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Letter from the Minister

“The peace of Christ be with you.” When I say these words on Sunday morning I wonder what kind of trouble that these words address. I imagine the kind of distress, anxiety, triviality, boredom, fatigue, grief, dreams and more that gathers behind and within the faces that I can see. Then I watch as the congregation participates in offering this blessing to one another. After fifteen years in your midst it is still one of the most significant moments in my week. Over the years you have invited me into your lives and told me something of your pilgrimage through Good Friday and Holy Saturday toward Easter Sunday. I have come to know that the peace of Christ – the peace of the One who calls us to bear one another’s burdens – is something that you seek to receive and to embody in your life together. And I am grateful.

As I look back at the year past I am glad for the regular return of the Christian Year. The practices that we keep together are getting into my bones – Eucharist, Healing rites, Easter vigil, Children’s ministry, Native Ministry dinner, Study gatherings, Session Retreat, the Lenten devotional, First United and more. We are not a large congregation. We pray for, and seek to grow, in numbers. Yet things are not bleak. We are stable in terms of finances. We have reached a new agreement with VST that provides us with certainty in terms of future costs. We continue to have new leaders step forward to serve on the Session, Stewards and in other areas of our life together. It is not obvious that the Congregation will be sustainable over the long term but there are encouraging signs that Jesus Christ will continue to call forth a people called University Hill Congregation.

The most significant event of 2010 for me was my participation in a program called “Sowing Promise, Growing Leaders”. This was an initiative of the BC Conference of The United Church in which thirty-eight church leaders began a six month period of leadership development by attending a five day retreat with the Rev. Peter Short. Finding myself as one of the ‘old hands’ at the event I was delighted to be rejuvenated by the time with Peter and with my colleagues. After three decades in ministry this program helped to refresh my calling and to refocus my vision for the decade of ministry that still lies ahead. More than ever I sense that we are being called to discover the shape of sustainable Christian congregations that have the necessary vision, practices and discipline to thrive in a cultural milieu that is not friendly to the church. Whenever I share the story of University Hill Congregation with others they, like me, find it an encouragement and a sign of hope. It gives me reason to look ahead expectantly for what we have yet to learn.

But before moving forward I want to say a special word of gratitude to God for the great gift of Lorraine Beckett’s faithful leadership as Chair of the Session. Lorraine leads by example. She is a faithful and devoted follower of Jesus Christ. Her commitment, humour, love, integrity, honesty and endurance makes a huge difference in our life together. I know that she will bring those gifts to her new role as a member of Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery and of BC Conference. How fortunate the church is that Jesus has called her to follow him. How fortunate the church is that Jesus has called this congregation to follow him! Amen.

Blessings,
Ed

The Session

Rediscovering the Way of Christ for the sake of the world.

“It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.” (Gal 2:20)

We preface with a poetic prayer attributed to Archbishop Oscar Romero:

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,
it is even beyond our vision.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.
No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes the church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives includes everything.
This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.
We lay foundations that will need further development.
We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.
We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation
in realizing that. This enables us to do something,
and to do it very well. It may be incomplete,
but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results, but that is the difference
between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own.
Amen.

What a place for Christ to live, to live in us. How does a group of people from different backgrounds, points of view, education, skill sets, interests, passions, come together and under Christ, before God and walk the Way of Christ for the sake of the world? Rediscovering Christ for the sake of the world means doing everything in Archbishop Oscar Romero prayer while pointing to Christ in whom we live, move and have our being. We plant seeds and water them, (Build a CE program when few children are in the community, lay foundations to raise up disciples through the Discipleship program). End projects which don't give expression to Christ's mission. (So we aren't thrift sale material, let's explore God's time and scatter seeds into the world with the Salt of the Earth Christian Seasons calendar). We struggle together and answer the question

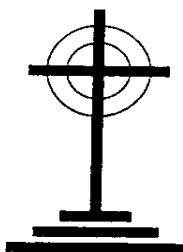
("Should we as a congregation bless in the name of Jesus Christ the union of same-sex couples declaring and sanctioning them as marriages in Christ?" With an answer of yes our hearts break as we say good-bye to those we love who disagree). We have celebrated together all the while being careful to listen for the still quiet voice of God. We are continually asking "Where is Christ in this?" and listening together for the answer. We do this in obedience to the One who calls us to be community under Christ. To love what God loves - the whole of His creation - and to have our life together be a blessing to the world.

We are in Christ who is at the centre of all things and it is lived out in communities who seek to follow Christ in the world. The stories in the Bible or in Church tradition help us "rediscover the Way of Christ" but the stories of our own lives, set in a real times and places, can do this as well. As the Spirit of Christ lives in us, as the Gospel takes root in our lives, and when we can point to moments in our own lives when we are passionately moved by the grace of God, we can't help but share these stories with those who are hungrily searching and listening for something more in life, whether young or old. We are grateful for the Spirit who works in our human hearts to assure us of God's presence, and who gives us the energy and courage to carry God's richest treasure and dearest hope into the world Christ loves.

We are constantly "rediscovering" Christ at U Hill either by learning something again that we had previously known and forgotten, or by discovering yet another new aspect of Jesus Christ that amazes and astounds us. When we think about "for the sake of the world" We can be reminded of several verses of scripture that describe Christ as coming for the entire world. For example Luke 3:6 "*And all people will see God's salvation.*" Or Romans 5:18 "*Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.*" We think at U Hill we are helping fulfill one small part of Christ's mission to that world, by feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, partnering with First United Mission making sandwiches, children bringing up food during offering and join First for the Wednesday community dinner, sponsoring refugee families, supporting new ministry initiatives, offering gracious hospitality, participating in the life of the wider Church and so on. What we do in this community matters - to God, to us and to the world.

We are an odd set apart people who long before U Hill made the statement "*Rediscovering the Way of Christ for the sake of the world*", were walking the Way of Christ as best we could for the sake of a world which God loves.

We are not alone and by holding tight we breathe a sigh of relief, we don't do the Way of Christ alone. God, in community, calls us into community. We were not made to be alone. University Hill is a people planted by God to be a community of faith, which struggles as all communities have struggled over the millennia to faithfully walk the Way of Christ.



MINUTES OF
The Annual Meeting of
University Hill Congregation
April 18, 2010
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 18, 2010 A quorum was present (27 members and 6 adherents).
- PRAYER** The meeting opened in prayer, led by the Rev. Ed Searcy. During the prayer Arla Pinton, who passed away in 2009, was remembered.
- 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 for the year. He then moderated the election of the Chair and Secretary.
- MSC (Betty Hilton/Donna Runnalls) that Lorraine Beckett serve as Chair for congregational meetings for the year.*
- MSC (Brenda Reynolds/Marjorie Ross) that Doug Goodwin serve as Secretary for congregational meetings for the year.*
- The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m.
- 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 a property.
- MSC (Anne Webster/Gerald Hobbs) 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/Barbara Fraser Tilley) that the agenda as presented be adopted.*
- MINUTES** *MSC (Doug Goodwin/Betty McGill) that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the congregation dated March 29, 2009 be approved.*
- MSC (Doug Goodwin/Gerald Hobbs) that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the congregation dated June 7, 2009 be approved.*
- MSC (Doug Goodwin/Barbara Fraser Tilley) that the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the congregation dated September 13, 2009 be approved.*
- REPORTS** *MSC (Trenor Tilley/Margaret Skarsgard) that the letter from the Minister, and the reports of the Session, Dimensions of Mission, Leadership Team,*

and Ministry and Personnel Committee be received.

