

ANNUAL REPORT 2017

Annual Meeting
March 4, 2018



McDougall
UNITED CHURCH

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OUR MISSION

**OUR MISSION IS TO FILL HUNGRY HEARTS WITH THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT
THROUGH THE UNCONDITIONAL LOVE OF GOD**

Adopted 2016



OUR COVENANT

As a Christian faith community in the heart of downtown Edmonton:

We are rooted in worship that continues to reflect a pioneering spirit through innovative and traditional liturgies, variety in music, and the active engagement of the worshipper.

We are committed to accepting into fellowship and, according to their gifts, in leadership, persons of any race, gender, transgender, age, sexual orientation or disability.

We are dedicated to programs, services and opportunities which nurture spiritual and theological growth, and which demand we work toward a more just, responsible and compassionate society.

We actively and prayerfully seek partnerships within the wider community.

We believe God is not limited to the notions of the past, nor of our own time. We recognize that our knowledge of God is partial and confined, and there is yet more light and truth to be discovered.

Such is the joy and excitement of the Christian quest of
McDougall United Church.

*Adopted October 6, 1996
Revised May 4, 2010*

IN MEMORIAM

*For the faithful who have answered
When they heard your call to serve,
For the many ways you led them
Testing will and stretching nerve,
For their work and for their witness
As they strove against the odds,
For their courage and obedience
We give thanks and praise, O God.*

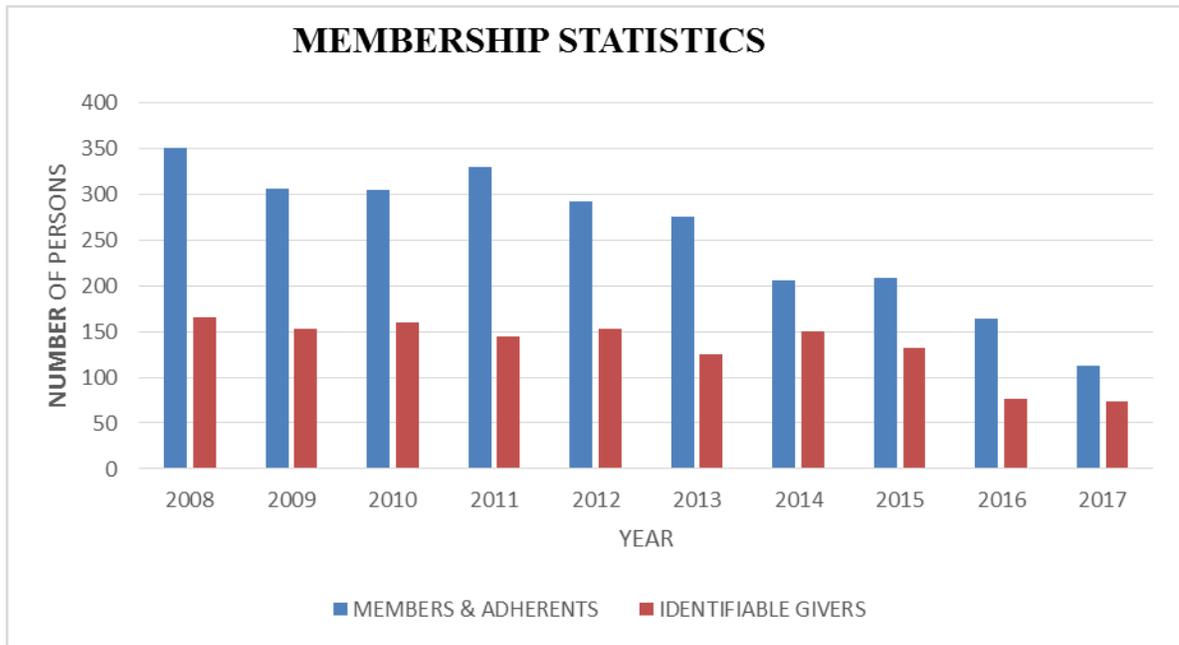
*For this cloud of faithful witness,
For the common life we share,
For the work of peace and justice,
For the gospel that we bear,
For the vision that our homeland
Is your love - deep, high, and broad -?
For the different roads we travel
We give thanks and praise, O God.*

(Hymn 707 verses 1 and 3)

We are remembering with gratitude those with whom we have shared our journeys and known the blessings of life and faith and love with them. Their unique spirits will remain in the hearts and memories of all who have known them. Our prayers and gratitude we give to their families.

Dorothy Campbell	January 19
James Wilson	January 25
Christina Elizabeth Mawusi	June 5
Ethan John Peters	June 9
Mary Ann Harpham	June 25
Nicolas Robert Stack	October 1
Alexander "Tim" George Taylor	December 6





	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Households (Members & Adherents)	165	164
Received by Baptism	4	1
Removed by Transfer	4	1
Removed by Death	3	4
Confirmed Membership (Active & Inactive)	113	140
Identifiable Givers for Local Expenses	74	77
Identifiable Givers for M & S	77	77

George Knowles, Rolls Clerk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The current members are Shirley Anthony, Christina Bellsmith, Ronald Henbest, George Knowles and Gerald Watts. We are in the process of appointing two new members to replace the two who are no longer members. The congregation will be asked to approve the new members at the Annual General Meeting.

There have been no issues that required action by the Trustees during the past year; consequently we have been relatively inactive.

George Knowles

MINISTER

Dear friends in Christ,

As I lie awake in the early hours of the morning as I sometimes do, it gives me time to reflect and yes, to pray about the state of our church. On the one hand we have much to be thankful for. The building in which we worship is beginning to look splendid again and it remains our most important tool in reaching those outside its walls with the unconditional love of God. We continue the important work of restoration and ask for each one's involvement to see it happen.

More importantly, many who find their way inside for a Sunday service report finding the life of the Spirit; a vitality and energy for which they are searching. For this we thank God, for if God's presence was not with us, there would be no point in trying to go forward. We must treasure this gift of the Spirit, fan the flames of its fire, and strive to be filled with its light. This is our number one priority. This is our strength and our reason for existence as a church.

The last five years have been spent building a foundation. Now we must grow. We must grow because it is the will of God to build up the church. To quote Jesus, he said, 'I will build my church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it.' Matthew 16:18. We must grow because there are so many outside of our walls that desperately need to hear the message that they are loved unconditionally, that they are forgiven and that they have a hope for the future. We must grow because our own survival depends on it. McDougall needs to continue to exist as a beacon of God's light for generations to come. This is especially true considering the revitalization of the downtown that is taking place with thousands moving into the downtown core.

