wooff
- 9.24. Trustees Report: Highlights by Michael Webster
- 9.25. Nominations Report: Highlights by Michael Webster

**10. Motion #4: Randy Cline/Nancy Pike**

**That the slate of Candidates nominated by the committee with the addition of Bob McPherson as Presbytery Representative be declared elected.  
Carried**

**11. Motion #5: Bob Armstrong/Kali Brazier**

**That the Board be authorized to fill any vacant positions by appointment without the call of a congregational meeting.  
Carried**

**12. Trustees:**

**Motion #6: Bob Anderson/Beth Williams**

**That St. Martin's accept with regret the resignation of Trustees John Chernoff and Bob Thomas and appoint Lynn Forsberg to the Board of Trustees.  
Carried**

13. **Motion #7: Nancy Pike/Dave Crossley.**  
**To accept Committee Reports.**  
**Carried**
  
14. **Motion #7: Kali Brazier/Judy Thomson**  
**To offer appreciation and thanks to all Committee Chairs, members and officers of the Board.**  
**Carried**
  
15. Staff Reports: Highlights by
  - 15.1. Michael Webster
  - 15.2. Keith Hall
  - 15.3. Darren Wooff
  
16. Finance Committee Report: James Cook
  
17. Treasurer's Report: presented by James Cook  
**Motion #8: James Cook/ Joanne Kerslake**  
**To approve the audited financial statement for 2015**  
**Carried**  
  
**Motion #9: James Cook/Bob McPherson**  
**To approve the budget for 2016**  
**Carried**  
  
**Motion #10: James Cook/Nancy Pike**  
**To approve Northrup accounting and consulting and auditor for 2016**  
**Carried**
  
18. Introduction of the Board for 2016, and our thanks to retiring members
  
19. Other Business:
  - 19.1. Reminder to sign the attendance sheets being circulated.
  
20. Closing Prayer: Michael Webster
  
21. **Motion #11: to adjourn: David Crossley – 11:40am**

Sign-In for 2015  
Annual Meeting  
St. Martin's United Church

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Murray Pike	Pres Rep
Frank Pike	Pres Rep
David + Heather Aspel	Murray Klich
Michael Jr	Maureen Keid
Dianne Young	Don Pfeifer
ELAINE CROCKER	Bunny Pfeifer
CARRIE STEPHEN	Lois Bradley
DAVID CROSSLEY	Jimmie Duns
JENNETTE LIBERTY-DUNS	Lloyd Worrick
BETTY LOU CURTIS	Bev + M <sup>o</sup> Decker
Hoang Anh Tu (Laorie) Nguyen	Shirley McLeslan
Jen Richards	Phyllis Wingersak
Keena Richards	Mary Duns
Karna Lawson	Gene Wanhella
Marie Dunn	Margarete Roeger
Kennae Fowler	Debbie Hall
Lynn Fowler	Brenda Gooren
Jacquie Christensen	Elizabeth Cuming
Kathy Schmidt	Myrtle Dixon
Cinice Beppe	Dianne Freilinger
Lillian Fox Bentley	Ron Fleming
	Geri Janow
	Harold Schutz

Sign In for 2015 AGM  
St. Martin's U.C.

Elizabeth Williamson  
James Cook  
Janne Kerstake  
Erin Sempel  
K. M. McPherson  
Andy Pawlowich  
Kali Brazier-Tompkins  
Kary Smith  
Janet Smith  
Keith Bryden  
Don Cook  
Nolan Cline  
Randy Cline  
Tom Flader  
Maureen Cline  
Bob Anderson  
Don Williams  
Peter Beres  
Carl Lynn Zagle  
Ralph Reid  
Bonnie Reid  
Wayne Armstrong

Derek Hill  
Helen Hill  
Jean Nahackewsky  
Ken Turner  
Macy Munton  
Greg Bell  
Don SEALEY  
ROGER WILLIAMSON  
KENT DEERMAN 12  
Wayne Kerstake  
Bette BRAZIER  
Joel Yurach  
Jeff Hill  
Rev. Michael Webster  
Verilyn Fabertson  
JOY THOMSON

Attendance: 84

## **Celebrations & Memorials**

### **Baptisms**

Savana Vanderkooi

Alex Edeen

Nicholas Kenney

Nadine McKenzie

### **Weddings**

Randy Buffalo and Mary Lynne Dumont

David Pura and Jillian Lariviere

### **Funerals**

Glen Campbell

Robert Young

Heino Waehrer

Bob Pugh

Mabel Boquist

Anna Wudrich

Robert Kerslake

Keith Dryden

Garth Bruce

Bessy Weir

Laura Chernoff

## **Staff Reports**

### **Michael Webster**

My responsibilities lie in four areas:

#### **Worship Leadership**

- In addition to preparing and leading Sunday services, I provided special services during the Lent and Advent seasons.
- In 2016, I led afternoon worship services at three seniors' homes – 10 services in all.

#### **Pastoral Care**

- I presided or co-presided at 10 funeral or memorial services and one wedding.
- I visited people in hospital and offered care to others at the church or in their homes.
- I worked with Keith and Darren and lay volunteers to provide home communion for those unable to get to church.

