

GOWER STREET UNITED CHURCH

St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador

ANNUAL REPORT 2011



Ministers:

Rev. Marion Davis (January – June)

Rev. Guy Matthews (July –)

Congregational Designated Minister: Keith Wiseman (September –)

Minister Emeritus: The Very Rev. Dr. Marion Parfy

Choir Director: Dr. D. Dunsmore
Band Director: Dr. Edsel Bonnell

Organist: R. Carl Goulding
Office Manager: Linda Hogan

Board Chair: Dr. Pat West

GOWER STREET UNITED CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community within The United Church of Canada, committed to the Christian Development of all people in our midst, and the living out of that faith in our relationship with each other and in the wider community through worship, education, pastoral care and outreach.

We are committed to following Christ's example of reaching out to each other and to all peoples in the spirit of peace, compassion and justice.

We seek to interpret God's mission for us through an informed and prayerful understanding of the Bible, a belief in God's love for all people and in the Spirit of God in our lives and in our world.

We attempt to meet the spiritual, emotional, physical, social and psychological needs of all members of the congregation within the heritage of our Christian faith.

We are committed to the maintenance and development of our church building and property as a visible sign of God's presence and love, and to serve as a means by which we carry out our mission in a Christian congregation.

OUR CREED

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

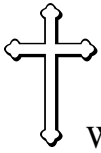
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

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OFFICIAL BOARD ANNUAL REPORT

What an exciting year we have had at Gower. Following the Search Committee's work we called the Rev. Guy Matthews to minister to us and he began his ministry with us on July 1st. To fulfill his contract the Ministry and Personnel Committee hired Keith Wiseman to assist the Rev. Guy with the pastoral care needs of the congregation. His ministry with us as a Congregational Designated Minister has worked well, the Pastoral Care committee has recruited new members and visiting is more coordinated. We were sorry to lose the Rev. Marion Davis at the end of June and wished her well in her retirement and her future whatever it may hold for her.

After twenty-six years work at Gower, David Noseworthy took up a new position with the Stella Burry Cando organization, helping to train people wishing to become janitors or custodians and he is training some of these students at Gower. In addition to cleaning and other janitorial work, the Cando students, under David's supervision, have painted, repaired water damage and carried out other maintenance projects. I am sure that you will agree the appearance of the interior of the building is much improved.

A number of fundraising events took place this year. Over a 120 people enjoyed an exciting Spirit of Newfoundland dinner and musical based on the ABBA story. This was organized by the Stewardship Committee who also sold cocoa and cookies at the Once Concerts held in the Sanctuary in December. The Once asked for donations to the Organ fund and during their concerts here raised almost three thousand dollars. The building is busy most days with our own organization meetings, outreach, and with rentals. The "Love of Learning" group now meets at Bridges to Hope and the Gym is rented to a music promotion group led by Carl Goulding. The Outreach Committee is organizing lunch for needy people every Wednesday and would be pleased to receive help, money or catering, with this project which is providing lunch for an increasing number of diners. With the increased number of rentals the Property Committee is looking for a volunteer to prepare the contracts for would-be renters and coordinate the use of the building by outside organizations while ensuring our own groups have adequate space.

Gower is so fortunate in having many dedicated volunteers to carry out the tasks that need to be done. In addition to work of the Pastoral Care, Stewardship, Outreach, and Ministry and Personnel Committees mentioned already, the Property Committee is on call 24/7 if emergencies occur and is to be congratulated on the repair to the Memorial Hall roof, the furnace, and many other jobs that were carried out during the year. The Worship and Sacraments Committee also has a heavy workload as they oversee the Worship Services, the Sanctuary and its use, and keep the Official Roll and oversee baptisms and the use of the Sanctuary for marriages and other events. The Finance Committee meets regularly to administer Gower finances and to ensure that we are on a sound financial footing while the Trustees watch over our endowments and capital assets. The Christian Education Committee supervises the education and encouragement of our children which is a very important part of our Christian mission. The Heritage and Archives Committee has been busy looking after historical documents and memorabilia from the past. Currently they are looking into ways for Gower and the United Churches of the North East to join together to celebrate two centuries of Christian Service started by our Methodist forebears. The Men's Club, the United Church Women, and those organizing and providing for the Senior's Club meetings provide outreach and social opportunities for their own groups and the congregation. The men take on responsibility for various building restoration projects and the U.C.W. have donated significant amounts of money over the years to the Mission and Service Fund, the Gower Operating Fund and other charitable organizations. The dedication of the Choir and Gower Community Band and service to Gower is exemplary. We are most fortunate.

I have not counted the number of those volunteering but know it is legion. It is also important that we recruit new volunteers to fill in for those taking a break, moving away, or taking on different responsibilities. As we heard during a recent sermon, like the disciples so long ago we need to hear Jesus' call to follow him and do his work. Work that has changed in many ways with the passing of time but is still requires us to answer His Call.

The Finance Committee presented a balanced operating fund account for 2011. The Board gives all who donated to the operating and other fund accounts a big thank you because you make Gower's mission possible.

Finally, thank you to all our staff: our ministers, office staff and office volunteers, the Cando employees, and our musicians for their dedication and effort.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Pat West, Chair of the Board

A Prayer for Reading the Annual Report

God of all our days, be with me as I read the pages of this report.
Let my interest be a blessing to all whose labour is represented here.
Let my concern be a sign of my own commitment.

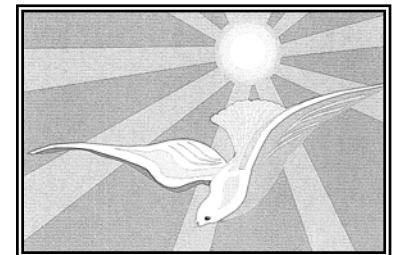
Help me to be open to the presence of your Holy Spirit in our community,
and to your voice calling us forward in faith.

In your name I ask it,
In your presence I ask it,
In your compassion I ask it. Amen.

REPORT FROM THE MINISTER

REV. GUY MATTHEWS

"I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now." – Philippians 1:3



These words of Paul to the young church in Philippi express the pride and joy that he feels to be a part of their church community. I can identify somewhat with that. I am so proud to have been called to be your minister and I take great joy from how my family and I have been warmly received into the Gower faith community.

The Philippians' church was well known for its faithfulness in the practical sharing of the gospel message. Gower has a magnificent history of witness and service that in 2015 will have

encompassed two hundred years. It has played a vital role in the history of the city of St. John's and in the lives of generations of people.

This church community that Paul is addressing is facing the challenges of its day – membership struggles, the scarcity of financial means to support itself, a changing political landscape, a society often indifferent and sometimes even openly hostile to its mission and message, the struggle to be relevant, and so on. Amazingly, and sadly too, these same challenges are with us today in Gower and throughout the Church.

However, like the church at Philippi, Gower continues forward - driven by the faith of its members, the wisdom and dedication of its lay leadership and a strong sense of community.

I have had the privilege to serve among you for just seven months. Even in that short time I have come to understand somewhat the pride that you feel as members and the sense of purpose under which you live, work and worship. There has been much for me to learn about Gower's rich history in order to understand what so many of you already know and embody.

There continues to be the challenges of an aging congregation, limited financial resources, a high maintenance property, and a changing role in the greater community. Yet, Gower's is a history of engaging and embracing change. Over its history it has just not merely survived but has remained vital and relevant to members and to the world.

I want to thank all of you for the opportunity to minister with you. I am grateful for all who attend worship and encourage those who do not to please come out and join us. I stand in awe of the many who volunteer in roles both large and small, out front or behind the scenes: Board and committees; groups for men, women children and seniors; choirs and bands; studies, Sunday School and Christian education; outreach and pastoral care; worship participation; ushering and office volunteers; and everyone who serves.

I am grateful for Linda, Keith, Doug, Carl, and Edsel whose roles as full and part time staff are so faithfully fulfilled and who make it such a joy for me to minister among you.



GENERAL PROTESTANT CEMETERY COMMITTEE



The General Protestant Cemetery Committee has experienced a successful year, having operated both cemeteries and still having a small credit balance at year end. This means that the funds collected for burials was sufficient to cover off the operation and maintenance of both cemeteries.

The Cemetery Committee had quite a busy year in 2011 making arrangements to prepare for the opening of the new cemetery known as "Memorial Gardens" in the Southlands area. Several meetings were held between Government and the General Protestant and Roman Catholic Committees in respect to building a road to the cemetery. The Government essentially agreed to do so and the road was completed last fall. Our committee has now signed a contract with S and H Codner to prepare ten acres of land in the new cemetery, once cleared, this area will be a parking lot with an area seeded and grassed over. This is scheduled to take place this spring. In 2011 a Columbarium was also established in Mount Pleasant for cremations. The Committee will have to obtain a loan in order to have the new cemetery ready for use this fall.

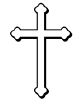
The flower services were quite successful in 2011 with a small increase in donations at Mount Pleasant. In the coming year the flower services will be held at Mount Pleasant on July 9 and at the General Protestant on July 23. (Dates will be confirmed later)

The Committee wishes to thank Gower St. United Church for its contribution in 2011 and hopes to receive another contribution in 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Vernon Simmons



REPORT FROM YOUR EAST DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE



On June 3-5, 2011, I attended the East District Spring Meeting at Burry Heights Camp and Retreat Center. The special guest speaker was Sister Elizabeth Davis, Congregation Leader, of the Sisters of Mercy in Newfoundland and Labrador. She spoke on the theme **“WHERE TO FROM HERE?”** She helped members of the Court to look at the signs of things emerging in our midst and to look at ourselves. Sister Davis said that all churches should maintain their roots and traditions, but accept the fact that as a result of the new social media trends in all denominations we must change our ways of doing things.

