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CHURCH DIRECTORY 2017

Minister	Rev. Bruce Kearley
Youth Program Coordinator	Heather Cronhelm (January – July) Brett Vey (August – December)
Office Manager	Jacqueline Kennedy
Caretaker	Roger Richards
Organist	Beth Cranston
Choir Director	Andrew Cranston
Youth Band & Choirs Director	Brett Vey
Wedding Coordinator	Rosemary Richards
Cemetery Caretaker	Bob Bennett
Webmaster (www.topsailunitedchurch.nf.net)	Ken Corbett

OFFICIAL BOARD

EXECUTIVE

Chair	Brad Cole
Vice Chair	Paul Burt
Secretary	Lynn Mercer
Minister	Rev. Bruce Kearley

MEMBERS

Joanne Avery	Freeman Budgell	Doreen Cave	Mildred Coles
Carol Gillingham	Claude Hender	Lloyd Hobbs	Valerie Howe
Debbie Lynch	Denise Jacobs	Jackie Perry	

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Ministry & Personnel	Gillian Corbett
Finance & Administration	Sandra Baggs
Fundraising	Bob Bennett / Gillian Corbett
Pastoral Care & Membership	Genevieve Phillips
Outreach	Mildred Coles
Christian Development	Judy Powell / Jackie Perry
Property & Trustee	Paul Burt
Worship & Sacraments	Doreen Cave
Long Term Planning	Valerie Howe / Rev. Bruce Kearley

CHURCH GROUP LEADERS

Men's Club	Bob Bennett
Coffee Group	Madeline Parsons, Treasurer
Sunday School and Youth Group Treasurer	Anne Allen

EAST DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Delegates:	Bob Bennett	Doreen Cave	Claude Hender
Burry Heights Contact:	Patricia Jones		

CHURCH ROLLS 2017

BAPTISMS – 27

MARRIAGES – 5

FUNERALS – 14

Barbara Dalton-Laidley Stan Baldwin Albert Walter Kearley
Charles Alexander Lewis David Moore Annie Elizabeth Mavin
Peter Pollard Kenneth Ludlow Donna Decker
Mildred Tucker Linda Tucker Thomas R. J. Grimes
Klaas Nick Burggraaf Elva Burke

HISTORIC ROLL 2017

NEW MEMBERS BY CONFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS - 4

Kalan Glasgow Kaitlyn Victoria Grandy
MacKenzie Michielson Natalie Joanna Moss

NEW MEMBERS TRANSFERRED IN – 0

MEMBERS TRANSFERRED OUT - 0

DECEASED MEMBERS – 2

Elva Burke Herbert Reid

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

– FEBRUARY 26, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER: Rev. Bruce Kearley called the Annual Congregational Meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. welcoming those in attendance.

2. CHAIR AND SECRETARY FOR 2016 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Rev. Kearley called for nominations for the Chair and Secretary for the meeting. Paul Burt was nominated Chair and there being no further nominations agreed to Chair the meeting. Jackie Perry was nominated Secretary and there being no further nominations agreed to accept the position of Secretary.

3. OPENING DEVOTIONS: Rev. Bruce provided devotions. He led the singing of “Worship the Lord” and read from the Gospel of John which focused on worship and the work of the congregation. He gave a short reflection and ended with prayer.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANKS: The Chair expressed sincere thanks to Rev. Bruce, the professional congregation leaders and the committees whose reports appeared in the Annual Report.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: It was moved that that except for the Finance Committee Report, the 2016 Reports of Committees be presented individually and discussed, and that there would be one motion to accept them all. The financial report including the 2017 Budget would be approved in a separate motion. CARRIED.

6. CHURCH ROLLS: In their remembrance, Rev. Bruce read the names of those who had passed away in 2016, followed with a moment of silence and a prayer. The Lord’s Prayer was repeated by all present.

7. MINUTES THE FEBRUARY 28, 2016 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

MOTION: It was moved that the Minutes of the 2016 Annual Congregational Meeting be adopted as circulated. CARRIED.

8. 2016 ANNUAL REPORTS:

8.1 Minister:

Rev. Bruce expressed his thanks to the congregation for their time, talent, commitment and support of his ministry. He noted that the environment at TUC continued to be welcoming yet reverent. Rev. Bruce thanked Heather Chronhelm who started in August for her ministry, Jacquie for her work on the administrative needs of the congregation, and Andrew, Beth and Brett for their ministry of music. He noted the committee work for the congregation, the CBS/Paradise Ministerial, the District and the Conference. He also noted the focus on the food bank and the need to ensure continued presence in the community. Rev. Bruce thanked the Board past, present and future and gave his thanks and those of his wife, Dianne, for the response of the congregation to his Ministry.

MOTION: (Paul Burt/Gillian Corbett) that a vote of thanks be given to Rev. Kearley and the Staff, especially recognizing Rev. Kearley’s pastoral work and leadership of the Congregation. CARRIED

8.2 Chair of the Board:

Board Chair, Brad Cole was unable to attend so vice-chair Paul Burt spoke to the Board report, drawing attention to Brad's encouragement to think outside the box to effectively manage the challenging and changing church environment and ensure that TUC was not part of the declining trend.

8.3 Pastoral Care and Membership:

Gillian Corbett presented the report and clarified that the number 348 indicated the number of families who contributed financially during the year, some of which may not be living in the area.

8.4 Worship and Sacraments:

There were no questions.

8.5 Organist/Choir Director:

Appreciation was expressed for Beth's performance as organist and for Andrew's leadership acknowledging the significant contribution they have made to the music program at TUC.

8.6 Christian Development Committee (including Youth Program Coordinator):

Heather's performance since taking over leadership of the Youth program in August 2016 was acknowledged. Brett's efforts at getting youth participation in music selection was noted, but the challenges of selecting music appropriate for youth and for worship were noted. Their efforts with only one rehearsal was acknowledged.

A recommendation was made to change how the youth group financial information is reported. It was also suggested that prior year information be included.

8.7 Ministry and Personnel:

Gillian Corbett presented the report. She expressed thanks to all staff members, noting that the work can be challenging but very rewarding.

8.8 Outreach:

It was noted that there is a separate account for this committee from the general church account. A question was posed as to whether the balance associated with the work of this committee should be included in the general account. The question will be posed to the Finance Committee.