#### **Administration**

- In 2016, I resourced the following committees: Worship, Finance & Stewardship, Property, Building and Garage Sale. I chair the Board of Trustees.
- I served as the contact person with ADP, our payroll provider. In that capacity, I reported hours for the lay staff and salary adjustments for the ministers (including myself!). This is not an ideal circumstance, but there is an easily followed paper trail to provide adequate checks and balances.
- Regarding the fire hall, I served as liaison with the fire department and the city. Randy Cline and Andy Pawlovich and I negotiated a proposal for the sale of our north parking lot that the congregation ultimately accepted.

#### **Wider Church**

- I missed a few Presbytery meetings in 2016, but my major commitment is as chair of the Academic Committee for St. Andrew's College. As a result, I also sit on the St. Andrew's College Board.

#### **Other**

- I was pleased to attend two continuing education events, in Victoria and Atlanta.
- Two events loomed large for me in 2016. The first was the recurrence of my prostate cancer. Although treatments did not begin until 2017, I noticed an increasing fatigue as the year wore on. My oncologist anticipates I will make a full recovery, and so do I.
- The second was my decision to retire as of June 30, 2017. As grateful as I am for the extra time off the congregation granted me when I turned 65, I no longer have the energy to properly serve a congregation as active as ours. My ministry at St. Martin's has been immensely rewarding, and I am very sorry to see it come to an end, but I am comforted to know that I leave a community of faith that is active,

welcoming, outward looking and stable, with capable ongoing ministry from Keith and Darren.

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### **J. Keith Hall - 2016 Annual Report**

**I continue to be blessed in my work at St. Martin's United Church and appreciate Darren, Michael, Sandra, Kevin and the teamwork so vital to our roles in this place. My adjusted areas of responsibility for 2016 were Youth and Young Adults, Christian Education, Volunteer Management, New Member Relations and Pastoral Care.**

#### **Youth and Young Adult**

- Weekly Sunday morning program has continued in its normal routine since the last AGM. We do not meet on Communion Sundays but there is a program on all other Sundays which I facilitate. Sheldon Dugas, Emily Whittaker, Katie Curtis and Kathryn Sarauer have also resourced the group when I was occasionally absent for CCS learning circles.
- Attendance at Sunday morning sessions has been 4-6.
- Mary and Sarah Piot from St. Martins participated in the *Incheon South Korea Presbytery Trip* in November 2015. These two young people represented our congregation with grace and maturity. They, as well as Bob and Cathy Anderson, highlighted the trip in worship on January 17th, 2016 as well as a presentation to Riverbend Presbytery on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- *Quest Mexico Youth Education and Service trip* held in February 2016 was very successful. Quest Mexico youth participants facilitated worship and an education session following worship on April 10 at Delisle-Vanscoy UC, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Presbytery, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Langham UC, May 1 at St. Martin's and May 15<sup>th</sup> at Westminster UC in Humboldt. Participants facilitated worship and an education session following worship on May 1, 2017
- One youth attended *Youth Rally* in Prince Albert March 2016
- Tori Robertson was a delegate for *Youth at Conference* during the Conference Annual Meeting in June 2016
- *Go Project 2016* was hosted by St. Martin's July 3<sup>rd</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup>-August 4<sup>th</sup>. First project had 18 national and international participants. Second project had 6 national participants. Both projects went well with excellent cooperation and assistance from Sandra and Kevin.
- One of our St. Martin's Youth worked with *Caravan* during the summer, offering VBS all over the province.
- St. Martin's hosted the Youth and Young Adult Committee of Saskatchewan Conference, *Provincial Youth Retreat* November 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Two youth from St. Martin's attended.
- *Go Project 2017* –we have once again been asked to host GO Project from July 30<sup>th</sup> to August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The presbytery funding has been approved so this will go ahead with registration already in process.
- I have had lunch or coffee with a group of young adults in the congregation who are not in regular attendance. This has been an important and exciting connection/reconnection time. Conversations will continue. Several participated in Christmas Eve worship. A potluck was planned for November 20, 2016. This was

cancelled due to lack of response and other means of connection considered.

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### **Worship Band**

- Lori Cline Flath provides leadership for “*Band Together*”. I continue to provide administrative support. The worship band expanded their schedule in September 2016 now providing music leadership every second Sunday at the 11:00 am service and the fourth Sunday at 9:30 am and 11:00 am. Feedback from 9:30am congregants is very positive.
- Worship Band participated in the “Sounds of the Season” concert which raises funds for their expenses and that of the Fellowship Bell choir.

### **Welcoming and New Member Relations**

- Manned welcome table with identified *Blue Ribbon* “go to” people for new comers was set up each week in the front lobby September to May. Information has been featured each Sunday in “Welcome Time.” I have followed-up with about 42 newcomers in 2016 identified through Blue Ribbon, Bible Adventures registrations, newcomer’s brochures and word of mouth.

### **Christian Education**

- I began as staff liaison for this committee in September 2016. At the June meeting of the Christian Education committee, the committee agreed to support an *Adult Education and Service* trip to the Quest Mexico Centre in Cuernavaca Mexico for February 2017. Planning began and Quest House was been booked for Feb 6-17, 2017. The first planning and information meeting was held on Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>. 2016. 8 participants registered and planning continue through the fall and early winter.
- Grief Workshop was held on November 22, 2016 facilitated by Mary Maxwell.
- Please see the CE report for other program detail.