NOMINATIONS

Ed Searcy spoke to the Nominations report. He pointed out that the congregation is searching for a representative to Presbytery. He noted that with the election in 2009 of Sumarme Goble and Scott Webster the Session had its full complement of members. He also noted that Doug Goodwin's three year term expires in 2010. The Nominations report puts forward Doug's name for a second term.

Ed also reported that the Session is developing a set of guidelines for Session membership that will be presented to the congregation at a future meeting.

The Chair asked if there were any further nominations. Hearing none, the report was put to the vote.

MSC (Peter Nosco/Marjorie Morrison-Ross) that the Nominations report be accepted.

RESOURCES FOR MISSION

John Culter spoke to the financially-related reports. He explained how to read the Offering Envelope Report chart. He also explained that the Mission and Service Fund is the monies that finance the General Council. He noted that 10% of offerings to the congregation that are not designated are allocated to the Fund. All designated offerings are allocated to the work so designated.

Special thanks were offered to Dan Sneep and Lourette Swanepoel for their work as Offering Envelopes Coordinators.

Ed Searcy spoke about the variety of work undertaken with the monies from the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

John spoke briefly about the investments of the congregation, noting it was a good investment return year. Michael Butler spoke about the discussions being held with the Vancouver School of Theology about our future ability to rent the Chapel of the Epiphany. Discussion with the School is ongoing.

MSC (John Culter/Michael Moll) that the reports of Offering Envelopes, the Minister's Discretionary Fund, the Stewards, and the Trustees be received.

REVIEWED STATEMENTS

John Culter highlighted items from the reviewed Financial Statements 2009 and responded to questions.

MSC (John Culter/Michael Butler) that the reviewed Financial Statements 2009 be accepted.

BUDGET

John Culter presented the Budget 2010 and responded to questions. The approach being taken toward the slight budget shortfall is not to attempt to decrease costs significantly but to increase revenue.

MSC (John Culter/Michael Butler) that the Budget for 2010 be adopted.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Donna Runnalls informed the meeting about the present state of planning for the Campus Ministry. Nathan Wright will finish as Campus Ministry at the end of June 2010. She noted that funding for the ministry is secure for only one more year.

MSC (Donna Runnalls/Anne Webster) that the congregation recommend to Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery that the Campus Ministry vacancy be filled with a one year Supply appointment if a suitable candidate is found, to begin on July 1, 2010.

There was some discussion of the nature and commitment of funding from BC Conference for the Campus Ministry.

MSC (Donna Runnalls/John Culter) that the congregational Ministry & Personnel Committee act on behalf of the Congregation in seeking a Campus Minister to fill the one year Supply appointment.

The Chair informed the meeting that there would be a pot luck lunch to say thank you to Nathan after worship on June 20.

APPRECIATIONS

Walter Rilkoff expressed appreciation to Margaret Skarsgard and Gerald Hobbs (music ministry), Janet Reid (Christian education), Lorraine Beckett (many servant-leadership roles), and Ed Searcy. John Culter highlighted the work of the Stewards and those who worked on the Christian Seasons Calendar, in particular Marjorie Ross and Ed Searcy. John then presented gifts of orchid plants to Marjorie and Ed.

ADJOURN

MC (Trenor Tilley) that the meeting adjourn after prayer.

PRAYER

Ed Searcy led the congregation in a closing prayer.

Liturgia – Worship of God

Worship Ministry

University Hill Congregation gathers each Sunday in the presence of God to offer acts of praise and to receive God's blessing, and responds by going out into the world as followers and friends of Jesus Christ.

It is 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 2010 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.

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. We currently have a roster of approximately 21 Worship Elders, 28 Lectors, 22 Greeters and 2 Coordinators.
- Brenda Reynolds 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. We arranged for Presiders and Children's Elders as well, if requested by the Preacher.
- Trenor Tilley and Laurenda Daniells shared the responsibilities of Worship Service Coordinator.
- While we have many in the congregation who are willing to provide leadership on Sundays, we would like to include new members as they feel ready. In the spring, we held training sessions for new and returning Lectors and Worship Elders. Noelle Lamb helped with leadership for the Lectors' workshop providing helpful insights gained from her experience as a lector and her training as an audiologist. Doug Goodwin assisted with the Worship Elders' workshop drawing on his experience as worship elder and as a minister. Both workshops were held after Sunday morning service with lunch being provided. They were well attended resulting in a few new names being added to our roster.
- 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 many of the Communion services.
- Our old Pew Bibles were in a state of disrepair so the Committee decided to buy some hardcover ones from the Bible Society. We had planned on 20 Bibles, which would be made available for Sunday services, and were happily surprised when funds for forty-three came from the congregation. Nameplates have been added to the Bibles indicating the donors and the persons in whose memory the Bibles were given.

- In September, Diane and Brenda helped Ed with cleaning out Chapel cupboards and closets in order to organize and store our worship materials as we began sharing the Chapel on Sundays with a Mennonite congregation.
- We continued the practice of having a Rite of Healing service twice a year.
- One new addition to our worship in Lent was a Tenebrae service, planned and led by Doug Goodwin, on Maundy Thursday after a soup supper. The committee decided that we would like to continue having Tenebrae services.
- We shared Good Friday service with our neighbour, St. Anselm's Anglican Church.
- 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.
- So that we don't focus totally on housekeeping matters, we made the decision to begin our meetings with a conversation about some material relevant to our Sunday worship services. We started with a lively discussion on "Desiring the Kingdom: Worship, Worldview and Cultural Formation" by James K.A. Smith.

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 excellent leadership in enhancing our services with their fine musical gifts.

One of the joys of our Worship Team meetings is Laurenda's hospitality. We sit around her beautiful table with flowers, candlelight and some delicious homemade cookies, fruit, coffee and juice. Ed opens and closes the meeting with prayer and there is much lively, thoughtful and caring conversation in between. We are always open to new members, and we are happy to report that Ruth Situma plans to rejoin us in 2011 now that she is back from her studies in Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,
Worship Ministry Team

Laurenda Daniells
Gerald Hobbs
Diane Hobday (Minutes)
Brenda Reynolds (Chair)

Ed Searcy
Margaret Skarsgard
Dan Sneep
Sue Zhu

The Singers

*When in our music God is glorified,
And adoration leaves no room for pride,
It is as if the whole creation cried
Alleluia!*

By 9:00 on Sunday morning, the noisy chatter of good friends meeting good friends over coffee, juice and muffins, gives way to the soaring sound of voices warming up with the hymns for the worship service at 10:30.

Then there is work to do on the Introit, usually unaccompanied, and chosen to complement the scripture of the day. After that, we work on music for coming services, and special music for the Christian seasons of Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. On Passion Sunday in March 2010, The Singers told the story of "The Dark Hours" by Lani Smith. Gerald accompanied on the piano and the lector was Noelle Lamb. My warmest thanks to them.

I am grateful also to The Singers who every Sunday morning take early leave of their warm beds to be a part of this ministry, and to Lloyd who roasts the green coffee beans and makes the delicious coffee to accompany our muffins. Especially I am grateful to the Creator who has given us beautiful music and voices to raise in adoration and praise.

