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Letter from the Minister

“I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers” (Ephesians 1:15).

This is the place to begin - with my gratitude to God for you, all of you. In the year past I experienced what it is to be the church in such extraordinary ways. Being the church is grounded in faith in Jesus Christ and love toward all the saints, that is, the people who have been set apart by their participation in Jesus' church.

In another year this letter might have highlighted the important time of learning that I experienced in BC Conference's "Sowing Promise" event for ministers. Those two five day long retreats with former moderator Peter Short reignited my passion for ministry. Or this letter might have highlighted the ongoing conversation among five west-side United churches as we wonder what may lie ahead for our congregations.

But this was a year unlike any other for me and for you. I limped through Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday with the after effects of a bone marrow biopsy taken on Maundy Thursday. In the weeks that followed we all heard the unexpected diagnosis – early stage multiple myeloma and amyloidosis. The doctors taught us that, though there is no known cure, these are chronic and manageable diseases.

I have so many powerful memories of the days that followed that news. There was the gathering of the elders and ministry staff at Walter and Sara's home on a Thursday evening in May to pray, to cry, to laugh and to consider how to go about telling all of you. There was Walter's caring, strong leadership with words that reminded us of our calling and our faith in a time like this. There was my first Sunday in the pulpit after we had all heard of the diagnosis. I remember your love, your tears, your hugs and your encouragement that day and in the days that followed. I remember that the lectionary brought us the gift of Ephesians 1:15-23 on that first Sunday. It has carried me through the year. And I remember that every Sunday with you since has been, for me, a great gift to be received.

Then we learned that my initial treatment would be an autologous stem-cell transplant in the fall, with three months of high doses of steroids to prepare my body for the procedure. Suddenly the normal rhythms of the year were gone. Now we were on an unfamiliar journey together. I wondered what it would be like going through such a massive 're-boot' of my system. You worried about me. You also worried about what would happen in my absence. How would the congregation manage? Who might step into ministry in my place?

While we were sorting out what lay ahead we took time for festive neighbourhood gatherings. I remember the BBQ on the east-side of Vancouver at Janet and Tom's with the children bouncing to their delight in Bruce and Wanda's bouncy castle. I remember a

lovely dinner at Maria and Paul's at UBC, another at Brenda and Alan's in Richmond and another at Robin and Aaron's in Kits. There were wonderful dessert gatherings hosted by Peter at UBC and by Es and Eric in Dunbar. I recall so many other lunches, dinners and conversations over coffee. We knew that soon we would not see each other for awhile and we were determined to have one last conversation or meal before the day came. Then Verna and Dick said that we should have a congregational party and said that they would host it in their garden. On the day in July when the party was scheduled it was pouring with rain. We went ahead in any case. The photos tell the story. There you are, rain or shine, hosted by our generous elders and enjoying the bonds of love that God has formed among us.

I have one final memory before going on disability leave in late July. It is of the annual Native Ministries Consortium dinner. Once again we had a wonderful time together with folk who have become our friends over the years. But near the end of the evening something new occurred. The Hawaiians present introduced us to the "aloha". Slowly, one by one, many of our friends from Native Ministries and some of you came forward to touch foreheads, breathe together and offer a spoken prayer or blessing. It was a long line. I was, quite literally, blessed.

Then came the word that Doug Goodwin had heard the call of God in a half-time leave of absence from his work as Executive Secretary of BC Conference to be our Congregational Minister while I was away. It seemed so right to all of us and proved to be a great gift to me and to you. A variety of preachers took turns with Doug in the pulpit. Gerald Hobbs took on responsibilities in Adult Faith Formation while Caroline Penhale picked up responsibilities for the Christian Seasons Calendar and newcomers along with other tasks that fell through the cracks. Gary and Myrna Gibson kept a watchful eye on pastoral care in the congregation, especially among our beloved seniors. Marjorie Morrison-Ross was a pillar in the office, keeping communication lines open and maintaining a consistent presence week to week. Janet Reid and Robin Anderson-Andersen co-ordinated the children's ministry seamlessly. Margaret Skarsgard once again offered her gifts freely in leading The Singers (ably assisted by barista Lloyd). Walter Rilkoff, Erin Tarbuck and John Culter worked closely with Doug and Caroline to provide a steady hand at the tiller. Many of you stepped forward when called upon to help. We discovered that our fears had been in vain. God has formed you into a remarkably strong congregation that has great resilience in the face of a crisis like the one we faced this year.

When I think of the fall I remember the two driving teams that were ready to drive me to and from the Stem Cell Transplant Day Centre daily from August through October. My morning drivers from Crescent Beach were made up of neighbours and of parishioners I served there in the 1980's. My afternoon drivers home from Vancouver were you UHillians. It was a wonderful experience for me of what church and neighbourhood can be.

And then I remember returning to worship with you for the first time on the third Sunday of Advent. What a joyful reunion that was. We were careful in our meeting – washing hands, refraining from hugs – for fear that my weakened immune system might lead to an illness. We managed that well and I did not get sick. I was back preaching on the fourth Sunday of Advent, teaming with my good friend Doug all the way through Christmas and into Epiphany. What a Christmas present.

I don't know what else to say but to thank God for you. Thank God for your care and support and prayers. Thank God for you bearing with me and encouraging me. Thank God for you showing me what it is to be the church. As Paul prays in the Letter to the Ephesians so I pray for you:

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power" (Ephesians 1:17-19).

Blessings,
Ed Searcy

Message from Doug Goodwin

Friends,

One of the gifts of being a congregation is that we are called to bear one another's burdens. We are asked to do something that we would not normally choose to do, thus enabling us to be something better than we might have chosen for ourselves. We are raised above the mediocrity of our own choices and self-interest.

None of us would have chosen Ed's illness. I was certainly not looking to become a preacher and pastor for University Hill Congregation (I was enjoying being a parishioner far too much!). But sometimes God calls us into a life and into choices that we would not have chosen... and it turns out to be a surprising, even astonishing, gift.

I had been around University Hill Congregation long enough that I was not surprised at the depth of faith and commitment I found during my four months as your part-time minister. The leadership skills and abilities that emerged were also anticipated. Your support for me personally was deeply felt and appreciated, but that I had experienced many times earlier and knew it was coming.

So, no huge surprises... but what did slowly emerge was this overwhelming sense that despite the fears and anxiety, despite the necessary changes and the unknown future, despite the many hearts that were already aching, we were a people well-grounded in a

life with Christ, a life that knows the way of the cross while living joyfully and hopefully in the light of the resurrection.

Never did it feel like we were denying the hard realities; never did it feel like we had to “only look on the bright side”; never did it feel like we were slipping into despondency; never did it feel unfaithful or untruthful. Always it felt like God was very present.

Never would I have freely chosen those four months before Christmas... but I am deeply grateful for them...

... and for all of you. Ed names many of you in his letter. To all of them, thank you from me, too.

And thank you to the very many others who each Sunday, in small, sometimes deeply bred ways, made those months a gift: with your caring comments; by laughing at a joke in a sermon; by joining in worship Sunday after Sunday. You did not do it for me alone; you did it because that is who you are, the people of God, the sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, disciples on a journey of God’s choosing.

I could not have chosen a better group of fellow disciples to share such an adventurous journey!

Shalom,
Doug

The Session

I became chair of Session at the last AGM on April 10, 2011 of our Congregation after much listening for God’s voice either to encourage me or to warn me away.

In many ways the task was daunting. Lorraine Beckett had performed admirably in the role and set the bar very high for any successor. Unfortunately, under our rules, it was time for her to step down. Again, on behalf of Session and of the Congregation, I want to acknowledge and to thank her for stellar service. No task is too small or too overwhelming for Lorraine when it is in service to God’s church and His people. While she has stepped down from the Session, she continues as our Presbytery Representative, spearheads the monthly sandwich making for First United, and also regularly attends their weekly dinner. We are blessed and inspired to have her among us.

Not having grown up in the United Church, I was not familiar with, nor actually that interested in learning about, its bureaucratic highway and byways. My expertise was in employment relations and my time on the M&P Committee was well within my comfort zone. Taking on the task of Chair of Session meant resigning from M&P, and giving up one of the perks of that committee: great meals and fellowship. More importantly it

meant moving outside my comfort zone to chair a group charged with the spiritual life of our congregation.

Over a pleasant lunch with Ed Searcy at the Four Seasons, he expressed his confidence that I could do the job and that he would be there to help and guide me in my new role. Plus of course, the Session itself is composed of a strong group of Christians committed to the life of our congregation including three ministers (Ed, Doug Goodwin and Sumarme Goble), the youthful and probing intelligence of Caroline Penhale, our Campus Minister, Erin Tarbuck, Scott Webster and, as of last April, the new voice of Carmen Philippe-Welton. No shy retiring violets among them and all a pleasure to work with.

In June, the Session chose Erin as the Vice-Chair of Session. Doug has continued as our Secretary. The Session is scheduled to meet 4 times per year with one meeting taking the form of a Retreat, usually in January. This year we postponed the retreat to June when we pray that Ed will be fully back in the saddle and able to attend.

The main issue before the Session over the past year centred around Ed's illness. In June, Session considered how to best guide the Leadership Group and the Congregation through the time of Ed's illness, particularly his absence.

A number of tasks were identified that were thought to be of primary importance: good Sunday worship and preaching, pastoral care (particularly, but not only, for elders), mid-week study groups, and administration. It was also identified that a key need would be not for particular tasks but for a non-anxious, rooted, and theological "presence" in a pastor/presider, someone who could help proclaim the gospel and keep the congregation grounded, a leader, and not just someone to fill in missing gaps.