### **Worship Leadership**

- Darren and I shared worship development for the Sundays of Michael’s leave, working with Anita Retzlaff and the Korean Presbytery exchange on the Sundays in January 2016.
- I planned and led worship at St. Martins on Sunday January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 highlighting the Korean trip with fellow travelers, Mary and Sarah Piot and Bob and Cathy Anderson.
- I participated in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity exchange, preaching at Nutana Park Mennonite Church on Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup>. I was accompanied by the Contemporary Singers.
- I planned and led worship at St. Martins on Good Friday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- I planned and facilitated worship at Delisle/Vanscoy United Church on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, St. Martins on Sunday May 1 and Westminster United on Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 highlighting the Quest Mexico trip. The youth participants provided significant leadership on these Sundays.

- I resourced and led the “Hard to Be Merry Service” during advent as well as participating in two of the Christmas Eve Services in December 2016.
- I continued to share in worship through involvement in children’s time, communion services or other aspects of worship with my colleagues. Up until June, I developed all imagery for both services. Beginning in September, worship leaders took responsibility for their own imagery.
- I conducted one funeral and lead worship both at St. Martin’s and Grace Westminster during the summer exchange.

### **Pastoral Care**

- Lay Pastoral Visitors meets monthly to review ministry to those unable to attend regular worship services due to ill health or transportation issues. They are currently offering the care of the congregation to approximately 25 congregation members. In 2016, the group successfully conducted three session of Home Communion to about 56 people. It also initiated and new ministry called “Christmas in a Bag” which was directed to those unable to come to worship on Christmas Eve. Thanks to Esther Edmonds, Lorraine Forsberg, Myrna King and Carrie Stephens.
- Ministry by Phone held spring and fall sessions in 2016. Under the very capable leadership of Maryann Scott and Cathy Anderson until June and Cathy Anderson and Jana Ebich in the fall of 2016, this ministry remains vibrant and very much anticipated by congregation and staff members. Feedback is dealt with seriously and in as timely as manner as possible. Thanks to Maryann Scott for her years of service to this ministry and to Jana Ebich for taking on this role as Maryann took on a Master’s Program.
- I continue to share responsibility for Pastoral Care to adults, youth and young adults with Darren and Michael.
- The Prayer Shawl ministry is being guided by Esther Edmonds. I am the staff liaison. The group meets once a month and the shawls are currently being blessed on the first Sunday of each month during Communion. 20 shawls were sent for distribution to La Loche. They were transported by Laurel Piot. Thanks to the board for approving funds for the new prayer shawl storage bench in the lounge. This made blessed shawls available to anyone who needs one at any time. The bench was constructed by Brian Dennis and dedicated and on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Michael and I facilitated three confirmation sessions with 10 potential new members. The sessions were lively and engaging learning times for all of us. Confirmation service was held in June 2016.

### **Affirming Action Group**

- The Affirming Action Group continues to meet and is currently working on the theme of Reconciliation.
- It hosted two sessions of the Blanket Exercise (January and October 2016) with 55 congregation member in total attending.
- The group conducted an informal survey of congregation members to determine what they wanted to learn on the topic of Reconciliation. . This initiative was be offered on Sunday October 23 and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- The group requires a chairperson.
- I am currently the staff liaison working.

### **Volunteer Management**

- I have responded to several committees with name suggestions to fulfill specific committee functions or roles over the past few months. This has enabled me to involve some newer folks as well as re-examining current members for their volunteer skills and availability.
- “Job Jar” continues to highlight volunteer needs and opportunities in our community.

### **Wider Church Involvements**

- Attendance at Presbytery meetings.
- Chairperson of the Northern Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplaincy until June 2016. St. Martin’s hosted three meetings of this group. I resigned this position in June 2016 to attend to the demands of my schooling.

### **Professional Development**

- I completed my Social Ministry Theme Year at the Centre for Christian Studies in June 2016. I attended a two week learning circle on Social Ministry in Winnipeg from April 11-26<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- I am currently enrolled in the third “Educational and Liturgical Theme Year” of my education program through the Centre for Christian studies which began September 1, 2016. I attended the first learning circle of this program from October 12<sup>th</sup>- October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. I am currently doing my required 500 hour placement at St. Martin’s. My diaconal mentor is Brenda Curtis. I have a local committee walking with me. This committee is chaired by Learning Facilitator Pat Stuart, and consists of congregation members Jean Nahachewsky, Kathy Schmidtz, Murray Tempel, Jill Carey, Laurel Piot, Nicole Kenny, Carol Nagle and Lauren Ryan. We meet 6 times over the 2016-17 year. They assess my learning goals for the year and how they are being met. This is done by evaluating gifts, challenges and growing edges.

Respectfully submitted

J. Keith Hall - Candidate for Diaconal Ministry

## **Darren Wooff**

In 2016, I attended to the usual Children's Ministry and Outreach activities in my job description with the following highlights:

- Bible Adventures Sunday morning programming from September to June – around 45 children involved, with average attendance of 5 for the 9:30am service and 10 for the 11am service
- PD Days (Teacher's Professional Development day) - 6 day camps held throughout the year with an average of 15 children each day
- Vacation Bible School – held in July with 18 children attending
- Children's baptisms – two
- Children's Christmas play, "What Does Santa Have to Do with Christmas?"
- Working with the Outreach and Refugee committees
- Officiated for 1 wedding
- Working with the Communications Review Committee
- Initiating a planning meeting for 2016-17
- Led 6 worship services in 2016
- Being the staff support for the office computer
- Being a part of the Integrated Community Ministries 10 x 10 Art Project
- Saskatchewan Conference Refugee Liaison, part of the Refugee Advisory Group and attending the Sponsorship Agreement Holder's conference in Saskatoon
- Attended the RightNow Conference in Dallas, Texas
  