Along with the E.D. committee reports at the Spring Meeting Dr. Lawrence Dewolfe gave a report from the Atlantic School of Theology and showed a promotional video for AST. The Atlantic School of Theology is doing well and is excited about the programs they are offering both on campus and online. This year they had the largest graduating class in a number of years and there is a growing need for Educational Supervisors and Learning Sites. On a different theme, Rev. Dr. Marion Parry advised the Court that Jocelyn Green was awarded The Paul Harris Fellow of Rotary International for her work with Stella Burry Community Services.

On October 28-30, 2011, I attended the Fall Meeting of East District at Burry Heights Camp & Retreat Center. The theme of this meeting was **“WE HAVE THIS MINISTRY.”** There was considerable debate and discussion among the guest speakers and delegates regarding social change in the United Church of Canada. Social change may be driven by cultural, religious, economic, scientific or technological forces within our church. The Minutes of the East District Meetings are available from the United church Office.

In the Fall we were honored to have Mardi Tindal, Moderator of the United Church of Canada as our special guest. She brought warm greetings from General Council and she participated in a panel discussion around the theme of our meetings.

I find the meetings very educational and inspirational. The Chairs of the various Committees and our special guest speakers should be applauded for their hard work and dedication in the work of the United Church of Canada. The social aspects of the meetings are fun and uplifting. Before the sessions we have a Gathering with Music with the delegates singing their favorite hymns and playing musical instruments. The delegates are treated to a delicious dinner at the Milestones in Ministry Banquet that is held on Saturday nights during both the Spring and Fall Meetings.

The meetings conclude with the “Celebration of Ministries” inspired by beautiful music that is provided by various churches of the East District.

Respectfully submitted,
Elinor Udell
East District Representative



MINISTRY & PERSONNEL



2011 was another active year for the M&P Committee which saw probably the biggest changeover in staff in many years.

The first change occurred in January when Rev Miriam Bowlby, who had been providing support to Rev Marion, left to accept a call at Cochrane Street United. At the time it was decided to not back fill her position but to call on the congregation to support Rev. Marion through her last few months with us. I am pleased and proud to say that many people in the congregation stepped forward resulting in Marion’s last few months being made easier as a result. Thanks to everyone!

Throughout the spring the M&P Committee worked to smooth the way for the arrival of our new Minister and at the same time to bid adieu to Rev. Marion. As you may recall we had a wonderful event for Rev. Marion and I know she was truly grateful for all the heartfelt wishes from everyone. There is no doubt we are a better congregation having being blessed with Marion’s guidance and leadership during her time with us.

It was just prior to the arrival of Rev. Guy when we learned of the departure of David Noseworthy after 28 years as our custodian. David left to take up a position with Stella Burry Foundation working with one of their projects – Can-Do Enterprises. Even though Dave left he was certainly not out of the picture. When we subsequently signed a contract with Can-Do to provide custodial and maintenance services, David became associated with the Team responsible for our building. We all had the opportunity in September to say farewell to him and to pay tribute to his many years of service to our church.

The JNAC report that had been prepared in 2010 recommended that we call one full time Minister plus a permanent part time person to focus on Pastoral Care. Once the Call was issued to Rev. Guy we then proceeded to satisfy this recommendation. Consequently, we developed a Designated Congregational Minister position and undertook a staffing process. The result of which was the hiring of Mr. Keith Wiseman as a Designated Congregational Minister. I know you will all agree that Keith has been a wonderful addition to the ministry of Gower.

Once again throughout the year our regular staff continually went beyond the call of duty to ensure that things went as smoothly as possible. The Choir under the Leadership of Dr. Doug Dunsmore and Organist Carl Goulding continued to provide inspiration to us all. The Gower Community Band also continued to provide the opportunity for the musically inclined members of our congregation and the community at large to perform and contribute to services during the year. The band under Edsel Bonnell continues to provide an outreach service to the entire City. During our discussions with all three it was quite evident that they each continue to derive great joy from the roles they play in the life of Gower Street.

Our Office Manager Linda Hogan continues to be the anchor in the office that keeps everything on track. Linda has had a very busy year. In addition to “breaking in” a new Minister, taking on the role as the onsite liaison with Stella Burry; filling in as Editor of the Newsletter; and managing the increased activity related to Rentals she does manage to do her regular work!!!! Thank You Linda!!!!

Volunteers continue to make a great difference in our church. There are just too many to list here but I would like to make particular notice of Margot Evans and Dianne Hogan who have provided great support in the Office.

I would also like express my sincere gratitude to the members of the M&P Committee. Earlier in the year Barbara Moulton stepped down after “many” years on the Committee and she has been replaced by Roy West. Thank you Barbara and welcome Roy! Roy joins Alf Anstey, Pam Snow and Roberta Gill as members of your M&P Committee. I would like to thank each for their dedication and support throughout the year!

If you have any comments or questions please feel free to contact any member of our Committee.

Respectfully submitted
Lorne LeDrew, Chair



WORSHIP & SACRAMENTS

Mandate

The mandate of the Worship & Sacraments Committee includes providing for regular and special worship services, the administration of the sacraments, developing policy with respect to the admission, transfer and removal of membership. The Committee has the responsibility to recruit, train and organize people to assist the clergy at the service of Holy Communion, support the clergy in the organization and conduct of Baptism, and recruit and organize greeters and ushers for all services. The Committee also has the responsibility to advise the clergy and Board on the use of the church sanctuary.

Change of Ministry/Worship Services

Inspirational and well-planned Services of Worship were conducted regularly throughout the year. In June 2011 we said farewell to Rev. Marion Davis who had provided faithful leadership and spiritual guidance to our congregation for 6 years. In July we welcomed our new clergy- Rev. Guy Matthews who brings enthusiasm and a deep commitment to the life and work of our congregation. A Covenanting Service was held in November to honor this relationship. We also welcomed Keith Wiseman as a Congregational Designated Minister to support Pastoral Care in our congregation.

Music continues to be an important part of worship at Gower, and we wish to thank Doug Dunsmore, Carl Goulding, Dana Collins, Edsel Bonnell and the members of the Senior and Children’s choirs and the members of the Gower Community Band for their commitment and their gifts of time and talent directed to the enrichment of worship through music.

Sacraments

- Holy Communion was celebrated six times throughout the year.
- Nineteen children and one adult were baptized

To welcome newly baptized members to our congregation, the Church sends a letter of welcome and anticipation of the upcoming baptism and delivers the Certificate of Baptism to the homes whenever possible, following the baptism.

Membership

- Confirmation classes were held in conjunction with other downtown churches with five members of our congregation received as members of the congregation in June.
- Our thanks to Pat West who kept the Membership list up-to-date until this Fall, and to Judy Byrne who volunteered to continue this task.

Funerals

There were 26 funerals conducted by the Gower clergy.

Marriages

There were 18 marriages performed at Gower throughout 2011.

Our thanks to other clergy who officiated at funerals and marriages when our clergy were away.

Committee Supporters

The Worship & Sacraments Committee is able to carry out its mandate because of the support and efforts of other members of our congregation. Special thanks to:

- Groups and clergy who led services of worship while clergy were absent or on vacation
- The teachers and members of the Sunday School for their participation in the Hanging of the Greens and White Gift service during Advent, and the Outreach Committee for distribution of the gifts to various groups.
- All who have volunteered to participate in worship by reading scripture and offering prayers, and to those who operate the sound system.
- All those who have willingly helped in the preparation, serving and clean-up of Communion throughout the year.
- Henry Andrews and Doug Driscoll for coordinating ushers for regular services and funerals.
- Gail Wideman for organizing the greeters each Sunday.
- Judi Somers for organizing the supplies for the Fellowship Time each Sunday, and the Committees and individuals who hosted and provided refreshments each Sunday.
- Carl Stevenson who gave of his time and talent to stage another art show. The proceeds from this sale were used to supplement the expenses of the Worship & Sacraments Committee and the rest was donated to the Organ Refurbishment Fund.
- The Heritage & Archives Committee for their research and presentation of portraits of Rev. Richard and Mary Knight during a special service in October.
- Those responsible for maintaining the Gower website.
- The Property Committee for their cooperation in maintaining a safe and well-maintained sanctuary.
- Linda Hogan, office volunteers, David Noseworthy and members of the Stella Burry services for their tireless support in many ways.

Accessibility

- Sermons are available in print and audio format on the Gower website
- Large print copies of the bulletin and hearing assist devices available from the ushers.

The Committee

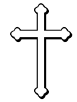
A thank you to members of the committee who have served faithfully throughout the year and have supported me in my first year as Chair: to Past Chair Lynn Barter (Secretary), Gwen Alcock, Cal Best, Judy Byrne, Keith Wiseman and to Grace Dunsmore and Jill Howlett for their faithfulness during their term on the Committee.