We were fortunate that the Leadership Group, so ably assisted by Donna Runnalls and Brenda Reynolds, and what could only have been wise guidance from the Holy Spirit, chose Doug to be our minister in Ed's absence and to spend half his time for six months on the business of our congregation during an extremely difficult time. It is opportune to thank the BC Conference Executive and the General Council office for allowing Doug to serve us in this way. However, on behalf of the Session and the Congregation, I want to thank Doug for agreeing to this ministry and for fulfilling it so ably. We missed and worried about Ed but it was comforting to have a familiar face and a familiar voice providing continuity and speaking words familiar to our congregation. Thank you Doug.

The Leadership team also asked Gerald Hobbs to lead the various study groups and extended Caroline's participation to cover other tasks that might otherwise have fallen through the cracks. Again, we could not have made it through this period without the yeoman service of each of you. And again, on behalf of the Session and the Congregation, our humblest thanks to each of you, Gerald and Caroline, for your faithful ministry.

While it often seemed like Ed's illness, and coverage for it, occupied all of the Session's time, we did manage to turn to some other tasks.

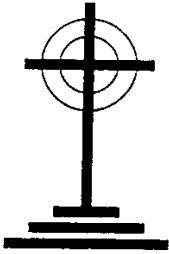
Session examined what, if any, role we should play in the conversation among five of the Westside churches to examine in what areas we might work together, or even whether amalgamation of some or all of the congregations might be worth exploring. Clearly in the Session there is nervousness, even trepidation, about entering into this conversation and where it might lead. In our nervousness, I believe we reflect the congregation. Much of that concern comes from a good place: a love of and devotion to this congregation and the life we all live. Some of the concern arose from the fact that, in light of Ed's illness, now may not have been the time.

However ultimately we decided to participate. While the timing was and is not opportune, particularly because of Ed's illness, it was a conversation that Ed very much wanted to be part of. Understanding that participating does not mean committing to any particular result, and believing that rather than risking the value we see in our congregation, it may instead be an opportunity to share our gifts, we have decided to participate. In addition to Ed, we are fortunate to have had Aaron Andersen, John Culter and Joanne Haramia agree to take part in the training and to attend the sessions. Of course as topics of interest come up, anyone is welcome to participate and to report back. Keep the work of this group in your prayers.

We have also dealt, although not yet in an in-depth way, with the Remit that Session is to consider before May. The United Church of Canada is considering making changes to the Basis of Union. Gerald led a group on Thursday evenings discussing the history of the United Church and our terms of Union. The session will soon have its own meeting led by Gerald and will be inviting those who wish to offer their insights to attend, particularly those who have attended Gerald's Thursday sessions.

It has been a difficult year but not one without its blessings. Our congregation has faced and will continue to face difficult times. Thanks be to God, we have survived and indeed have prospered. The Lord willing, that will continue. My thanks to Ed, Doug, Caroline, Erin, Scott, Sumarme and Carmen for their hard work and their participation in the spiritual leadership of our congregation.

Walter Rilkoff



MINUTES OF
The Annual Meeting of
University Hill Congregation
April 10, 2011
The Chapel of the Epiphany, Vancouver, BC

- AUTHORITY** The regular Annual Meeting of the University Hill Congregation, The United Church of Canada, was convened on April 10, 2011 A quorum was present (33 members and 7 adherents).
- PRAYER** The meeting opened in prayer, led by the Rev. Ed Searcy.
- ELECTION OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY** Ed Searcy explained that in the polity of the United Church the congregation at the Annual Meeting elects its own Chair and Secretary. He then moderated the election of the Chair and Secretary.
MSC (Gerald Hobbs /Shelley Jones) that Lorraine Beckett serve as Chair for this congregational meeting.
MSC (Peter Nosco/Erin Tarbuck) that Doug Goodwin serve as Secretary for congregational meetings for the year.
The Chair called the meeting to order.
- ADHERENTS VOTING & CORRESPONDING PRIVILEGES** Ed Searcy explained that the members could permit adherents to speak and vote on most matters at a congregational meeting. Non-members would not be able to vote on matters of change in pastoral relationship with a minister or the purchase or sale of property.
MSC (Shelly Jones/Barbara Fraser-Tilley) that adherents of the congregation, that is, all those on the congregational mailing list sixteen years of age or over, who regularly contribute to the congregation's life and work, be granted permission to speak and vote at this meeting.
- AGENDA** *MSC (Doug Goodwin/Carmen Philippe-Welton) that the agenda as presented be adopted.*
- MINUTES** *MSC (Doug Goodwin/Walter Rilkoﬀ) that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the congregation dated April 18, 2010 be approved.*
- SESSION** Doug Goodwin explained that when the congregation changed its governance and management structures, it decided that the Session and Board of Stewards would follow the United Church *Manual* rules for those two bodies. The rules for the Session in *The Manual*, however, leave several options open. The proposed Terms of Reference provide choices about those options that the Session and congregation will follow.
Discussion followed regarding the Terms, particularly about the desirability of voting for Session members by ballot. It was also explained that while the Session itself would not normally use committees for its own work, committees or other groupings of people could certainly be used to get the work of the congregation done.
MSC (Doug Goodwin/ Donna Runnalls) that the Terms of Reference for the governance of the Session be adopted.
MSC (Gary Gibson/Barbara Fraser-Tilley) that the letter from the Minister and the

		<i>report of the Session be received.</i>
DIMENSIONS MISSION	OF	<p>The Dimensions of Mission reports were brought to the attention of the meeting. During discussion, Sumarme Goble noted that the Elementary Church School has a great deal of difficulty planning and finding teachers. Those presently involved are spending a great number of Sundays teaching. She suggested that having someone paid to coordinate and teach this age group would be an asset. Barbara Fraser-Tilley suggested that it might be possible for youth to also benefit from paid coordination.</p> <p><i>MSC (Gerald Hobbs/Janet Teasdale) that the congregation support in principle the initiative proposed and ask the Session and Board of Stewards to implement this direction, if possible.</i></p> <p><i>MSC (Donna Runnalls/Peter Nosco) that the reports of Dimensions of Mission be accepted.</i></p>
RESOURCES MISSION	FOR	<p>The Resources for Mission reports were brought to the attention of the meeting and questions were received.</p> <p><i>MSC (Michael Welton/Marjorie Ross) that the reports of the Leadership Team and Ministry and Personnel Committee be received.</i></p>
NOMINATIONS		<p>Ed Searcy spoke to the Nominations report, explaining how most congregational positions were filled by volunteers who then needed to be accepted at the Annual Meeting by the congregation. A Nominations Committee, however, works to nominate people for the Session.</p> <p>The Chair asked if there were any further nominations. Hearing none, the report was put to the vote.</p> <p><i>MSC (Gary Gibson/Barbara Fraser-Tilley) that the Nominations report be accepted.</i></p>
ELECTION OF ELDERS		<p>It was reported that Lorraine Beckett has served three terms as an Elder and, therefore, will be stepping down from the Session. A new Elder needs to be elected to replace her. In addition, both Walter Rilkoff and Erin Tarbuck's terms have ended but can be renewed.</p> <p>Ballots were distributed to elect three elders to the Session. The ballots were counted by the Nominations Committee. It was reported that Carmen Philippe-Welton was elected for a two year term, and Walter Rilkoff and Erin Tarbuck elected for three year terms.</p> <p><i>MSC (Doug Goodwin / Shelley Jones) that the ballots be destroyed.</i></p>
FINANCES		<p>John Culter introduced the financially-related reports. He introduced the members of the Board of Stewards and expressed appreciation for the work of the Envelope Secretaries, Dan Sneep and Lourette Swanepoel.</p> <p>In response to a question, John explained that the new Endowment Fund was initiated by a donation by a member of the congregation. The goal of the Fund is to increase the Fund capital through donations and use its income to support the ongoing work and mission of the congregation.</p> <p><i>MSC (John Culter/Michael Butler) that the reports of Offering Envelopes, the Minister's Discretionary Fund, the Stewards, and the Board of Trustees be received.</i></p>
REVIEWED STATEMENTS		<p>John Culter highlighted items from the reviewed Financial Statements 2010 and responded to questions. He explained several variations from the Budget 2010.</p>

MSC (John Culter/Shelley Jones) that the reviewed Financial Statements 2010 be accepted.

BUDGET

John Culter presented the Budget 2011 and responded to questions.

He noted that based upon the performance of the last two years there is significant net income budgeted for the Christian Seasons Calendar in 2011.

He also pointed out that the office secretary will be receiving an increase in salary after some years without an increase.

MSC (John Culter/Shelley Jones) that the Budget for 2011 be adopted.

APPRECIATIONS

Walter Rilkoff led the congregation in expressing its appreciation to Lorraine Beckett for her work as the Chair of the Session, as well as for the great many tasks and responsibilities she has taken on over the years. The congregation gave Lorraine a standing ovation and Walter presented Lorraine with a gift.

ADJOURN

MC (Doug Goodwin) that the meeting adjourn after prayer.

PRAYER

After singing Voices United #601, "The Church of Christ in Every Age", Ed Searcy led the congregation in a closing prayer.

Dimensions of Mission

Liturgia – Worship of God

Worship Ministry

Sunday worship services are central to the life of University Hill Congregation. The year 2011 was a challenging one for us all, including members of the Worship Ministry Team, with the shocking news of our minister Ed's serious illness. We had lengthy discussions regarding our primary concerns for worship services during Ed's medical leave. Brenda Reynolds, as Chair, was invited to be on the Transition Team, tasked with the responsibility of finding an appropriate person to lead, preach and be a strong pastoral presence. We were very happy and relieved when Doug Goodwin agreed to be our minister.