Grow we will. We will grow as we continue to plan services whose messages are inspirational, relevant and challenging. We will grow as we employ songs that not only reflect our faith and our love for God, but also sing the language of the vernacular. We will grow as we expand our message hundreds of times over through the use of online video streaming. We will grow as each one of us becomes involved and offers our time, talents and resources for the sake of reaching others. Most of all, we will grow because we have invited the Spirit to set us aflame with a passion to reach others with the love of God.

If this is the kind of church you believe in and the kind you want to be a part of, you are in the right place. The important thing is that we move forward together in unity. Too many moves of the Spirit have been quenched by internal strife and divisions. This must not happen here. We must be truly united; united in heart and purpose, united in spirit and love, and united in faith. There is always room for diversity of thought and ideas but always within the framework of loving one another.

I want to give thanks for all of those who labor selflessly to make it happen. We have an amazing staff and I want to pay tribute to Agnes, who labored tirelessly for 28 years as our church administrator. We now have Shauna who brings her gifts and passion to her work and recognize God has sent her to us. We continue the challenging work of transitioning to a new tomorrow. Peter and Dolores go about their work quietly but with no less devotion and their work must be recognized and valued. I also want to give thanks for Dr. Gordon Oaks, who labored among us bringing love to so many of our shut-ins. He is missed but we believe God has someone to carry on his work. Please pray for that.

I want to give thanks to the many volunteers who offer their time and talents, and who give faithfully to this work of God. They are too numerous to mention, but they include people who sing in our choir, teach our children, work behind the scenes in ushering and sound, lead small groups, paint, work on the building and offer a warm cup of coffee. Thank you! May God richly reward you!

Sometimes the way gets weary. The challenges are great. But the prize of seeing lives transformed is well worth it. Let us take courage from the Apostle Paul's words to the Galatians, 'Let's not get tired of doing good, because in time we'll have a harvest if we don't give up.' Galatians 6:9 CEB

Rev. Christina Bellsmith Senior minister

I have completed over ten years of pastoral care ministry at McDougall this year. It has been a most enjoyable time for me in visiting members of the congregation. It is a gift that McDougall gives to those who have been members of McDougall for many years. Those I visit have given years of service and leadership to McDougall and the Edmonton community. Most I visit are no longer able to go to church Sunday mornings but with my visits they are reminded that they are not forgotten and that McDougall honours their faithful years of service to the church and the wider community. They are an amazing group of people and I am honoured to be able to visit them and hear their stories and share what is happening currently at McDougall and have a prayer together.

My terms of reference were for part-time visiting in ten hours a week. I visited Wednesdays and Fridays usually, but my time was flexible, and I was on call for any emergencies at other times.

- I visited 21 seniors care centres and nursing homes in 11 private homes regularly
- I visited six hospitals as necessary over the year
- I did a Sunday morning service in the chapel at The Churchill Retirement Residence every three months
- Special visiting and counselling that would come up

In addition, since I was visiting and had contact with individuals and their families, I was often requested to plan and conduct the funerals for families. I must make note that McDougall does a wonderful caring ministry for families at the time of people's funerals. The Hospitality Group under the coordination of Shirley Anthony does such a wonderful job for the funeral receptions. Families and those attending express their deep appreciation for the caring they feel and receive. Our music ministry under the leadership of Kimberley McMann also provides wonderful support for the funeral services. In addition, there was support that Agnes Lui, our office administrator provided for the families in helping with their arrangements. Our new administrator Shauna is carrying on this fine support. Our custodian Peter Tinning provides pastoral care in so many ways as he supports the people in their use of the building and facilities.

This just underlines the fact that my Pastoral Care Ministry is not done alone by me. So many support this ministry. There are many people who have done pastoral care in the past with phone calls and visits to people and continue to do so. We have a small committee that I report to under the coordination of Viola Bruggeman. They visit and phone and see who might be missing from church and let me know of any concerns they have or have become aware of. I can then follow up on these concerns. I have very much appreciated the teamwork I have experienced in doing my Pastoral Care Ministry. This is one of the strengths and gifts of the McDougall congregation that makes it a special place to work in.

I want to express my appreciation for the rest of the fine staff I have worked with in my ministry at McDougall. I have mentioned some of them previously. I have felt so supported by our minister Christina Bellsmith and I have so enjoyed working with her and appreciate her pastoral care ministry as well. We have been a good team. Dolores Bell has her role as Program Coordinator, but she has an ear and awareness of pastoral care needs that she has passed on to me and I have appreciated that. The McDougall Council and the Human Resources Committee have been most supportive of my ministry and I thank them. Finally, I thank all the people of McDougall with whom I have worked and gotten to know. It has been a privilege and joy to have been part of the McDougall ministry for over ten years. It has been a blessing to me and a good transition to full retirement from congregational ministry.

May the Spirit of the loving God and the presence of the compassionate Christ continue to bless you.

Rev. Dr. Gordon Oaks, Pastoral Care Minister (retired)

COUNCIL

The Executive Council comprises up to eight individuals elected by the congregation plus the lead Minister. The Council met as an executive group nine times during 2017, plus five times together with the “Full Council” which includes representatives from the various Ministry Groups/Committees within the church, to foster communication amongst all those in leadership roles. We planned to have a one-day retreat for a workshop to take a close look at our finances and mission, but we could not find a suitable facilitator and date during 2017. It is now planned for March 3, 2018.

The Council continued to deal with a heavy agenda all year long, struggling to keep the meetings to a reasonable length. Building matters continued to require attention as the major restorations were completed. These required additional commitments of funds from our reserves.

Among the continuous challenges are weighing new opportunities with the human and financial resources required to pursue them, of which there is a persistent shortage. With Laurie Mereu taking the lead to revitalize our Stewardship Ministry, we have been renewing our vision of greater congregational participation in the opportunities we have for ministry. Karen Bishop, Claire Redpath and Rev. Christina took on the challenge of a fund raising campaign for interior renovations.

“Generative Discussions” continued to be a regular meeting topic, helping us to refresh our sense of vision for mission in contrast to the hard discussions on more practical topics.

Unusual items on the agenda this year included • discussions and votes on behalf of our congregation on four “remits” or motions for changes in the “Basis of Union” which is the constitution of the United Church of Canada • welcoming and facilitating the triennial Pastoral Oversight Visit made to congregations by Edmonton Presbytery, and • supporting Christina’s research proposal for her Doctor of Ministry thesis.

We also marked major changes with the retirement of our long-time Office Administrator, Agnes Lui in the fall (although she continued to assist with the fiscal audit through January), and our Pastoral Care minister, Gordon Oaks, at the end of the year. We welcomed our new Office Administrator, Shauna Konelsky, in October.