A special thank-you to our supportive and dedicated clergy: Rev. Marion Davis (before July) and since then Rev. Guy Matthews who continues to give enthusiastic and dedicated leadership.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angeline Anstey, Chair



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP



RECEIVED THROUGH BAPTISM

Maisie Jane Whalen	Sydney Grace White	Emily Ann Hanham
Sophia Leslie Elizabeth Moore	Koen Isaac Jamshidi	Liam Sean Vardy
Marshall Jack Bursey	Avery Lynn Doyle	Keith Owen Wiseman
Aiden Christopher Smith	Owen James Marsh	Matthew Frederick Edward Stokes
Kiarra Higdon	Ethan Kyle Harvey	Jasper William Thomas Bennett
Evan Mannik	Nisha Maya Rao	Lucas Gordon James Kerrivan
Cleo Pope Roberts	Devon Tian Ze Wong	

RECEIVED THROUGH CONFIRMATION

Hailie Breanna Butler	Louisa Madeline Simmons
Lauren Doreen Peters	Keith Owen Wiseman
Scott Douglas Peters	

MARRIAGES REGISTERED AT GOWER

Judith White & Wayne Coady	Krista Smallwood & Matthew Ross
Krista Penney & George Dalton	Cortney Vincent & Christopher Williamson
Lisa Horwood & Dwayne Bursey	Melissa Kean & Gary Wills
Martina Boyd & Shane Anstey	Janine Kavanagh & Calvin Monk
Erin Russell & Elizabeth Walsh	Lisa St. Jean & Stephen Rowe
Jamie Lee Gallop & Jamie Bonnell	Krista King & Matthew Hodder
Andrea Lodge & Jay Sorce	Shaina Goudie & Noah Hansen
Meghan York & Paul Burrige	Jane Cameron & Russell Noseworthy
Linda Daniels & John Ivory	Carolyn Stokes & Allan Hawco

FUNERALS

Helen Soper
Olive Shirley Simmons
Vera Joyce Parsons
Joyce Martha Sparkes
John Fowler
David Andrews
Rosalind Stokes
William Hunter Parsons Stentafor
Verna Anita Bursey
June Maria Chafe
Amos Samuel Case
Charles Howse
Wallace Taylor

David Wai Chui
Herbert Barnes
Trixie J. Savage
Sadie Hawkins
Frank Pike
Des (John) Cousens
Beverley Dawn Schwartz
James Bertram Case
Robert Charles Butt
Joyce M. Williams
Sheldon Churchill
Amelia Keating Sellars
Lawrence Smith

BEQUESTS

TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND:

The Endowment Fund consists of bequests left by individuals in their wills to Gower St. United Church. The money in the fund is held in trust with the interest used in accord with the instructions in the wills. Where no direction is given in the will, the interest is applied to the Operating Fund. Before the establishment of the Endowment Fund in 1996, unless the wills instructed that the funds be kept in trust, generally the bequests were used as revenue by the church in the year they were received or shortly thereafter.

We hold in grateful memory the following individuals who, through their final act of stewardship, have provided for continued financial support of the church they loved.

Clarence & Ruth Badcock
Daphne House
Kay Grouchy
Leslie LeDrew
John & Blanche Taylor
Marjorie Peters
Velda Richards
Marion Soper
Frances Lench
Grace & Wilfred Barbour
Willis Benson
Thomas & Helene House
Walter Grouchy

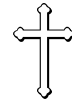
Rev. Walter H Macabe
Carrie Martin
Alma Pittman
Gladys Roberts
Dr. Thomas Stentafor
Margaret Whelan
Beatrice Day
John & Maude Leamon
Audrey March
Kevin Osmond
Dr. Herbert Pottle
Elinor M. Soper
Edna Stephenson

Zeta Butt
Peggy Snelgrove
Doug Osmond
Frances Wells
Dr. Harry Roberts
Hilda White
James Nurse
Gordon Butler
Ethel Janes
Frank Leamon
Gertrude Barbour
Harold Lake
Uriah (Hughie) Alcock

We would also like to thank all those who have made offering to the different funds and to the Church in memory of their friends and loved ones.



PASTORAL CARE REPORT



The Pastoral Care Committee consists of 12 members and the Pastoral Care Visitation Team consists of 17 persons from the Congregation and the committee.

Since September 2011 the committee:

- Has met monthly
- In addition to the visits made by Reverend Matthews, 138 visits have been made to members.
 - 57 of these visits were made by Visitation Team and 81 visits by Keith Wiseman. Each visitation is approximately 30-45 minutes in length. These included ongoing visits to those celebrating 50th Anniversaries & beyond as well as those celebrating 90th birthdays & beyond.
- Organized, assembled and delivered Christmas Baskets to Shut-ins – 52 persons. Thanks and appreciation to the Committee members who prepared the baskets and those who helped deliver them.
- Consulted with Reverend Florence Sanna & Reverend Scott Parsons regarding training for the visitation team to be held in the Spring 2012.
- Run Worship Services at the Hoyles Complex and Hillcrest Estates which were conducted monthly.
- Provided support to worship held at Cambridge Estates and Tiffany Towers led respectively by the Men's Club and UCW.

The Benevolent Fund has assisted 6 persons since September 2011

Respectfully Submitted.

Keith Wiseman

Congregational Designated Minister, Pastoral Care



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE



Committee Membership:

In February 2011, Karen Tuck stepped down as Chair of the committee after serving in this role for six years. We wish to express our sincere thanks to Karen for her years of devoted service on the CE Committee, as well as for her ongoing involvement with the Sunday School program.

The Committee membership is currently:

Carolyn Anstey-Moore (Chair)

Kelly Hudson-Lewis

Sue Wilton

Dana Collins

The CE Committee held monthly meetings in the Church Office on the first Wednesday of each month during the year, with discussion focussed on the committee's work, in particular in the areas of youth ministry and the Sunday School program.

Update on Sunday School Program:

Regular Sunday School classes were held during the first three Sundays of each month; while the fourth Sunday of the month was typically reserved for junior congregation, where all the Sunday School children came together to share in worship. A total of 14 children ranging from 3 to 9 years of age are currently registered in the Sunday School program, and are divided into two classes, including five (5) children in the Pre-Kindergarten to Gr. 1 class, and nine (9) children in the Gr. 2 to Gr. 6 class. Based on the low number of children > Gr. 6, it was decided to drop the regular class for this age group this year, and instead offer special youth sessions throughout the year to this age group. Eight (8) members of the congregation have volunteered as teachers, with six teachers split among the two classes with a teaching commitment of one Sunday per month, and two teachers (Kelly Hudson-Lewis and Carolyn Anstey-Moore) responsible for junior congregation and special sessions. The Season's of the Spirit curriculum was used as teaching material for all age groups, and follows the revised common lectionary year.

In addition to attending regular Sunday School classes, the children participated in many special events this past year. In March 2011, the Sunday School children took part in a special four week lesson focusing on the Lord's Prayer lead by Kelly Hudson-Lewis. During this four-week session the children learned not only the words, but the meaning of the Lord's Prayer through movement, art, music, cooking, and meditation. On Palm Sunday, the children prepared their own miniature Lenten Gardens, as part of a special Stations of the Cross worship.

The Sunday School program finished on June 19, 2011 with a farewell party. Junior Congregation, for ages 3 and up, was held throughout the summer months.

On Sept. 11, 2011, the Sunday School program resumed with a welcome back party and registration. On October 1, 2011, the Fall Family gathering was held in Pippy Park, and many of the children and their families came to enjoy outside games, a nature scavenger hunt, and a delicious chilli dinner.

The year wrapped up with our annual White Gift Play held on December 4, 2011, and the Advent Clay Event, held on December 17, 2011, where the Advent season was celebrated by the Sunday School families through a simple meal, a Nativity craft to recreate Jesus' birth with clay, and a short worship service.

Over the past year, the Sunday School children have also participated in a number of worship services, including the Palm Sunday Service, a special youth-led worship service held on April 3, 2011, and the Hanging of the Greens Service held on November 27, 2011 to observe the beginning of the Advent Season.

In addition, most of the Sunday School children are also members of the junior choir, which was newly formed this year under the direction of Dana Collins. This past year, the junior choir

performed at a number of special worship services, including the Family Sunday, White Gift, and Christmas Eve services. Their contribution was much appreciated by the congregation.

We thank all the Sunday School teachers for their continued commitment and enthusiasm, as well as the parents and rest of the congregation for their support throughout the year. Also, many thanks to Susan Wilton for her continued dedicated work in organizing and maintaining a clean and safe church nursery, and to our many nursery volunteers for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Anstey-Moore
Chair, CE Committee
Sunday School Coordinator



OUTREACH COMMITTEE



The past year has been a positive one for the committee. We welcomed Jill Howlett as a new member and just recently Susan Green also joined us. We focus on being open to assisting members of our downtown community as best we can.

Donations to the Mission and Service Fund totaled \$39,834.60 in 2011. This included \$ 688.77 to World Development and Relief Fund which is a result of Birthday Money collected monthly. Our goal for 2011 was \$44,000.

The year began with an evening “Fun Fair” with over 75 members of ANC attending. The evening included games, fish pond, much socializing and of course food! Participation of Gower members had decreased over time, and we decided to re-direct our efforts towards those who live in the downtown. This led to the start of the Gower Street Lunch Program.

The lunch program has operated every Wednesday since the end of October, with volunteer support from Gower members as well as other congregations, businesses and individuals/families. All volunteers have expressed interest in returning to do another lunch. Lunch is open to anyone who wishes to attend, with 35 to 55 people served weekly. We eat together with our guests, and have learned much from conversation with them. Guests have been very positive about the program, and the opportunity to select some clothing or toiletry items to take home with them. Generous donations of over \$1600.00 have been received from individuals and companies to assist in the financing of these meals.