- Respectfully submitted, Darren Wooff

## **Board Committee Reports**

### **Board Chair Report for 2016 - 2017**

St Martin's Church has been a church at a crossroads this past year. We were asked to consider contributing to our community by selling a portion of our parking area to allow the construction of a new Fire Hall. After many discussions and presentations, a congregational meeting decided to proceed with the sale. Our Building Committee led by Don Cook is addressing liaison issues that arise due to the construction and to ensure the church's needs are adequately addressed. In December, the new parking stalls were created adjacent to the park; they have been very well utilized, providing easier access to our back door. A resulting challenge is how to direct the sale funds to align with our vision. The Long Range Planning committee led by Bob McPherson is working on a process that will begin in earnest once the current Joint Needs Assessment process led by Jeannette Liberty-Dunn has been addressed.

St Martins has been recognized by the Saskatoon Presbytery as a thriving church with strong leadership and a clear vision. In numerous discussions throughout the past year, I have heard positive comments about the functioning of the board and of the committees. I appreciate that we have an active property committee led by Gord McMurtry that is anticipating future building and property needs. Our property committee continues to develop a proactive approach to anticipating building issues.

Good Governance – At the beginning of this year, Cathy Anderson agreed to take on the important role of secretary to the board. She has tackled the duties with gusto and an eye for detail. Her commitment has been an excellent support to the board and the congregation. We continue to seek someone to take on the chair position in the next year.

Financial Oversight - We have a strong financial committee led by our treasurer, James Cook. They address matters of financial accountability and continue to put the fun in fundraising through their stewardship requests. Our sound financial health provides a solid foundation to support our vision.

Legal and Ethical integrity –We are blessed to have Elizabeth Williamson on our board as the chair of the ministry and personnel committee. The committee ensures that we meet our obligations and support our staff. We continue to rely on the shared wisdom of our staff representation from Keith, Michael and Darren who ensure that we honor our mission and ethical integrity in our decisions. Sandra Afseth has provided administrative support to the board.

Leadership – Trish Demmans, and the Christian Education have provided many innovative opportunities in the past year. Our UCW units are represented by Kathy Schmitz who brings news of the many ways they support the work of the church through service and targeted funds. Bunny Pfeifer continues to volunteer for many tasks and represented Worship until Debra Hall joined the board in the fall.

Communications – An ad hoc committee has been looking into improving the church image and reviewing our communication goals and methods. Their work continues as they advise the board on future needs and improvements.

New Board Members – In the past year, we have welcomed Bob McPherson on Long Range Planning and as a Presbytery representative, Debra Hall for Worship, Janet Smith, Don Williams and David Crossley as members at large. We have also accepted with regret the resignations of Andrew Pawlovich; his energy and insight are missed.

Saskatoon and the World – The board has been asked to review the remits from General Council and to take a decision on our support for structural changes to our United church. A series of workshops has been held and will continue in 2017. The discussions, led by Darren Wooff have provided important insights into the proposed changes. Maureen McPherson leads an active committee that looks for new opportunities to seek justice in our community and in the world. Our refugee committee led by Dayle Armstrong has provided support to the sponsored families and has ensured that the confounding refugee sponsorship processes continue to move forward.

St Martin's Church is an active and vibrant community that strives to realize our vision to be a thriving, growing and welcoming faith community, following in the path of Jesus, we seek to live faithfully in the midst of everyday life. We are blessed with strong and active leadership that work to realize this vision in all our works and service.

## **Christian Education**

The CE committee consists of 6 members: Chair Joanne Kerlake, Trish Demmans, Debbie Hall, Carol Nagle-Miller, Frank Pike and Nancy Pike. Keith Hall took Darren Wooff's place as staff liaison in the fall, as Christian education falls under the requirements for Keith's continuing education. Darren continues to report to the committee regarding children's ministry.

Darren and his dedicated volunteers provided an active children's program including weekly Bible Adventures, monthly PD days, and summer Vacation Bible School. He is always in need of volunteers for these activities – please consider giving some time to this rewarding ministry!

Keith's senior youth group meets weekly, and participated in additional activities such as Go Project and Provincial Youth Retreat which was held at St. Martin's.

Adult education opportunities included a Yoga workshop (which led to a weekly program facilitated by Brenda Goossen), an all-ages 'Advent Afternoon', an 'Understanding Islam' presentation, a book study, and a very successful Ladies' Night Out. The CE committee also assisted Keith in planning the Adult Quest Mexico trip for Feb 2017.

Joanne Kerlake

## **Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee is responsible for working with the ministry staff to provide services of worship at St. Martin's. We do so in a number of ways: arranging for greeters, readers and communion servers; organizing the Christmas decorating bee before the first Sunday of Advent and the repacking of the decorations after Epiphany; advising the ministers on worship-related matters; recommending to the Board persons for marriage, baptism or church membership; receiving and considering worship-related suggestions from congregation members; and helping to schedule and organize special services, such as on Maundy Thursday.

We would like to offer special thanks and recognition to Don and Bunny Pfeifer, who for 10 years have faithfully greeted worshippers and distributed bulletins, etc. at the 9:30 service. Thank you!