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise.
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise,
And may God give us faith to sing always
Alleluia!*

- Fred Pratt Green

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Skarsgard,
Director, The Singers

Didache – Training in the Way of Christ

Little Ones Programme

This programme is designed for preschoolers able to participate in a classroom setting without their parents although a parent is welcome to stay with an unhappy child. The Christian Reformed series, God Loves Me, provides weekly Bible-based lessons in which the children explore various stories through age-appropriate activities with follow-up suggestions for the parents to continue the lessons during the week. Each week a paid staff teacher and at least one volunteer helper invite the children to participate in the planned activities. With the exception of the Sunday after Christmas, this class runs each Sunday throughout the year.

Tess Co and Cris Najos, our staff teachers have faithfully and lovingly taught the children throughout the past year. During the school year they alternated Sundays but during the summer they taught together each week with the exceptions of three Sundays when two former teachers, Maylene Romero and Christy Mori taught. Also during the school year Helen Fu and Janet Reid, parents, Sumarme Goble, Wanda Chow and Kirsty Johnston as well as teenagers, Elizabeth Tilley and Jillian Reynolds helped with the class. This class could not operate without the participation of members of U Hill willing to forgo worship to share their faith with our youngest members.

In 2010, there were 14 preschool children associated with U Hill. Of these the number of children attending this class varied weekly but was usually between 3 and 5 even in the summer.

The loss this past September of the permanent classroom space this class had previously enjoyed has made weekly setup a last minute rushed affair and a nightmare clearing away each week everything associated with teaching our youngest children stories about God's love for them. Only with the assistance of able-bodied members of the congregation to move everything back into the limited space we have been allocated can this program continue to be an activity-centred program. For this class to function during the summer when many members are away, now is not too early to plan for how assistance in setting up and clearing away will be arranged. Even the carpet, a necessity for our young children, is too heavy for Cris and Tess to move on their own.

Respectfully submitted
Janet Reid

Birthday Cards and Anniversary of Baptism Cards

Birthday Cards

Betty Hilton with the assistance of her nephew send birthday cards to all children associated with this congregation until they graduate from high school. She very carefully picks cards that she thinks will appeal to each particular child and times the sending of the cards so they arrive as close to the birthday as is possible with Canada

Post. Receiving a birthday card from U Hill is an important link for our children between them and the congregation.

At the present time Janet Reid prepares the list of children and buys the cards and stamps, tasks that are difficult for Betty to do. However, this is an ideal task for someone who would like to become more involved with the children in the congregation but cannot take on a teaching role. If you are interested in our Birthday Card programme talk to Ed Searcy or Janet Reid.

Anniversary of Baptism Cards

Joanne Haramia sends an anniversary of baptism card to each child baptised at U Hill and to those attending our Sunday School classes who were baptised elsewhere. This faithful work is done quietly and independently. Once a year we need to recognize Joanne's important part of reminding children and their families of the significance of their baptism and perhaps leading to a discussion in these families when the cards arrive as to why the child was baptised.

Respectfully submitted
Janet Reid

Elementary Church School

From January to June 2010, the Sunday school Elementary class was planned for and taught by Janet Reid. We so grateful for Janet's faithful leadership of our entire church school program during the 2009/2010 school year. In September, Janet decided to focus her efforts on the Little Ones program. We thank God for Janet's guidance, teaching, and leadership of the Elementary age classes during the past number of years.

An interim "committee" has been running since May 2010 to address specific details, schedules, and concerns regarding the Elementary age class. We have been meeting once every 2 or 3 months at Robin Anderson-Andersen's home. Our acting committee includes Robin Anderson, Ed Searcy, Barbara Fraser Tilley, Sumarme Goble, Janet Teasdale, Aldyen Donnelly, and Marjorie Morison-Ross. We have loosely organized the committee based on the following needs:

- Curriculum support and training – Sumarme Goble
- Classroom Management support and training – Robin Anderson
- Supply purchasing, organizing, storing –Marjorie Morrison-Ross
- Coordinating teachers / scheduling – Janet Teasdale
- Relations with parents/grandparents –Barbara Fraser-Tilley

During the summer months of July and August, Robin prepared packages for Elementary age children to work on during the service, but these were mostly unused due to low attendance numbers.

September brought changes to the Church School area in the Auditorium. Our lease with VST now requires us to be able to store our supplies and furniture within four feet of the east wall. A new storage system and partition has been created and is working well.

Janet, Marjorie and Sumarme worked hard to organize and get rid of items we were no longer using to ensure that we were able to store the essentials that we need to run our programs.

For the 2010/2011 school year, it was decided that there would be one class each week with one teacher and one assistant. The class has been fairly consistent, usually between 4 and 10 students and an average of 7 students per class. The ages remain the same from 5-12 year olds. We are using the same curriculum as we have in previous years. Our teachers from September to December 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. Robin Anderson planned and gathered the children at the back for the intergenerational services on Thanksgiving Oct 11, the fourth Sunday of Advent (December 19), December 26th and January 2nd.

Our future challenges remain finding new and appropriate teachers while keeping a consistent feeling of unity within the class.

Respectably submitted,
Robin Anderson-Andersen

Adult Faith Formation

As adults we are formed in the Way of Jesus Christ in much the same way that apprentices learn a trade – we practice alongside one another. This practice includes worshipping together, eating together, serving together, hosting scripture together, caring for one another and sharing with one another the ways in which we practice being disciples in our homes and places of work. Each year we invite one another to join in a variety of study groups in which we can spend time thinking through what the Way of Christ looks like when embodied in our lives.

On most every Wednesday morning in the year a group of UHillians can be found sharing breakfast and Bible study at the White Spot Restaurant on West Broadway in Kitsilano. This is a time of warm greetings over breakfast and lively discussion about scripture. In 2010 we began the year reading Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth. Then we moved onto the gospel according to John. When the year ended we were deep in the book of Revelation. What a year!

We have been very blessed over the past few years 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 learning to "Pray the Psalms". In the Fall we re-discovered the Lord's Prayer as we read and discussed the book "Lord, Teach Us" by William Willimon and Stanley Hauerwas. While we did not always agree with Willimon and Hauerwas we did agree that they certainly caused us to re-consider what we are saying when we pray the Lord's Prayer.

We continued a new tradition of holding Sunday morning study gatherings following worship for those unable to join in the mid-week study groups. Gerald Hobbs provided leadership of the "Praying the Psalms" Lenten study. We soon discovered that meeting

following worship is not ideal and are going to experiment in 2011 with Sunday study groups that meet prior to worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Searcy

Koinonia – Fellowship and Community in Christ

Baptisms

Simon Gordon Werner Antweiler	Jan 10, 2010
Scotia Mirabel Anderson	Apr 4, 2010
Ethan Johan Sneep	Nov 7, 2010

Marriages

Paul Robinson & Betty McGill	May 15, 2010
Andrew Grose & Bailey Henderson	July 24, 2010
William McGuigan & Susan Stevenson	Aug 7, 2010

Funerals

Donald Eric Hobday	Nov 3, 2010
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New Members

By Transfer of Membership -

Peter Nosco (Bethlehem Lutheran, Vancouver)	Apr 4, 2010
Carmen Philippe-Welton (St. Andrew's-Wesley United, Vancouver)	Nov 7, 2010
Michael Welton (St. Andrew's-Wesley United, Vancouver)	Nov 7, 2010

Pastoral Care Ministry

How do we report on the ministry of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd (literally “The Good Pastor”) in our life together in the year past? We do not currently have a pastoral care team. Instead, the congregation is invited to be the pastoral care team for one another. We seek to live in response to Jesus’ tender care by offering care, support and love to one another. Through hospital visit, meals shared, phone calls these and a variety of similar connections we listen to one another’s ache and bear one another’s burdens. Organized neighbourhood gatherings help us to discover those in the congregation who live nearby. Informal gatherings are the work of the Holy Spirit building us up as the Body of Christ. In the year ahead I look forward to working with those who have a calling to a ministry of visitation so that we can seek to make sure that none in our midst are left out or forgotten.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Searcy

Kerygma – Proclamation of the Gospel

Campus Ministry

I give thanks to God for the chance to serve as the United Church Campus Minister for the 2010/11 academic year. It has been a year of new beginnings!