Patricia Mercer, an Outreach member, recently participated as a volunteer in the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Israel/Palestine. Since her return she has been available to give presentations on her experiences to advocate for just peace through international law and an end to Israel’s occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

Selling beads from the Dorcas Widows of Uganda continued until the summer of 2011. We had been involved in this project for at least 4 years, and had satellite supporters especially on the Burin Peninsula. After selling over \$6000.00 in beads, we finally decided that our market was well-saturated and it was time to move on to another project. There are still a few beads in the church office if you are interested in getting some.

In June, newcomers to Gower were recognized at a reception after Sunday service in combination with the celebration of Confirmation. Each newcomer received a corsage/boutonniere to wear for the day.

During the fall, Outreach led Sunday worship while Rev. Guy was at district meetings. Support for this service was provided through East District, and focused on the work of Stella Burry.

During December, White Gift Sunday was well-supported by the congregation once again. Donations were delivered to Iris Kirby House, Naomi Center, Emmanuel House, For The Love Of Learning, and Street Reach. A gracious letter of thanks was received from Iris Kirby House, with verbal thanks from the other organizations.

Support for Bridges To Hope continued in 2011, with regular food donations of protein products, weekly volunteering at the food bank, and participation in the third Annual Community Fundraiser which allows Bridges To Hope to help meet the needs of the community in many ways: Toy Lending Library, expansion and improvement of the food pantry, Christmas food hampers, Passion for Projects, and a variety of educational programs through the Community Kitchen.

We always welcome new members. Please speak with any member of the committee.

Submitted by Barb Myles, Outreach Chair
for the committee: Len Busby, Susan Green, Jill Howlett, Rev. Guy Matthews, Patricia Mercer



SENIOR CHOIR



Your Senior Choir under the direction of Dr. Douglas Dunsmore has had another busy year. Although our membership remains at 37, we have had a number of changes: Jess Huber (alto) has taken up her musical studies on the mainland, Joan O'Grady (sop) has decided to leave us as she can no longer continue because of health concerns, Chris Wright (ten) is now back with us on a regular basis and Keith Wiseman (ten) joined us in September. Taraneh Abarin (sop) was with us for short while before Christmas but because of work commitments at MUN had to discontinue. We are hoping Tara will return this coming September. As one can see, there is still lots of room for new members.

Our additional activities during the past year were:

We supported Roberta Gill and family at the funeral service of her father Thomas Vincent at Barrett's on January 8th.

February was our month to look after the post-service coffee/reception in the Taite/Osmond room.

The choir provided several appropriate anthems at the 8:00 am communion and the 11:00 am services on April 24th, Easter Sunday. Between these two services we enjoyed a fellowship breakfast in the lecture hall organized by the choir executive and several additional choir members.

Our pre-summer Bar-B-Q was held at Judy Byrne's on June 11th and then we were off for the summer but did sit in on an ad hoc basis for some of the summer services.

On July 3rd we were present at the welcoming Service for our new minister Rev. Guy Matthews and on July 10th we did cater a lunch for the visiting Youth Choir from Calgary who were here participating in Festival 500.

Our planned fund- raising event had to be postponed and will now take place sometime in the next few months.

Our annual Christmas party was held at the Stevenson's on Dec 9th.

During the advent season we again provided appropriate anthems at each service and for the Candlelight Communion Service on Christmas Eve. Additional instrumental music for this service was provided by Grace Dunsmore on flute accompanied by Carl Goulding. It is quite obvious that our numbers have increased for this service since we usually have former members and family members who are home for the Christmas season join us.

During this past Fall there was a water-pipe leak in the ceiling of the choir room resulting in irreparable damage to our rehearsal piano. We used a keyboard for a few rehearsals but this was in no way a good replacement. Thanks to the generous donation of an electronic piano from the estate of the late Susan Knight we are now quite happy with our new situation. The room has been newly painted, the carpet cleaned, and the old drapes replaced by controllable venetian blinds. The choir special projects fund covered the cost the carpet cleaning.

The choir has two bank accounts in its name:

1. Special Projects Account - funded by monies from the sale of our "Christmas at Gower" CDs, a bequest from the estate of the late Seaward Green and other bequests during the year.
2. Our Social Account – funded entirely by the choir itself from our weekly rehearsal contributions.

Special Projects Account

Opening balance, Jan 1, 2011	\$4188.31
Closing balance, Dec 31, 2011	3815.28

Social Account

Opening balance, Jan 1, 2011	\$ 442.31
Closing balance, Dec 31, 2011	463.25

Our executive committee: Carl Stevenson - President
Roberta Gill - Vice-President
Judy Byrne - Secretary/Treasurer
Ruth Churchill and Sandra Davis - Gown Conveners
Eric Hodder and Tom Sparkes - Librarians.

Choir Members Emeritus: Jean and Cam Adey

The choir would like to thank Dr. Douglas Dunsmore, Carl Goulding and Grace Dunsmore for their help and leadership during the past year and we feel sure that our musical endeavours have been favourably received and have added positively to worship at Gower.

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Stevenson – President



GOWER BAND PROGRAM GOWER COMMUNITY BAND

The Gower Community Band continued its 38-year legacy of service to community through music as a non-denominational outreach program of Gower Street United Church with 15 performances during 2011. The main focus was the GCB Seniors' Program with "concerts for people who can't get out to concerts" held at Karwood Retirement Centre, Masonic Park, the Veterans' Pavilion of the Miller Centre, Cambridge Estates, Glenbrook Lodge, Hoyles Home, and Escasoni. Church services included a Musical Sermon on the theme "A Beam in Darkness" at St. Paul's Anglican Church on March 6, and another on the theme "Sing a New Song" at Gower on June 5, in conjunction with the Gower Men's Club. The Band also presented its annual Palm Sunday Musicale at Gower on April 16, and the traditional Christmas Musicale on December 18, followed by the 25th GCB annual "Carols & Concert" at the Shrine Club. On May 27 the Band performed in the concourse of the Arts and Culture Centre at the final session of Memorial University's Spring Convocation, and on June 18 provided the music for the dedication ceremony of the Methodist College/Holloway School Memorial Park on Long's Hill.

The Band's commitment to music education was evident once again in its 2011 Terra Nova Gala Concert on October 30, when scholarships were presented to two promising young composers at MUN Music, and their works premiered in concert. Eleven creative new works have merited scholarships in the GCB Composition Competition during the past four years. In addition, the Band maintains the annual \$1000 entrance scholarship at MUN Music honouring the service of the Gower Youth Band, as well as internal scholarship funds for Band members, training programs, master classes, and workshops. Through the generous continuing support of Mrs. Trudy M. Green in memory of her beloved husband, Jack, the Band has established the Jack Green Memorial Fund to support its scholarship and community development programs.

The GCB continues to attract new members, especially musicians moving to St. John's to work or study at MUN, and the vibrant intergenerational musical family ranges in age from 11 to 78. A new volunteer executive team headed by General Manager David Robbins is expanding the committee structure to meet the diverse needs of the growing program and to undertake exciting new initiatives in music education and community service.

Finances: Income amounted to \$9,439.52, comprised of \$6,795 in donations, honoraria, and interest from the Gladys L. Roberts Memorial Scholarship Endowment; \$1,950 in revenue from concerts and sales, and \$694.52 in members' funds and bank interest. An additional gift in kind of instruments valued at \$1,000 was added to the Instrument and Equipment inventory (capital assets) but is not included in current account income. Expenditure amounted to \$7,103.64, comprised of \$507.80 in Music, Equipment & Instrument Maintenance, \$2,554.99 in Performance Expenses, \$1,870 in Scholarships & Training (not including the \$1,000 GYB Scholarship endowment established in previous years and administered by Memorial University), \$2,009 in Operating Expenses, and \$161.85 in Bank Charges. The surplus of \$2,335.88 was added to the accumulated surplus of \$4,238.16 from 2007-2010 for a total operating reserve of \$6,574.04 to be brought forward to 2012. This will allow the Band to expand its commitment to community service and program support as well as increased scholarship and training initiatives. There were no capital expenditures from the GYB Legacy Instrument & Equipment Reserve Fund in 2011. We have been very fortunate in respect of our maintenance program commitment in recent years. Inevitably, major expenditures in older instruments and equipment replacement and new acquisition will be required in the near future.

Appreciation: For the first time in 38 years of preparing annual reports on behalf of the Gower bands, this year I ask readers' indulgence in permitting me to express some personal comments. On May 27 past, Memorial University awarded me an honorary doctor of laws degree, in large part for my role in the founding and development of the Gower Band program. I will never forget the emotions which swept over me when Anthea and I walked out in the concourse of the Arts and Culture Centre and heard the GCB playing the hymn song "Prayer from Youth" which I had written for the GYB in 1975. It was a total surprise, and I cannot adequately express the sense of gratitude I feel to my colleague, Associate Director Ron Collins, and the Band members for those wonderful moments, and to my colleague in Gower Church music, Dr. Doug Dunsmore, for arranging to have the Band at the Convocation.

In my address to Convocation, I said that "I share this honour today with the people of Gower Street United Church who caught the vision 38 years (and more than 900 performances!) ago of establishing a non-denominational community band program which would provide music education and instruments, scholarship support, and opportunities for community service to anyone with a commitment to the love of music and the joy of service -- a truly remarkable gift to community by a church and its supporters and benefactors, and of course the more than 400 musicians who have participated in this program over the years and who continue to touch countless lives with music and community service at home and abroad."