- Respectfully submitted by Michael Webster

## Outreach Committee

The hard-working members of your Outreach Committee are: Darren Wooff, Eileen Gudmundson, Elaine Crocker, Jeanette Liberty-Duns, Pat Turner, Pat Walker, Tricia Flavel, Jean Nahachewsky, and Maureen McPherson. We have been appreciative of the years of service of Brenda Goossen and hope that she rejoins us in the future.

Our activities in 2016 were as follows:

- In Feb. members of the congregation walked, volunteered, and donated to raise money for the Lighthouse and the Bridge. We raised almost \$8,000 and were the top fund-raiser in Saskatoon!
- 114 people in the congregation signed a petition expressing concern about the loss of services to the Lighthouse. It was sent by registered mail to the Minister of Social Services.
- In April and May we were a host site for six 10 X 10 paintings.
- On April 23th approximately 50 people stayed after church for a light lunch and a viewing of the National Film Board production "Between Me and Allah" about the decision-making by 3 Canadian Moslem women to either wear or not wear a hijab.
- On June 5<sup>th</sup> about 50 people stayed after church for a light lunch and a presentation by Bob and Cathy Anderson about their Korean trip.
- On July 19<sup>th</sup> members of the congregation prepared and served a meal for about 100 people at the Lighthouse.
- On Aug. 7th, in recognition of World Friendship Day, about 50 people participated in a potluck lunch organized by the Outreach Committee and Friendship International, an organization dedicated to encouraging world friendship. The event was planned to take place in the park, but due to the weather it was held in the church. Jeanette Liberty-Duns and David Crossley, who are members of Friendship International, suggested and spear-headed the event. Refugees from Open Door were invited and one of them spoke briefly.
- This is Melina Torrance's fifth year with us, working with Sandra through the Essential Voices program of the Riverbend Integrated Services Ministries (ICM)..
- On Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> 33 people stayed for a light lunch and a presentation by the Refugee Committee. Dale Armstrong described the history of refugee sponsorship at St. Martin's and Dayle, Judy Thomson and Brian Walton gave very moving accounts of their experiences with refugees.
- We recognized Ralph Reid for his many years of service with the Good Food Box program with a large card signed by members of the congregation. Thanks to Carrie Stephen for becoming involved with the program.
- At the end of October we once again began collecting 'gently-used' winter outerwear for the Lighthouse and AIDS Saskatoon. The response was tremendous.

- Advent Tree: The congregation was extremely generous in their donations of underwear, socks, mitts, tuques, etc. to the John Howard and Elizabeth Frye Societies.
- During Advent we supported the United Church Advent Peace Box program, selling almost \$1,000 worth of olive oil, olive oil soap and Palestinian spices to support Palestinian farmers.
- The retiring offering for 2016 was \$8,219.35. As this was matched by PotashCorp, the Food Bank received \$16,438.70. This was in addition to your regular donations of food and clothing throughout the year.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Respectfully submitted, Maureen McPherson, Outreach Chair

### **Outreach: Refugee Committee**

Committee Members: Eileen Gudmundson, Jean Nahachewsky, Brian Walton, Dayle Armstrong [chair], Darren Wooff [staff].

**Note:** For the security of refugee families here and their family members in their home countries, only initials or first names are used in this report, as it may be accessible via the internet.

### **G. Family**

We have continued to be actively involved with the G. family this past year. This includes H. Ha, their 2 children and H.'s parents Ab and A.

H. continues to work 2 part time jobs, averaging 30 hrs/week. He is hard working and well respected by his two supervisors but is looking forward to the day when he has a permanent full time job. He is working his way up and that day may be in the near future. We have continued to modestly subsidize their income [\$300-500/mo].

Both H. and Ha continue to study English in the LINC program. H. attends 2 evenings/week and Ha attends week day mornings. Both are progressing well. I. is in grade one. He has been diagnosed with an inherited blood disorder [not curable] and is being monitored and treated by a very competent pediatric hematologist. R. is in daycare when Ha is in class. He is an active, adventurous preschooler who loves the outdoors.

On Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> H and Ha and family moved from their apartment to a single family dwelling in order to accommodate H.'s parents, who came to live with them.

Ab and A [H.s parents] completed their year of sponsorship on June 30/16. As neither will probably work outside the home, they were transitioned to Social Services for financial support in July /16.

They lived with their daughter and family until she moved to Toronto in the fall. At that time Ab. and A came to live with H. and family.

Ab did attend Open Door LINC classes from Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>/15 to Jan.4<sup>th</sup>/16. Initially he was in the same class as Ha but when she went into the next level, he decided to discontinue class. He spends many hours at the mosque and has a community of friends there. He enjoys riding his bike around the city.

A. was unschooled in her home country and has chosen not to go to school here. She enjoys the grandchildren and gardening. She is a big help to Ha. at home.

**Abel and Yohana:**

On Dec. 12/16 we were delighted to finally welcome Abel and Yohana to Saskatoon after an almost 6 year wait! These newcomers are the nephew and niece of 2 members of the congregation. They live with one of their aunts. They are being financially supported by their family here in Saskatoon. We have assisted by hosting a "Welcome" event, taking them for Language Assessment, visited with a view to help them practise spoken English, taken them out to some Saskatoon places of interest and accompanied them to Orientation for LINC classes. They both started LINC classes at Polytech full time on Feb. 27/17. In late Jan./17 Abel secured a part time [18hrs/week] evening job, cleaning and washing dishes at a downtown restaurant. Both Abel and Yohana are energetic, motivated and forward looking.