We are indeed blessed to have had an active and engaged Council, who have worked long and hard, with wisdom, tolerance and love; and a constellation of committed and capable individuals leading the many ministries that manifest the myriad aspects of a Christian community, including caring for others through Hospitality, Pastoral Care and Greeting and Ushering, intellectual pursuits such as the Book Club, religious pursuits such as Prayer and Bible Study, creative pursuits such as Music and Painting, organizational support such as Property and Building Restoration, Finance, Marketing, Ministry & Personnel and Administration ministries, community and social justice ministries such as Affirm, E4C and Bissell Centre ... and a number of others I have not named who offer loving service and leadership in many ways. I am personally grateful for their service and support.

We are greatly blessed to have had capable and committed ministers in Christina and Gordon, and staff Agnes and Shauna, Dolores, Peter, and Kimberley, and support musicians. The extent of their work is not always noticed, but every one of them does so much to enable and lead all of the work of this church.

Executive Council members in 2017 were:

- Larry Derkach (Chair)
- Claire Redpath (Past-Chair until June)
- Velia Watts (Secretary)
- Margaret Lea Phillips (Treasurer)
- Bob Ash
- Karen Bishop
- Greg Greenough (until August)
- Rob McLauchlin
- Laurie Mereu
- Gerald Watts
- Rev. Christina Bellsmith


Larry Derkach



Affirm! McDougall

Affirming Congregational Work

Affirming congregations work to meet the spiritual needs of all marginalized and excluded groups in society, including invisible minorities, such as gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, the trans-identified, and visible minorities.

Affirm! McDougall strives to do the following

- A. As a ministry, to become more educated regarding excluded and marginalized groups
- B. Educate the church and community regarding groups of people who are traditionally marginalized
- C. Reach out to marginalized societal groups and to address some of the needs of marginalized groups

Accomplishments 2017

Affirm! McDougall continues to support Haven, an LGBT led monthly worship service, which meets at McDougall United Church, and continues to host and provide leadership for Bible Queeries, an LGBT focused Bible study.

- A. Monthly coffee meetings.
- B. Held luncheon educational session regarding "conversion therapy."
- C. Had Affirm! McDougall pamphlets photocopied and folded at Staples. Product looks more professional than what was printed on a personal computer printer.
- D. Staffed a table at Queer Prom, which was attended by at least 510 youth. At Queer Prom, we gave out Affirm! McDougall information, Affirming Edmonton Presbytery congregations, McDougall United Church button pins.
- E. New design for promotional buttons saved about \$1.00 a button.
- F. Participated in Edmonton Pride Parade and helped staff United Church booth at Pride.
- G. Received payment from Edmonton Presbytery for cost of Parade entry and booth.
- H. Conducted Pride church service, with Mark Chiang speaking and with Edmonton Vocal Minority performing.
- I. CHEW educational luncheon presentation by Institute of Sexual Minority Studies and Services.
- J. As requested, sent Tim Horton's gift cards, instead of speaking honouraria for the CHEW program.
- K. A Co-Chair of Affirm gave an opening prayer at the 2017 Hate to Hope March.
- L. Hosted Education System educational luncheon.
- M. A Co-Chair of Affirm spoke at Sherwood United Church.

Plans 2018

- A. Hold monthly coffee meetings.
- B. Continue to support Haven ministry's monthly worship service.
- C. Affirm/Pride church service.
- D. Participate in Pride Festival Parade.
- E. Staff an information booth at the Queer Prom.
- F. Offer educational sessions.
- G. Explore additional ways to serve God.
- H. Support Camp firefly.

Gary Simpson

BOOK GROUP

Lois Ash, Sarah Coumantarakis, Mae Deans, Leslie Johnson, Lorna Mathews, Sharon Pangman, Joan Seath, Peter Tinning, Diane Zinyk

January	Precious Cargo	Craig Davidson	(memoir)
February	Loving Frank	Nancy Horan	(historical fiction)
March	They Left Us Everything	Plum Johnson	(memoir)
April	Sweetland	Michael Crummey	(novel)
May	Dinner With Edward	Isabel Vincent	(memoir)
June	Station Eleven	Emily St. John Mandel	(novel)
July/August		no book group	
September	The Sellout	Paul Beatty	(satire)
October	Brown	Kamal Al-Solaylee	(LitFest event)
November	In the Garden of Beasts	Erik Larsen	(history)
December		no book group	

Some of us having attended the 2016 Craig Davidson LitFest event, it followed that the reading and discussion of his memoir **Precious Cargo**, kicked off the past year. There also were some good discussions on the rest of books listed, with one exception: **The Sellout**. The meeting was canceled and the parsing of the satire was not returned to.

Joan Seath hosted the June potluck/discussion evening, and while the day was sunny, it was so gusty, we were happy to huddle inside as we imbibed in the array of food and prodded our thoughts on **Station Eleven**, a darkly futuristic novel. Summer flew by. All too soon we were in fall with LitFest not far after. With Book Group having tackled Kamal Al-Solaylees, **Intolerable: A Memoir of Extremes** a few seasons ago, and as he was on tour with **Brown**, his newest non-fiction work, it combined an opportunity for most of our group to not only hear the author at that LitFest event, but to also experience the setting in the recently opened MacEwan University Allard Hall.

Of special note, and on behalf of the Book Group community outreach, the monies raised by Peter Tinning from the book resale/bottle recycle areas, were directed and disbursed as follows:

- Mennonite Central Committee – Syrian Refugee Project
- YEGO – an initiative in conjunction with St. Stephens College helping Rwanda rebuild
- CHEW – Dr. Andre Grace project working with LGBT youth at risk
- YONA – Youth Orchestra of Northern Alberta (ESO initiative working with disadvantaged children by providing musical mentor ship in a holistic environment).

The first three projects listed have all at one time or another come to McDougall and given after church presentations regarding their work in the community. Although YONA has not been a presenter, it somewhat aligns with Music at Noon, in that you never know where a burgeoning talent might be discovered.

Diane Zinyk

2017 Highlights – We completed the following studies:

- **“Biblical Wisdom Literature”** – presented by Professor Joseph W. Koterski. This study explored writings from long ago, including books from the Bible, that specifically provide guidance and teachings which are still very much applicable to our lives today. We studied writings from the Old and New Testament such as the Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Solomon, the words of Jesus, and many others.
- **“Red Letters”** – presented by Tony Campolo and Colin McCartney. This study focused on the “radical but clear teachings of Jesus” and their relevance to our lives today. We considered thought-provoking questions as we explored: Materialism; Compassion; Politics; Spirituality; Joy.
- **“Choose Justice”** – presented by Tony Campolo and Shane Claiborne. This study affirms that “with Christ, we can participate in building a better world through the many choices we make every day. Choosing justice on a daily basis at the mall, at the table, in our celebrations will change our lives, the lives of those around us and the lives of people we may never meet.”