Gillian thanked the congregation for the response to the plea for assistance from the Food Bank during the year. Usage has increased in the area and the Food Bank is struggling to respond.

A discussion of the \$20,000 Mission and Service goal took place. We set this goal ourselves. The guidelines stipulate 10% of total givings and we are achieving this.

8.9 Property and Trustee:

Paul Burt spoke to his report. There were no questions.

8.10 Men's Club:

A question was raised regarding the financial surplus carried by this committee. The desire to always have a balance to address unforeseen needs or contingencies was noted. A discussion of an alternate approach to committees having their own accounts occurred noting the impact on overall church governance. It was noted that alternate approaches had been attempted in the past but resulted in committees seeking reimbursement for small amounts of money associated with their

activities. The concern seemed to be with the large balances not with the existence of separate accounts. A suggestion was made that a minimum balance could be set or for each group to budget some amount to contribute to the overall church account from surpluses if they exist.

It was also noted that the opening balance for the Men's Club financial information was missing.

MOTION (Paul Burt/Fred Brown) that the Finance Committee investigate options and report.
CARRIED.

8.11 United Church Women:

It was noted that the group ceased to meet in March and that the Wednesday Coffee Group would carry on the activities.

8.12 Fundraising Committee:

A question was asked about why the financial information presented did not line up with the Finance Committee Report (\$19,050 vs \$20,050 revenue and \$4200 vs \$1700 expenses). This will be investigated and corrected.

9. ADOPTION OF REPORTS 8.1 – 8.12:

MOTION: It was moved that the individual reports 8.1 to 8.14 be adopted as presented. CARRIED.

10. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Treasurer Boyd Clarke was not able to attend so the chair advised that questions and comments would be noted and communicated to the Finance Committee for follow-up.

Clarification was sought for regarding the difference between the budget and actual figures presented. It was also noted that the Stewardship campaign should have been included in 2016 and the budget for 2017 reflects this. It was recommended that prior year information should be included in the future. It was noted that envelope giving has declined and that there is no longer a separate budget for housing as this expense is now included in salary.

A question was asked about the absence of a balance sheet and a recommendation made to include one going forward.

A discussion of annual audit occurred. It was noted that one was done in 2011 and another started in 2014 that was not completed. There is an amount included in the budget for an audit. It was recommended that an annual audit be completed, and a letter included from the auditor be included in the financial report.

It was recommended that analysis be done of the number of people under pastoral care compared to the number giving to the church be done.

A discussion of the Choral Scholarship program occurred. Some concern was expressed regarding the need for this expense. It was noted that the Board had a lot of discussion of this item and that the feedback will be taken back. It was also noted that the music program is vital to the church and continued improvement will attract people and youth.

MOTION: (Fred Brown/Doreen Cave) that the 2016 Financial Report including 2017 Budget be adopted as presented, subject to consideration of the questions and recommendations discussed.
CARRIED.

11. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Nominees noted in the committee report (Freeman Budgell and Valerie Howe) as well as the nomination of Debbie Lynch from the floor were presented for consideration.

MOTION: (Paul Burt/Joanne Avery) that nominations cease and that those nominated be elected as Board Members for 3 years. The Board may add further members for a term of 1 year as necessary.
CARRIED

Doreen Cave spoke of the Delegates to Conference. She indicated that TUC has had 4 delegates to represent the congregation. As there is no obligation to consult with or poll the congregation, they tend to speak as individuals. Only 2 people have participated (Doreen and Bob Bennett). This spring, the conference is in Grand Falls. It is suggested that an alternate be identified in one of the delegates cannot attend. Doreen indicated that participation in the conference is a good way to learn about the church and the issues. It was decided that the Board chair would speak to the congregation and ask for interest.

12. Thanks were expressed to those in attendance by outgoing Chair Paul Burt

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN: (Bob Bennett/Lynn Mercer) that the meeting be adjourned at 1:40 pm.
CARRIED

14. BENEDICTION: Rev. Bruce closed the meeting with a Benediction.

Submitted by:

Paul Burt (Chair)

Jackie Perry (Secretary)

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



*Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
Walk with the spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.*

(# 156 – “More Voices” - Words and music: Jim Stratthdee. 1995)

Dear Friends:

I greet you in Christ's name. As I write, the landscape outside my office window is covered with a blanket of snow and the temperature is -5 Celsius. This temperature would be considered normal for January but just yesterday the temperature was +14 Celsius and the landscape outside my office window was a blanket of green. You would be right to ask what this comment has to do with the annual report? My thought is of how quickly things move along and quickly is how fast 2017 seemed to go. It does not seem like a year since I wrote my letter for last year's annual report. This was another busy year here at Topsail United Church (The Church by the Side of the Road). The very first thing I will say is a heartfelt thank you for your commitment and support of the ministry of this congregation. It is a ministry shared by all of us.

There are many things that bring us together as people of faith but the one thing that is “foundational” to our coming together is Worship. Worship enables us to share our faith in thoughts, word and deed. The scriptures encourage us to “not neglect to meet together” (Hebrews 10: 25) We are very blessed here at Topsail United to have wonderful leadership in worship through our Mixed Choir, Male Choir, Inspiration & Courage Youth Ensembles, Sunday School, Soloists, Lay Readers and visiting musical guests. The worship leadership of these groups under the direction of Beth Cranston, Andrew Cranston and Brett Vey is truly amazing and lifts our spirits as we come to worship each week. It truly enables us, as the words at the beginning of my letter states, to “dance, walk, work and listen to the Spirit to show us the way.” This Annual report adds to that worship experience as it presents the many activities of the groups, committees and people who, in other ways, provide ministry and experience God's presence.

The beauty and assurance of God's presence is there for us to enjoy and find meaning in our daily lives. We strive, in our personal and communal faith, to express God's love in our care and respect for all people and all of Creation. I realize, however, that some days it is difficult to feel that presence especially when our journey takes us through times of sorrow and loss. There are members of our congregation whose journey in 2017 has been difficult because of the death of a loved one or some other circumstance. I cannot take away that hurt but I want you to know that God's love is there for strength and, as a congregation, our

continued support and prayers are with you as we strive to “listen to the Spirit to show us the way...”. May knowing that we are walking with you in prayer and presence bring you a sense of comfort on the difficult paths of life.