First, our name has changed. We are now the Living Stones: United Church of Canada Campus Ministry at UBC. This name is taken from the scripture “*like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house*” (1 Peter 2: 4-7) and is evocative of the stone wall at the front of the Chapel of the Epiphany where University Hill Congregation Worships. The official name of the AMS student club has not changed. It is still the United Church of Canada Campus Ministry Club.

Second, we started the year without any active students. The students from previous years had either graduated or moved away from our Campus Ministry. We maintained our AMS club status, which gives our group access to room bookings on campus, web presence and the chance to participate in AMS events, by registering thirteen new club members in September 2010. Out of the thirteen new members, we have developed a core active group of six students. I like to think of this as 600% growth! Two of students accepted part-time employment as sacristans for U Hill Congregation, one is the AMS club president and another has stepped up to take on the management of the Living Stones Facebook page.

We have continued the tradition of having a Monday Night Meal – but with a twist. Early in the term, the students requested that we engage in Bible study. So that is exactly what we have done! In the Fall term, the Bible study focused on the themes of hospitality and the sharing of meals in the Gospel of Luke. We encountered the assertion that Jesus was crucified at least in part for his choice of dining companions. We looked at the importance of sharing a meal together and a sense of community began to emerge. In the Spring term we used the Green Trail Guide found at the back of the Green Bible – an NRSV version that highlights passages having to do with God’s love of Creation. This trail guide moves readers though several books of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament and the Trail Guide questions have sparked lively conversations. The Monday Night Meal and Bible Study, along with Worship on Sunday mornings, formed the core of the Campus Ministry.

The Living Stones members also participated in a few Christmas events before the end of the Fall term. A few students came with me to sing gospel carols while riding on the St. Andrew’s-Wesley float in the Rogers Santa Claus parade. The next week, an even greater number of students gathered to take in a matinee performance of Broadway Church’s Singing Christmas Tree. The students enjoyed these events and a few invited others along. This was a festive and fun way to connect and to mark Christmas together before breaking for the UBC Winter Break.

I co-lead a Christian Women’s Book Club with Maureen Wicken the coordinator of Catholic Campus Ministries. After taking few months to find the right forma and night for such a group, we settled upon Friday nights once a month and the group meets monthly. We have been studying Brain D. McLaren’s A New Kind of Christianity and

the participants seem to enjoy and appreciate the opportunity to discuss theology and connect with one another. This is another way that Campus Ministry is serving the UBC wider community and to work ecumenically.

As Campus Minister, I am part of the UBC Chaplains' Association. This year the members of the Chaplains Association discussed ways in which we could work more collaboratively. We participated together in the UBC Wellness Fair in November, we participated in the Christmas Hamper program, and we sponsored students to attend the UBC Student Leadership Conference in January. We also participate in the Chaplains in Rez program and I have been a regular presence at Totem Park on Wednesday evenings along with Father John McCarthy. The University also provided the Chaplains with a new office space in room 1262 of Brock Hall. This gave me the opportunity to hold regular office hours in this new space each Monday.

In the Fall term, I taught a weekly meditation class in International House. Attendance was not high – I had one faithful student. However, he made it clear to me how much he valued the chance to learn a meditation technique and he quickly developed a regular meditation practice. I continued to offer a meditation class, but in the spring term but relocated it to the Chaplains' office in Brock Hall.

I am blessed to be able to serve the University Hill and the UBC Campus communities. I am grateful also for the amazing students that been part of Living Stones this year. I have enjoyed my first year of Campus Ministry and I thank you all for your warm welcome of me and enthusiastic support of my ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline Penhale, Campus Minister

Christian Seasons Calendar

This year marked the tenth of our published Christian Seasons Calendars (and the twelfth year since we first created home-made calendars for use within the congregation). The calendar grew once again this year. After sales of three thousand calendars in 2009 we sold and shipped four thousand calendars in 2010. The financial statements show that this resulted in increased revenues that once again provided support for the congregation's missional life.

Our committed calendar team worked co-operatively and efficiently to assemble, advertise, bill, pack and ship the calendars. Lorraine Beckett sent out email requests for artists to submit images. She also sent emails announcing the availability of the calendar. And Lorraine once again helped with packing and shipping calendars. Janice Love provided long distance support with text and proof-reading. John Culter saw us through the design and printing phase as well as updating our web page and order site. Shelley Jones assisted with billing and shipping details. Carmen Philippe-Welton addressed and mailed promotional calendars that resulted in a large number of new orders. A variety of folk joined our packing crew in the hectic months of October and November. Most of all, Marjorie Morrison-Ross co-ordinated the process of receiving orders, solving problems and shipping calendars all over the world.

Here is one of the many responses that we have received about the impact that the calendar is having in the church in North America and beyond. It comes from Emily Brink, professor of worship at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Dear Marjorie Morrison Ross,

A blessed Christmas to you! I got your name from your website and have a story to tell of the impact your calendar made in Bangladesh.

I just returned after participating in a worship conference there; the theme of the conference was "Incarnate in Time: Ministering and Worshiping through the Year," hosted by the College of Christian Theology Bangladesh (CCTB) and co-sponsored by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship. The three-day conference included a variety of lectures on different topics, several by local leaders, and was attended by a very ecumenical gathering of more than 100. I gave three lectures on the Christian year, and at the end, presented CCTB a copy of your calendar--which I had received earlier as a gift.

During the final "open mike" session of the conference, I was moved by the impact the idea of a Christian calendar had in this largely (85%) Muslim country. I had briefly compared the Christmas and Easter feast days to the two major Muslim feast days. The most poignant comment came from a young man who said that when he became a Christian what he missed the most was celebrating the Muslim festivals, which had given joy and order to his life. He was so happy to learn that there was a heritage of festival days also for Christians. Several of them asked—and here is the reason for my writing—for more copies of this calendar.

So, I'd like to order 12 copies. Please send to me, and I will send 11 along with a courier who is going to Bangladesh in January, keeping one for myself. Would you be willing to offer them to me at a 50% discount? These are people with very meagre incomes, and I want to offer it to them as a gift. Please let me know

One more comment: please feel free to share this story with your colleagues with my thanks for producing this beautiful calendar

Emily

We were delighted to send Emily the calendars that she requested. We look forward to continuing to grow this mission venture in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Searcy

Lenten Devotional

“Anointing”

What a wonderful gift UHillians offered for our twelfth Lenten Devotional. Hosting forty-seven texts so that we could walk, as a community, through Lent. Other than worship this is one offering we make as a community. Young and old take part. We read scripture, meditate on the Word of God and respond with prose, poetry art or music to the question: What is God up to in this community? As many old friends have moved out into the world also join us, we ask what is God up to in the world He loves.