It continues to be an honour for us, as the Worship Ministry Team at University Hill Congregation, to carry out our role of general oversight for worship services. We met 4 times in 2011 with agenda items including: evaluation of recent services, planning for upcoming services, inviting, training and scheduling worship leaders, preparation and oversight of the sacraments of baptism and communion, recommendations regarding special services, reports from and conversation with the Ministry staff, attending to Chapel-related needs and coordinating offerings of flowers and other seasonal decorations. This year we provided some extra support to Doug to help him with many of the tasks required to plan and carry out our worship services.

Some of the specific work of our members included the following:

- Diane Hobday and Sue Zhu shared responsibility for arranging Worship Elders, Lectors, Greeters and Coordinators for each Sunday. UHillians continued to respond positively to these requests for leadership on Sunday mornings. We were grateful to Caroline Penhale for referring us to students who were interested in giving leadership.
- Brenda arranged for Preachers on the Sundays Ed was away on vacation and study leave. We are fortunate to have several ordained clergy and lay people in the congregation who are able preachers. While we have a rich source of leadership within the congregation, it was determined by the Transition Team that for the second half of the year we would contact ministers from outside the congregation, in addition to Doug's preaching 2 Sundays a month. Many of Ed's colleagues had offered assistance to us during his medical leave. Guest preachers were well received by the congregation and attendance remained steady throughout the fall.
- Trenor Tilley and Laurenda Daniells shared the main responsibilities of Worship Service Coordinator. Lorraine Beckett has been trained to coordinate as well.

- Laurenda prepared Communion elements the first Sunday of each month as well as every Sunday in Lent and Advent. Erin Tarbuck baked a special loaf of bread for the Communion services.
- We continued the practice of having a Rite of Healing service twice a year.
- As last year, Doug led us in a Tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday after a soup supper.
- We shared Good Friday service with our neighbour, St. Anselm's Anglican Church, in their facility, with Ed preaching.
- Palm Sunday with special music provided by The Singers, the Easter vigil and Easter Sunday service were highlights of our Christian year.
- Advent and Christmas were busy and joyful seasons in our worshipping life including the children decorating the Jesse Tree with symbols they had made; reading of the Advent lessons and lighting the candles; Christmas Eve service with a live manger scene including shepherds, angels and a real baby Jesus; and a quiet service on Christmas morning, led by Gerald Hobbs.
- While VST had given us notice that we might have to move our Sunday worship to the "Castle" fifth floor on a regular basis, this happened only once in the year with minimal inconvenience to us.
- One of our housekeeping concerns has been finding sacristans to set up for Sunday morning worship. Marjorie Morrison-Ross recruited Simon Luc Noel and Matthew Hall to fill this role. The Committee recommended that we also ask them to clean up after the services because of the Mennonite congregation worshipping in the Chapel on Sunday afternoons.
- The need for a Wedding Coordinator was discussed by the Committee. Names of people who were seen to have gifts for that ministry were suggested. Carmen Philippe-Welton coordinated one wedding and reported it to be a good experience. We will work on having several people trained and available for weddings as the need arises. Marjorie has drawn up a detailed description of the responsibilities.
- Dan Sneep volunteered to update our picture board. With the blessing of John Culter who initiated this project, Dan has been taking pictures of members of the congregation on Sunday mornings.
- Diane arranged flowers for special services as well as for members who wished to offer flowers in memory of a loved one.
- The community time after worship is important in our life together. Coffee coordination is the responsibility of this committee. Our faithful coffee-makers are Lorraine Beckett, Sue Zhu and Brenda Reynolds.

We give thanks for the leadership of our minister, Ed Searcy, who leads us in rich and meaningful Sunday services with inspirational preaching. We give thanks, as well, for Gerald Hobbs, Margaret Skarsgard and The Singers for their faithful leadership in enhancing our services with their fine musical gifts.

The Committee is very grateful to Doug Goodwin for the continuity his leadership provided in the fall and for his thoughtful sermons.

We look forward to 2012 rejoicing in having Ed lead us in worship once again. We are indeed blessed!

Respectfully submitted,

Worship Ministry Team

Laurenda Daniells

Gerald Hobbs

Diane Hobday (Minutes)

Brenda Reynolds (Chair)

Ed Searcy

Ruth Situma

Margaret Skarsgard

Dan Sneep

Sue Zhu

The Singers

St. Paul said it well: "If I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unproductive. What shall I do then? I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray with the mind also; I will sing praise with the spirit, but I will sing praise with the mind also." I Cor. 14: 14-15

We call ourselves The Singers, this group of friends which arrives at the chapel auditorium at 9am on Sunday mornings, committed to the task of preparing the hymns and introit for the upcoming service. We're a happy lot and there is much chatter and laughter as we enjoy coffee and a warm muffin before starting to sing. We practice singing all the right notes in the right time so that we can "sing praise with the mind". Then we look carefully at the text so that we can "sing praise with the spirit", and really tell the story to the congregation gathered to worship. We appreciate Gerald's thoughtful accompaniments.

The faithful singers are enthusiastic and ever so patient as they repeat a section "one more time". Their director is grateful for each singer. We welcome new members at any time. We think you would enjoy this start to your Sabbath.

Margaret Skarsgard (Director)

Didache – Training in the Way of Christ

Little Ones Programme

Aside from staff changes, this programme for preschoolers is unchanged from previous years. We continue to use the God Loves Me series of Bible storybooks together with activities designed to play the story of the day. Throughout year the children enact the

stories in the Bible from creation in Genesis to significant events in the lives of Peter and Paul in the Book of Acts. As much as possible, the themes of the church year are followed. The children as they enter kindergarten or grade 1 leave this class and are replaced by younger ones who were such a short time ago babies in their parents' arms.

This programme could not happen without the faithful work of our staff teachers. Tess Co and Cris Najos taught alternate weeks until August when Cris moved to Edmonton and Ruth Situma offered to replace her, thus allowing an easy transition for the children and the administration. Helen Fu, Elizabeth Tilley and Sumarme Goble have been staunch helpers during this past year. I am delighted to announce that Jillian Reynolds will also be a helper in the coming year. The programme cannot operate without two responsible people present each week. Sometimes parents stay down with a shy child but because of the presence of these helpers in the classroom, University Hill can give parents of young children the opportunity to worship, knowing that their children are well cared for and learning the Biblical stories of our faith.

Another group of people who enable this programme to work smoothly are those of you who move furniture and roll carpets each week so that all evidence of our interactions with these children is hidden away until the following Sunday. Thank you, thank you.

Birthday Cards

Betty Hilton with her nephew Jim's assistance continued to send birthday cards to the children associated with UHill on behalf of the congregation until this fall. They carefully chose each card and tried to make sure each card would arrive close to the child's birthday. This work was done quietly without fanfare and many of you might not even know that children across Canada receive a birthday card each year in your name. A great big thank you to Betty and her nephew for all the years they have send out these cards.

We are very fortunate that another Betty, Betty McGill, has taken over this service to our children for us.

Anniversary Cards

As in previous years, another person quietly working in the background is Joanne Haramia who sends out Anniversary of Baptism cards to all children baptised at UHill or who attend our Sunday School classes and were baptised elsewhere.

Thank you, Joanne, for helping the children and their parents to mark this important event each year.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Reid

Elementary Church School

From January 2011-June 2011, there was one class each week with one teacher and one assistant. The class size was fairly consistent, with between 6 and 12 students and an average of 7 students per class. The ages for this class remained the same from the previous year for 5-12 year olds.

We are using the same curriculum as we have in previous years. Our teachers from January to June were Sumarme Goble (with Scott Goble's assistance), Janet Teasdale (with Tom Teasdale's assistance), Marjorie Ross (with Robin Anderson's assistance), and Aldyen Donnelly.

In July 2012, Robin Anderson took over as head teacher and coordinator for the Elementary aged class. She now teaches each week with no assistant. Classes are based on the curriculum books, the lectionary readings, and the current Christian season. We try whenever possible to be consistent with the worship themes that are happening in the congregation to bring a sense of consistency between classes and worship.

During the summer months, packages were prepared for children to work on during the church service. In September 2012, Robin hosted a "back to Sunday school" gathering at her home for the children of the congregation. Nine children gathered for this, had lunch together, a worship activity, and some out door playtime. At Christmas, families came together at the home of Janet Reid to decorate the Jesse tree ornaments and have a meal together. There were 6 families present at this gathering. Since September, we have had 6-14 students each week; with an average of 8 students each week in the Elementary aged class. Robin continues to plan and teach the class each week. The children have stayed in worship for intergenerational services for Thanksgiving and Christmas day.

Our future challenge is to create a warm and welcoming space that can be taken down and stored away each week. This is difficult with the limited amount of storage space that is available for us in the auditorium.

Respectably submitted,
Robin Anderson-Andersen

Adult Faith Formation

Once again in 2011 we encouraged one another in learning the Way of Jesus Christ. We continue to think of discipleship as an apprenticeship in which we learn the trade by practicing this new way of life alongside one another. This formation is our education –

didache – in Christian life. The liturgy is our central place of learning as each Sunday we hear the proclamation of the gospel – the kerygma – even as the service of worship – liturgia – helps us to embody the peace of Christ, the drama of eating together at the table and the offering of our lives in service in the world. Meals shared, care offered, burdens shared, reconciliation experienced through acts and words of forgiveness are all ways in which adults are formed in the peculiar life that is called Christian. Once again this year a variety of groups gathered to host scripture and to discuss what it is to live as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Wednesdays found a faithful group gathering for “Bible at Breakfast” at the White Spot Restaurant on West Broadway at Larch. Gathering for breakfast at 7:30, our long-time server Helen greets us and knows our orders by heart. Each week we host the next chapter in whatever biblical book we are hosting even as we check in with one another’s lives and the life of the congregation. Our conversations are often wide-ranging, though always guided by our reading of the text of the week. In 2011 we read through the long book of Genesis before moving to the crucial chapters of Second Isaiah. During my medical leave in the fall Gerald Hobbs was regularly on hand to facilitate the group that numbers anywhere from four to ten.