The beauty and assurance of God’s love is also seen in our times of celebration. There were many opportunities for us to celebrate together as a congregation this past year. It would be impossible to mention all of them in the confines of this letter, but I do want to highlight the opportunities given to us by our youth and Sunday School to reflect upon the birth of Jesus in the presentation of their Christmas pageant entitled “The Only Gift She Had.” This was an original presentation written by two members of our congregation, Brett Vey and Shannon Collins. We are indeed very blessed by all our youth and their leaders and thank them for their willingness to share their time, talent and commitment with us.

The closing of Sunday School in June gave us the opportunity to express our thanks to Heather Chronhelm, a member of our congregation, for being our Youth Program Coordinator during 2016-2017. It was also a time to express our pride, joy and support for her as she began studies at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax, Nova Scotia towards becoming an Ordained Minister. We wish Heather well and God’s continued blessing and offer our continued support and prayers during her course of study.

In August we welcomed Brett Vey in the position of Youth Program Coordinator. Although Brett has been with us for a number of years in leading our youth music programs, this is a new position for him. In this position, he will develop and direct the youth programs for our church. The leadership he and the youth provide for our congregation has enhanced and broadened our worship and congregational life experience with a deeper understanding of the scope and depth of God’s love. Welcome Brett.

Our Sunday School, our youth, our choirs, our music leaders and our youth program coordinator are joined by a host of other individuals, members of the various committees and groups in the congregation, who share their time, talent and commitment enabling us to experience and then share God’s love through worship, work and witness.

There were many other highlights in this past year and, along with those I have mentioned, the Annual Report gives an account of the entire life and work of our congregation for 2017. It is with praise to God and a thanksgiving to you, the members of this congregation, that this report is compiled and made available. As you read through this report, please do so with a deep sense of gratitude for God’s blessings and God’s guidance throughout the year.

I do want to offer special thanks for your generous and regular support of the CBS/Paradise Food bank. The Food Bank has experienced an increase in usage and we keep the needs of the Food Bank in our thoughts and support as we continue to bring food items and monetary donations to weekly worship services. Topsail United, along with all denominations in CBS and Paradise, regularly provide support for Food Bank needs.

It is difficult to write a letter for the annual report and not make reference to finances. The many projects we do are dependent upon the support of financial contributions. That being said, we celebrate the fact that in 2017 we were able to maintain a good financial position but we need to be always aware of the challenges to maintain that position. (Please take a look at the report from our Finance Committee) Because of your generous support we have been able to pay congregational expenses and support the larger work of

the United Church of Canada through our Mission and Service Fund. Your commitment to sharing your time, talent and financial support is a ministry in itself and without your support the overall ministry of our congregation could not happen.

The Stewardship Campaign with the theme “Called to be the Church: Congregational Giving Program” held in the Spring had some success but continued financial support is needed and necessary in order to continue to meet the demand of increased expenses. The ways you can maintain and possibly increase regular contributions are by using weekly envelopes, monthly envelopes or by contributing through PAR (pre-authorized remittance). Our church office can give you information on any of these ways. Thank you for your generous financial support.

I also, on behalf of myself and the congregation, want to express deep appreciation to our other church staff. Thank you to Jacqueline Kennedy, Brett Vey, Beth Cranston, Andrew Cranston, Rosemary Richards, and Roger Richards for their support, expertise, help and guidance to me and our congregation.

I began my letter with the words of a new hymn indicating the importance of worship as we “dance, walk, work and listen to the Spirit to show us the way.” I end my letter with the words of an old hymn indicating that worship has always been, and is and will always be, the “foundation” that enables us to be a people of faith in every generation. God Bless you. My wife Dianne joins with me in wishing you God’s blessing for the year ahead.

Blessings,



Rev. Bruce

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again:
Gladly for aye we adore him.*

(#29 The Hymn Book – Words: Joachim Neander 1680)

OFFICIAL BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Dear Friends and Family – Topsail United Church,

As always, this past year has come and gone and has probably left many of us questioning what we have accomplished; have we made a positive impact on our lives and lives of others around us? These are certainly good thoughts and, as I reflect back over the past year, I see the many accomplishments we have made to our community through the work of the various programs here at Topsail United Church. I have heard many people from outside our community compliment the work we do, YOU DO, to support the various programs through Outreach, through our Sunday School, and other community functions: Harvest Festival, the wonderful dinners we prepare and serve, our music programs, and various concerts that are so well attended. For your efforts, and for and on behalf of TUC Board, I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your continued support and commitment to your church. I am very proud to a part of this beautiful family of God.

And, certainly not to go unmentioned, our forever dedicated Reverend Bruce. His leadership continues to keep us on a spiritual path full of promise and fellowship. I am sure I can speak on behalf of the Board and the entire Topsail United Church community, thank you Reverend Bruce for continuing to be our leader.

Of course, it would be remiss of me not to pay honourable mention to the true support behind our Reverend Bruce, his lovely wife, Ms. Dianne. God Bless you both. Please be assured that together, as a church community, we stand united in support of you both as we continue on our journey of faith and fellowship.

All our committees remain active this past year with the exception of the Christian Development Committee. That being said a last-minute initiative by Jacqueline Perry (TUC Board) led to reestablishment of the Committee now under the leadership of Committee Chair, Carol Gillingham. Thank you both for your efforts and we look forward to some positive initiatives going forward.

Please to all our congregation and extended church families, take the time to read the various reports contained herein. This is what we do as a church behind the scenes, during the weekdays, and the many evenings throughout the year. We are very active as a church and these reports summarize the many accomplishments for which we are all very proud to be a part of.

As with all our committees, Sunday School, outreach programs, etc., it takes commitment and dedication from our many volunteers to make our programs successful and to bring the services of faith and fellowship to you, our church family. I reach out at this time to invite new members of our congregation to come forward and offer your talents to participate and become volunteers on the various committees. We always recognize the proverb, “many hands make light work”. God calls on us in many ways, In Matthew 5:16, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. We are always excited to serve, but also need new volunteers to serve God and to continue our good work. So please reach out and contact any member of our Board to offer yourself as a volunteer.