Our front cover has Willow Tarbuck’s response to John 12:1-8 - Mary’s anointing of Jesus’ feet with expensive perfume with a little play-acting. With her Mom Erin taking the pictures and brother Aidan playing Jesus to her Mary, she dips her long red hair in oil and lightly brushes Aidan’s feet.

Christ, the anointed one, the Messiah leads us through the forty days of Lent, including the seven feasts days of Sabbath. We read text, reflect, and respond with our lives. By God’s call to form community under Christ we join a two thousand year history of followers to Christ. 2010 finds Christians outside the normal culture around us. We, thank God, are not in power. We didn’t give up power it was just stripped from us. I believe we have God to thank for putting us out into the wilderness of society. The edge is where we needed to be. In this edgy place we went back to scripture and fell in love with the Word of God.

Respectfully submitted

Lorraine Beckett

Native Ministries Dinner

Wednesday, July 21, 2010

For thirteen years University Hill United Congregation has continued its practice of hosting the Native Ministries Consortium for dinner. We started with a question, how do we reach out to our brothers and sisters in Christ who live and breathe our shared faith in Christ? Someone mentioned the Native Ministry Consortium coming to VST for 2 weeks every July. The Consortium is made up of North American lay and ordained First Nations ministers who come to VST to continue their theological studies. So began our annual shared meal. The Consortium soon invited us to their salmon BBQ.

Over thirteen years we have gotten to know one another. With tableware from many homes we lay out a piece of ourselves. We light up the BBQ, put flowers, candles, hymnbooks and bread for the Agape meal on colourfully set tables. Our friends arrive bringing shared memories of July evenings past. Singing, drumming, feasting and praying begins anew.

Rev. Gayle Nauska sends us greetings and is looking forward to the 2011 dinner.

Greetings from Alaska to my brothers and sisters in Christ,

In May 2009 I graduated from the Native Ministries program at VST. My parents came, and we attended the service at University Hill. I have thought of you many times as I have looked at the jar of 'Cookies in a Jar', and finally baked them this week.

I am really hoping to come down next summer and be a tutor during the Native Ministries summer program. Each year, I start getting "homesick" when I am not able to be there and see my buddies. I am Episcopalian. However, community is a very important part of my theology, and since I have gotten to know a number of you at the wonderful dinner each year with the Native Ministry program, you are my community when I come to Vancouver. One year, one of my classmates had a car, and we worshipped at one of the Anglican churches. It was nice, and the service was familiar, but it was not "home" like University Hill is to me. I know my parents really liked the service at University Hill. They are United Methodist, and find the Episcopal services too long and too formal; however, they were able to feel right at home with you.

*Blessings from Alaska,
Gayle Nauska (Rev.)*

It seems our story (Uhill) has become Our (Uhill & NMC) story, thanks be to God.

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

Mark your calendar for July 20, 2011 and join us for the fourteenth annual Native Consortium Dinner. Our story continues.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Beckett

Diakonia – Serving Christ

First United Church Mission

On Site at First United Church

There are many ways to be involved at First United as are described in other parts of this report. One of them is to visit the community at the Hastings and Gore site.

As a newcomer to Vancouver and University Hill United Church, the opportunity to car pool with a group of other UHillians to a Wednesday evening celebration meal was a great introduction to the community at First United.

People in the wider community are invited to serve and be served at the weekly Wednesday celebration. Typically, folks from U Hill attend on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The current pattern is to serve a meal at 5 o'clock for those who wish to "eat and go" and to have a more extended program at 6 o'clock which includes the meal, musical offerings and some reflection or discussion of a spiritual nature that is inclusive of all faiths or no faith. At each sitting, birthdays and celebrations are acknowledged, announcements are made and all present are warmly welcomed.

Other specific requests for engagement in the community life come on an as-needed basis, especially around special celebrations such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter. For those curious about regular participation in the programs at First United, an information evening is held monthly. There, one can learn more about the history, theology, current directions and programs and how faith is lived at First United.

The commitment at First United is to move beyond the charity model and to be inclusive and welcoming of all people, including the most marginalize. The goal is to build relationships among all God's children: those who call First United "Home" and all those from the wider community who wish to engage with them. It is a challenging and rewarding opportunity.

Jackie Garrett

Feeding the hungry

Each Sunday many folk from our congregation offer non-perishable food, toiletries, blankets, clothing and other items for the Emergency Food Bank and the Mission at First United. Our children bring these offerings forward during the children's time which provides a tangible reminder to us of entire important ministry.

The items are delivered to First United twice a month. First United gratefully accepts these offerings during daytime hours at their Thrift Store. We are grateful for Jim Ross and Lorraine Beckett who each make a delivery every month. It would be appreciated if there were one or two others from our congregation who could participate in this aspect of our ministry to First United.

Marjorie Morrison-Ross

First United mission preaches the gospel and sometimes it uses words.

Matthew 25: 34 Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world for 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, 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.

This is the community of First United and it is a pleasure to be a part of its love and grace for all peoples.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine Beckett

Add Your Light

A number of us at University Hill have continued to support and follow, with interest, the work of the Add Your Light (AYL) Charitable Foundation throughout the past year. Based in Calgary, AYL is run by Jan Tollefson, a medical doctor with specialist certification in Community Medicine and a Master in Health Care & Epidemiology. Jan began AYL 13 years ago as a missional venture when she lived in Vancouver and was a member of Uhill. With its sister NGO partner “Fundacion Agrega Tu Luz”, AYL has continued its work in the Dominican Republic and has projects in Haiti and connections in Cuba.

Jan visited University Hill Congregation on May 30, 2010. Following worship and lunch, her presentation provided us with an update on the AYL’s work. We gleaned insight into the joys and challenges of the charitable work that she and her supporters undertake in and around the community of Dajabon in the Dominican Republic.

One of the successes of this past year has been the Small Loans Program, which, since its inception, has provided micro-loans to 307 women. This program provides the opportunity for these women to obtain financing at reasonable interest rates in order for them to create/grow small businesses; do home repairs or renovations; or to purchase BioSand water filters or LED/solar lighting systems. The Small loans Program will be the major fundraising focus for AYL in the coming year. The goal is to have \$175,000 in circulating loans with the interest on the loans covering the administrative costs of the program, including salaries for two staff. AYL will need to raise approximately \$79,000 to achieve this goal. Perhaps University Hill could assist?

In response to the cholera outbreak in Haiti last fall, AYL installed 70 Biosand water filters in 18 churches in the town of Ouanaminthe. The goal was to provide hygiene education and 5 liters of clean water for 10,000 people per day. Funds for another 104 filters were donated at the end of 2010. It was planned that these filters would also be provided to people in Haiti but due to obstacles posed by communication and the difficult

atmosphere in that country, this has not occurred as hoped. If the filters don't get to Haiti, they will be integrated into the small loans program in Dajabon.

One of the highlights for long time supporters of AYL is the recent graduation of Yudelkis Lopez. She graduated with a Bachelors degree in Education with highest honours, 4th in a class of 302! Some people will remember her and her sister, Rebecca, as two of the children Jan met on her first trip to the D.R. in August 1998. The sister's mother died in 1999, and AYL has been supporting them with their education ever since. Rebecca is continuing with her university studies this year.