Once again this year we were blessed to call Janet Reid’s home on West 57th Ave our “home away from home”. In Lent and again in the Fall we gathered on weeknights for a delicious meal and engaging conversation. Lent saw us reading a variety of scriptures that informed a conversation entitled “The Good News About Life and Death”. Then, in the Fall, Gerald Hobbs provided leadership in a study of the History of United Church Doctrine. This was especially appropriate as the Session prepared to respond to a remit that proposes additions to the United Church Basis of Union concerning the teachings – the doctrine – of The United Church of Canada. The study was completed early in 2012.

New in 2011 was a weekly Sunday morning gathering before worship to host the scripture for the day. We gathered in my office for an hour, beginning at 9:00 am over coffee, tea and dough-nuts. The lively group of four to six found this to be a rich time of conversation, shared concerns and prayer. Again, during my medical leave, Gerald Hobbs regularly facilitated this gathering.

I am grateful to be with a congregation in which scripture is considered central and where it is assumed that adults regularly engage scripture as a holy companion that is to be hosted, enjoyed, wrestled with and blessed by. Your love of the Bible, and of the God met there, is a real encouragement to me.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Searcy

Koinonia – Fellowship and Community in Christ

Baptisms

Joel David Webster	July 17, 2011
Quinton James Ramanathan	July 17, 2011

Marriages

Bradley Christopher Patrick Toews & Aimee Dione Williams	March 26, 2011
Michael Leslie Sasi & Melissa Erin Cory	July 28, 2011
Patrick Edward Smith & Katherine Emily Cooper	September 10, 2011
Daniel Robert Fortuna & Leigh Kristen Johnstone	October 1, 2011

Funerals

There were no funerals in 2011

New Members

Susan Henry (Canadian Memorial United, Vancouver, BC)	July 17, 2011
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Pastoral Care Ministry

The ministry of Pastoral Care within University Hill Congregation continues to be an organic response of the whole congregation to Jesus' call to "tend my sheep" (John 20:15-17). Pastoral Care entails our participation in the servant ministry – diakonia – of the church. It occurs in many ways, formal and informal. Relationships of care develop in various groups including Bible Studies, The Singers and Neighbourhood Gatherings. Conversations following worship, on the phone and over meals between long time friends and with newcomers to the congregation offer listening ears and encouraging words. Pastoral Care appointments with the minister are regularly scheduled by those who find themselves facing a pastoral crisis or concern. During my medical leave in 2011 the elders on the Session asked Gary and Myrna Gibson to take particular responsibility to see that the pastoral care of the congregation's seniors was co-ordinated and that no one slipped through the cracks in a time of need. Upon my return I have asked Gary and Myrna to continue in this role. As we continue to respond to Jesus' call to "feed my sheep" we invite your offerings of care for others in the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Searcy

Kerygma – Proclamation of the Gospel

Campus Ministry

Praise God for all the wonderful developments in Campus Ministry this past year! I am grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve in the role of Campus Minister.

If last year was a year of new beginnings, this year has been one of nurturing those beginnings and getting to see the hand of God at work in this ministry. To help with this nurturing, we formed a Campus Ministry Advisory Committee and while it has not yet met formally, just knowing that there are a few committed individuals willing to support and encourage Campus Ministry activities has been helpful.

A few staffing changes took place in 2011. I began working .60 fte instead of .75fte. We then created the position of part-time program assistant in Campus Ministry and Aaron Andersen, one of our Advisory Committee members was active in helping us recruit for the job. We hired Ryan Slifka, a ministry student at VST and he has been doing an excellent job of helping to promote Campus ministry and helping to coordinate and lead various activities. It has been good for the ministry to have a team of two ministry staff generating ideas and sharing in leadership and student engagement.

We continue to have both a Campus Ministry and an AMS student club. We had an easier time of registering our required minimum number of students to maintain AMS club status and don't anticipate any difficulties in being able to do so again next year. We did lose our club president part way through the first semester as he left the country for military service in Korea. We anticipate calling an election to elect a new club president before the end of the school year.

Our central activity is the Monday Night Meal and Bible study which takes place in the VST student lounge every Monday evening. This year, rather than focus the Bible studies around a theme, we have been studying the Lectionary text from the previous Sunday as a way of deepening the learning that took place in worship Sunday morning or of including the students who weren't with us in worship in the contemplation of the text(s) being collectively hosted by members of the wider church that week.

In April 2011, we were thrilled to have had 8 students attend our final session of the academic year. This had been the highest level of attendance to date for the 2010/2011 school year. Imagine how blessed we feel now that we average 7-8 students per week and sometimes share a meal and conversation with as many as 13 people! In May, of 2011, after reviewing attendance for the various programs and activities of the past academic year, I realized that the UBC Campus Ministry served 29 individuals at some point in the year, either through Bible Study, Book Club discussion, meditation class,

individual pastoral counseling or at a community service or social event. With the expansion we've seen this past Fall, that could easily be between 35-40 people. Through word of mouth, students are finding out about our Campus Ministry. It is encouraging!

We introduced a new program late in the Fall of 2011 called Spirit Sunday. This is an opportunity for people to gather in Ed's office after worship for a simple lunch and then spend time together in prayer and meditation in the 2nd floor VST chapel. This offering has been slow to gain momentum, but the people who have participated seem to really appreciate that we have created this opportunity.

Our Christmas events this year included a screening of the documentary film called "What Would Jesus Buy?" and an outing to the Van Dusen Gardens for its annual Festival of Lights. The film generated good discussion about consumerism and its impact. Later in the month, we had 6 students join us for a chilly stroll through the Van Dusen gardens. Those who came out that day seem to really enjoy the atmosphere and it was a fun way to connect and forget about exams for a few hours.

The Christian Womens' Book Club, co-coordinated with Catholic Campus Ministries continued, despite a break over the summer months. In the Fall of 2011, we read Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World* and Marilyn Chandler McEntyre's *Caring for Words in a Culture of Lies*. A few of our participants have had to leave the book club and we have welcomed one new member.

My participation with the UBC Multi-Faith Chaplains' association has not been as significant as in the previous academic year. Due to a variety of circumstances many chaplains have not been able to participate in Chaplaincy events. Chaplains in Rez, for example used to operate weekly through the school year but this past year we scheduled shifts only during the months of September and January. We added a weekly shift over the lunch hour on Tuesdays in the Irving K Barber learning commons instead.

I have continued to provide pastoral care to individuals, meeting for coffee or in my office as needed. I have been able to refer students to resources on campus, and to worship and faith formation opportunities through U Hill and other churches in Vancouver. I treasure this aspect of my ministry and feel blessed to have the confidence and trust of the people who come to talk with me.

I enjoy serving the University Hill and UBC Campus Ministry communities. I am blessed with truly wonderful students and colleagues. Thank you all for your continued support and encouragement of this ministry at UBC.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Penhale
Campus Minister

Christian Seasons Calendar

This was the thirteenth year of this important ministry and eleventh year that University Hill Congregation published the Christian Season Calendar. We estimate that we sold approximately 3300 calendars in support of the congregation's missional life. As in the past, the artwork this year was outstanding. Moreover, we were delighted to include one of Carmen-Philippe-Welton's photographs as the image for the season of Lent.

With Ed's absence from July through most of December, the Calendar team wanted to ensure that this ministry continued as seamlessly as possible. This year's dedicated calendar team consisted of Marjorie Morrison-Ross, John Culter, Lorraine Beckett, Shelley Jones, Sumarme Gobel, Jackie Garrett, Leslie Munro, Carmen Philippe-Welton, Janice Love, Walter Rilkoff, Ed Searcy and Caroline Penhale. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard and well to make the calendar available and to get it into the hands of thousands of people worldwide. We are also grateful to Elaine and To at VST for making their postage machine available and thereby helping to simplify the shipping process.

The Christian Seasons Calendar also got some blog attention this year. David Swanson recommended the calendar saying that "When ours arrived a couple of weeks ago, at the beginning of Advent, we spent a few minutes looking through the beautiful artwork that will mark the church calendar for us this coming year. I love the idea behind this calendar and recommend it highly. Thanks to the folks at University Hill Congregation in Vancouver for making such a beautiful resource available widely.
<http://davidswanson.wordpress.com/2011/12/page/2/>"

It was a pleasure to be involved with this ministry this year. The calendar team looks forward to expanding the reach of the Christian Season Calendar. We have even received a request to develop a Christian Seasons Calendar phone application!

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Penhale

Lenten Devotional

"Even Though They Nothing Know"

2011 was the 13th time we, as a community, were asked to host 47 texts and response to the text with a lens to what God is saying to us and to the world now.

This is an amazing gift we have been given. We can sit down with a scripture, mull it over, put it down when difficult, pray, pick it up, wrestle with God and rest a bit. Then the surprise comes in words, melody, images and we respond.

We are young and old, rich and poor, well educated and have some education, we live in Vancouver and as far away as Sweden. We are new to the faith and life long believers.

We are church and as church we follow Jesus. As church we journey through Lent together reading one scripture per day and listen in on our brothers and sisters and they wrestle a blessing from God Word and offer up their humble faith to the community for the sake of God world.

Oskar, from Sweden hosted Abraham and Sarah. His image was accompanied by a poem:

*“Through rain, desert, wind and snow
Abraham and Sarah had to go
even though they nothing know.”*

So while *we nothing know* as we go, we do go knowing that God’s tenacious love is held in the Son’s pierced hands, feet and side for all creation.