I would not be doing my job as Board Chair if I didn't comment on our Financial Report. As you review the report, you will note a decrease in Local Church Offerings and Loose Offerings over the same period in the previous year by approximately \$2,300.00 with an increase in operating expenses of \$1,100.00. Even with the initiative led by Stewardship Committee, we experienced a decrease in givings. More importantly and without the Extraordinary Items, we would have ended

the year in a deficit position. So, as we end the year in good financial position, caution is in the wind and we ask for your continued help in maintaining a strong financial position for your future so Topsail United Church can continue on a path of faith, fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

In closing, I have to again say thank you to all the board members, the committee chairs, the many volunteers, and of course our wonderful staff here at Topsail United Church, "The Church by The Side of The Road". Your efforts are truly remarkable.

God Bless You All,

Brad

Brad Cole, Chairperson

PASTORAL CARE AND MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Members: Gillian Corbett Valerie Howe Genevieve Phillips
Anne Skanes (Baptism Sponsor)
Ex officio: Rev. Bruce Kearley

Historic Roll: This Roll contains the names of all those who have joined Topsail United by confirming their baptismal vows, or by profession of their faith or by the transferring in of their membership. The Roll should only contain the names of those members who **reside in the area and who continue to have an active interest in the life and work of the church.** Membership is subject to review by the Official Board. In 2017, 4 new members were added by Confirmation, 0 new members were added by transfer, 0 members removed by transfer; and 2 members removed by their death. The Historic Roll currently lists 527 members. Please call the Church Office if you need information about transferring your Membership or wish to confirm your baptismal vows.

Invitations to come to Sunday School were sent to 26 children living in the Pastoral Charge who were baptized here and started kindergarten in September. Our church records for 2017 list **27 Baptisms, 5 Marriages and 14 Funerals** conducted by Topsail United Church throughout the year.

Supporting Families List: In 2017 there were 352 listed families financially supporting the church and a further 140 families listed under our Pastoral Care.

Communications:

Web Site: The church Web Site www.topsailunitedchurch.nf.net continues to be updated weekly with Bulletin information and other information and photos which are received by the Web Master, Ken Corbett. There is an ongoing review of the website which will undergo a redesign in 2018.

Facebook Page: Our Facebook page is used to highlight any upcoming events. Beth Cranston posts the information.

E- Mail : To comply with Canada's anti-spam legislation we would appreciate any person who has access to email to please provide your email address and your consent for electronic communication.

"Meet and Greet": The Committee continues to sponsor "Meet and Greet" each Sunday following worship (except for Family Worship which is sponsored by Outreach). This social gathering provides the chance to meet new people and have a chat. We encourage everyone to attend. Many thanks to Dianne Kearley for all her help.

Pastoral Care: Rev. Kearley contacts and visits members at home or in hospital if he is made aware of the need. The Outreach Committee has resumed visiting of the Personal Care Homes in the area.

Thank you to all who have found a church home at "The Church by the Side of the Road" over the past year and to those who continue to support our church community.

WORSHIP AND SACRAMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Doreen Cave
Secretary: Beth Cranston
Members: Barbara Brown Erin Burt Marie Burt
Andrew Cranston Heather Cronhelm Rosalind Foley
Jacqueline Perry Wanda Saunders Brett Vey
Ex-Officio: Rev. Bruce Kearley
Usher Schedule: Allan Parsons

The Worship & Sacraments Committee met three times in 2017, in January, June and September. Sunday worship schedules were established for the year and business related to worship and other activities in the sanctuary was conducted. We welcomed Brett Vey in his new role as Youth Program Coordinator, and thanked Heather for her valuable contribution as she left to begin her studies.

Special Services:

There were three Flower Services held in 2017: Long Pond on July 4, Topsail on July 11, and Upper Gullies on July 26. The Annual Hymn Sing took place on November 26. The longest night service took place on December 21 with returning guests harpist Ed Kavanagh and the CBS Harp Circle. The service was one of the best attended in years. This year, Christmas Eve fell on a Sunday, meaning there was a morning Advent service as well as the three regular Christmas Eve services that evening. All services were well attended, with more than 800 congregation and community members coming to our Sanctuary over the course of the day.

Music:

An agreement was made for Brett Vey to exchange the Church's traditional drum kit with an electronic set that he owned. The electronic instrument is more suitable for worship because of size and volume. A donation made by the family in memory of Mildred Tucker was used to purchase music-edition, plastic-covered copies of the Voices United hymn books for the youth, as they had previously been sharing with the adult choirs.

Other:

Coastal Sounds Community Choir provided music leadership in worship on January 29. Aurora Women's Choir provided music leadership in worship on October 29. Recent worship recordings for VOWR have had poor audio quality or could not happen at all and therefore have not been broadcast.

The Worship and Sacraments Committee wishes to express sincere gratitude and appreciation to all staff and volunteers who contributed to worship activities in 2017. We also thank those who filled in for vacations and other absences. We are blessed to work with such a congregational family as we have at Topsail United. Your many contributions of time, talents and more to our Church, but also to the wider community, are truly a testament to God's love.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Cranston

CHORAL DIRECTOR AND ORGANIST REPORT

Thank you for another great year!

Both adult choirs have shown strong attendance over the past year. Membership in the Men's Choir has grown slightly offering some opportunity for part-singing. The Mixed Choir could benefit from a few additional women for a more balanced sound. Both the Mixed and Men's choirs extend an ongoing open invitation to any interested congregation or community member to come and sing with us! Visitors are also welcome at any time.

In 2017, funds were again approved for ,and even more rigorous efforts were made, to seek out one or more section leaders to facilitate multi-part singing in the Mixed Choir during worship. The position remains unsuitable for most applicants due mainly to travel distance. While our Choral Scholar Program remains on hold in an official capacity, there are regular efforts made to invite/recruit singers and grow in numbers, another way to help move toward more part-singing.

We continue to build upon the musical repertoire of both choirs, in particular the Mixed Choir. Many new pieces of music were introduced to the choir and congregation in 2017, some newly purchased, some obtained from conferences or other events, and some from other used sources. Congregational feedback or requests are always welcomed.