Studies Planned for 2018:

Winter 2018

- **“Fearless”** – presented by Max Lucado. This study invites us to envision a day when we could trust more and fear less. Max Lucado helps us to examine some of our greatest fears and “outlines a spiritual solution to the growing minefield of fears prevalent in the world today.” This study finishes on February 25, 2018.
- We continue to explore various sources for studies that we can offer in the spring and fall of 2018. We will announce the new sessions next summer.

Participation

All are welcome to participate in the discovery and conversation. There are no costs for attending. The group meets on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Typically, attendance has been anywhere from 5 to 8 people at each session.

Come and join us!

Thank You

We extend a heartfelt “thank you” to:

- Peter Tinning – for faithfully making sure that the rooms/equipment, coffee and tea are ready for us on Sunday mornings.
- Agnes Lui, Dolores Bell, Shauna Konelsky – for making copies of our study handouts
- Those who brought treats and baking for us to enjoy during the sessions.

Velia Watts, Facilitator
Spiritual Development

HOSPITALITY/ CATERING

A special 'Thank You' to those who came in early 53 Sunday mornings to prepare for community time and special events.

We are fortunate to have those listed below who donate their time and energy for food services when needed.

Ernie Bernard	Gordon Dunmore	Joyce Rees
Vienna Boyd	Angeles Espinaco-Virseda	Joan Seeth
Joanne Brix	Antje Espinaco-Virseda	Melba Smith
Viola Bruggeman	Juan Espinaco-Virseda	Janette Sorensen
John Buhler	Leslie Johnson	Peter Tinning
Karsten Buhler	Richard Mapstone	Elizabeth Vanderpuye
Ethel Wood Davis	Rosemary Packer	Diane Zinyk

We are fortunate to have Peter Tinning who has the coffee ready, whenever and where ever it is needed.

Hospitality:

- ✚ Birthday cakes were served the last Sunday every month, and a special birthday cake in July to celebrate Alice Henbest's 90th birthday.
- ✚ Made and served chili last year for the AGM meeting in March.
- ✚ Celebrated Mother's Day with a tea and Father's Day with hot dogs and sundaes.
- ✚ Kitchen detail barbeques and potlucks.
- ✚ August was salads and hotdogs or chili with a bun month.
- ✚ Agnes Lui's retirement after 28 years as secretary was celebrated on September 24th with a reception luncheon for 130 people family and friends, congregation, and business associates.
- ✚ Light lunch for October 15th Discovery Festival,
- ✚ Kitchen assistance for Sunday school lunch.
- ✚ Lunch provided for choir December 3rd.
- ✚ Kitchen detail December 17th - potluck turkey dinner.
- ✚ Kitchen detail at the Bethlehem market.

Memorial Services:

June 24th, 2017

- Ethan John Peters
- Christina Elizabeth Mawusi
- Assisted Vanderpuye family with the reception

June 30, 2017

- Mary Ann Harpham - Reception

December 14, 2017

- Tim Taylor - Reception

Attended Memorial Services:

June 26, 2017

- Ted Kolber - held at St. Paul's United

September 6, 2017

- Shirley Wright – held at Garneau Church

Shirley Anthony

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL (M&P)

2017 Highlights

- Retirement: A big “thank you” and “God bless” to Agnes Lui, our Office Administrator, who retired after 28 years of dedicated service to McDougall United Church. Happy retirement, Agnes.
- Retirement: A big “thank you” and “God bless” to Rev. Gordon Oaks who faithfully looked after our pastoral care needs for over 10 years. Gordon, enjoy your much deserved retirement.
- Recruitment: welcome to our new Office Administrator, Shauna Konelsky; we also welcome Emilia Grindlay and Chris Friesen, who joined us as Alto and Tenor Section Leaders.
- Office Administration Transition: we provided direction and assistance in the transition/training of our new Office Administrator with the help of Dolores Bell, Agnes Lui, and Rev. Bellsmith.
- Met with the Edmonton Presbytery Pastoral Oversight Committee – review conducted in December
- Continued work on the McDougall Employment Handbook, focusing on standardizing our employment practices and guidelines. Also continued work on a McDougall Operating Guidelines document which will outline the current procedures involved in the day-to-day support activities undertaken by our staff. This will be done in consultation with staff (and volunteers) involved. This work will continue into 2018. Work on these two documents will continue in 2018.

Acknowledgements:

We acknowledge the contributions of and extend our gratitude to:

- Rev. Christina Bellsmith and Rev. Gordon Oaks for their valuable guidance, leadership and prayers as the spiritual leaders of our faith community. We wish Rev. Oaks a wonderful retirement.
- McDougall Council and to our congregation for your support, guidance, and prayers.
- Kimberley McMann, for her excellent leadership and dedication to McDougall’s music ministry and to Elsie Hoover and the Choir Section Leaders for their valuable support and dedication.
- Our ministry groups and volunteers for their leadership and dedication to the work they do to support McDougall’s mission and ministries
- Our support staff (Agnes Lui, Shauna Konelsky, Dolores Bell, Peter Tinning) for their dedication to the daily tasks that need to be done in support of McDougall’s mission and ministries and to keeping our facilities clean, healthy, and safe.

Projects and Programs for 2018:

- *Staff support and recruitment* – as required; we are actively recruiting a Pastoral Care Minister
- *Staff Evaluations* – long overdue; we hope to tackle this in mid-2018.
- *Review and revise staff Job Descriptions*
- *Review Compliance with United Church Ministry/Personnel Handbook*
- *Employment Handbook* – started in 2016; continuing work in 2018.
- *McDougall Operating Guidelines* – started in 2016; continuing work in 2018
- *Monthly Staff Meetings* – M&P (HR) will continue to provide advice, assistance, and support through attendance at monthly staff meetings and individual requests for consultation.

An Appeal:

Edmonton Presbytery has advised that the M&P Committee should have at least five members; currently we only have two. We could really use another couple of members to help us with the projects planned for 2018. Please consider this opportunity to serve our faith community.

Velia Watts (780-479-5742); gvwatts1@gmail.com
Paul Conway (780-433-4881); 33p.conway@gmail.com

MEN'S POTLUCK SUPPER GROUP

We met 11 times during 2017 at the houses of various members of the group.

The usual attendance was five to seven people.

We have interesting discussions about various topics, including events at McDougall and other issues of more general interest.

The food provided by the members continues to be excellent and is a major attraction that brings people to the suppers.