Jan will be coming to University Hill for her annual visit and update on Sunday June 5th, 2011. Thank you to those of you who have continued to support AYL. May we at Uhill continue to add our light and support for 'Add Your Light' in the year ahead.

Marjorie Morrison Ross

Resources for Mission

Leadership Team

Matthew 20:27 *“and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

In 2010 your leadership team was made up of our ordained ministers, Ed Searcy, Nathan Wright for the first part of the year and Caroline Penhale for the second half (Campus Ministry); the Chair of Session, Lorraine Beckett, the Vice-Chair of Session, Walter Rilkoff, and the Chair of Stewards, John Culter.

Whether in Ed’s office or at John or Walter’s place, we always started with a meal. For as a gathered people, gathered up by God to serve His world, we find nourishment in the breaking of bread and drinking of wine. And the work begins.

While looking over the past year I am amazed by the activity. Our continuing mission with the “Salt of the Earth” calendar, hosting scripture for the Lenten Devotional, hosting our neighbours in the UEL/UBC community, finalizing the lease with VST, greeting our brother and sisters in Christ at the Native Ministries dinner, introducing a website directory, getting to know each other in our own neighbourhoods and hosting Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery.

New missions came our way in 2010 as we welcomed a new Mennonite congregation to the Chapel of the Epiphany—working out a way to share the space—and as we opened up dialogue with Westside United Church congregations (West Point Grey, Dunbar, Knox and Trinity) about the future of the United Church in our region.

Your Leadership Team is your servant/slave and while not easy it has been a joy to serve you these past three years a chair. I am constantly amazed at the gifts U Hill has been blessed. Gifted, faithful and loving people who by their living show their faith and love for God throughout the year by giving their time, talents & funds to Gods’ mission in the world.

As I move on to other responsibilities and challenges I want to thank Ed, John, Walter, Nathan and Caroline for their support and kindnesses throughout my time as chair of the Leadership Team. To the people of U Hill, it has been a pleasure to be your servant/slave. May God be ever present in your life as we continue in our shared journey of rediscovering the Way of Christ for the sake of God’s world.

Respectfully submitted
Lorraine Beckett

Ministry and Personnel Committee

The members of the M&P Committee for 2010 were John Culter, Walter Rilkoff, Donna Runnalls (Chair) and Anne Webster.

The committee met five times in 2010: a catch-up 2009 meeting in January and the regular quarterly meetings in March, June, and September and December.

M&P is responsible for ensuring that the relationship between the congregation and the employed members of the ministry team remains happy and productive. The committee regularly reviews the schedules, situations and salaries of all staff members. The congregational minister and the campus minister are present at the quarterly meetings for discussion of such matters. The discussions are confidential.

In 2010 Nathan Wright left the position of Campus Minister and the M&P Committee was asked to make a recommendation for a replacement. The Committee advertised the opening locally, received applications, reviewed and interviewed candidates, and recommended Caroline Penhale for a one year appointment.

Donna Runnalls

Nominations

Session

through 2012

through 2013

through 2014

Sumarme Goble & Scott Webster

Carmen Philippe-Welton & Doug Goodwin (clerk)

Erin Tarbuck & Walter Rilkoff (chair)

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

Pauline Buck, 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

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

For the year, our envelope givings slightly exceeded our budget, for the first time in many years. This is a terrific outcome for a small congregation, and we should be very proud. Surely this level of giving reflects a deep faith in our shared enterprise, and confidence in the future of the congregation and its pastoral leadership.

Partly as a consequence of this generous support, we finished the year with a small surplus, before any contribution from our investment funds. This is in sharp contrast to many years of the slow reduction of our capital funds to cover operating deficits. Another factor came into play: we did very well out of our Christian Seasons Calendar project, with a net contribution from the calendar of \$28,660, against \$13,490 last year.

Envelope Contributions

We are happy to report that our new initiatives around envelope recording have been quite successful. New software has enabled us to provide quarterly statements to the congregation, and we continue to report monthly givings totals in Ed's regular email report. The software seems easy to use, and has enabled us to get much better accounting with less work than under our previous system.

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 heads the counting team and he is very thankful of the time and dedication that our small group of regular offering counters have contributed to this service of the church. The stewards have acknowledged that some more envelope counters are needed and are looking to increase the roster. At the same time we are conscious of the concerns of some in the congregation around privacy. We 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

We are pleased to announce that we have created a formal endowment fund for the congregation. The fund will hold gifts, bequests and donations, with the capital amount held 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 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 received our first donation for the fund in December, and are aware of several more planned for 2011. 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 have made a successful transition to the national United Church payroll scheme for our ministry staff. The intention is to simplify our payroll work, and to enable direct deposit of funds into the staff bank accounts.

We are grateful to Marjorie Morrison Ross, our church secretary, who has taken on most of the accounting data entry work, and to Shelley Jones, our treasurer. Since our calendar activity has expanded considerably, Marjorie and Shelley have been pretty busy. We thank them for their efforts on our behalf.

Lease with Vancouver School of Theology

We have concluded a new lease with VST, which provides that we will be in the Chapel of the Epiphany through 2015. We also have the use of three offices in the Iona building. Under the lease, 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. We will move our worship services to the top floor of the Iona building on these occasions.

Regular meetings with the school continue, to ensure that little problems don't become big ones. We thank Michael Butler and Ed Searcy for this important work.

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

Offering Envelope Report

This report summarizes financial givings at University Hill in 2010, for both regular (envelope and PAR) givers as well as for visitors/guests. The two tables below outline the ranges of weekly and annual givings by the congregation:

Average Weekly Offering (\$)	Number of Givers	Total Annual Offering (\$)	Number of Givers
\$1 to \$2	30	\$1 to \$50	28
\$3 to \$5	7	\$51 to \$100	2
\$6 to \$10	4	\$101 to \$200	3
\$11 to \$25	12	\$201 to \$500	8
\$26 to \$50	15	\$501 to \$1,000	8
\$51 to \$100	14	\$1,001 to \$5,000	33
\$101 to \$200	11	\$5,001 to \$10,000	11
Greater than \$200	1	Greater than \$10,000	1
Total	94	Total	94

Note that most of the lower average weekly and total annual offering amounts reflect givings by visitors or guests who typically gave only once during the year. The majority of regular donors gave between \$10 and \$200 per week, and between \$200 and \$10,000 for the year.

The following table summarizes contributions by regular givers in 2010 to the five major offering categories:

Total Annual Offering	Number of Regular Givers by Category				
	Local	M&S	First United	Campus Ministry	MDF
\$1 to \$50	1	11	4		2
\$51 to \$100		6			
\$101 to \$200	3	8	2	2	3
\$201 to \$300	1	7			
\$301 to \$400		3		1	
\$401 to \$500	4	3			1
\$501 to \$750	2	6			
\$751 to \$1,000	2	1			
\$1,000 to \$2,000	13	3	2		
\$2,001 to \$3,000	12	1			
\$3,001 to \$4,000	3				
\$4,001 to \$5,000	5				
Greater than \$5,000	8				
Totals	54	49	8	3	6

A total of 54 givers made regular contributions in 2010, down from 63 in 2009. Offerings to Local were made by 54 regular givers in 2010, compared to 63 in 2009. A total of 49 donors contributed to the Mission & Service Fund in 2010, compared to 58 in 2009. Givings to First United, Campus Ministry, and the Minister's Discretionary Fund (MDF) were similar to those in 2009.