In 2018, the Men's Choir will prepare a special gospel concert as a fundraiser for the Church as well as plan to present the concert at some venue outside of the community. The concert will feature the Men's Choir and several guest musicians. The choir has also been invited to be the special guest at Coastal Sounds Community Choir's Spring Concert.

Whenever there are five Sundays in a month we endeavour to seek a guest to lead music in worship. Members of Coastal Sounds were pleased to provide music leadership in worship on Sunday, January 29, and members of Aurora Women's Choir were also pleased to provide music leadership in worship on Sunday, October 29. Both express their thanks for the welcome received.

Again this year, several members of both the Mixed and Men's choirs participated in Coastal Sounds Choir Association's 10th Holiday Concert and 5th Christmas Cantata. Although postponed to January due to weather, the event was a wonderful success and all participants should be proud of the results of their time, effort and talents!

The Topsail United Church community means so much to us. You have embraced our roles as Choir Director and Organist and have supported our work with the Mixed and Men's choirs for almost five years now. It is a joy to share in worship with you each Sunday, and a labour of love to work and rehearse behind the scenes during the week. We truly hope that the music we prepare enhances your worship experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew and Beth Cranston
Choral Director and Organist

YOUTH PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORT

In August, 2017 I was appointed the position of Youth Program Coordinator as well as maintaining my past roles as Youth Band Leader (2008) and Youth Choir Director (2016). I have always enjoyed working with the youth and their leaders and since accepting the role of Youth Program Coordinator my enjoyment has grown even more. There is an understated camaraderie among everyone involved. All programs feel very stable in continuing their role of worship within the church with a promising outlook to the future. A huge thank you is in order for Heather Cronhelm who made my transition to this new position very smooth and positive. I am very much looking forward to this upcoming year.

Sunday School (August to December):

The Sunday School has seven very dedicated leaders including: Jo-Ann Stone, Genevieve Phillips, Tonya Pelley, Erica Bungay, Lorie Loveys Dinn, Tania Cave and Marlene Wheaton. Continuing in the footsteps set by Heather Cronhelm, the Sunday School classes have been following two curriculums:

1. Godly Play: 2nd Sunday of every month
2. Spark: Every other Sunday

Registration in September went very well with 35 members joining the program. However, on any given Sunday the numbers of participants varied widely from 7 to 12.

The Christmas Pageant titled "*The Only Gift She Had*" was locally written by Brett Vey and Inspiration member, Shannon Collins. This was a successful project that brought many groups together including Inspiration, special guests as well as all of the Sunday School participants. The leaders were great in ensuring the pageant's success.

Family Services:

The youth have done a remarkable job helping to lead the Family Services. Each Family Service features musical reflections by Courage and Inspiration. Each service is built around a chosen theme and the youth both enjoy and appreciate having their input heard. They help plan the hymns, presentation music, prelude, offerings as well as conduct the readings. The Christmas Pageant was a combined effort between the youth programs and the Sunday School. Both the 4 pm and 6 pm Christmas Eve services were led by the youth. Rosalind Foley did an excellent job working with Courage to prepare the 4 pm service. Various alumni members from the youth groups helped out throughout the year with specific services. It was a treat to see past members offer their support throughout the year.

Crescendo and Encounter:

Crescendo and Encounter groups are very successful with attendance numbers ranging from 18 to 22 participants during the combined events. Both are held on the first Wednesday evening following the Sunday Family service. We are very fortunate to have dedicated leaders helping during these nights including: Jo-Ann Stone, Marlene Wheaton and Tania Cave. A typical session follows this scheduled format:

Crescendo

- 6:30 - Meet and Greet
- 6:45 - Games and Performances
- 7:30 - Food and Fellowship

Encounter

- 8:00 - Food and Fellowship
- 8:15 - Game challenge
- 9:00 - Discussion
- 9:30 - Event end

Crescendo

Crescendo was developed by Brett Vey and Heather Cronhelm in March and is now has become a combined event with *Encounter*. It is a celebration for families and youth by the youth. Taking place in the boardroom, there are musical performances by the participants, board games, conversation, food and fellowship.

Encounter

Encounter is a venue for youth to interact with each other. There are team games as well as a discussion at the end where everyone involved has a voice. This program was developed by Brett Vey and Steven Rogers in April 2016 and has been a monthly “highlight” ever since.

Respectively submitted,

Brett Vey

YOUTH BAND AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR REPORT

Topsail United Church has two Youth Group Musical Ensembles: Courage Choir and Inspiration Band.

Courage Choir:

Courage, led by Brett Vey, rehearses each Wednesday night 6:30 to 7:30. The choir enrollment saw huge changes throughout the course of the year; beginning in January with 9 members between the ages of 6 and 14 and ending in December with 10 members between the ages of 5 and 7. The reason for this was due to a restructure of the choir whereby the older members moved up to Inspiration and the rehearsals began to focus more on the younger ages. Overall, this has been a very active year for Courage. They have participated in Crescendo, two fundraisers, the Christmas pageant and, as always, help lead the family services.

Courage is a pleasure to work with. During the rehearsals the participants learn singing techniques, harmony and sometimes use instruments such as chimes, boom-wackers and percussion. The group receives much help from some of the parents and Sunday School leaders. There is a great bond between members and leaders.

Inspiration Band:

Led by Brett Vey, Inspiration (Grade 7 to12) has made some huge changes in membership throughout this year with many of the members transitioning from Grade 12 to post-secondary education over the summer. However, the group has maintained its numbers due to new enrollment: beginning the year with 11 members and ending the year with 10. The variety of instruments used throughout the year included violin, piano, bass, drums, percussion, saxophone, flute, accordion, viola, cello, guitar, glock and mandolin. This group is very talented and takes pride in the band. The camaraderie between members is very prevalent. The group rehearses each Wednesday night from 7:30 to 9:00. Similarly to Courage, they focus on the family services as well as outside performances. Such performances include three fundraisers, the Christmas Pageant and leading the family services. Stephen Stone has continued his role as soundman throughout the year and has been very helpful during set-ups and tear-downs.