That is an amazing gift!

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Beckett

Native Ministries Dinner

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

We continue the practice of hosting the Native Ministries Consortium for dinner. 14 years of moving between host and guest, from them, and us finally finding the We as followers of Christ Jesus.

While there is much to do in preparation the work somehow gets done and the tableware, from many homes, is set, the BBQ is lit, flowers and candles placed just so. Hymnbooks and bread for the Agape meal are readied for sisters and brothers in Christ to gather at the most important table within the room. The Lord’s Table calls us together.

Soon Christians from around North America, mostly from within BC, arrive with warm greetings. There are those present who haven’t missed this event in 14 years and there are those who are new to this gathering. As we bring shared memories of July evenings past, there is singing, drumming, feasting and praying.

This would be a year, which showed just how close we had become over the years.

While finishing off our meal our Hawaiian Brothers and Sisters lead us into their custom of taking the face of the person in need of prayer in their hands, touching forehead to forehead and offering up prayers.

It reminded me of many years ago while visiting with my Brother, Sister-in-Law and Nephews. The youngest, Simon, having been enrolled in a Montessori Elementary school greeted me by taking my face in his little hands and drawing me closer we touched foreheads.

At this dinner we were invited to come foreword and with this simple act, forehead to forehead, say a quiet prayer for Ed's healing. A few tears of joy and wonder were shed as we all witnessed God's Kingdom come in a faith community that covers the whole of God's world. Reaching beyond culture to gospel and Jesus' command to "Love one another as I have loved you".

Thank you to all our hosts, helpers and cooks for bringing it all together.

Mark your calendar for July 18, 2012 and join us for the 15th Annual Native Consortium Dinner.

Respectfully submitted
Lorraine Beckett

Diakonia – Serving Christ

First United Church Mission

2011 at First United Mission, in the heart of the downtown east side, was a very full year with many issues, conflicts and changes, perhaps too much for one year in 125 years of serve to those living on the edge of life.

I started to write this report putting in details, which I witnessed as both your First United rep & as your lay rep at Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery. However I realized that my witness wasn't enough. Too many words when only a very few words were necessary.

Here is my report on First United Mission's 125 years of existence

Matthew 25: 35-36

³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

We thank God for all the hands, feet and hearts that have walked, eat, fought and loved together. A place where server becomes the served and the served become the server. A place where them and us very soon becomes we, a little place with just a touch of God's kingdom come.

Respectfully submitted
Lorraine Beckett

The Tayem (Palestinian) Family Sponsorship

Five Point Grey Churches banded together this time last year to sponsor a Palestinian Family, originally from Jaffa, whose grandparents fled to Baghdad in 1948. Three years ago, they, as Sunni Muslims, were driven out of Baghdad and fled to Syria. They were stopped inside the Syrian border and the United Nations built them a tented camp. They have always been "undocumented".

Each Church promised and provided \$7000. The Tayem family arrived in June 2011. The family included Mohammed, his wife, Fadia Abushawali, their daughter, Jinan, and their two younger sons, Hasan and Samer. They are now "landed", to use the old term, and they have documents for the first time in their lives.

They have prospered. The father, Mohammed, has worked hard on his English, as had his wife Fadia. Their daughter and two sons are flourishing in school.

This is one of the most heartwarming things I have ever been involved with.

Respectfully,
Michael Butler

Add Your Light

On June 6, 2011 we welcomed Jan Tollefson, President of the Add Your Light Charitable Foundation, to our congregation for worship and lunch. Jan gave us a presentation which provided us with an update the work of AYL over the past year. It was well attended and much appreciated.

University Hill has supported the work of the Add Your Light (AYL) Charitable Foundation since its inception 14 years ago. It began as a missional venture of our congregation initiated by Jan Tollesfon, (a good friend and former member of Uhill). AYL's projects are primarily located in the Dominican Republic, with the major concentration being in the area of Dajabon (northwest D.R.). It is also involved in helping the Haitian community across the border from Dajabon, and in training people from other countries (Canada, United States, Honduras, etc.), so that they might spread these projects even further. Jan has continued to grow and develop the work of AYL and in January 2004, it became a nonprofit incorporated federal company with charitable status and is based in Calgary, Alberta where Jan as President of AYL now lives.

The mission of AYL is to partner with the people in the Dominican Republic, to support, promote and nurture sustainable, environmentally friendly programs until the Dominican project managers are ready to function independently. The creation of the Women's Small loans program and facilitating learning of skills to create small business or employment opportunities are both essential parts of it's mission.

The many programs and successes over the past year have included:

- The Provision of Add Your Light's solar lighting systems to groups in the DR and to various groups building post earthquake homes in Haiti.
- The installation of AYL's Biosand water filters to churches in Ouanaminthe, Haiti to combat the post earthquake cholera epidemic
- Support for a team from Calgary to provide psychological recovery after disasters training in Haiti
- A course in Pastry and Cake making for 12 women in the DR
- The distribution of over 489 loans by the Small Loans Program for Women in the DR.

In 2012 Jan had hoped to take a 3 -6 month unpaid sabbatical to re-create both herself and AYL, a time for evaluation and discernment. However, despite significant efforts, the Small Loans program is not yet self-sustaining. Jan will be working part time in 2012 to oversee the further development of this program and will provide ongoing administration and direction for the charity. Jan and the Board of AYL hope that supporters will continue with financial help to provide for the operating costs for the loans program and the many other significant expenses of this important work. Thank you to all of you who continue to support Jan and the mission of Add Your Light.

Respectfully submitted,
Marjorie Morrison Ross

Vancouver Burrard Presbytery

It has been about one year since taking on the role as your lay representative at Vancouver Burrard Presbytery.

There are four courts within the United Church of Canada. The first is the congregation. Presbytery is the second court of the Church, and it is your Pastor Ed's congregation. As Pastor to University Hill United, Uhill is the congregation Ed is called to serve, Van-Burrard is Ed's congregation so it shouldn't surprise you that as this group of Christians, both ordained and lay, gathering from Squamish to Canadian Memorial, Uhill to Lynn Valley, always begin with worship. Different people offer up Word, music and prayer for this once month congregational gather of God's people.

With my whole life spent in one congregation this was a very different experience of being a congregation.

The most exciting event was gathering in Penticton as the third court of the church, BC Conference. Here is yet another congregation meeting only twice within a three year period. It was a very busy time with long twelve hour days with a theme speaker, workshops, meals and even the May Van Burrard meeting taking place. Our time ended with worship.

Perhaps the lowest point was the struggles at 1st United Mission. I witnessed both the best and worst in myself and my sisters and brothers in faith, however I never felt God's absence.

I still feel a bit like a fish out of water in my role as your lay representative at Vancouver Burrard, however in whatever form or place Church happens God is always present to guide us along Christ's path of suffering love.

Respectfully submitted
Lorraine Beckett

Resources for Mission

Leadership Team

The Leadership Group consists of Ed Searcy (and during Ed's absence, Doug Goodwin), Caroline Penhale, Erin Tarbuck, John Culter and me, Walter Rilkoff. We serve as the Executive Committee of the Congregation.

Believing that God speaks most clearly to us over a meal, our monthly meetings invariably involve a meal. While all have shared, we meet most often over a wonderful meal chez John Culter largely because whenever anyone suggests pizza in Ed's office at VST, John feigns fainting and insists that he will provide the meal. We are invariably grateful. In addition to his gifts as chair of the Stewards and as a faithful member of this congregation and the choir, he puts together a mean meal.

As with much else this past year (see my report on Session), the Leadership Group was occupied with both Ed's illness and the consequences for the congregation of that illness.

Shortly after Ed shared his diagnosis with us in May, the Leadership group set wheels in motion to prepare for his absence and to appoint a replacement minister during his absence. We asked Donna Runnalls as Chair of the M&P Committee and Brenda Reynolds as Chair of the Worship Committee to join us to create a Transition Committee to find the right person to lead our congregation during Ed's absence. In fact, because of the timing much of the work fell on them and on behalf of the Congregation I want to thank them especially for their diligence and perceptiveness during this time.

Members of the Transition committee sought out names of possible candidates, checked out resumés and interviewed various potential candidates. This was all done over the summer while people were away and other commitments called. For example, I was in Eastern North America with my family for summer vacation. But the Committee persevered and keeping in mind the direction of Session (see the Report of Session), found the ideal candidate right in our midst. Both at the time and in retrospect, Doug Goodwin was an inspired choice and we thank him for his steadfastness and leadership during the period of Ed's absence.

The Leadership Group also appointed Gerald to lead some of the teaching groups during this time and Caroline Penhale to additional duties to ensure that important aspects of the life of our congregation did not fall through the cracks. Overall, we believe that our congregation got through this period with minimal disruption and we thank each of you who did your parts both large and small.

Finances, as I am sure we will report, are a problem. With our focus on Ed's difficult journey, some of that was put on a back burner. I would take this opportunity to

encourage those of you who are able to consider a spring offering to this congregation which means so much to each of us.

We are not without our struggles as the past year has amply demonstrated. However we are blessed to have an extraordinary inspiring shepherd in Ed to lead our flock. We have a strong leadership in the various ministries: Gerald, Caroline, Margaret, Donna and Brenda and we have great support in Marjorie and Laurenda in the office. Gary and Myrna do an extraordinary job in providing Pastoral care.

Perhaps most importantly we have a congregation that believes strongly in the Christian story and is devoted to our spiritual life together. Thanks be to God, we have made it through another year and are thriving.

Walter Rilkoff

Ministry and Personnel Committee

The members of the M&P Committee for 2011 were John Culter, Peter Nosco, Donna Runnalls (Chair) and Anne Webster.