We continue to welcome any men from McDougall who would be interested in joining us.

George Knowles

OUTREACH: BISSELL SANDWICH-MAKING

One Saturday per month throughout 2017 a group of volunteers made sandwiches for the Bissell Center lunch program. A volunteer delivered approximately 350 sandwiches to the Center each month from McDougall.

Thank you to all the volunteers; you make this ministry possible. The group of regular attenders gratefully welcomed some new faces this past year.

Whether on a regular basis or occasionally, know that your time and effort is appreciated.

Peter Tinning and Leslie Johnson

MUSIC MINISTRY

It has been another great year of music making at McDougall United Church. The choir is the main focus of the music ministry. They are a very enthusiastic and dedicated group of 12 singers. We rehearse once a week together, and I am very fortunate to have such a great group of people to call my colleagues.

In February of 2017 we had a gospel-inspired month of music, featuring several fun anthems, and performances by Back Porch Swing and a youth choir from the Zimbabwean community of Edmonton.

During our Easter season, we had a simple Good Friday service with our section leaders, and a trio of musicians from the Edmonton Metropolitan Orchestra. By contrast, we had full choir, trumpet, and timpani for our Easter Sunday Service.

At the end of our choral season, we said goodbye to Kent Sutherland and Gloria Wan, long time section leaders at McDougall. It was incredibly hard to see them leave, but we gained two new employees in Chris Friesen and Emilia Grindlay. They have been wonderful additions to our team and a true pleasure to work with.

In the fall, we were treated to a special composition for our Remembrance Day Service, written by our new section leader Chris Friesen. It was so well received and beautifully composed that I decided to officially commission a Christmas piece from Chris as well. In addition to this piece, we also had Josh Agar join us on trumpet for our Remembrance Day Service.

Over the Advent and Christmas season, we kept very busy as we participated in an inter-cultural choral festival with guest Linnea Good on the first Sunday in Advent. We performed one piece on our own, and then joined in for a mass choir piece written by Linnea to finish off the afternoon. Later that month, we had a guest saxophone player join us, three members of the *Amahl and the Night Visitors* cast, who sang for us during a service, the premiere of Chris Friesen's "O Magnum Mysterium," and a Christmas Eve Service that was filled with several anthems, traditional carols, and a guest trumpet player.

After Christmas, several of our choir members as well as our accompanist and I, performed in a joint production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors* with Holy Trinity Anglican Church and Trinity Players Theatre. It was a wonderful production and a great experience of inter-denominational ministry.

In addition to the music we worked on, we also spent time in fellowship together with brunches, nights out at State and Main, and a Christmas potluck party.

Staff musicians:

Kimberley McMann, Director of Music
Elsie Hoover, accompanist
Dr. Merrill Tanner, soprano section leader
Gloria Wan, alto section leader (Jan 2017-June 2017)
Emilia Grindlay, alto section leader (Sept 2017- present)
Kent Sutherland, tenor section leader (Jan 2017-June 2017)
Chris Friesen, tenor section leader (Sept 2017-present)
Sidney M'Sahel, bass section leader

Kimberley McMann

OUTREACH: MCDUGALL PROJECTS

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT NOON CONCERTS (December 6 and 13) supported the **e4c School Lunch Program** with donations of \$2,535. As well, the Strathcona High School Band Concert contributed \$355.

BISSELL CENTRE

McDougall Church supports the Bissell Centre throughout the year with donations of food, clothing and money. A group of volunteers make sandwiches monthly throughout the year for their drop-in. Christmas donations of warm woollies were generously donated from the Mitten Tree, as well as the Christmas Stocking project.

INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY

McDougall takes a turn in providing Sunday lunch once a year following the worship service for the Community of Emmanuel at the Bissell Centre.

EDMONTON FOOD BANK

The New Year's Eve Benefit Concert raised \$3,977 cash and 295 kgs of food for the Food Bank.

NO ROOM IN THE INN

The Christmas Eve offering in 2017 was designated for No Room in the Inn for Canadian Mental Health, Edmonton Region and \$1,476 was forwarded to them.

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

McDougall Church supports this program from July to September in partnership with the United Way to provide school supplies for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

MINISTRY AT THE CHURCHILL RETIREMENT RESIDENCE

We provide an afternoon program in December of Christmas music, readings and pastoral care for the residents at the Churchill, which include many of McDougall's people, with our ministry staff and volunteers.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND

The first Sunday of the month is an opportunity for the congregation to support the Benevolent Fund with an extra donation following the service. The Fund is available at the minister's discretion for those who come to our door seeking special assistance.

MISSION AND SERVICE FUND

McDougall Church supports the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada through congregational donations. In 2017 we forwarded a check in the amount of \$19,204 in support of local and worldwide mission.

Dolores Bell
On Behalf of McDougall's Outreach

PROGRAMS, EVENTS, MARKETING, ADMINISTRATION

The following are programs and events we presented in 2017 which you participated in, as well as the wider community, in the areas of: spirituality, social justice, outreach, human and community interest. They were intended to inform inspire, stimulate, enjoy – and to reach beyond our own experience. Some I initiated and/or supported, but had a hand in all of them, whether through consulting, meetings, planning, catering, set-up, organizing, or shopping!

February	Pancake Lunch - Shrove Tuesday on Sunday Program: Black History Month: Video <i>White Like Me</i> Program: Refugee update with Marianne Watchel
March	Program: Support Holy Spirit Weekend Taize Service, Spring Equinox Program: McCauley: A Caring Community with Paula Kirman
April	Program: Palm Sunday video and lunch Easter Interlude – Holy Saturday Easter Sunrise Breakfast
May	Merry Month of May Market Mother's Day service Program: Powerhouse Prayer Group workshop
June	Father's Day Year End BBQ: Sunday School and Volunteer Appreciation
July	Canada Day Celebration, Summer Salad Lunch Program: Blanket Exercise
August	Heritage Sunday, Potluck Lunch
September	Labour Day Picnic Lunch, hot dogs & corn indoors Program: Sunday @ Noon – An African Experience with Rev. Gordon Oaks Program: Support The Secret Retirement Agnes Lui
October	Program: Support The Secret Thanksgiving Pie Sunday Festival of Faith Halloween Coffee time
November	Program: Support The Secret Program: Canadian Military Values with LCol Paul Conway (retired) Remembrance Day: Interfaith Walk for Peace Service and refreshments Program: Gandhi's India with Dr. Bruce Miller Anniversary Service
December	Advent Market Congregational Christmas Potluck Lunch Christmas Music at Noon Benefit Concerts Dec. 6 and 13 Bethlehem Café at coffee time Christmas Eve, organize volunteers, candles, Santa New Year's Eve Benefit Concert, liaison with producer, host/work

Sunday @ Noon Programming

We are caught between a rock and a hard place! On the one hand, we hear this programming is of value, reaches a fairly large number of people on Sunday, and is one of the best things we do. On the other hand, it draws people away from coffee time once a month. We do want to stress that we only schedule a program once a month; the other three Sundays are free for community time. We are mindful of the dilemma; however, it is the only time in the week that we have a captive audience, reach the most people, and offer a “value added” piece to the Sunday morning experience at McDougall. And we think that is a good thing!