**N.G and family**

At the Nov./16 Board meeting a motion was passed to sponsor N.G, his wife and 6 children [ages 16-2]. N.is H,'s brother and Ab and A.'s son. They are currently refugees in Tajikistan. The Sponsorship Agreement Holder for this sponsorship is the Anglican Diocese of Saskatoon. There were no sponsorship spots left for 2016 and there is a long wait list for 2017 through the United Church of Canada.

The Refugee Committee is very grateful for the financial and practical support, interest and involvement of many members of the congregation. Thanks to all of you as we move forward to do the work we are called to do together.

Respectfully submitted, Dayle Armstrong

## Property Committee

The past year (2016) saw the completion of the installation of the windows in our building.

The boiler continues to operate effectively and reliably. The committee has arranged to have an annual inspection .... one during the summer while it is not running to check for leaks and another in the winter heating season while it is running. In this way it is hoped that we will be able to identify issues before they become serious.

We continue to monitor the roof and do minor maintenance as needed. A major repair is still in our future.

The back entrance is in need of replacement and it is our intention to do that work during the coming spring and summer.

Some consideration is being given to converting one of the two bathrooms in the east side of the basement into a unisex shower facility. Our thinking here is to accommodate groups who on occasion are billeted in our building.

The carpet in the lounge and office hallway was steam cleaned in January and it our intention to have it done during the summer months as well. Our assumption is that we will get longer life out of it if we keep it clean. It is our intention to have this work done annually.

As well, committee members along with volunteers from our congregation cleaned and repaired chairs last spring. There was a great turnout for the "bee" and we were done in about 3 hours. We hope to make this an annual event.

In fellowship,  
Gord McMurtry (for the property committee)

## **Long Range Planning Committee**

The Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) was established by the Board some years ago to consider the future direction of the congregation of St. Martin's United Church. What will we be like as a church in ten years? In twenty? What are our priorities? What projects will we undertake? A few years ago St. Martin's developed a Mission Statement. With this as a direction and guide the LRPC hopes to lead the congregation in a visioning process that will develop a consensus to proceed into the future.

The LRPC activities will vary from year to year. In 2016 the Board recognized the need for a visioning process to consider the future activities of the church. A number of events will lead to change in the next few years. Michael Webster, one of our ministers, has announced his retirement for 2017. This led to the creation of a Joint Needs Assessment Committee (JNAC) to in part ascertain the needs of the congregation for professional staff. The LRPC can build on the information generated by JNAC and carry on in a visioning process. As well, part of the church property was sold to the city for a new fire hall. Finally, for some time the Board has felt that there is need for a review of the existing governance model of Board and committees under which the church operates. For these and other reasons the Board felt a planning and visioning process is required.

In 2016 with the leadership of Betty Lou Agnew, a new church directory was produced. Also, with the leadership of Andy Pawlowich a number of men's fellowship meetings were held and in the fall, the church had a men's pasta supper. All these projects proved successful. At present the LRPC comprises: Harold Schultz; Murray Tempel; Darren Wooff; Andy Pawlowich; Bob McPherson; and Dave Thomson. Meetings are held every 5 to 6 weeks. Going forward more members will be required as the committee becomes more active.

### **Ministry & Personnel**

Our committee's primary responsibilities are to support the ministerial and non-ministerial church staff and act as liaison between the congregation and the church staff.

This year we were delighted to have Tom Flath join our committee. In addition to Tom, our committee consists of Dean Carey, Earle Newton, Jerilyn Robertson, Christine Salamon and me, Beth Williamson. Please note that we are looking for an additional member.

Over the past year the committee has worked on:

- Providing support and feedback to our ministers and lay staff

- Overseeing HR-related matters such as holiday time, performance reviews and goal setting

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- Obtaining board approval for employees' salaries
- Reviewing and bringing forward the United Church minister's new compensation model that was approved by the Board effective January 1, 2017
- Assisting with budgeting for employment-related costs
- Ensuring coverage has been arranged during employees' holidays
- Overseeing the honorarium positions to ensure they are appropriately rewarded
- Receiving verbal updates from our ministers at every M&P committee meeting on their work
- Reviewing the minister's position profiles and making some minor changes
- Presenting principles for adding or removing honoraria positions to the Board for approval – the approved principles are attached for your information.

Our goals for the coming year include:

- Assisting in implementing any recommendations coming from the Joint Needs Assessment Committee
- Recognizing Michael's leadership as he retires
- Assisting with the transition to a new minister
- Assisting with financial record keeping in the office as we transition to a new software program

Please feel free to contact any of us if you have suggestions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Beth Williamson  
M&P Committee Chair

### **Principles for Honoraria**

In the mission statement, St. Martin's United Church affirms the value that it places on community and being a welcoming place for all. Honoraria express St. Martin's appreciation for the work that congregants and affiliates do that reflects the church's mission.

### **Requirements for the Awarding of Honoraria:**

In order for an honorarium to be awarded to a position, the following conditions must be met:

- The position involves a set, regular time commitment (e.g. 8:30-9:30am on Sundays during the school year, or 2 hours per week) not less than twice per month averaged over a 12-month calendar year.