The June meeting of the Committee was held at the home of our Minister, Ed Searcy, and from that time we were faced with the difficulties presented by his very complex health problem. Two members of this committee became members of the ad hoc planning committee to cover the worship and pastoral needs of the congregation for the time that Ed would be absent. We were very pleased that Doug Goodwin arranged to be available for a half-time interim appointment and Gerald Hobbs and Caroline Penhale made themselves available for other responsibilities.

M&P meetings were adjusted to October and January to lighten the weekly evening meeting load of Doug Goodwin. The fourth meeting of the year was held at the regular time in March and Ed Searcy was back with us. As the discussions are confidential, it can only be reported that the relationship between the congregation and the ministry team is happy and productive.

Donna Runnalls

Nominations

Session

Through 2013

Through 2014

Through 2015

Carmen Philippe-Welton & Doug Goodwin (clerk)

Erin Tarbuck & Walter Rilkoff (chair)

Sumarme Goble & Scott Webster

Stewards & Trustees	John Culter (chair), Bruce Bouchard, Michael Butler, Shelley Jones (Treasurer), & Michael Moll
Ministry & Personnel Committee	Donna Runnalls (chair), John Culter, Peter Nosco & Anne Webster
Nominating Committee	Barbara Fraser-Tilley & Gary Gibson
Offering Envelope Secretaries	Lourette Swanepoel & Dan Sneep
Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery Representative	Lorraine Beckett
Leadership Team	
Chair of the Session	Walter Rilkoff
Vice-chair of the Session	Erin Tarbuck
Chair of the Stewards	John Culter
Ministers	Ed Searcy & Caroline Penhale

Report of the Committee of Stewards

The Stewards are responsible for the financial and business operations of the congregation. Members of the committee are Bruce Bouchard, Michael Butler, Shelley Jones, Michael Moll, Ed Searcy and myself. I am the chair, and Ed serves as our secretary. In addition, the Stewards also serve as Trustees for the congregation, and are responsible for our physical assets and investments.

We meet quarterly during the year, and informally from time to time as needed.

Overall Review

Given the unexpected consequence of Ed's illness and absence during the fall, we made out quite well. Our loss on operations was just over \$22,000, and was offset by income from investments of about \$12,000, leave us with a loss of \$10,000 on the year.

Our envelope givings were down about \$5,000 from last year, and we took on an unbudgeted amount of \$4,500 for a Christian Education leader, based on a request from the congregation at the annual meeting. In addition to our operating results, however, we celebrate contributions to our Endowment Fund of \$38,500 from nine donors during the year. Surely this is a reflection of the faith of many in the continuing life of the congregation.

Adjusting Our Ministry

When we were advised that Ed was going to be away for a time in the fall, we made a number of decisions that we hoped would make our interim arrangements as easy as could be, under the circumstances.

Our first suggestion to the leadership team was that financial considerations should take second place to the main business of finding suitable ministry for the congregation for the second half of the year. While some felt that we were letting go our responsibility to keep focus on our envelope givings, our general feeling was that our finances could be managed, and that the congregation needed the assurance and continuity that a suitable experienced minister could provide.

Happily, Doug Goodwin made himself available, and we found ourselves in good hands as we awaited the results of Ed's stem cell transplant. Doug joined us on a half-time basis, the cost of which was covered by Ed's short-term disability program operated by the national church. We also increased hours for Caroline Penhale, who took on some of the administration burden in the fall, and we engaged Gerald Hobbs to look after our bible study and the examination and history of the coming remit. We believed these arrangements would net out about even, and that is the way things worked out.

Envelope Contributions

We thank our Envelope Secretaries, Lourette Swanepoel and Dan Sneep, for the diligent and faithful work in managing our regular donations. Their report is shown elsewhere in this annual report.

Please be reminded that the national church has a simple and effective automatic givings system, known as PAR. You can have funds transferred directly from your account to the congregation each month, without the need for envelopes. Please ask Lourette, Dan or any of the stewards for details.

Envelope Counters

Michael Moll continues to co-ordinate the offering counters and is very thankful for the time and dedication that of regulars who continue to this service of the Church. This year two more members have joined the role of regular counters, much to the appreciation of the stewards.

An increase to the roster of a couple more counters would add further benefit, however the stewards remain conscious of the concerns of some in the congregation around privacy. The stewards carefully select people who deal with the details of our money, and hope that we enjoy your confidence. If you have any questions around this activity, please ask a member of the Stewards for more information.

Endowment Fund

Established last year, we are delighted to report that our endowment fund has taken hold, with nine new donors this year as reported above. The fund holds gifts, bequests

and donations, with the capital amount saved in perpetuity, and the income released for the mission work of the congregation. It is intended that the fund maintain its purchasing power over the years, so the stewards, in conjunction with our external investment advisors, will determine the payout rate annually, leaving some of the income behind to increase the capital value of the fund to compensate for the effects of inflation.

We encourage everyone to consider this new fund when looking at wills and during estate planning discussions. Also please be reminded that donations of marketable securities, even those from tax sheltered projects, are valued at current market for tax receipt purposes. This can have quite favourable effects in annual tax planning.

Financial Accounting

We believe we have mastered the national United Church payroll scheme for our ministry staff. The intention was to simplify our payroll work, and to enable direct deposit of funds into the staff bank accounts. The managing of this program as we weave Ed's several disability benefits into our accounts has been challenging, but thanks to the dedication and persistence of Marjorie Morrison Ross, our church secretary, things are under control.

We are grateful as well to Marjorie for her continued effort to manage our routine accounting. With the calendar revenues having expanded considerably over the past two years, there is much more to do around the office, and Marjorie has taken on most of the added burden.

Neighbourhood Matters

Many will recall that our lease with VST, concluded last year, provides that the school has the option to take over the chapel for up to six Sundays each year, excluding Christmas and Easter, to allow for weekend conferences. Happily, there has been only one Sunday disruption so far, and there seems to be nothing on the horizon. Michael Butler and Ed will again pick up our regular meetings with the school, to ensure that little problems don't become big ones. We thank Michael Butler and Ed Searcy for this important work.

Parking became an interesting problem in the fall. Apparently, some of our neighbours became determined to reclaim the streets on Sunday mornings, perhaps sharing visions of a gated community in the newly constructed housing. Laurenda Daniells helpfully pointed out that all community meetings she attended made it clear that there would be no disruption to our historical use of the land. Michael Butler and I met with the other congregations in the community, and eventually with the UBC people in charge of such things. Michael was particularly helpful in obtaining some background political assurances that things would work out, as indeed they have.

It is a considerable pleasure to work with such an experienced and dedicated group. On

behalf of us all, I offer our thanks to Shelley Jones, our capable and dedicated treasurer, to Bruce Bouchard, Michael Butler and Michael Moll, each of whom is responsible for one or more important sectors of our work, and to Ed Searcy who serves as our secretary and provides practical and valuable advice and guidance to our discussions.

For the Committee of Stewards,

John R Culter, Chair
Bruce Bouchard
Ed Searcy

Michael Butler
Michael Moll
Shelley Jones

Endowment Fund

The following have made contributions to our Endowment Fund:

Bernice Balfour
Kevin & Gulbahar Beckett, in honour of Lorraine Beckett
Aldyen Donnelly & John Culter
Betty McGill
Estate of Arla Pinton
Brenda & Alan Reynolds, in memory of Don Hobday
Donna Runnalls
Verna & Richard Splane
Judy Taylor, in memory of Don Hobday

2011 Offering Report

This report summarizes financial givings at University Hill in 2011, for both regular (envelope and PAR) givers as well as for visitors/guests. The table below outlines the ranges of weekly givings by the congregation:

Average Weekly Offering (\$)	Number of Givers	Amount Given (\$)	Proportion of Total Givers (%)	Proportion of Total Givings (%)
\$1 - \$2	36	1,311	34	1
\$3 - \$5	11	2,180	10	1
\$6 - \$10	4	1,250	4	1
\$11 - \$25	17	15,017	16	7
\$26 - \$50	13	26,541	12	13
\$51 - \$100	15	55,696	14	27
\$101 - \$200	6	39,828	6	19
Over \$200	4	67,827	4	32
Total	106	209,651	100	100

Note that most of the lower average weekly offering amounts reflect givings by visitors or guests who typically gave only once during the year, and that the majority of regular donors gave between \$10 and \$100 per week.

The following table summarizes contributions by regular givers in 2011.

Total Annual Offering (\$)	Number of Regular Givers by Category				
	Local	M&S	First United	Campus Ministry	MDF
\$1 - \$100	10	25	2	3	1
\$101 - \$200	5	12	1	2	2
\$201 - \$300		6	1		
\$301 - \$400		2			
\$401 - \$500	1	4			1
\$501 - \$1,000	9	6	1		
\$1,001 - \$2,000	12	1	2		
\$2,001 - \$3,000	11	1			
\$3,001 - \$4,000	3				
\$4,001 - \$5,000	4				
Greater than \$5,000	8				
Totals	63	57	7	5	4

A total of 63 givers made regular contributions in 2011, up from 54 in 2010. Offerings to Local were made by 63 regular givers in 2011, compared to 54 in 2010. A total of 57 donors contributed to the Mission & Service Fund in 2011, compared to 49 in 2010. Givings to First United, Campus Ministry, and the Minister's Discretionary Fund (MDF) were similar to those in 2010.