Congregational Communication Notes

“McDougall Life” is a monthly tabloid publication currently designed for the congregation. It is mailed to the congregation and is available throughout the month at the back of the church. It is definitely one way to keep in touch with the congregation.

“McDougall Weekly” is a one pager on the back of the Order of Service. It contains timely information on church programs, events and committee news. Space is limited, and we can only give you the most current events with minimal information.

Weekly Email News: Due to technical problems causing more than a year and a half lapse, we have not been able to use weekly email to communicate to the congregation. As I write this in 2017, we can report we are now able to send weekly emails through a program called Mail Chimp. This will strengthen communication to the congregation.

Through Pastoral Care

Pastoral care visits, calls and notes are an essential way to keep in touch with our people and actually has that all-important “communication” piece built into it. We will be looking for ways to strengthen that in the new year.

Other

Some areas I am involved in on a regular basis:

Website, McDougall LIFE, “Weekly” bulletin, advertising, office support, chair staff meetings, financial support for Christmas and New Year’s events; schedules for AV, counters, greeters, scripture readers, communion servers; cards/emails thanking volunteers, liaise with groups/committees.

Attend: Full Council, Worship Committee, staff meetings, congregational meetings, Edmonton Presbytery (on occasion), funerals, celebrations, Pastoral Oversight visit.

Office Transition

With the change in office staff, my responsibilities now include more administration, coordination and support in the office - and life of the church in general.

My employment is half time. I am a member of the Outreach Committee of Edmonton Presbytery. I am very grateful to have the opportunity of working with the staff, leaders and volunteers at McDougall during such challenging and interesting times. Thank you so much for the opportunity.

Dolores Bell

PROPERTY

- 1) On February 10/17 we finally got started with some progress on lights, (both temporary and permanent in the attic area of the church). Peter and I had time to put up some temporary lighting in the high bay attic and while doing that discovered the permanent lighting. We replaced quite a lot of lighting there with a dozen or so new 150 w equivalent LED bulbs. Although we acquired the walkway plywood from the Ledcor Restoration job, the plywood has still to be cut and put down for safe walkways in 2018.
- 2) Our new hoist was a priority in the attic after lights were installed February 17 /17. I am happy to say it is complete and installed. We were operational and safely installed for hoisting our center chandelier in the Sanctuary.
- 3) February was a hard month as we had a break-in to our main office area of the church, and some of our Audio Visual A/V equipment went missing. Although not a lot was taken from the office, we have had a new deadbolt installed on the office door Jan.14/18, which is keyed the same as the existing handle lock. Hopefully this will help by stopping these break-ins. As for the A/V equipment, (gone) with the help of Gerald Watts, and Gordon Dunmore we managed to acquire two new used pads for our A/V on E-Bay. It took a bit of time to reprogram but once again was operational in April. Thanks so much to all who helped get this accomplished.
- 4) We now have two new track lights LED, installed February 24/17, to the left and right of our choir on the stage walls north and south. Hopefully this will help in those darker areas of our stage till we can get a more permanent solution.
- 5) Men's washroom had to have a new toilet installed by our plumber. Thanks to Peter for his help in accomplishing this.
- 6) In April I was asked to get a couple of proposals for a new washroom area and quotes for that proposal. Although I asked for two I only received one of those.
 - 1) Atkinson Construction \$ 150K. (Contact Burke Atkinson)(O) [780-963-3388](tel:780-963-3388) (c) [780-920-5070](tel:780-920-5070)
 - 2) Ledcor (failed to submit a quote). Kyle Amirault (o) [780-395-5400](tel:780-395-5400)These are complete quotes for all associated work.
This work has been put on hold till funds are available, along with our elevator proposal.
- 7) On May 11 /17 (from a deficiency list from our fire inspection 2016,) we installed a new Red Key Box, necessary for the Fire Department access to our building. This is complete and operational now mounted to right of our south office entry. (Red FD box)
- 8) Also in May our office alarm contract was renewed with Tyco and Nick Smith@tyco.ca
Nick: [780-801-2372](tel:780-801-2372) or [780-232-7155](tel:780-232-7155) , new equipment was installed to replace the defunct and aging equipment no longer in use.
- 9) August 8/17: Replaced all lights on ceiling in balcony pews upper ceiling new LED bulbs. Gerald and I replaced all these lights, had to rent scaffold to access these lights. Thanks once again Gerald for your much needed help.
- 10) October 25/17: Although we had the leak temporarily repaired in the chapel ceiling we once again had a leak damaging tile and fixtures in the T-Bar ceiling in September. Leak repaired and tile and fixtures are repaired. During this lighting blitz we also replaced lights in the foyer and stairways, much needed improvement Peter, thanks for your help.

11) October 2018: Also in October Gerald, Peter and I dropped the sanctuary center fixture, cleaned and replaced all the bulbs and dimmers on the existing chandelier. We used our new hoist to lower and raise the fixture installed earlier this year. Thanks to all again who helped. During the work it was noticed that existing wiring will need to be replaced. We are scheduling it in 2018 with our new budget.

12) Replaced our tree on the south lawn for Agnes Lui retirement. This Sunburst maple tree replaces the old tree removed during the building restoration by Ledcor. With the help of Sunstar nurseries we had it complete for her retirement and dedication.

13) We also helped and assisted in the Christmas manger scene setting up and removal in November that Karen Bishop and Christina Bellsmith worked on to highlight the Christmas season.

All in all, this has been a busy 2017. I look forward to new accomplishments in 2018.

Bob Ash

PAINTING FOR PLEASURE

The Thursday morning Painting for Pleasure group continues to meet weekly in the Norwood Room for a few hours of good conversation, inspiration and (of course) painting! We have affectionately dubbed ourselves the "Group of Some".

Our annual group show, Something Wonderful, was held through November.

Visitors included many new members from within the church family and people who had never been to McDougall before!

Many members took the leap this year and participated in local art sales including the Premier's "Art from the Unknown", Whyte Avenue Art Walk, Strathearn Art Walk and Griesbach Art Walk.