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- Reliability is crucial to this position; the holder of the position must commit to fulfilling the requirements of the position or, in the event of emergency or illness, provide as much advance notice as possible so that his/her tasks may be assumed by another.
- The position reflects the church's mission to provide fellowship and to be a welcoming, caring, and justice-seeking community of faith.

### **Procedures for Determining the Suitability of Honoraria:**

The M&P Committee has the authority to add or remove honoraria from positions, and may consider the suitability of an honorarium for an unpaid position at St. Martin's at any time, without congregational input.

Any member or adherent of St. Martin's United Church who wishes to advance a proposal for adding or removing an honorarium to an existing or emergent position must submit an application to that effect to the M&P Committee. The application must include the following:

- the request for the addition or removal of an honorarium,
- the name of the position in question,
- a statement explaining how the affected position meets or fails to meet the requirements stipulated above,
- a letter from a current minister at St. Martin's and/or the current chair of a St. Martin's committee that supports the request for the addition or removal of an honorarium, and
- the names and signatures of no fewer than five unrelated congregation members and/or adherents.

Other factors that may be taken into consideration include: (1) a special skill or level of expertise required to fill the position, and (2) a short-term position that fulfills the above criteria with the exception of duration.

The M&P Committee will consider the proposal at its next scheduled meeting, except in the case that it receives a proposal fewer than seven business days prior to its next scheduled meeting; should that be the case, the proposal will be considered at the meeting after that one. The M&P Committee shall reach a consensus within three months of the initial meeting that includes determining the amount of the honorarium if an honorarium is to be recommended.

When the M&P Committee has reached a consensus, it shall provide a report explaining its decision and bring the proposal, the report, and the Committee's recommendation to the Board for a decision.

## River Bend Presbytery Representatives

River Bend Presbytery is the official court of the United Church of Canada for Saskatoon and surrounding communities. Representatives both lay and ministerial from all congregations meet 4 to 5 times a year to deal with matters affecting all congregations. In 2016 St. Martin's had four lay reps (Nancy and Frank Pike, Jerilyn Robertson and Bob McPherson). In April, Riverbend met in Delisle, in September in Borden, in November at Grosvenor Park, and in February at Mayfair. Much of the past year's business centered on the Remits proposed by National Council. This project is not completed and is ongoing into 2017. Other matters of note presented and discussed in 2016 included:

New governance models,

Death Café

Caravan

ICM and changes to the program

Mission and Service presentation

Bob McPherson

## Website

The website has continued to be popular. We have continued to publish a weekly video of the Bible reading and sermon. This has been well-received. You can find us at

<http://stmartinsuc.com/>

In 2016, there have been 10,083 visits to the site, up from 8,072 in 2015. An average of 524 unique visitors come to the website each month, up from 449 last year.

Since its inception in 2012, the Facebook page has grown to 179 followers, up 47 from 2015. It's a good place to catch-up on what's happening at the church. You can find it at

<https://www.facebook.com/stmartinsuc> .

We continue to video services and post them to YouTube with links on both the website and Facebook page.

Website		
Visits by Month - 2016		
Month	People	Visits
Jan-16	471	837
Feb-16	502	844
Mar-16	621	949
Apr-16	610	894
May-16	505	827
Jun-16	524	836
Jul-16	413	672
Aug-16	457	784
Sep-16	582	924
Oct-16	540	744
Nov-16	534	897
Dec-16	529	875
Total	<=6288	10,083

**There is a more complete analysis of activity. If you are interested in seeing that report, let Cathy Anderson know at [cathy@stmartinsuc.com](mailto:cathy@stmartinsuc.com).**

Submitted by Cathy Anderson

### **United Church Women**

The U.C.W began their activities in the new year with the annual kitchen cleaning on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Our Annual meeting was held January 25<sup>th</sup>. Although the day was beautiful the attendance was down from other years.

Catering was slow in the first five months of the year but busy in the latter half. We served food and refreshments for the Nutana Mennonite service in January, for seven memorial services (Campbell, Farkas, Boquist, Wudrich, Dryden, Weir and Chernoff) and for two 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations (Caldwell & Monseler). At the end of November we provided lunch for 30 people attending the Sask.Conference Women's meeting. The U.C.W coordinated the Easter Ham supper in March serving approx. 351 meals resulting in a profit of \$4119.27 which was turned over to the church. We also looked after the Tea Room and Bake Table for the annual Garage Sale.

The World Day of Prayer Service was held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Emmanuel Anglican Church. Eunice Kleppe and Kathy Schmitz attended from St. Martin's UCW.

Bunny Knight, Eunice Kleppe and Kathy Schmitz prepared and served the breakfast at the Ecumenical Lenten service on the Wednesday St. Martin's was responsible for it. This year the services were held at Redeemer Lutheran. 30

Geri Janow is our Friendship Convenor and with funds supplied by the UCW she sends cards to all members of St. Martin's who are ill, bereaved or celebrating a special occasion. We thank her for this important service to our faith community.

At our general meeting in September a motion was passed to continue making mincemeat for the next two years. Five batches of mincemeat totalling approx.425 pounds were made and almost all of it has been sold.

The Christmas Tea and Bake Sale was successful however attendance and donations were down slightly from last year. It was also the occasion when the new card tables purchased by the U.C.W were used. Eight card tables (same brand as the banquet tables) were purchased by the U.C.W to replace the old ones that were becoming quite unstable.

Thank-you to all members, congregants and friends who volunteer, bake and support our various activities throughout the year. It is most appreciated!