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

Minister's Discretionary Fund
 January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010

Balance	January 1, 2010	7.08
Income		
	General Fund	2,030.00
	Interest	.07
	Total	2,030.07
Disbursements		
	Bank Charge	65.50
	Benevolence	855.00
	Courtesy	472.61
	Hospitality	496.68
	Mission	108.04
	Total	1,997.83
Balance	December 31, 2010	25.16

**Report of the Trustees
For the year ended December 31, 2010**

Trust Funds Value:

January 1, 2010	\$211,848	
Less: Withdrawals	(0)	
December 31, 2010	\$228,497	
Investment Return	\$16,649	2010 Rate of Return: 7.9%

Investment Manager

In April 2010, the Trust Funds were transferred to Macquarie Private Wealth (MPW) under the management of Philip Francis. Philip has been our Investment Advisor since 2003 at RBC Dominion Securities and moved to Macquarie, a global investment bank, earlier in 2010. Macquarie Private Wealth is a member of the Canadian Investor Protection Fund and IIROC.

Performance

The Funds achieved an investment return of \$16,649, 7.9%, during the calendar year ending December 31st 2010. This was lower than the 19.3% achieved in 2009 but in line with the longer term returns of the fund. It also reflected a relatively more conservative asset mix than in previous years (47% in stocks) and the low yields currently available from fixed income and money market investments.

For the first time since 2003, we did not require funds to be transferred from the Trustee Funds to the operating account at University Hill.

In June 2010, on the advice of our Investment Manager, we re-structured the portfolio by selling our mutual funds and investing in a high quality portfolio of dividend paying Canadian stocks, REITs and GICs. This has proved to be a lower cost arrangement than mutual funds and we were pleased to be able to make this transition without commissions, early redemption charges or other transaction costs.

Investment Outlook

There are still many uncertainties in the investment outlook – European sovereign debt, strength of the U.S. economic recovery, risk of “overheating” in China, international tensions etc. We believe our funds are appropriately structured to manage these risks while benefiting from the cautiously positive outlook recommended by our Investment Manager.

For the Trustees of the Congregation
John R Culter, Chair
Bruce Bouchard, Michael Butler, Michael Moll, Shelley Jones, Rev. Dr. Edwin Searcy

University Hill United Church

Financial Statements For the year ended December 31, 2010 (Unaudited)

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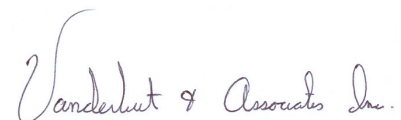
Review Engagement Report

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, 2010 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.



Vancouver, British Columbia
March 21, 2011

Chartered Accountants

University Hill United Church
Statement of Financial Position
(Unaudited)

December 31	2010	2009
		(As restated Note 7)
Assets		
Current		
Cash	\$ 54,752	\$ 48,803
Amounts receivable	2,823	5,658
	57,575	54,461
Investments		
Restricted	159,890	145,163
Unrestricted	68,503	66,417
Capital assets (Note 3)	1,891	2,421
	\$ 287,859	\$ 268,462

Liabilities, Deferred Contributions and Net Assets

Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 4,530	\$ 6,833
Deferred contributions		
Expenses of future periods (Note 4)	9,661	6,965
	14,191	13,798
Net assets		
Invested in Capital Assets	1,891	2,421
Restricted for Endowment purposes	6,053	4,553
Restricted for Property purposes	153,837	140,610
Internally restricted for Mission Development purposes	39,856	37,879
Internally restricted for Congregational Growth purposes	27,373	26,016
Unrestricted	44,658	43,185
	273,668	254,664
	\$ 287,859	\$ 268,462

Commitments (Note 5)

Approved on behalf of the Committee of Stewards:



Member



Member

University Hill United Church
Statement of Operations
(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31	2010	2010	2009
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Revenues			
Donations, net (Schedule)	\$ 154,250	\$ 155,167	\$ 148,155
UBC Campus Ministry Grants			
BC Conference Chaplaincy	36,000	34,000	38,250
Mission support	16,000	13,750	16,000
Christian Season's Calendars (Note 6)	12,000	28,660	13,940
	218,250	231,577	216,345
Expenditures			
Activities and affiliations			
Congregational supplies	1,250	754	1,193
Invitational ministry and special projects	3,500	4,812	3,400
Minister's discretionary fund	1,000	1,000	1,000
Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery	7,500	7,202	7,023
Campus Ministry Nicaragua Trip	-	-	4,523
	13,250	13,768	17,139
Ministry units			
Christian education	4,360	2,952	5,181
Hospitality and pastoral care	1,500	1,757	1,253
Music	11,000	9,550	10,425
Ordained ministry	92,700	91,979	89,779
UBC Campus ministry	61,480	59,297	59,020
	171,040	165,535	165,658
General and administrative			
Amortization	-	530	709
Occupancy	25,625	27,906	25,625
Office and miscellaneous	5,050	10,447	6,084
Office salaries	14,100	14,022	12,475
Professional fees	3,500	3,772	3,408
Less: reimbursed costs	(5,000)	(5,346)	(4,780)
	43,275	51,331	43,521
Total expenditures	227,565	230,634	226,318
Income (loss) from operations before other items	(9,315)	943	(9,973)
Other items			
Investment income	-	2,607	4,396
Unrealized gains on investments	-	13,954	32,576
Net income (loss) from operations	\$ (9,315)	\$ 17,504	\$ 26,999

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, 2010
(Unaudited)

	<i>Invested in Capital Assets</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, 2009, as previously reported	\$ 3,130	\$ 4,553	\$ 166,507	\$ 29,961	\$ 22,019	\$ 1,495	\$ 227,665
Restatement (Note 7)	-	-	(22,100)	2,100	-	20,000	-
Balance, January 1, 2009, as restated	3,130	4,553	144,407	32,061	22,019	21,495	227,665
Net income (loss) from operations before unrealized losses on investments	-	-	3,198	710	488	(9,973)	(5,577)
Unrealized gains on investments	-	-	23,005	5,108	3,509	954	32,576
Amortization of capital assets	(709)	-	-	-	-	709	-
Endowment investment income	-	1,087	-	-	-	(1,087)	-
Interfund transfers	-	(1,087)	(30,000)	-	-	31,087	-
Balance, December 31, 2009, as restated	\$ 2,421	\$ 4,553	\$ 140,610	\$ 37,879	\$ 26,016	\$ 43,185	\$ 254,664
Net income (loss) from operations before unrealized gains on investments	-	-	3,633	(607)	(419)	943	3,550
Unrealized gains on investments	-	-	9,594	2,584	1,776	-	13,954
Amortization of capital assets	(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

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	2010	2009
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash received from members for operations	\$ 206,701	\$ 197,614
Cash received from fundraising activities, net	31,495	12,521
Cash used for program and administrative expenditures	<u>(232,407)</u>	<u>(221,599)</u>
Net cash from operating activities	5,789	(11,464)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Cash received from (used in) investing activities, net	160	(130)
Transfer to operating account	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Increase in cash for the year	5,949	18,406
Cash, beginning of year	<u>48,803</u>	<u>30,397</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 54,752</u>	<u>\$ 48,803</u>

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, 2010

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.