Many thanks to the church for letting us use the Norwood Room, and a special thanks to Peter Tinning for brewing the coffee each week.

Karen Bishop

POWERHOUSE PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Ministry meets every Thursday at 2 p.m. in the chapel/lounge with anywhere from two to eight people. Here are some ways the Prayer Ministry is serving you:

- A person is available for prayer after every Sunday service in the sanctuary.
- A person is available for prayer during Communion and candle lighting.
- The labyrinth is available during the week; please call the office for a time.
- A trained spiritual guide is available for assistance with personal prayer.
- The chapel/lounge is available for prayer before Sunday morning worship.
- A Prayer Ministry volunteer greets the congregation before worship begins on Sunday.
- We pray for individuals, the church, the city, the world, special needs.
- We offered a pre-Christmas gathering "Light in the Midst of Darkness: Feeling Blue at Christmas".
- We offer one workshop a year; the next one will be in the spring of 2018.

Rev. Edith Harnden

STEWARDSHIP

McDougall United Church Council

We are called to be the Church, We sing Thanksgiving

The following are highlights from the Stewardship committee:

A Stewardship committee has been formed, including Laurie Mereu, George Knowles and Velia Watts. During September – October 2017, a five week program on Stewardship was offered during the Sunday morning Bible Study, using the DVD and Tool kit from the United Church of Canada: We Sing Thanksgiving. DVD sermon series was presented, featuring Reverend Danielle Ayana James from Hillhurst United Church, Calgary. The following is a summary of the Bible Study:

Week 1: Gratitude is “goodness in action”. What are you grateful for?

Week 2: Stewardship is “taking care of God’s resources for the good of one another.” Stewardship also includes: time, talent, resources, wisdom, mentorship and friendship. The Stewardship of influence can change a situation. Being an advocate or a spokesperson is also Stewardship.

Week 3: Mission & Service (Ministry) is the humanitarian work of the Church along with support of Ministries. “Mission & Service gifts will continue to fund only the mission and ministry of the church. Mission & Service will continue to support global partners, social justice initiatives, community ministries, chaplaincies, theological schools, education centers, Indigenous church initiatives for healing and justice, faith formation programs, communities of faith in remote locations or in transition, and innovation through the newly launched Embracing the Spirit.”

Week 4: Sharing gifts of love, wisdom, caring. This is part of our faith journey. “The impossible can be made possible through love.”

Week 5: Give thanks for all blessings. Give thanks to God. It is through being grateful to God that we are able to open up our hearts to be generous to others. “We give because God was generous first.”

I met with David Armour, Director of Philanthropy, and Kathryn Hofley, Financial Development Officer, on October 25th, 2017, to discuss Stewardship within the United Church of Canada. Workshop on Discovering Your Gifts was held on Sunday, November 26th, 2017; facilitators Velia Watts and Laurie Mereu. This workshop will be offered again in the spring. Regular announcements and reminders have been made each month about joining the Pre-Authorized Remittance Program (PAR).

We will continue to host different programs throughout the year to: Inform, Inspire, Invite and to Thank people for their contributions. More information on Stewardship can be found at www.stewardshiptoolkit.ca.

Today’s Quote: **“There is no other place that I would rather be than here. We are already at the best Church. This is the best Church.”**

Laurie Mereu

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRY GROUP

The current members of the Worship and Music Ministry group are:

Velia Watts (chair)
Antje Espinaco-Virseda
Edith Harnden
Kimberley McMann

Joan Seath
Gary Simpson
Gerald Watts

Minister: Christina Bellsmith
Staff: Dolores Bell

2017 Highlights

- Great worship music with guest musicians (for details, see the report from Kimberley McMann, our Director of Music) **
- Taize Services
- Gospel Music Month
- Holy Week and Easter - Lunchtime Meditations; Palm Sunday Service with Procession of Palms; Good Friday Service; Easter Interlude - with guest guitarist Bill Damur; Easter Sunrise service and Easter Celebration service (with breakfast in between)
- Affirm worship service (Pride Sunday) with guest musicians
- Blessing of the Animals
- Back to Church Sunday Service (with special participation from McDougall Sunday School)
- Bruce Miller – guest preacher on Anniversary Sunday
- Service of Thanksgiving
- Remembrance Day service
- Light in the Midst of Darkness – a service for whom Christmas time is a difficult time
- Advent and Christmas – Advent Candle Lighting; Christmas Music Sunday; Christmas Eve candle light service (over 350 came to this service); Christmas Morning Service

Thank You to All Who Help Make Our Worship Meaningful – God Bless You

- We are thankful to our ministers and worship leaders: Rev. Christina Bellsmith, Rev. Gordon Oaks, Larry Derkach, and Gary Simpson for their leadership in our worship services; thanks also to Rev. Edith Harnden for her help with the prayer ministry during Communion Sundays and after our regular worship services.
- We are grateful for our musicians: Kimberley McMann, Director of Music; Elsie Hoover, Accompanist; our Choir Section leaders: Merrill Tanner, Soprano, Gloria Wan and Emilia Grindlay, Alto, Kent Sutherland and Chris Friesen, Tenor, and Sidney M'sahel, Bass; Keith Erb, flute and percussion. A huge “thank you” to our volunteer choir members who faithfully attend rehearsals on Thursday evenings, worship services on Sundays and during the special church seasons of Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas.
- Thank you to “The Good News Group” (the “jam group”) for their participation in our services; we hope we will hear more from you.
- We also want to thank Joan Seath and her helpers who prepare the communion elements each month, Antje Espinaco-Virseda who organizes our sanctuary décor to reflect the church seasons and who organizes our prayer candle Sundays.
- We thank our Greeting Ministry Team who offer a warm welcome to all who join us at our worship services and make them “feel at home”.
- Thank you to those of you who read Scripture, serve communion, and assist during prayer candle services – you are a big part of our worship experience at McDougall United Church.
- Thank you to all of you who did your part in making our Christmas Eve service joyful and inspiring.

Planned for 2018: We will continue to explore more opportunities to enhance and improve the worship experience at McDougall. Please continue to let us know how our worship services inspire you or your thoughts on how we can do better. We welcome your feedback any time.

Please read the separate report from our Director of Music for music highlights at McDougall.

Velia Watts gwwatts1@gmail.com , Chair of Worship and Music Ministry Group

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The finances of McDougall United Church remain in a similar condition to last year due to a reasonable balance sheet and reduced General Fund expenditures on property management in 2016 and 2017. The 2017 General Fund's excess of revenue over expenditures is primarily attributed to capital gains on investments that were larger than usual. Our income from investments continues to be positive. The Fierra Sceptre fund increased from \$563,308 to \$614,096 by year end.