Respectively submitted,

Brett Vey

YOUTH GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT

Description	Income	Expenses
Opening Balance January 1, 2017	\$ 590.62	
Totals	\$ 590.62	\$ 0.00
Total Year End Balance in Account (31/12/17)	\$ 590.62	\$ 0.00

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Allen
Treasurer, Topsail United Church Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT

Description	Income	Expenses
Opening Balance January 1, 2015	\$ 2,068.17	
Weekly Offerings (January to December 2017)	\$ 289.75	
Interest Earned (January to December 2017)	\$ 3.33	
Godly Play - Supplies		\$ 86.60
Guatemala Sponsor Child c/o Ladies Coffee Group		\$ 210.00
Totals	\$ 293.08	\$ 296.00
Total Year End Balance in Account (31/12/17)	\$ 2,064.65	

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Allen
Treasurer, Topsail United Church

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Gillian Corbett

Members: Anne Allen
Claude Hender (Started in Sept) Lloyd Hobbs
Valerie Howe (Started in Sept) Patricia Jones
Freeman Budgell (Jan – Sept)

The Committee was sad to say goodbye to Freeman Budgell who had faithfully served with us for 10 years.

The Committee is responsible for overseeing all staffing requirements of the church and assisting staff in ensuring the efficient and responsible use of church resources; while making sure that the work of the church meets the needs of the congregation.

Topsail United Church is fortunate to have a dedicated group of individuals working for the congregation and that makes the work of this Committee that much easier.

The Committee has met with all staff during the year to discuss their individual contracts, concerns, compensation and other needs.

The Committee dealt with some changes in regular staffing during 2017:

- Youth Program Coordinator, Heather Cronhelm, was accepted as a candidate for Ministry in the United Church and therefore was unable to resume her contract with us in September.
- Brett Vey, our Youth Music leader, expressed an interest in the Youth Program Coordinator position having worked alongside Rosalind, Steven and Heather since the inception of this position. The committee advised the Board of Brett's interest and suitability and Brett began this contract with us in August. We are very pleased with his work with all the children and youth.

Thank you to all of our current staff: Jacqui, Beth, Andrew, Brett, Roger and Rosemary; and, as always, a very special thank you to Rev. Bruce for his continuing leadership and spiritual guidance, we feel truly blessed to have him with us. There are many volunteers who put in countless hours working side by side with our staff to deliver our church programming and we would also like to thank each one of them for their dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Gillian Corbett

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair: Mildred Coles
Secretary: Denise Jacobs
Treasurer: Pat Jones
Social Convener: Doreen Cave

Members: Gillian Corbett Dianne Kearley Debbie Lynch Lynn Mercer

Ex Officio: Rev. Bruce Kearley

The new Committee was formed as the past Chair, Patricia Jones, stepped down. We thank Pat for her many years of dedication to Outreach and her willingness to continue on as Treasurer.

Committee Mandate:

The goal of the Outreach Committee is to reach out to people in our community and around the world.

Summary of Activities:

- Provided postage costs for mailings (Bulletins & Daily Devotion Books) to church members who are shut-ins.
- Supported the Mission and Service Fund by providing “Gold Banks”.
- Promoted Burry Heights United Church Camp.
- Promoted and supported the CBS/Paradise Community Food Bank
- Promoted and supported the work of “Stella’s Circle” which includes Emmanuel House and Naomi House.
- Promoted and collected subscriptions for “The Observer” magazine.
- Organized the annual Outreach Christmas Dinner.
- Provided for Fellowship time following Family Worship
- Provided for social gatherings in the Hall following funerals, when requested.
- Organized two (2) Flea Markets, one in the in Spring towards the Church budget and one in the Fall as part of the Harvest Festival.
- Organized visits to the smaller personal care homes in our area.

The Outreach Committee is committed to the activities listed above and appreciates your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred Coles

OUTREACH COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Opening Balance January 1, 2017	\$ 3,428.88
“Gold Banks”	\$ 1,234.09
Spring Flea Market	\$ 4,743.08
Christmas Dinner (Tickets & Donations)	\$ 2,043.50
Bank Interest	\$.02
Total Income	\$ 8,020.69

DONATIONS & EXPENSES

Flea Market Float	\$ 400.00
“Gold Banks” M & S	\$ 1,234.09
Topsail United Church Budget	\$ 3,000.00
Mission & Service Fund	\$ 1,000.00
Christmas Dinner - S.U.F. Hall	\$ 1,200.00
Emmanuel House - Christmas	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 83.45
Bank Charges	\$ 37.50
Total Expenses	\$ 7,455.04

Balance as of December 31, 2017 **\$ 3,994.53**

OUTREACH COMMITTEE FOOD BANK REPORT

Thank you for your support of the CBS/Paradise Community Food Bank through donations of both food and money during 2017. Please try to remember to bring along a donation of food each Sunday when you come to worship. Thank you to the Men’s Club for their additional donations of food throughout the year.

The past year saw the use of the Food Bank increase rapidly again due to people returning from Alberta and the state of the economy here at home. Following special appeals in the fall, there was a huge response to the need which continued on until the end of the year. The Christmas Hamper program, which saw each family unit received a turkey and a gift card for the purchase of food, went ahead as usual and we had a great response from our congregation again. A total of 378 Christmas Hampers were given out and gratefully appreciated.

At Christmastime some of our regular clients are looked after for their Christmas Hamper by other organizations such as the Single Parents Association or a school and we continue to request that these organizations file the names of the families they are sponsoring with Food Sharing to eliminate duplication.

The majority of monthly hampers continue to be requested by people who are in receipt of government assistance. We know that there are others in need, especially the working poor and those waiting to receive benefits. If you know of someone who is in need please let them know that the Food Bank is there for them. **No one is turned away.**

The Food Bank continues to make lunch items available to schools in the CBS/Paradise area, to be given out as needed.

The Food Bank Board is an ecumenical initiative and, as such, is run by a committee of volunteers from all the churches in CBS and Paradise. The committee continues to seek increased financial help from the member Churches, Town Councils, Service Clubs and businesses. Monthly expense for rent, salary, and utilities amounts to \$4,000 - \$5,000 alone. When special Food Bank fundraisers are held, we ask for your support whenever possible.

The Food Bank year runs April 1st – March 31st. The Annual General Meeting is held each May and is open to the general public.