A truly remarkable gift to community by a church.... indeed. As I have said in Annual Reports over the years, the ministry of service by the Gower Community Band would not be possible without the support of friends and benefactors at Gower and in the wider community. And as we enter our 39th year, I can only repeat again our annual expression of sincere thanks to the Ministers, Official Board, Ministry & Personnel Committee, staff and congregation of Gower Street United Church for the vision, support, commitment, and friendship which has created and maintained this unique gift to community. Thank you all!

Edsel Bonnell,
Director, Gower Community Band



ORGAN RESTORATION FUND COMMITTEE



AMENDED

During 2011 we received cash donations of some \$49,934. These gifts, combined with the donations and tax recoveries of prior years result in total contributions of approximately \$360,000 since the campaign was launched in November of 2007. In addition, we currently have commitments totaling \$7,500 to be received during 2012. This brings the overall total of donations and commitments to date, to \$367,500.

Last year we reported that the organ had been damaged by water as a result of storm damage sustained to the Church in September 2010 through Hurricane Igor. While the organ was repaired at that time, it subsequently became apparent that the damage to the church building was such that significant additional repair work was necessary to fix serious leaks and avoid future damage to the instrument. This work necessitated the removal of the organ, to protect it, while the critical repairs to the building were undertaken. While it was disappointing to have the organ out of service during the fall of 2011, the good news is that the work was completed as planned; the organ was back in place, good as new and fully functioning in every respect by December. We are most appreciative of the ongoing dedication and adaptability of the Choir, the Band and our music team leadership: Douglas Dunsmore, Carl Goulding and Edsel Bonnell.

As of December 31, 2011, after meeting our interest obligations, the principal on the organ restoration loan had been reduced to \$211,956 (It is noted that donations totaling some \$9,000 received in December had not yet been paid on the loan by yearend). Also, it should be noted that the

fund also had an account receivable of some \$14,000 related to the recovery of HST incurred in relation to insured repair costs related to damage caused by Hurricane Igor. It is expected that these funds will be received February of 2012. Collection of this account receivable, coupled with the funds received late in December, will have the effect of bringing the organ restoration loan balance below \$200,000 early in 2012. At this point therefore, virtually 60% of the initial \$500,000 capital cost of the organ restoration project has been repaid.

Again we want to reiterate that in so many respects, our success to date is attributable to the ongoing support of the Gower Congregation. This comes to us both in the form of regular direct donations, special donations in memory of family and friends, as well as continuing support for, and attendance at, various functions and activities sponsored by; the Men's Club, the UCW, the Choir, and the Band, and of course the art exhibitions and sales by Carl Stevenson. It must be emphasized as well that our progress also reflects the support of the broader community – the various “friends of Gower”; the foundations, the charitable funds, various members of the music community, including a number of organizations and individuals highlighted over the last four years. In 2011, “The Once” again stood out as a glowing example by turning their December concerts at Gower into a gesture of financial support for the Organ Restoration Campaign. These gestures, individually and collectively continue to be so important and so greatly appreciated.

As we enter 2012, your Committee is contemplating a revitalized emphasis on the campaign – **A Drive to the Finish.** In this regard we plan to approach the congregation in the weeks and months ahead to seek renewed support as we push on to complete the job. Already, there are a number of events in the works for 2012: the Men's Club Salmon Dinner in March, a musical initiative by the Choir in the spring, a Band concert in September, a Carl Stevenson Art Exhibition in November and we expect “the Once” will be back again in December. 2012 promises to be another year of meaningful progress.

Unfortunately, very recently it became apparent that the repairs to the building undertaken in 2011 did not permanently rectify the recurring problem of leaks in the Church building. The organ again sustained water damage following a severe rain storm in mid February of 2012. While it is most troublesome to face the associated disruption again, we understand that the necessary repair work will be covered by insurance. We do expect however, that our ability to use the organ will be limited for a period, until the building can be properly fixed, and this will likely cause a delay in our plans for various organ related initiatives in the weeks and months ahead.

We express our sincerest appreciation to every individual, group and organization that has supported the Organ Restoration Campaign to this point.

As we continue the campaign in 2012, we invite and welcome your ongoing support to help us in our “drive to the finish”.

Respectfully submitted,
David Norris, Chair



HERITAGE AND ARCHIVES



The Heritage and Archives Committee is mandated to preserve archival materials and artifacts of the church and, through a variety of means, to inform the congregation of Gower's heritage.

After the congregational dinner of January 15, 2011, the Chair of our Committee gave a presentation of early drawings and paintings of Gower and photographs of the later years. As well, selected recordings of the Gower choirs and the Gower Youth Band were presented.

The highlight of the year was the arrival of two portraits, of Rev. Richard Knight and his wife Mary (formerly Hosier of Bonavista). Rev. Knight of England came to Newfoundland in 1816 as a Methodist missionary. He spent 44 years in Newfoundland and the Maritimes. He was a prominent minister in his time. The portraits were passed down through the family over several

generations, ending in California under the care of Richard Gamble Knight, a great-great-grandson. After his death, his wife contacted Gower and offered the portraits to the church for safe keeping. Our Committee accepted them on behalf of the church. They were dedicated at Gower on October 23. The pictures are now available for viewing, and digital copies will soon be provided for prints up to the original size.

This year, as usual, we received a number of documents and memorabilia from congregational members. We are most grateful and continue to urge anyone who has any items with Gower connections – photographs, minutes, correspondence, newspaper clippings, etc. - to consider donating them to the Archives.

Members of the Committee: Linda White, Linda Hogan, James Hiller, Louise Dawe, Cal Best, Rev. Guy Matthews (ex officio), Garfield Fizzard (chair).

Respectfully submitted,
Garfield Fizzard



PROPERTY COMMITTEE



The property committee has had a very busy year. With the help from members of the congregation we managed to work diligently with the insurance company to complete repairs caused by hurricane Igor. We finally started in mid June and the insurance company agreed to cover the damages incurred. The roof above the organ was repaired, Casavant removed the pipes and all relevant parts of the organ, and then the cavity which houses the pipes belonging to the organ was totally restored. The south wall above the organ was re-plastered and painted and also the Taite- Osmond room was plastered, painted and the windows were repaired.

In June the Basilica replaced their heating system and we purchased 16 of their radiators so we have replacements for radiators that are needed in various areas of the building.

We have received word that we have been unofficially approved for a heritage grant that will give us \$ 30,000 to get the roof adjoining the church and the Memorial Building replaced to prevent further water damage in these areas.

As many of you know, David Noseworthy our caretaker for 30 years resigned in June. Thanks to volunteers in the congregation we managed to keep the building clean and ready for Sunday services until September 1st when Stella Burry Community services took over the cleaning and custodial services, along with minor electrical, plumbing and carpentry work. Since Stella Burry started we have installed a hand rail in the band room stairway, refinished and painted windows and walls in the sanctuary, painted and repaired the choir room, along with other jobs through out the building.

In the fall of the year we removed 4 layers of shingles off the roof of the Memorial Building and made some repairs before the roof was re-shingled.

September of 2011 we entered into a long term rental contract with ETCETERA Productions, which has already proven to be very beneficial for the church. They wanted to renovate the old church office along with the gymnasium, for which we agreed to offset the rent for the repairs

that were completed. They replaced flooring in the old church office and plastered and painted the entire area including the gym.

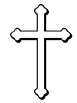
Our rental income has almost doubled this year thanks to the time consuming efforts of Linda Hogan.

Many thanks to all committee members; Vernon Simmons, Peter Nell, Diane Hogan and welcome to our newest members, Robert Tipple, Mike Herrell and Wilson Hiscock.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Evans
Chair



SENIORS CLUB



The Seniors Club continues to enjoy much success through the monthly gatherings averaging 85-95 in attendance. January and February meetings were cancelled due to weather conditions. The Christmas event boasts a sale of 140 tickets. The delicious turkey dinner prepared by the Men's Club and the musical entertainment, volunteered by the Walsh Brothers, provided much fun and enjoyment for the evening. Our "Spring Outing" (May) to Tiffany Village was a luncheon and musical entertainment which was very much enjoyed. Approximately 60 seniors attended and a special thank you to Sheila Normore of Tiffany Village for her kind assistance.

As per request, a long term monetary commitment of \$500 to the Property Committee has been fulfilled. The Club also donated two \$25 donations to the Mazol Temple, in memory of Dr. Hank Williams, who volunteered musically for many years and Mrs. George Faulkner, whose husband also volunteered musically for many years.

We continue to acknowledge the help and support of the Men's Club, for their bi-monthly cooking and monthly driving of some of the seniors. It is the Clubs intent to give a monetary donation to the Men's Club in appreciation of their dedicated service to the Seniors Club.

It has been challenging to get adequate numbers of volunteers, especially for setting up and serving. We give a special thank you to Alva Fizzard, Karen Smith and Bernice Soper for their continued efforts. Thank you to others who help us from time to time.

Thank you to the members of the Executive Committee, Sharon Monahan, Secretary/Treasurer, for her ongoing support and dedication; Joyce Power, member at large, for her energy and being my "right hand" in the kitchen; Carrie Lethbridge, for her willingness to make phone calls, and relay important messages, as well as being the pianist during our gatherings.