It was an active year in 2017 with the building restoration project completed. The majority of the restoration costs were covered by Externally Restricted grants from the Province of Alberta (\$750,000) and the City of Edmonton (\$500,000). The overruns of \$118,093 on the project arose from a decision to complete additional work when the scaffolding was already in place and were covered with Building Restoration Deferred Contributions and the remainder from the McDougall Memorial Fund.

In 2017 ministerial housing expenses of \$26,636 were paid out of the Externally Restricted Manse Fund designated for this purpose. While this contributed to the 2017 General Fund surplus, the Manse Fund will be depleted in the two years requiring the costs to be covered through general revenues.

McDougall's offerings were up 5% over 2016 to approximately \$195,000. Spending was well managed and the General Fund had a surplus of \$58,805 with approximately \$40,000 of this derived from net investment gains. The building restoration work funded by grants is now complete allowing McDougall to focus on the spiritual growth, connection and well-being of our congregation and our wider McDougall community.

During the year our former auditor advised she is reducing her obligations in preparation for her retirement. The transition to our new Chartered Accountant Keith Vansevenandt at Yaremchuk & Annicchiarico who audited and prepared the 2017 year end statements has gone very smoothly. We are extremely pleased with the depth and expertise their team brings to McDougall.

In closing, I am truly grateful for the knowledge and support that Agnes provided to the Treasurer, Council and Congregation throughout the year. Thank you Agnes, you are a blessing to McDougall.

Margaret Lea Phillips



2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes

McDougall United Church Sunday,

March 12, 2017, Banquet Hall

Attendance: Nelson Alfred, Marilyn Annis, Neil Armstrong, Robert Ash, Lois Ash, Dolores Bell, Christina Bellsmith, Ernie Bernard, Erika Beyer, Deborah Bibaud, Joanne Brix, Viola Bruggeman, Jodine Chase, Paul Conway, Roland Deegan, Larry Derkach, Janis Dunmore, James English, Antje Espinaco-Virseda, Juan Espinaco-Virseda, Ramon Flores, Rilla Fuller, Elvira Gregg, Brent Hauptmann, Ron Henbest, Alice Henbest, Marian Ivan, George Knowles, Kathy Lewis, Agnes Lui, Jack Lui, Adelle Mayes, Gills Mbagna, Rob McLauchlin, Laurie Mereu, Ann Peterson, Margaret Lea Phillips, Beryl Pomedli, Les Pomedli, Claire Redpath, Kathie Reith, Roberta Richardson, Nellie Sarmstan, Gary Simpson, Stephen Turner, Manuela Wada, Gerald Watts, Velia Watts, Vance Weir, Colleen Weir, Diane Zinyk

Meeting called to order at 12:25 p.m.

A. Thank you to the Hospitality Ministry Group for the wonderful lunch for the congregation.

B. Opening prayer - Rev. Christina Bellsmith

C. Comments from Council Chair – acknowledge staff and good work done.

D. Memorial led by Viola Bruggeman and Lois Ash to honor and remember those who passed from this life to the next during 2016:

Sue-Ellen Ens (January 4); Marjorie Farley (January 11); Edna Braiden (January 22); Belva Steil (June 16); Bill Phalen (September 7); Doris Reddington (September 12).

Lois and Viola provided some insight into each person's life and their unique involvement with McDougall; as each person was honored, Lois and Viola lit a candle in each person's memory.

E. Annual General Meeting Set-up Motions:

- 1 **Motion:** That Larry Derkach be appointed AGM Chair and that Velia Watts be appointed AGM Secretary – (Viola Bruggeman/Marilyn Annis) - **Carried**
- 2 **Motion:** That the Annual Meeting agenda be approved as presented - (Paul Conway/Beryl Pomedli) - **Carried**
- 3 **Motion:** That all members and adherents present be eligible to vote on matters presented at this meeting - (Marian Ivan/James English) - **Carried**
- 4 **Motion:** That the minutes of the 21 Feb 2016 annual meeting be approved as circulated - (Rob McLauchlin/Bob Ash) - **Carried**

F. 2016 Auditor's Report and Appointment of 2017 Auditors

- 1 **Motion:** That McDougall United Church approve the 2016 Audited Financial Statements prepared by auditors Allen and Associates - (Adelle Mayes/Neil Armstrong) - **Carried**
- 2 **Motion:** That Allen and Associates be appointed auditors for 2017 - (Margaret Lea Phillips/Marian Ivan.) - **Carried**

G. 2017 Budget

- 1 **Motion:** That the 2017 Budget presented to the congregation on Sunday, March 5, 2017 be adopted – (Paul Conway/Adelle Mayes) - **Carried**

Discussion in the motion included:

- 1 Why \$100k for worship? Includes clergy salary, musicians, related expenses
- 2 Elevator included? No.



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- 1 How will we meet projected increase in offerings? We have opportunities to grow congregation, members can give more.
- 2 Where is additional money going? Increase in cost of normal operations.
- 3 How will we raise \$100k needed for building? We will run fund raiser, take from reserves as needed.
- 4 Concern re: not enough funds to meet expected increase; hate to see needs for building being prioritized at expense of spiritual life and needs. Council is scheduling meetings to discuss building and spirituality. Comment: you can't out give God; when you give to God, you'll get it back; trust Council to manage

B. 2016 Clergy and Ministry Group Reports

Motion That the 2016 reports from Clergy and Ministry Groups be accepted as presented in the 2016 Annual Report - (Viola Bruggeman/Lois Ash) -

Carried

Note: Ministry Group representatives were available to answer questions about their committee's report and the work accomplished in 2016.

Discussion on the motion included:

Suggestion that we keep previous mission statement as a formal vision statement and publish it on the website.

I. Ratification of Current Executive Council and Other Nominations

- 1 **Motion:** That McDougall congregation ratify the existing Executive Council composed of: Larry Derkach, Velia Watts, Greg Greenough, Rob McLauchlin, Christina Bellsmith, Gerald Watts, Claire Redpath (Past Chair) – (Kathie Reith/James English) - **Carried**
- 2 **Motion:** That McDougall congregation approve the addition of Robert Ash and Karen Bishop, Margaret Lea Phillips as full members of the Executive Council - (Marian Ivan/Viola Bruggeman) - **Carried**

J. Other Business

- 1 Viola Bruggeman requested volunteers for the Pastoral Care Ministry Group.
- 2 Volunteers are also needed in other areas like Finance.
- 3 Congregation members are asked to consider contributing their time to help our church committees.

B. Adjournment

- a. **Motion:** that the meeting be adjourned – Paul Conway- **Carried** at 1:16 pm

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