Total Donations 2017 \$ 6,166.00

Respectfully submitted,

Gillian Corbett

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

MISSION AND SERVICE FUND REPORT

Outreach is responsible for the promotion of the Mission and Service Fund within the congregation. We provide the Gold Banks to encourage extra givings.

The United Church of Canada, through the Mission and Service Fund, partners with local churches in Canada and around the world to bring immediate and appropriate help to people wherever and whenever there is a need.

Each year, we set a goal for our donations and remit money to the National Church each quarter as it is received. Our goal is \$20,000.00.

Some of the proceeds from the Gold Banks for 2017 are still to be counted and will be included in 2018 donations. Please remember the Mission and Service Fund when you donate to the church and please take a Gold Bank for your loose change as every little helps.

Thank you to Rev. Bruce for bringing the Mission and Service Fund to our attention with his reading of the “Minute for Mission” and thank you all those who have responded generously through your envelope, PAR and Gold Bank donations.

Summary of Donations:

INCOME

Individual Offerings (envelopes & PAR).....	\$ 18,505.59
Gold Banks.....	\$ 1,097.67
Total.....	\$ 19,603.26

EXPENSES

Bank Charges.....	\$ 46.39
PAR Charges.....	\$ 146.39
M&S Actual Remittance.....	\$ 19,410.48
Total.....	\$ 19,603.26

PROPERTY AND TRUSTEE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair/President: Paul Burt
Members/Executive: Bob Bennett Roland Regular Roger Richards
Max Robbins Derrick Tuffin
Ex officio: Rev. Bruce Kearley

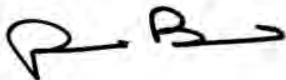
Summary of Activities

2017 was another busy year for the Property and Trustee Committee. While no projects involving major capital expenditures took place during 2017, the following is a brief summary of some of the projects that were undertaken during the year:

- Sound transmission issues were resolved pertaining to the close proximity of the Minister's Office and the Boardroom.
- Modifications were made to the sanctuary in order to accommodate a "split chancel" layout. This included modifications to the pulpit and the addition of a secondary lectern for use by readers.
- Significant repairs were required and undertaken as a result of major wind damage to siding and shingles which occurred during the windstorm in March.
- A Heritage Grant was requested and received from the Town of CBS which allowed fencing repairs to be completed at the Upper Gullies Cemetery.
- Other general maintenance activities took place throughout the year including repairs to heaters in the vestibule and the addition of electrical outlets to the kitchen area.
- A summer maintenance program was once again put in place for the three cemeteries maintained by the church; and snow clearing/ice-control services at Topsail Church were also coordinated.

In closing, I would like to thank all Committee members for their continued support and dedication towards the time-consuming process of maintaining our church building and cemeteries during the past 12 months.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Burt
Committee Chair

MEN'S CLUB REPORT

President: Bob Bennett **Vice President:** Derrick Tuffin
Secretary: Bob Osmond **Treasurer:** Boyde Clarke

Summary of Activities:

- Donation toward the Pulpit restoration
- Donation for the replacement of the More Voices book covers
- Donation to Jackson United Church on Bell Island
- Had a successful Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Thank you to all who come out to breakfast. Thank you to the Easter Bunny and to the ladies who helped with face painting.
- Sent fruit baskets to members of the Men's Club who were sick and to spouses of former deceased members.
- We held our annual Flipper Dinner. This event was sold out and continues to be our largest fundraiser for the year. Thank you again to all who helped in any way to make this a huge success - baking pastries, peeling vegetables, setting up or cleaning up. Thank you as well to our cook, Tony Rogers.
- Donation of \$3000 to the church in June.
- Donation of \$300 to Burry Heights Camp to help send an underprivileged child to Camp.
- Donation of \$200 to Heather Cronhelm in support of her studies at AST toward ordained ministry.
- Supplied hot dogs and drinks and volunteered for the year-end family service in June. Thank you to Derrick Tuffin for the drinks for this event.
- We had a successful year-end closing meal with our spouses and invited guests in June at the Outport Restaurant in Paradise. Thank you again to our musicians
- In September, we said goodbye to Freeman Budgell who moved to Ontario. We presented Freeman with a farewell gift.
- We continue to help with the annual Harvest Festival Celebrations. Thank you to all the men who helped in any way.
- Donated bulletins in memory of deceased members of the Men's Club. This year our former President, Jim Tucker, passed away in Ontario.
- Donated \$125 toward Burry Heights Day.
- Donated \$100 toward the Annual Hymn Sing.
- We had the most successful breakfast with Santa with the largest attendance ever. Thank you for all who supported this fundraiser. A special thank you to Santa, and to Erin and Marie for helping with the face painting.
- Our Spouses and other guests were invited to our December Meeting, where we were treated to a delicious hot roast beef dinner. Thank you to Tony Rogers for cooking, and to all who helped to prepare this meal. Thank you as well for the desserts donated. Thank you to Rev. Bruce, Cle and Tony for the music we enjoyed after the meal in the sanctuary.

All Men are invited to attend our dinner meetings on the first Monday of every month. I wish to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to all members of the Men's Club who are so supportive and willing to help in anyway when asked. A sincere thank you to all others who help the club when asked, it is very much appreciated. Our church is so lucky to have such a dedicated group. Thank you as well to all who support our fundraising activities, which help us donate back to the Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Bennett

MEN'S CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT

TOPSAIL UNITED CHURCH MEN'S CLUB FINANCIAL REPORT 2017

DESCRIPTION	NET
Balance as at January 1, 2017	<u>\$3,196.13</u>
Fundraising (Net of expenses)	
Breakfast with Santa	2,026.96
Easter Breakfast	750.08
Flipper Dinner	<u>2,590.89</u>
	<u>\$5,367.93</u>
TUC Annual Contribution	3,000.00
TUC Other	450.00
Burry Heights	450.00
AST Student	<u>200.00</u>
	<u>\$4,100.00</u>
Other	
Get Well baskets	98.34
Fellowship Dinners	239.67
Bank Charges	73.90
Honorarium	250.00
Kitchen	76.90
Sunday School closing	66.00
Hymn Book Covers	<u>207.00</u>
	<u>\$1,011.81</u>
Total Income Less Expenses	<u>\$256.12</u>
Balance as at December 31, 2017	\$ 3,453.25

UNITED CHURCH COFFEE GROUP REPORT

Treasurer: Madeline Parsons

Our purpose as United Church Coffee Group is to unite women of the congregation for weekly fellowship and provide support to Topsail United Church where we can.