Thank you to Emma Wells, Shirley Abbott and Carrie Lethbridge for making phone calls on our behalf. Thank you to Rev. Marion Davis for her support from January to May and for the continued support by Rev. Guy Matthews. Thank you to Linda Hogan, Office Manager for her help and support and the other office volunteers for their help.

In closing, the Senior's Club of Gower St. United Church continues to reach out in large number to the wider community; the rewards of this mission are invaluable.

FINANCIAL REPORT
JANUARY 1, 2011 - DECEMBER 31, 2011

Bank Balance brought forward January 1, 2011		\$1253.67
Income:		
Dinners	\$4157.00	
Other Collection/Donations	<u>\$ 127.00</u>	
Total Income	\$4284.00	
		\$5537.67
Less Expenses:		
Dinners	\$3171.08	
Hired Help (Clean-up)	\$ 580.00	
Gift.	\$ 100.00	
Bank Fees	<u>\$ 105.20</u>	
Total Expenses	\$3956.28	
		\$1581.39
Less Donations:		
In Memoriam-Shriners Club	\$ 50.00	
Bridges to Hope	\$ 150.00	
Gower Property Committee	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
Total Donations	\$ 700.00	
		\$ 881.39
Less Cheque #180 allocated to 2010	\$ 250.00	
		\$ 631.39

Respectfully submitted,
Gola Roberts
Coordinator, Seniors Club

Sharon Monahan, Treasurer



STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE



As in 2010 the past year has been a busy one for our committee.

On January 15th, we held a Congregational Dinner in the Lecture Hall with excellent attendance. We had promoted the event as a family affair and we were pleased to see lots of children attend with their parents. We had arranged a kids' program hosted by Terry Reilly and all went well. Gar Fizzard of the Archives Committee gave a presentation on the History of Gower which was well received. I am happy to report that the dinner event contributed over \$1300 to the operating fund of our church.

In May your committee held Gower's first Dinner/Theatre "Abba, Get the Scoop" at the former Masonic Temple. This event was presented by Spirit of Newfoundland and it was a great success. Over 100 attended and we raised almost \$3000 for Gower. I wish to thank committee member Carl Stevenson for chairing and organizing tyhis event. It is planned to make a Dinner/Theatre evening an annual event. Details coming shortly.

Early December the well-known trio "The Once" had a three-night concert at Gower and again your committee was asked to provide refreshments (hot chocolate, apple cider and cookies) during intermission. We had a successful event and we raised over \$1600 for the operating fund

and another \$2200 was donated to the organ fund. I would like to thank all who volunteered during the three nights and a special thank-you to Garrison Hill Entertainment for giving us this opportunity to financially help our Church.

We continued with the Fundscrip Project in 2011 again administered by committee member Gar Fizzard. This project raised \$900 for our Church in 2011. Due to time constraints it has been decided to terminate the project at year end 2011.

Your committee continues to promote PAR (pre-authorized remittance.) Believe me, it works and Gower will appreciate receiving your contributions on a consistent basis. Members of the committee have been working closely with the Heritage Foundation of NL seeking a grant enabling us to effect necessary repairs on our Church building. We hope to have positive news to report in early 2012.

May I offer thanks to our committee members who are always here to help and I thank all members of our great Church who continue to attend and support God's work.

Respectfully submitted,
Geoffrey Peters, Chair



MEETINGS OF THE DOWNTOWN CHURCHES



A couple of years ago East District prompted the four downtown churches to get together to see if there were ways in which they could cooperate. East District was particularly concerned that increased operational costs, declining attendance of young people and high restoration and repair costs were impacting negatively on the mission of the four downtown churches. A few members of each congregation, the ministers and members of East District have been meeting for the past couple of years to investigate ways in which the churches can cooperate more closely for the betterment of each congregation. The people attending the downtown meetings have changed somewhat at each meeting and the Board chairs have also met over lunch several times. A whole range of possibilities have been considered from economies of scale in purchasing, to becoming a multipoint pastoral charge. They have even discussed the possibility of amalgamating the four congregations into one new facility.

This Downtown group has no authority to act without the approval of the four congregations. The joint activities that have taken place in the last couple of years have been brought to the Boards of the four churches first, and have received Board approval: activities such as holding joint services each Sunday morning in the months of July and August, and having confirmands attend joint classes led by the four ministers. These have been successful and I am sure that other areas for collaboration will be developed in the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat West



GOWER STREET UNITED CHURCH WOMEN



The UCW has always been part of my life. My mother, Marion Pitt, was a faithful member since its beginning in 1962, and was President at several levels. It is for that reason that I accepted the position of President in February 2011.

This past year has seen our usual busy schedule. In February we had our AGM and installation of officers with Barbara Butt, President of St. John's District UCW, presiding. We hold our regular meetings on the second Tuesday of the month with good attendance, considering that a number of our members are getting on in years and find it difficult to attend sometimes. We would gladly welcome any new women who would care to join us.

On the second Wednesday of the month we continued to have our worship service at Elizabeth Towers up until June. Since the Towers has changed ownership, and many of our attendees have moved to Tiffany Village, we began, in October, to hold our service there. We always have a full house of very appreciative worshipers.

Throughout the year we held several fundraisers. Our Spring morning coffee and sale, and our Fall afternoon tea and sale netted excellent profits. We also held the annual Fashion Show and dinner in October and in November the now-annual True Crafters' Fair. We also held a "Bring and Buy" at one of our meetings and had great fun, raising quite a lot of money. With all the money we raised, we were able to give substantial donations to the operation of the Church as well as to Mission and Service and several community charitable organizations. Many thanks to the members of the UCW for all their help and co-operation, as well as to members of the congregation who always step up to help when asked.

We also provided service to the church and community. We served coffee after church in May, served at several funeral receptions held at Gower, and provided desserts for congregational luncheons. We took part in the Annual World Day of Prayer in March held at Bethesda {Pentecostal Church. In December we held our annual Christmas dinner for clients of the Pottle Center.

Again this year we had to say good-bye to a minister. We want to thank Rev. Marion Davis for her continued support throughout her tenure at Gower. We welcome Rev. Guy Matthews and Keith Wiseman who have already shown their support and blessing for the UCW.

In closing I would like to thank the members of the UCW Executive and the general membership of the UCW for their patience, understanding and unending support as I conclude my first year as President. I know that with God's help, we will continue to have a successful and enjoyable 2012.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Pitt-Francis, President

**GOWER STREET UNITED CHURCH WOMEN
FINANCIAL REPORT**

JANUARY 1, 2011 – DECEMBER 31, 2011

Balance brought forward January 1, 2010		\$1668.25
INCOME:		
Membership monthly offering	\$ 1338.05	
Donations	\$ 598.52	
Bring & Buy Fundraiser	\$ 317.00	
Spring Morning Coffee	\$ 2032.15	
Fashion Show	\$ 3763.00	
Craft Fair	\$ 1215.50*	
Fall Sale	\$ 4095.57	
Christmas Stockings	\$ 148.00	
Catering (funeral)	\$ 400.00	
Least Coin	\$ 9.00	
Bank Interest	\$ 0.09	
 Total Income:	 \$13916.88	 \$15585.13
EXPENSES:		
Gower Street United Church		
Operating Fund	\$7500.00	
Mission & Service	\$2000.00	
Organ Fund	\$1000.00	
Operational:		
Donations, gifts .	\$ 646.41	
Spring Morning Coffee	\$ 83.60	
Fashion Show	\$ 836.44	
Fall Sale	\$ 115.53	
Craft Fair	\$ 61.51	
Bank charges	\$ 2.52	
East District Presbytery	\$ 576.00	
Outreach: United Church	\$ 690.00	
Community	\$1061.19	
 Total Expenses:	 \$14573.20	
Net balance		\$ 1011.93

* Reflects income(deposits) for 2011 Craft Fair

Anne Tuck
Treasurer



GOWER STREET MEN'S CLUB



In 2011 Gower's Men's Club once again tried to fulfill its mandate of service to the Church and Community as well as promoting Christian fellowship, and again we did this with a great deal of hard work, fun and camaraderie. The following were our activities for the past year:

- Held regular dinner meetings.
- Prepared and delivered approximately 2000 take out teas.
- Provided soup for the annual congregational and other meetings.
- Conducted Sunday morning worship in May.
- Hosted morning coffee after worship for the month of March.
- Held fundraiser and donated \$1300 to the organ restoration fund.
- Provided transportation of seniors to their monthly meetings.
- Catered to Seniors Club monthly dinners.
- Conducted monthly worship service at Cambridge Estates. (Special thanks to Lloyd Gill for coordinating, Jim Churchill for music and all those who come for singing and support.)
- Made donations to nine charities/groups as a result of our annual Flipper Dinner.
- Held our annual bean supper and auction in November.
- Decorated the sanctuary for Christmas with new lighted garland.
- Held our annual Christmas Dinner in December.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the entire Club for making 2011 such a successful one, and once again during this year even though our membership declined, proceeds from our different projects exceeded those of last year! 2011 saw us make the second payment of \$10,000 towards a commitment of \$20,000 to the Window loan. I want to express special thanks to the executive for its extra work and dedication.

Our Club would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Rev. Marion and Rev Guy for their ongoing support of the club and we would also like to thank the entire congregation for its continued support of our various projects.

Once again I quote from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians where he compared the church to the human body where each part plays an equally important role. We as a Club are proud to perform our role to help where needed within our church community and also to make this church a visible presence in our community.