This year we welcomed several new members to the U.C.W. If you would like more information regarding the U.C.W and their work please contact one of the following: Norma Romuld 306.343.1061, Kay Nicklin 306.955.2828, Bunny Knight 306.374.3982, Bonnie Erickson Wudrick 306.374.2689, Eunice Kleppe 306.343.1936, and Kathy Schmitz 306.343.0082.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Schmitz

**U.C.W. Finance Report**  
**December 31, 2015 – December 31, 2016**

	Proposed 2017	Proposed 2016	Disburse- ments 2016	Revenue 2016	Bank Balance
Bank Balance @ December 31, 2015		14458.99			
Mission & Service	3000.00	3000.00	3000.00		
Oliver Lodge Chaplaincy	200.00	200.00	200.00		
Food Bank	50.00	50.00	50.00		
St. Andrews College	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Photocopying	75.00	75.00	75.00		
Stationery & Postage	300.00	300.00	100.00		
Memorial Donations	100.00	100.00			
Salvation Army	100.00	100.00	100.00		
Quest for Mexico		2200.00	2200.00		
Ronald McDonald House	100.00	100.00	100.00		
Lighthouse	300.00	200.00	200.00		
Gifts	100.00	100.00	199.99	375.00	

Kitchen Supplies	500.00	500.00	340.03	
Potluck Supper Speaker	50.00	50.00	50.00	
Prov.Gathering 55 <sup>th</sup> Ann.	1000.00			31
Equipment & Kit. Rep.	500.00		1311.20	
Easter Ham Supper			743.01	
St.Martins Ham Supper			4119.27	4862.28
Catering			2277.24	7750.65
Xmas Tea & Bake Sale			236.31	2880.00
Mincemeat			1383.90	1909.00
Garage Sale			24.60	
Floats			1400.00	1400.00
Interest				5.71
<u>U.C.W. Donations</u>				<u>1504.00</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>6875.00</u>	<u>7475.00</u>	<u>18610.55</u>	<u>20686.64</u>

Bank Balance @  
December 31, 2016 16535.08

Submitted by Eunice Kleppe / Sec. Treas. St. Martin's U.C.W.

### **Finance & Stewardship**

The Stewardship & Finance committee members are Chair Joanne Kerslake, Treasurer James Cook, Bette Brazier, Mavis McPhee, Rick Dobrow and staff liaison Michael Webster. Thanks to Don Sealey for his work on the committee this year as well.

Thanks to the generosity of our St. Martin's family, work continues on the building with replacement of the windows. Generosity of time and talent is reflected in our thriving community of choirs, groups and committees which carry out our mission to make a difference not only within our congregation, but also to the world beyond our walls.

Work of the S&F committee included establishing a dedicated offering collection procedure for Sunday mornings, the stewardship campaign in November, reviewing and updating the Sasktel contract, recycling options and the monitoring system, investigating investment options for the property sale funds, purchase of a new database program for the office, and a new plaque to recognize donation of Legacy gifts.

Joanne Kerslake

### Trustees: Introduction of Trustees

The Trustees work at the direction of the Board and are responsible for the capital assets of the church, including the property. We saw a good example of how that works in 2016. When the congregation voted to sell the north parking lot, the Board directed the Trustees to sign the appropriate legal documents. The Trustees ensured that the sale was handled in a manner consistent with the laws of the province and the bylaws of The United Church of Canada.

- Respectfully submitted by Michael Webster, chair

### NOMINATIONS REPORT March 12, 2017

#### ST. MARTIN'S UNITED CHURCH 2016 AGM

##### Term Positions:

Board Members whose terms will conclude after this 2016 AGM (in 2017)

Bunny Pfeifer	[first term]
Bette Brazier	[second term]

Board Members whose terms will conclude after the 2017 AGM (in 2018)

Beth Williamson	[second term] – M&P rep
Maureen McPherson	[First Term] – Outreach rep
Trish Demmans	[First Term] – CE rep
Ken Glover	[Second Term]

Board Members whose terms will conclude after the 2018 AGM (in 2019)

David Crossley	[First Term]
Janet Smith	[First Term]
Donna Thiessen	[Second Term] – Past chair until 2018 AGM in 2019
Dick Neal	[Second Term]
Bob Anderson	[First Term] – as of May 26 2016
Debra Hall	[First Term] – Worship rep as of Sept 22 2016
Don Williams	[First Term] – as of Sept 22 2016

Nominations (terms will conclude after the 2019 AGM in 2020)

Marguerite Irvine	[First Term]
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Call for nominations from the floor

Nomination motion:

*Motion authorizing Board to make further*

*appointments to the Board or Executive as required  
without the call of a congregational meeting.*

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**Roles on the St. Martin's Board    Chair Roles until  
2018 AGM in 2019:**

Chair elect: **Vacant**  
Board Chair: **Vacant**  
Past Chair: Donna Thiessen

**Open Term:**

Treasurer: James Cook (**stepping down after 2017 AGM in 2018**)  
Secretary: Cathy Anderson  
UCW: Kathy Schmitz  
Property Chair: Gord McMurtry

**Staff (open term):**

Michael Webster  
Keith Hall  
Darren Wooff

**Riverbend Presbytery Representatives (open term)**

Nancy Pike  
Frank Pike  
Jerilyn Robertson  
Bob McPherson (also LRP rep)