Summary of Activities:

The ladies group meets every Wednesday morning at church hall. This group supports efforts in the church and has a treasurer (Madeline Parsons) who handles financial duties for the group. Activities for 2017 included:

- Hosted Paddy's Day luncheon in March 2017, providing meats, rolls, tea, coffee, and desserts while people attending brought along a salad. Provided prizes for the event as well.
- Hosted the Good Friday Luncheon, providing fish cakes, baked beans, homemade breads and desserts. Proceeds from the luncheon were donated to Topsail United Church.
- Mildred Coles once again made her annual Easter Eggs and monies raised were donated to Topsail United Church.
- Assisted with preparing for and helping out at the Flea Market in May and October.
- Provided a soup luncheon with rolls, desserts, and coffee and assisted with other functions throughout Harvest Festival. Member of the ladies Coffee Group donated items for the bake sale and craft sale.
- We continue to support our foster child program (in Guatemala). Monies went to the continuing help for our foster child, her family and their community. We also provided monies for a Christmas Hamper for our foster child. The Sunday School children and our Coffee Group assist with the support for our foster child Program.
- As part of our responsibilities in assisting the Outreach committee, we helped provide and serve food and refreshments throughout the year for funerals when requested. We also donated items to Emanuel House and the Food Bank at Christmas.
- Assisted with the provision of prizes for the Outreach dinner which was held in December.

Our members enjoyed a year of work, fun and fellowship in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Jesseau

UNITED CHURCH COFFEE GROUP FINANCIAL REPORT

Opening Balance January 1, 2017 **\$1,088.05**

Income

Good Friday - Fish Cake Dinner	\$1,504.00	
Donation to Foster Child	\$210.00	
St. Patrick's Day Luncheon	\$688.75	
Donations to Coffee Group	<u>\$361.00</u>	<u>\$2,763.75</u>

Total Income **\$3,851.80**

Expenses

Foster Child monthly payments & Christmas (\$175.00)	\$595.00	
Topsail United Church	1,225.00	
Bank Fees	60.00	
Good Friday Expenses	197.94	
Food Bank	200.00	
Heather Cronhelm	450.00	
Daily Bread Subscription	<u>40.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$2,767.94</u>

Closing Balance at December 31, 2017 **\$1,083.86**

Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Parsons
Treasurer

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Co-Chairs: Bob Bennett Gillian Corbett
Secretary: Beth Cranston
Members: Brad Cole Andrew Cranston Denise Jacobs Pat Jones

The Fundraising Committee oversees all the fundraising events in the church, confirms all dates for the Annual Fundraisers with the committees/groups involved, and draws up the calendar of events for the year. The Committee had regular meetings in 2017 plus extra meetings for the Auction. All the regularly scheduled fundraising events were very successful. Unfortunately, the Lobster/Steak Dinner was cancelled due to the high price of lobster at the time the dinner was scheduled.

Net Amounts Raised:

Good Friday Feast (Coffee Group)	\$ 1,200.00
Youth Spring Concert (Brett Vey)	349.00
Adult Spring Concert	705.00
Spring Flea Market (Outreach)	3,000.00
Lobster Steak Dinner (Official Board)	cancelled
Harvest Festival (details below)	20,765.00
Kevin Collins Concert	no profit
Anniversary Hymn Sing	1,510.00
Vey & Reynolds Concert	<u>405.00</u>
Total	<u>\$27,934.00</u>

Harvest Festival:

Both the Men's and Women's Groups took their usual lead in the main Harvest Festival events. The successful addition last year of a Harvest Festival Hot Turkey Dinner at the end of all the October events was continued. Members of the Committee, headed up by Brad Cole, formed the Online Auction Committee which again proved to be a great success.

Income:

Breakfast	\$ 1,241.00
Sale & Lunch	2,289.00
Harvest Festival Dinner	2,125.00
Flea Market	3,962.00
Auction	9,654.00
Donations	3,340.00
Total	<u>22,611.00</u>
Expenses	1,846.00
Net profit	<u>\$20,765.00</u>

Kevin Collins was booked for a performance of "An Evening with Kevin Collins" which only attracted enough people (90) to reimburse him. All who attended enjoyed the show! Many thanks to all who have supported our fundraising events. Please speak to a member of the Committee if you would like to join the Committee or have any fundraising ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Bennett and Gillian Corbett

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair/Treasurer: Boyd Clarke
Members: Don Allen Sandra Baggs Bob Bennett
Cle Callan Brad Cole Lynn Mercer

Highlights - 2017

- Deficit before Extraordinary Items of \$185 compared to a Budgeted Surplus of \$33
- Extraordinary Items consist of individual donations and bequests totaling \$41,224 and savings achieved from insurance proceeds to cover wind damage to the church siding
- Congregational givings (all categories) under Budget by \$5,189; "Local Church Support" under budget by \$11,589
- Harvest Festival net of over \$21,000
- Bank account balance at year-end = \$71,192; GIC balance = \$101,602; total funds available = \$172,794 (2016 = \$123,902)
- 125 families on PAR (2016 =121)

Budget Submission - 2018

- Budgeted Deficit of \$17,143
- Budgeted nominal (3%) increase in "Local Church Support"
- Budgeted expenditures based upon known or most likely scenarios

Respectfully submitted,

Boyd Clarke

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee is comprised of the following retiring Board Members:

Joanne Avery Paul Burt Mildred Coles

Ex-officio: Rev. Bruce Kearley

It is recommended that Board members serve 3 consecutive years.

2017 Official Board Members eligible/willing to stand for re-election in 2018:

3rd year Doreen Cave
 Brad Cole
 Carol Gillingham
 Claude Hender
 Lloyd Hobbs
 Denise Jacobs
 Lynn Mercer
 Jackie Perry

2nd year Valerie Howe
 Debbie Lynch

Nominees 2018 Dianne Butler
 Edwina Howell
 Joan Squires

Nominees may be accepted up to the Annual Congregational Meeting on March 4, 2018.