The Finance & Stewardship Ministry encourage the use of offering envelopes or pre-authorized remittance (PAR), as they facilitate the preparation of our annual budget as well as donor tax receipts. PAR also simplifies our counting and tracking process. To enrol in PAR, which can be arranged for any amount, please contact our Church Secretary, Marjorie Morrison-Ross, at church or by phone (604-822-0638) or e-mail (uhilladm@interchange.ubc.ca). To obtain envelopes, please contact our Envelope Secretaries, Dan Sneep and Lourette Swanepoel, at church or by phone (604-263-4299) or e-mail (lourette@hotmail.com)

The Finance & Stewardship Ministry asks each of us to prayerfully consider our givings as a response to the rich blessings we receive from God as individuals and as a part of this community, called to serve in God's world.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Sneep and Lourette Swanepoel, Envelope Secretaries
For the Finance & Stewardship Ministry

Board of Trustees

Report of our Investment Advisor

2011 was a challenging year for the financial markets as sovereign debt issues, particularly in Europe, undermined investor confidence and raised the possibility of the global economy slipping back into a "double dip" recession. These concerns had a negative impact on the Canadian market in particular, with weaker resource prices contributing to an overall fall of over 11% in the Canadian S&P/TSX Index. The U.S. stock market was broadly flat on the year while most offshore markets ended in negative territory.

Since April 2010, the University Hill Trustee Funds have been managed by Macquarie Private Wealth under the direction of Philip Francis, Portfolio Manager. Despite the challenging conditions we are pleased to report that the portfolio generated a modest positive return of 2.06% for the 2011 calendar year, partly attributed to carrying an underweight position in stocks (47% of the portfolio) and also by emphasising dividend income over growth. For much of the year the portfolio carried a higher weighting in short-term investments (24%), for defensive purposes.

With a net contribution of \$31,948 to the trustee funds during the year, and an investment return of \$5,092, the University Hill portfolio increased to \$265,517 during the year, an increase of just over \$37,000.

During the first quarter of 2012, our portfolio is largely unchanged in value while a number of positions have been rebalanced to provide for great income and a reduction in short-term investments. We expect further modest gains in the year ahead, with continuing volatility from Europe, an upcoming U.S. presidential election and ongoing concerns of over the strength of the global economy, as China's rate of economic growth decelerates. We will continue to monitor these developments closely.

Philip Francis
Macquarie Private Wealth

**Minister's Discretionary Fund
January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011**

Balance, January 1, 2011	25.16
Income	
General Fund	1850.00
Interest	.04
Total	1850.04
Disbursements	
Bank Charge	31.05
Benevolence	600.00
Courtesy	447.82
Hospitality	149.71
Mission	102.10
Total	1330.68
Balance, December 31, 2011	544.52

University Hill United Church

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Review Engagement Report

To the Congregation of
University Hill United Church:

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of University Hill United Church as at December 31, 2011 and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the Church.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vanderluit & Associates Inc."

Vancouver, British Columbia
April 13, 2012

Chartered Accountants

University Hill United Church
Statement of Financial Position
(Unaudited)

December 31	2011	2010
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 24,244	\$ 54,752
Restricted cash	8,400	-
Amounts receivable	23,653	2,823
Prepaid expenses	854	-
	57,151	57,575
Investments		
Restricted	193,984	159,890
Unrestricted	71,447	68,503
	265,431	228,393
Equipment (Note 3)	1,487	1,891
	\$ 324,069	\$ 287,859
Liabilities, Deferred Contributions and Net Assets		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 23,265	\$ 4,530
Deferred contributions		
Expenses of future periods (Note 4)	6,295	9,661
	29,560	14,191
Net assets		
Invested in Equipment	1,487	1,891
Restricted for Endowment purposes	44,953	6,053
Restricted for Property purposes	157,431	153,837
Internally restricted for Mission Development purposes	40,807	39,856
Internally restricted for Congregational Growth purposes	28,027	27,373
Unrestricted	21,804	44,658
	294,509	273,668
	\$ 324,069	\$ 287,859

Commitments (Note 5)

Approved on behalf of the Committee of Stewards:



Member



Member

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

University Hill United Church
Statement of Operations
(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31	2011	2011	2010
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Revenues			
Donations, net (Schedule)	\$ 155,750	\$ 151,002	\$ 155,167
UBC Campus Ministry Grants			
BC Conference Chaplaincy	45,250	45,375	34,000
Mission support	-	-	13,750
Christian Seasons Calendar (Note 6)	25,000	22,379	28,660
	226,000	218,756	231,577
Expenditures			
Activities and affiliations			
Congregational supplies	1,000	845	754
Invitational ministry and special projects	3,250	6,967	4,812
Minister's discretionary fund	1,000	1,000	1,000
Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery	7,500	7,815	7,202
	12,750	16,627	13,768
Ministry units			
Adult Faith Formation	-	2,400	-
Christian education	3,460	7,903	2,952
Hospitality and pastoral care	2,700	5,192	1,757
Music	10,500	9,500	9,550
Ordained ministry	93,500	108,859	91,979
UBC Campus ministry	47,323	58,111	59,297
Less: reimbursed costs	-	(21,418)	-
	157,483	170,547	165,535
General and administrative			
Amortization	-	404	530
Occupancy	32,000	32,000	27,906
Office and miscellaneous	5,700	5,658	10,447
Office salaries	22,000	18,722	14,022
Professional fees	3,500	3,525	3,772
Less: reimbursed costs	(5,800)	(5,962)	(5,346)
	57,400	54,347	51,331
Total expenditures	227,633	241,521	230,634
(Loss) income from operations before other items	(1,633)	(22,765)	943
Other items			
Investment loss	-	(4,791)	(6,597)
Unrealized gains on investments	-	16,747	13,954
Net (loss) income from operations	\$ (1,633)	\$ (10,809)	\$ 8,300

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

University Hill United Church
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the year ended December 31, 2011
(Unaudited)

	<i>Invested in Equipment</i>	<i>Restricted for Endowment purposes</i>	<i>Restricted for Property purposes</i>	<i>Internally restricted for Mission Development purposes</i>	<i>Internally restricted for Congregational Growth purposes</i>	<i>Unrestricted</i>	<i>Total</i>
Balance, January 1, 2010	\$ 2,421	\$ 4,553	\$ 140,610	\$ 37,879	\$ 26,016	\$ 43,185	\$ 254,664
Net (loss) income from operations before unrealized gains on investments, as restated (Note 7)	-	-	(4,604)	(1,222)	(840)	1,012	(5,654)
Correction of prior years' unrealized losses (gains) on investments, as restated (Note 7)	-	-	8,237	615	421	(69)	9,204
Unrealized gains on investments	-	-	9,594	2,584	1,776	-	13,954
Amortization of equipment	(530)	-	-	-	-	530	-
Endowment contribution	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	1,500
Endowment investment income	-	252	-	-	-	(252)	-
Interfund transfer	-	(252)	-	-	-	252	-
Balance, December 31, 2010	\$ 1,891	\$ 6,053	\$ 153,837	\$ 39,856	\$ 27,373	\$ 44,658	\$ 273,668
Net loss from operations before unrealized gains on investments	-	-	(3,032)	(765)	(526)	(23,233)	(27,556)
Unrealized gains on investments	-	-	11,510	2,981	2,049	207	16,747
Derecognition of prior years' unrealized gains on investments	-	(144)	(4,884)	(1,265)	(869)	(88)	(7,250)
Amortization of equipment	(404)	-	-	-	-	404	-
Endowment contribution	-	38,900	-	-	-	-	38,900
Endowment investment income	-	331	-	-	-	(331)	-
Interfund transfer	-	(187)	-	-	-	187	-
Balance, December 31, 2011	\$ 1,487	\$ 44,953	\$ 157,431	\$ 40,807	\$ 28,027	\$ 21,804	\$ 294,509

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

University Hill United Church
Statement of Cash Flows
(Unaudited)

December 31	2011	2010
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash received from members for operations	\$ 231,580	\$ 206,701
Cash used for fundraising activities, net	1,549	31,495
Cash used for program and administrative expenditures	(223,237)	(232,407)
	9,892	5,789
Cash flows from investing activities		
Cash (used in) received from investing activities, net	(32,000)	160
	(22,108)	5,949
(Decrease) increase in cash for the year	(22,108)	5,949
Cash, beginning of year	54,752	48,803
Cash, end of year	\$ 32,644	\$ 54,752
Supplemental cash flow information		
Cash comprised of:		
Cash	\$ 24,244	\$ 54,752
Restricted cash	8,400	-
	\$ 32,644	\$ 54,752

The accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

University Hill United Church
Notes to Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

December 31, 2011

1. Nature and Purpose of the Church

University Hill United Church (the "Church") is a religious organization which is part of the United Church of Canada. The Church is incorporated under the Canada Corporations Act as a non-profit charitable organization and is exempt from income taxes provided certain requirements are met under the Canadian Income Tax Act.

The Church was founded for the following purposes:

- (a) To provide opportunities for fellowship and mutual support.
 - (b) To encourage growth in Christian understanding, faith, and experience through worship, Bible study, and involvement in other activities.
 - (c) To encourage informed participation in the mission of the church in the congregation, the community, the nation, and the world.
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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- (a) Use of estimates

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates. These estimates are reviewed periodically, and, as adjustments become necessary, they are reported in earnings in the period in which they became known.

- (b) Revenue recognition

The Church uses the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Up to 90% of investment income earned on resources restricted for Property purposes may be transferred for unrestricted use.

Endowment contributions are recognized as direct increases in endowment net assets.

University Hill United Church
Notes to Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

December 31, 2011

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(c) Internally Restricted Net Assets

Includes internally restricted net assets for **Mission Development** purposes and reports only resources that are to be used to fund mission ventures of the congregation. The funds are dispensed only by decision of a duly constituted congregational meeting. Interest or other income earned in the year is to be re-invested.