This will be my final report as president of the Men's Club. I will miss my involvement with this wonderful group of men. I can assure you that my thoughts and prayers will be with you always.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Andrews, President

**GOWER ST. UNITED CHURCH MEN'S CLUB
FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 2010**

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Cash Balance Jan. 1/11	<u>11,415</u>	<u>9,005</u>
 <u>REVENUE:</u>		
Dinner Meeting	1,477	1,545
Donations	250	50
Auction	5,849	5,247
Ladies Night	3,135	2,667
Take Out Teas	20,631	20,050
Flipper Dinner	5,226	4,240
Fundraiser	2,255	2,810
Other	0	0
		 36,609
 <u>EXPENSES:</u>		
Dinner Meeting	1,534	1,714
Donations	3,130	4,700
Auction	567	533
Ladies Night	1,265	1,266
Take Out Teas	9,249	8,981
Flipper Dinner	2,019	2,004
Fundraiser	1,025	1,293
Window Loan	10,000	10,000
Lecture Hall	255	2,238
Bank Charges	85	82
Kitchen	562	1,047
Luncheons	345	164
Misc.	868	177
		 <u>34,199</u>
 NET	 <u>7,919</u>	 <u>2,410</u>
 Cash Balance Dec. 31/11	 <u>19,334</u>	 <u>11,415</u>



BOARD OF TRUSTEES



RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF GOWER STREET UNITED CHURCH FOR APPROVAL BY THE CONGREGATION

At the recent meeting of the Trustees it was Moved by Guy Taylor, and seconded by Richard Pike THAT the “Resolution re Deed of Trust” attached hereto as Appendix A be, and it is hereby approved by the Board of Trustees; AND THAT the Chairman of the Board of Trustees make arrangements to have the Resolution considered by the Official Board of Gower Street United Church. In adopting the Resolution, the Trustees took note that, assuming it is adopted by the Official Board; the Congregation of Gower Street United Church; and the East District of the Newfoundland and Labrador Conference; it will replace the Deed of Trust for the Manse Fund, and noted that this was being taken in accordance with the procedure specifically provided in the 1989 Manse Trust Deed.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Appendix A:

Resolution re Deed of Trust

- 1. The attached Resolution is to be considered, first, by the Trustees of Gower Street United Church (hereinafter, “Gower Street”); and then, if approved, by the Board of Gower Street; and then, if approved, by the congregation of Gower Street, in a meeting duly convened for that purpose; and then, if approved, by the East District of the Newfoundland and Labrador Presbytery of the United Church of Canada.*

Text of Resolution:

WHEREAS the United Church of Canada Act (Statutes of Newfoundland, 1926, c.3, as amended) provides, in Section 4 (a) that:

“All property, real and personal belonging to or held by any Board of Trustees or by individual Trustees, in trust for or to the use of any congregation of The Methodist Church shall from and after the coming into force of this Act be held, used and administered for the benefit of the same congregation as part of The United Church in the manner and upon the trusts and subject to the terms and provisions set forth in Schedule “B” to this Act, and all property, real and personal, thereafter acquired by or belonging to or held by any Board of Trustees or by individual Trustees in trust for or to the use of any congregation of The United Church shall be held, used and administered for the benefit of the said congregation as a part of The United Church upon the said trusts and subject to the said terms and provisions”;

AND WHEREAS the Model Trusts Deed of the United Church of Canada (enacted by the said Statute), and the Congregational Board of Trustees Handbook, 2004, authorize the appointment of Trustees by a congregation, and set out their powers, duties and responsibilities;

AND WHEREAS the congregation of Gower Street United Church has from time to time been the beneficiary of bequests or other gifts of real and personal property, to be held in trust for its benefit;

AND WHEREAS the Trustees, Board and Congregation of Gower Street United Church, with the approval of the East District of the Newfoundland and Labrador Conference of the United Church wish to adopt further measures to govern the Trustees of Gower Street United Church (hereinafter “the Gower Trustees”) in the performance of their duties, the discharge of their responsibilities and the exercise of their powers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Resolution is to be read with the relevant provisions of the laws of Newfoundland and Labrador, including The Trustee Act, The United Church of Canada Act, and The Model Trusts Deed. The statutory provisions and those of the Model Deed shall prevail in the event of any conflict between them and those created and conferred by this Resolution.
2. (i) The **Congregation** of Gower Street United Church, or its successor, shall from time to time appoint not less than three nor more than fifteen Trustees, in the manner prescribed by paragraph 9 of the Model Trusts Deed and paragraphs 20 to 31 of the Handbook.

(ii) The Gower Trustees shall be appointed for a term of five years, and they may be reappointed for a second or successive term. Any Gower Trustee whose term has expired shall continue to hold his or her office until a successor is **chosen**. **The appointments of all Trustees who hold office as of the date that this Resolution becomes effective shall terminate when the Resolution comes into force. The Congregation, before that date, shall take the steps necessary to appoint Trustees and shall arrange that those first appointed shall serve individually for terms of between one and five years, in such a manner as to ensure that the term of one-fifth of all the Trustees shall terminate in each succeeding calendar year. For greater certainty, it is declared that those serving as Trustees at the time this Resolution comes into effect are eligible to be re-appointed by the Congregation. The Congregation, in appointing Trustees in the future, shall take account of the advice set out in paragraph 20 of the 2004 Handbook, that congregations “may wish to have among the members of the Board of Trustees expertise in such areas as insurance and investments”.**
3. The Trustees shall elect one of their members to be their Chair, to hold office for the lesser of three years or the balance of his or her five-year term. The Chair shall be eligible to be re-elected.
4. The Gower Trustees shall hold all property, real or personal, belonging to or forming part of the property held in trust by either the Gower Trustees or the Manse Board of Trustees as of the date this Resolution becomes effective.
5. The Gower Trustees shall be governed by the terms of any bequest or gift to Gower Street of any property, either real or personal, and shall deal with that property in accordance with the terms of the bequest or gift.
6. (i) Subject to the foregoing clause, the Trustees shall annually, within 90 days of the end of Gower Street’s financial year, calculate or cause to be calculated the Income earned by the investments held in trust during that year. For the purposes of the calculation, “Income” shall mean monies earned as dividends or as interest and one-half of any amount of **the net** capital gains actually realized during that year. The Trustees shall, forthwith, transfer to the Board of Gower Street a sum equal to **100%** of the Income (including one-half of the **net** realized capital gains), to be used by the Board for the benefit of the Congregation. The balance of the realized **net** capital gains shall be added

to the principal of the funds held in trust.

(ii) For the purposes of this Resolution, the “net capital gains actually realized” shall be computed by deducting from the amount of net capital gains actually realized during that year an amount equal to the sum of any accumulated and previously unrecovered capital losses for the previous year or years. For greater certainty, it is declared that this calculation effects only the amount of the “net capital gains” to be included in calculating “Income” for any given year and further that monies earned as dividends or as interest during a given year shall be considered “Income” even if there are accumulated capital losses that have not been recovered.

Text Ends

7. The value of Trust investments as of 30 October 2011:

a)	CIBC	-	\$213,819.91
b)	ScotiaMcLeod-		\$247,422.00
c)	NLCU		<u>\$264,116.91</u>
			<u>\$725,358.82</u>
	+ LOAN TO BOARD		\$70,000

Gower Street United Church

Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting

February 27, 2011

Lecture Hall, following morning service

1. Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Marion Davis opened the meeting and led us with a prayer. About 80 members of the congregation were in attendance.

2. Appointment of the Chair and Secretary for the Meeting

Moved by Henry Andrews and seconded by Gar Fizzard that Pat West chair the meeting and Karen Butt act as secretary.
Approved.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Geoff Peters and seconded by Mary Taylor Ash, that the Agenda as circulated be adopted.
Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last Annual Congregational Meeting held February 28, 2010 were moved for acceptance by Carl Wright and seconded by Linda Hogan.
Approved.

5. Message from the Chair of the Official Board

The Chair, Dr. Pat West referenced her report on pages 4-5 in the 2010 Annual Report. Rev. Marion Davis referenced her report and added that she neglected to acknowledge Lorne LeDrew and members of M&P for their tremendous support during the year along with staff members; Linda Hogan and David Noseworthy.

6. In Memoriam

Rev. Davis referenced Church Membership on page 13 in the Annual Report and noted that the 2nd list title had an error. The word "Infant" should be deleted. She then read aloud the names of loved ones listed in Funerals section and prayed for them and their families.

7. Reports of Groups and Committees

7.1. Finance: (see report) John Evans, Chair of Finance reported that it has been a good year. A simpler version of the auditor's statement and the Auditors' Report were available. On behalf of the Finance Committee, he thanked all staff and volunteers for working diligently and for their support. In particular the U.C.W. and Men's Club are relied upon for their financial contribution on an ongoing basis. The Men's Club has taken on the repair costs for the North Tower and is quickly paying off this expense. Last year we met our expenses. There were additional costs including loan payments and

about \$60,000 due to the Organ Restoration Fund. The numbers for 2011 are conservative. During the last 5 years collections have dropped, and although up to the end of January, we are on par with last year, there is a prediction of a slight decrease in offerings.

There is a one time expense in the budget to fund the search committee, but if we maintain last year's giving's, this expense will be covered. Stewardship has committed to try and make up a shortfall up to \$15,000 by publicizing P.A.R. Property has an estimate of approximately \$200,000 for various repairs to the building. The Board Executive, Finance and Stewardship are looking for ways to carry out this work which will be done on a priority basis.