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December 31, 2010

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 of the Council of Elders 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. Additional funds can be used for other purposes if written approval is obtained from Presbytery.

(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) Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at cost. Amortization is calculated at 20% diminishing balance based on the estimated useful life of the asset.

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December 31, 2010

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 University 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 and investments as “held-for-trading”, 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. Gains and losses realized on disposal, unrealized gains and losses from market fluctuations and other investment income are reported in the statement of operations.

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.

The carrying values of the Church's financial instruments approximates their fair value unless otherwise noted.

(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.

3. Capital Assets

	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2010
Office equipment	\$ 12,103	\$ 10,212	\$ 1,891
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net 2009
Office equipment	\$ 12,103	\$ 9,682	\$ 2,421

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4. Deferred Contributions Related to Expenses of Future Periods

Deferred contributions related to expenses of future periods represent unspent externally restricted funds which were received in the current period that relate to subsequent periods.

	Opening balance	Restricted contributions	Expensed in the year	Ending balance
Mission & Service Fund	\$ 2,735	\$ 16,872	\$ 11,624	\$ 7,983
UBC Campus Ministry	974	48,420	49,394	-
Minister's Discretionary Fund	100	1,130	1,130	100
Add Your Light Project	300	300	600	-
First United Church	1,076	2,861	3,937	-
UCC Programs	-	1,130	1,130	-
Healing Fund	270	1,080	1,350	-
Congregational Supplies	1,210	1,207	1,038	1,379
Special Projects	300	3,000	3,101	199
	\$ 6,965	\$ 76,000	\$ 73,304	\$ 9,661

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:

2011	\$ 33,920
2012	33,920
2013	33,920
2014	33,920
2015	33,920
	<u>33,920</u>
	\$ 169,600

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6. Christian Season's Calendars

Christian Season's Calendars is a missional project of the Church.

	2010	2009
Sales	\$ 50,665	\$ 34,438
Expenses		
Printing costs	4,979	6,862
Artwork	3,600	3,600
Design	2,700	2,655
Shipping	5,672	4,978
Other	5,054	2,286
Bad debt expense	-	117
	22,005	20,498
Net income	\$ 28,660	\$ 13,940

7. Restatement

The opening balances for January 1, 2009 have been restated to correct for a misstatement in net assets restricted for Property and Mission Development Purposes of \$20,000. The restatement results in the following changes to net assets:

	As previously stated	Increase (decrease)	As restated
Net Assets - Mission Development	\$ 29,961	\$ 2,100	\$ 32,061
Net assets - Property	166,507	(22,100)	144,407
Net assets - Unrestricted	1,495	20,000	21,495

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.

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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 Foundation 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 Foundation believes that this adoption will not have any significant change in its current systems or financial reporting.

10. Prior Year Comparative Figures

Certain prior year comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the financial statement presentation adopted for the current year.

University Hill United Church
Schedule of Donations
(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31	2010	2009
Donations		
Unrestricted		
Local envelope givings	\$ 141,517	\$ 130,122
Open givings	6,867	7,001
Weddings & funerals	1,000	1,850
	<u>149,384</u>	<u>138,973</u>
Restricted for programs		
UBC Campus Ministry	<u>1,644</u>	5,116
Invitational Ministry and Special Projects		
Sandwich Making	1,110	619
Invitational Ministry	-	2,208
Native Ministries' Dinners	470	230
V6T Mailings	1,521	-
	<u>3,101</u>	<u>3,057</u>
Congregational Supplies		
Flowers and Beautification	348	671
Lenten Booklets	-	338
Bibles	690	-
	<u>1,038</u>	<u>1,009</u>
	<u>\$ 155,167</u>	<u>\$ 148,155</u>

University Hill Congregation

Income Statement & Budget

For the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011

		ACTUAL 2010	BUDGET 2010	BUDGET 2011
Revenue				
1	Envelope givings	141,517	140,000	145,000
2	Open givings	6,867	8,000	8,000
3	Weddings & Memorials	1,000	1,500	1,500
4	Flowers	348	500	500
5	Donations - Sandwich Making	1,110	500	500
6	Donations - Native Ministries' Dinners	470	250	250
7	UBC Campus Ministry - Grants	47,750	52,000	44,250
8	UBC Campus Ministry - Donations	1,644	1,000	1,000
9	Invitational Ministry	1,521	2,500	
10	Congregational supplies - Bibles	690		
11	Christian Seasons Calendar - Net contribution	28,660	12,000	25,000
12	Total Revenue	231,577	218,250	226,000
Expenses				
Ordained Ministry				
15	Minister's salary and allowances	90,714	91,200	92,000
17	Education & books	1,265	1,500	1,500
18	Sub-total	91,979	92,700	93,500
Ministry of Music				
19	Minister of Music (honorarium)	9,550	10,000	9,500
21	Leader of The Singers (honorarium)	-	-	-
22	Guest Musicians	-	500	500
23	Ministry of Music supplies	-	500	500
24	Sub-total	9,550	11,000	10,500
Ministry of Christian Education				
25	Minister of Christian Education Salary & Benefits	-	-	-
27	Infant and toddler care salary & benefits	2,186	3,400	2,500
28	CE Curricula & Supplies	766	960	960
29	Sub-total	2,953	4,360	3,460
UBC Campus Ministry				
30	Salary & Benefits	31,425	34,980	21,848
31	Housing Allowance	18,000	18,000	15,600
32	Education & Books	900	1,000	975
33	Occupancy, administration & office supplies	5,346	5,000	5,800
34	Activities	2,899	2,500	2,500
35	Telephone	727	-	600
36	Sub-total	59,297	61,480	47,323
Other Ministries				
37	Pastoral Care		100	100
38	Worship - Sacristan & Supplies	864	100	1,500
39	Interim Ministers	175	300	350
40	Hospitality (coffee)	413	750	500
41	Invitational Ministry	2,783	2,500	2,500
42	Weddings & Memorial Services	305	250	250
43	Sub-total	4,540	4,000	5,200

University Hill Congregation
Income Statement & Budget
For the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2011

		ACTUAL 2010	BUDGET 2010	BUDGET 2011
46	Administration			
47	Secretary salary & benefits	14,022	14,100	22,000
48	Insurance	436	1,100	1,000
49	VST lease	27,906	25,625	32,000
50	Parking	1,005	600	600
51	Interest & bank charges	558	600	600
52	Office supplies	4,007	2,000	2,000
53	Accounting & Legal fees	3,772	3,500	3,500
54	Telephone charges	4,973	750	1,500
55	Less: Reimbursed costs	(5,346)	(5,000)	(5,800)
56	Sub-total	51,333	43,275	57,400
57	Activities & Affiliations			
58	Congregational supplies	408	500	500
59	Leadership training	154	-	-
60	Minister's discretionary fund	1,000	1,000	1,000
61	Flowers & Beautification	348	750	500
62	Special Projects - Bibles	345	-	-
63	First United Sandwiches	1,026	500	250
64	Observer	(3)	-	-
65	Presbytery	7,202	7,500	7,500
66	Native Ministries Dinner	504	500	500
67	Sub-total	10,985	10,750	10,250
68				
69	Total Expenses	230,634	227,565	227,633
70				
71	Revenue less Expenses	943	(9,315)	(1,633)