Includes internally restricted net assets for **Congregational Growth** purposes and reports only resources that are to be used for funding projects which would further the stated mission of the congregation and promote its numerical and spiritual growth. The funds will be dispensed only by motion duly passed by the Stewards of the congregation. Interest or other income earned in the year are to be re-invested back in the same fund.

(d) Externally Restricted Net Assets

Comprised of externally restricted net assets for **Property Purposes**. The restriction is imposed by the Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery and requires 10% of the annual investment income to be reinvested. The remainder is unrestricted and may be used for operations.

(e) Endowment Net Assets

Comprised of net assets restricted for **Endowment Purposes**. The restriction requires all the capital plus a portion of income received to be retained in the fund to maintain its purchasing power. The retention rate will be specified by the Stewards annually in consultation with the investment advisors to the congregation.

(f) Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

(g) Equipment

Equipment is recorded at cost. Amortization is calculated at 20% and 45% diminishing balance based on the estimated useful lives of the assets.

University Hill United Church
Notes to Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

December 31, 2011

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

(h) Financial instruments

During 2009, the CICA announced that not-for-profit organizations could elect to continue to apply CICA Handbook Section 3861, Financial Instruments - Disclosure and Presentation in place of CICA Handbook Sections 3862, Financial Instruments - Disclosure and 3863, Financial Instruments - Presentation. The Church has elected to continue to apply the financial instrument disclosure and presentation standards in accordance with CICA Handbook Section 3861.

The Church has classified cash as "held for trading", investments as "available for sale", accounts receivable as "loans and receivables", and accounts payable and accrued liabilities as "other financial liabilities". All financial instruments are recognized at fair value on initial recognition.

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets classified as "held for trading" are recorded at fair value.

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial assets classified as "available for sale" are recorded at fair value. The change in fair value is recognized in other comprehensive income as unrealized gains and losses until disposals. At disposal, the cumulative gains or losses previously recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income are recognized in net income for the period.

Subsequent to initial recognition, financial instruments classified as loans and receivables and other financial liabilities are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

It is management's opinion that the Church is not exposed to significant currency, interest or credit risk on these financial instruments. The Church is exposed to market risk as the fair value or future cash flows from investments will fluctuate due to changes in market prices.

(i) Contributed services

Volunteers contribute numerous hours per year to assist the Church in carrying out its services and activities. Because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in the financial statements.

University Hill United Church
Notes to Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

December 31, 2011

3. Equipment

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2011
Office equipment	\$ 12,103	\$ 10,616	\$ 1,487
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2010
Office equipment	\$ 12,103	\$ 10,212	\$ 1,891

4. Deferred Contributions Related to Expenses of Future Periods

Deferred contributions related to expenses of future periods represent contributions to outside projects that have not yet been forwarded at the year-end.

	Opening balance	Restricted contributions	Expensed in the year	Ending balance
Mission & Service Fund	\$ 7,983	\$ 14,629	\$ 18,051	\$ 4,561
UBC Campus Ministry	-	45,843	45,843	-
Minister's Discretionary Fund	100	850	850	100
Add Your Light Project	-	100	100	-
First United Church	-	4,199	4,199	-
UCC Programs	-	100	50	50
Healing Fund	-	1,080	1,080	-
Congregational Supplies	1,379	481	475	1,385
Special Projects	199	870	870	199
Palestinian Family	-	4,605	4,605	-
	\$ 9,661	\$ 72,757	\$ 76,123	\$ 6,295

University Hill United Church
Notes to Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

December 31, 2011

5. Commitments

The Church has entered into a lease agreement for its premises and is committed to make monthly lease payments until August 31, 2020. The commitments for the next 5 years are as follows:

2012	\$	32,000
2013		32,000
2014		32,000
2015		32,000
2016		32,000
		32,000
	\$	160,000

6. Christian Seasons Calendar

The Christian Seasons Calendar is a missional project of the Church.

	2011	2010
Sales	\$ 45,176	\$ 50,665
Expenses		
Printing costs	4,521	4,979
Artwork	3,600	3,600
Design	2,870	2,700
Shipping	6,562	5,672
Bad debt	50	-
Other	5,194	5,054
	22,797	22,005
Net income	\$ 22,379	\$ 28,660

University Hill United Church
Notes to Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

December 31, 2011

7. Restatement

These financial statements have been adjusted to correct for a misstatement in 2010 investment income and prior years' unrealized losses. The cumulative effect of this adjustment on the 2010 balances is summarized below:

	As previously stated	Increase (decrease)	As restated
Investment income	\$ 2,607	\$ (9,204)	\$ (6,597)
Net income from operations	17,504	(9,204)	8,300
Correction of prior years' unrealized losses on investments	-	9,204	9,204

8. Capital Disclosures

The Church's objective when managing capital is to safeguard its ability to continue operating as a religious organization. Therefore, it strives to hold sufficient unrestricted net assets to enable it to withstand unexpected financial events.

The Church maintains sufficient liquidity to meet its obligations as they become due.

9. Future Accounting Changes

The Accounting Standards Board has issued a new financial reporting framework for Canadian private sector not-for-profit organizations, which is effective for reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2012. These organizations may apply accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations in the CICA Handbook - Accounting (Part III) or International Financial Reporting Standards in the Handbook (Part I). Earlier application is permitted.

The Church is planning on adopting the accounting framework in CICA Handbook - Accounting (Part III) and is currently evaluating the impact on its systems and financial reporting. The Church believes that this adoption will not have any significant change in its current systems or financial reporting.

University Hill United Church
Schedule of Donations
(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31	2011	2010
Donations		
Unrestricted		
Local envelope givings	\$ 136,278	\$ 141,517
Open givings	6,156	6,867
Weddings & funerals	2,150	1,000
	144,584	149,384
Restricted for programs		
UBC Campus Ministry	468	1,644
Invitational Ministry and Special Projects		
Palestinian Family	4,605	-
Sandwich Making	705	1,110
Native Ministries' Dinners	165	470
V6T Mailings	-	1,521
	5,475	3,101
Congregational Supplies		
Flowers and Beautification	475	348
Bibles	-	690
	475	1,038
	\$ 151,002	\$ 155,167

University Hill Congregation

Budget

For the year 2012

		ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2011	BUDGET 2012
Revenue				
1	Envelope givings	136,258	145,000	145,000
2	Open givings	5,946	8,000	8,000
3	Weddings & Memorials	2,150	1,500	1,500
4	Flowers	150	500	500
5	Donations - Sandwich Making	805	500	500
6	Donations - Native Ministries' Dinners	185	250	250
7	Donations - Special Projects	-		
8	Donations - Palestinian Family	4,645		
9	UBC Campus Ministry - Grants	45,375	44,250	44,250
10	UBC Campus Ministry - Donations	468	1,000	1,000
12	Other Income	(95)		
13	Christian Seasons Calendar - Net revenue	-	25,000	25,000
14	Total Revenue	195,887	226,000	226,000
Expenses				
Ordained Ministry				
18	Minister's salary and allowances	90,869	92,000	92,000
19	Education & books	1,162	1,500	1,500
20	Sub-total	92,031	93,500	93,500
Ministry of Music				
22	Minister of Music (honorarium)	9,500	9,500	9,500
23	Leader of The Singers (honorarium)	-		
24	Guest Musicians	-	500	500
25	Ministry of Music supplies	-	500	500
26	Sub-total	9,500	10,500	10,500
Ministry of Christian Education				
28	Minister of Christian Education Salary & Benefits	4,956		10,000
29	Infant and toddler care salary & benefits	2,353	2,500	2,500
30	Casual Labour	90		
31	CE Curricula & Supplies	504	960	960
32	Recruitment Costs	-		
33	Adult Faith Formation	2,400		
34	Sub-total	10,303	3,460	13,460
UBC Campus Ministry				
36	Salary & Benefits	30,164	21,848	22,000
37	Housing Allowance	17,350	15,600	15,600
38	Education & Books	924	975	975
39	Occupancy, administration & office supplies	5,800	5,800	5,800
40	Activities	2,100	2,500	2,500
41	Telephone	1,041	600	600
42	Sub-total	57,379	47,323	47,475
Other Ministries				
44	Pastoral Care	107	100	100
45	Worship - Sacristan & Supplies	1,551	1,500	1,500
46	Interim Ministers	1,575	350	350
47	Hospitality (coffee)	747	500	500
48	Invitational Ministry	200	2,500	2,500
49	Weddings & Memorial Services	1,213	250	250
50	Sub-total	5,393	5,200	5,200

University Hill Congregation

Budget

For the year 2012

		ACTUAL 2011	BUDGET 2011	BUDGET 2012
51	Administration			
52	Secretary salary & benefits	18,170	22,000	22,000
53	WCB & Payroll Costs	830		
54	Insurance	932	1,000	1,000
55	VST lease	32,000	32,000	32,000
56	Parking	605	600	600
57	Interest & bank charges	440	600	600
58	Office supplies	2,232	2,000	2,000
59	Accounting & Legal fees	3,525	3,500	3,500
60	Telephone charges	2,124	1,500	2,000
61	Less: Reimbursed costs	(5,800)	(5,800)	(5,800)
62	Sub-total	55,058	57,400	57,900
63	Activities & Affiliations			
64	Congregational supplies	384	500	500
65	Leadership training	386		
66	Minister's discretionary fund	1,000	1,000	1,000
67	Flowers & Beautification	475	500	500
68	Special Projects - Palestinian Family	5,000		
69	First United Sandwiches	764	250	250
70	Observer	(14)		
71	Presbytery	7,815	7,500	7,500
72	Native Ministries Dinner	406	500	500
73	Sub-total	16,216	10,250	10,250
74				
75	Total Expenses	245,880	227,633	238,285
76				
77	Revenue less Expenses	(49,993)	(1,633)	(12,285)