John thanked Verne Somers for his work as Treasurer during the past 4 years and welcomed Andrew Orsborn, a recent C.A. graduate, to the position.

Motion **John Evans/Ken Butt**

That the Financial Statements for the year 2010 be hereby approved.

CARRIED

John referenced the budget for 2011. He reported that each year offerings drop off slightly, investments are about \$60,000 per year, and fundraising income has decreased slightly, however they hope to maintain operating expenses. There is a loan payment of \$10,000, but this account will be finished in August this year. Questions and discussion ensued.

Motion **Geoff Peters/Ed Roberts**

That the Financial Budget for the year 2011 be hereby approved.

CARRIED

- 7.2. **Organ Restoration Committee** (pg. 20): In David Norris' absence, John Evans reported that loan payments of \$62,000 are fixed, with an amount regularly applied to the principal and interest. Damage caused by Hurricane Igor meant that \$18,400 was used to make necessary organ repairs, however insurance will repay all but the \$5,000 deductible. There are more repairs to the building which will be covered by insurance. When we receive our insurance settlement, we can decrease the organ loan balance to \$230,000.

Motion **Carl Stevenson/Henry Andrews**

That the 2010 report of the Organ Restoration Committee be approved.

CARRIED

- 7.3. **Trustees** (p.7) Sheridan Parsons, Chair reported that after the market collapse we lost 9% of Market Value, this year we are down by less than 1%. A list of the individual investments is available now and, in future the list will be in the Trustees' report. Geoff Peters asked a question about the endowment fund to which Gower Street is entitled and Ed Roberts replied that there are legal documents that would describe the disbursement of funds and noted that there are limitations that would have implications for the church should it fold or move. Pat West thanked the Trustees for their work.

Motion **Jim Churchill/Henry Andrews**

That the Trustees' report for 2010 be approved.

CARRIED

- 7.4. **Outreach** (p.16-17) Barb Myles referenced the report. The goal for 2010 was \$45,000; they raised \$44,144.07; about \$2,000, which was raised through money collected on birthday Sunday s, goes to World Relief.

Motion**Barbara Myles/Angeline Anstey**

That the 2010 Outreach Report be approved and \$44,000 be the target for Mission and Service in 2011.

CARRIED

- 7.5. Nominations:** Shirley Andrews extended thanks to Pat West, Judi Somers and Rev. Marion Davis for their help and offered special thanks to Pat West who has agreed to stay on as Board Chair for another year. Shirley referenced the Nominations report attached to today's Agenda. Pastoral Care Chair is still vacant; however, there is now a Chair for Worship and Sacraments.

The following Members resigned their positions on the Board this year:

Lynn Barter – Chair, Worship and Sacraments Committee

Susan Green – Chair, Outreach Committee

Leah Nash – East District Delegate

Tracy Sullivan – Member at Large

The following Members completed their term:

Karen Tuck – Chair, Christian Education

Verne Somers – Treasurer

Motion**Shirley Andrews/Judi Somers**

That the following Board Members be elected to vacant Positions on the Official Board:

1. Carolyn Anstey Moore as Chair of Christian Education
2. Robyn Drodge be elected as East District Delegate
3. Andrew Orsborn be elected as Treasurer
4. Barbara Myles be elected as Chair of Outreach Committee
5. Rev. Florence Sanna be elected as Member at Large
6. Angeline Anstey be elected as Chair of Worship and Sacraments

CARRIED

Motion**Shirley Andrews/Linda Hogan**

That the Terms of the following Board Members be extended:

1. Pat West as Chair
2. Mary Taylor Ash as vice-Chair
3. Karen Butt as Secretary
4. John Evans as Chair of the Finance Committee
5. Bruce Evans as Chair of the Property Committee
6. Geoff Peters as Chair of the Stewardship Committee
7. Gar Fizzard as Chair of the Heritage & Archives Committee
8. Shirley Andrews as Chair of the Nominations Committee
9. Lorne LeDrew as Chair of M&P
10. That the following continue as East District Representatives:
Elinor Udell, Pat West
11. That the following continue as members at large:
Sharon Monahan Nash Suzanne Orsborn Albert Nofall
Kenneth Peters Daryl Pullman Geoff Wright

CARRIED

Motion**Shirley Andrews/Diane Hogan**

That a vote of thanks be accorded to the following for their contribution to the Official Board during their respective terms of office and also to those who have agreed to serve in the coming year:

Lynn Barter, Leah Nash, Karen Tuck, Verne Somers, Susan Green, Tracy Sullivan

CARRIED

8. Other Committee and Group Reports as presented in the Annual Report

Motion

John Evans/Carl Stevenson

That all Committee and Group Reports contained in the circulated 2010 Annual Report (listed as items 8.1 through 8.15 of the Agenda), being Reports of the General Protestant Cemetery Committee, East District, Ministry and Personnel, Worship and Sacraments, Pastoral Care, Christian Education, Seniors Club, Senior Choir, Gower Band Program, Property Committee, Heritage and Archives, Report of Meetings of the Downtown Churches, Gower Street United Church Women, Gower Street Men's Club, and Stewardship (with the name change on page 24, paragraph 6 to Rev. Dr. George LeDrew) be adopted in their respective forms as set forth in the 2010 Annual Report.

CARRIED

9. Gower Constitution

There may be a notice requirement in the constitution. The motion to change the name of the Official Board to Church Board will be tabled until the next meeting of the congregation.

10. Other Business

The South wall behind the organ needs to be repaired before the first anniversary of Hurricane Igor in order to receive insurance compensation. This work will take up to 2 months and will start after Easter and be completed before Festival 500 in July.

The flat roof between the 2 main buildings needs repairs; Stewardship and Property are applying for a heritage grant which could cover up to 50% of this cost.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Shirley Andrews at 2:10 PM.

Pat West, Chair

Karen Butt, Secretary

GOWER STREET UNITED CHURCH

SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 2011

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BUDGET FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 2012

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Financially 2011 was a much better year than we had forecast at Gower, thanks to the help of all committees, especially Property, we were able to end the year very close to a break even position. [The number is slightly negative from an Operating perspective when one considers that \$4000.00 of the Rental Income was provided as an 'in-kind' contribution to Building Restoration].

Our collections continue to drop on a year over year basis. While in 2011 this drop was only about 3%; this gradual decline is a source of concern for your Finance Committee as with a facility this old our expenses will continue to climb. The Property Committee was able to obtain significantly greater Rental Income this year, with good prospects for continuing into the future, which is very encouraging. The income from rentals in 2011 almost doubled.

During the year we were able to borrow \$40,000.00 which was put towards the restoration of the Memorial Building roof. Late in the year we learned, unofficially, that our efforts to secure a Heritage Grant, on reasonable terms, would likely be successful early in 2012. If this is the case we should receive a further \$30,000.00 to put toward restoring the roof over the Sunday School/Nursery area; a project which has reached the critical stage.

Also during the year our insurers made repairs to the south end of the church which was damaged late in 2010 by Hurricane Igor. Because of the need to remove the organ pipes to permit repair the cost to the insurers was over \$250,000.00. [A storm early in 2012 showed that these repairs were not adequate; an item currently being followed up with the Insurers.]

As your Property Committee advised the Board during the year this beautiful, but aging facility, is in constant need of restoration and provided the Board with a list of projects totaling about \$200,000.00, of which the two roof projects mentioned above represented less than one third of the total. With the current debt for the Organ of \$211,000.00 and another loan of about \$76,000.00 we will have to approach this work as funds become available or with some creative thinking as without some form of guarantee further bank bowing is not possible.

Finally my THANKS and appreciation to the Treasurer and other members of the Finance Committee and most importantly to you the Gower congregation for continued support during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
John Evans
Chair, Finance

FINANCE COMMITTEE
Proposed Budget for 2012

Operating Fund	Total	Total	Total
	Actual - 2011	Budget - 2011	Budget - 2012
Income			
Offerings	218,665	225,000	225,000
Investment Income	55,189	56,000	53,000
Fundraising (1)	10,514	4,000	10,000
UCW	7,630	6,000	6,000
Men's Club	598		
Rentals	27,580	15,000	27,000
Other	900		
Total Income	321,076	306,000	321,000
Expenses			
Assessments	9,241	9,500	10,000
Committees (2)	13,011	5,004	5,300
Search Committee	1,607	15,000	-
Finance Committee	4,861	4,000	4,000
Insurance	10,896	11,000	10,000
Office (3)	14,564	20,000	20,000
Professional fees	3,728	3,500	4,000
Property - R&M	27,432	15,000	37,000
Remuneration	174,646	190,000	170,000
Rental Expenses	1,250	-	-
Utilities	62,313	55,000	60,000
	323,549	328,004	320,300
Net operating income (loss)	- 2,473	- 22,004	700

1. Fundraising

Stewardship - ABBA	7,215
Stewardship - The Once	2,349
Official Board	950
	10,514

2. Committees

Worship & Sacraments	2,346
Christian Education	852
Outreach	523
Heritage & Archives	85
Pastoral Care	170
Official Board	2,591
Stewardship	1,925
Stewardship - ABBA	4,413
Stewardship - The Once	106
	13,011

3. Office

Postage	2,453
Stationary	2,193
Rentals	5,729
Misc	2,009
Website	787
Envelopes	1,393
	14,564

