

102nd
Annual
Report

2009

OUR VISION

**We seek to be a vital, growing community of faith,
with a glad and generous heart,
that shares in the blessings of the Christian life.**

OUR MISSION

We witness to Christ in our spiritual vitality and in our social involvement by:

- nurturing all in the Christian life
- communicating the Gospel to our community
- inspiring faithful devotion and service

OUR VALUES

We value Christian Community that is manifested by:

- faith in God – made known by Jesus Christ
- inspiring worship
- passionate spirituality
- joyful service
- mutual support

OUR GOALS

In order to sustain and grow our activity and mission in the community, we will:

- expand programmes for the spiritual growth of children and youth
- nurture and support young families and young adults
- care for the needs of each member of the community
- develop new active mission projects
- attract new members

practice fiscal responsibility

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List of Elders on Session – Terms of Service – Date of Induction/Ordination

Members	Date Inducted/Ordained	Elected to
Felte Kraay	'05 June 12	June '11
Patricia Keith	'05 June 12	June '11
Mark McElwain	'05 June 12	June '11
Susan Peniston (on leave)	'05 June 12	June '11
Sian Little	'08 November 23	June '11
Michelle Miller-Guillot (on leave)	'07 June 3	June '13
David Hunter	'07 June 3	June '13
Heather Roberts	'07 June 3	June '13
Tim Heslip (on leave)	'07 June 3	June '13
Chrus Spence	'07 June 3	June '13
Amelia Farquharson	'08 November 23	June '13
Kenneth R. Craigie	'85 January 13	June '15
Thomas A. Starkey	'87 January 25	June '15
Annemiek Miller	'09 November 23	June '15
Jamieson Saab	'09 November 23	June '15
Peter Schaal	'09 June 3	June '15

Message from the Minister

Annual Reports are written to summarize an organization's activities during the past year. With that in mind, I looked back to many old reports to see what "pearls of wisdom" they contained. Away back in 2003, I found the following quote:

Churches, like people, are healthiest when they reach out to others rather than worry about themselves. Churches grow because they intentionally reach out; churches die because they dwell on their own internal problems.

RPC has had a perennial internal problem for many years – we have been like errant children and shot the budget, ended up in a deficit position and then, expected someone else to do something about it. This year our Board of Managers has been intentional and this has allowed us not to follow that old paradigm. We ended the year with a positive balance in the general accounts. AS one long-standing member said to me: This has not happened before in my life time!

This was not done without effort. One person who has stood out in his dedication of hard work to the fund raising is David Hunter. It was if he were of staff here at the church. He was not alone. Many others of the congregation stepped up and contributed of time, talents and money so that we could achieve the goal of "Fiscal Responsibility"; remember, that was part of a five-year plan. Further, some groups were asked to trim their expectations so that this balanced position could be reached. The staff has played a significant role as they gave value added service to our congregation. I am very delighted to be a part of a ministry by team with Melody, Brooke and Mike and that is supported Fantaye and Steve.

It has taken us that long to reach the target. Congratulations to all! With the grace of God, the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, I do pray that we will continue to exercise stewardship that manifests thankfulness to our generous God.

There might be some who would interpret all the efforts to put our fiscal house in order as establishing a "maintenance ministry"; but we know differently. 2009 saw some wonderful developments in the life and mission of our congregation.

What a pleasure it was to have Diana Butler Bass with us in late winter. It was a chance for us to ponder developments for the ministry of RPC in the 21st Century. The session's decision to accept four practices for us to embrace gives us a blueprint for the way ahead to live our vision of a vital and growing community of faith.

Our practice of Mission and Discipleship has developed admirably during the year. The efforts of Mike Burns with the St James Town Ecumenical Coalition are certainly bearing fruit. The new high-school tutoring and mentoring

programme certainly compliments the home-work club for elementary aged children. Our church sign's message of a few months ago is very appropriate – help a child and you have changed the world.

God's involvement in the world is about change through reconciliation and renewal; yet, it is not a message for the past, but for the present and through it, we are propelled into the future.

I hope that as we contemplate this report we will see cause to celebrate our achievements, and be inspired to re-dedicate ourselves to be the incarnation of that word for our time.

May God bless us as we begin a new decade of ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

Bill MacLellan

Minutes of 101st Annual Congregational Meeting – 2009 Mar 8

The Rev Bill MacLellan called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minister then asked for the election of a convener and a secretary. John Wevers moved that Brock Winterton chair the meeting and James Wevers take the minutes. Seconded by Anne Donaldson-Page. Motion passed and carried.

Mark McElwain moved to accept the minutes as reported of the 100th Annual Meeting held on February 24, 2008. Seconded by Cooper Spence. Motion passed and carried.

Johnmark Roberts moved that the Reports from the Minister, the Clerk of Session, the Teams and Caucuses from Session and the Board of Managers be accepted as information. Seconded by Susan Capling. Motion passed and carried.

Election to the Board of Managers:

Janet Rupnarain requested that her term on the Board of Managers not be renewed. Her assistance in dealing with personnel matters was greatly appreciated. Anne Donaldson-Page moved that Johnmark Roberts, Tom Starkey and James Wevers be reelected to serve on the Board of Managers for a three year term. Seconded by John Wevers. Motion passed and carried.

Election to the Board of Trustees:

Johnmark Roberts moved that Peter Fullerton, Tony Keith and Barbara Robertson be reelected to serve as trustees of the church for a one year term. Seconded by Thomas Guillot. Motion passed and carried.

Appointment of the Review Firm:

Johnmark Roberts moved that PKF Hill LLP be appointed as auditor for RPC in order to conduct a review of the finances at the end of 2009. Seconded by John Farquharson. Motion passed and carried.

2008 Financial Statements:

Brock Winterton, Peter Fullerton and Tom Starkey explained how RPC had finished the year with an operating loss of \$114,533. Given the budgeted loss of \$88,000 for 2008, the actual loss reflected somewhat better cost performance than forecast and sharply lower revenue. Revenues of \$203,500 were well below the targeted \$250,000 while costs were about \$20,000 less than forecast.

The precipitous drop in stock markets and the economic recession reduced the value of our investments by 24% or \$192,000. Mitigating factors were the continuing campaign

to raise capital for the MM&A Fund as well as a 36% repositioning of our investment portfolio into cash.

The losses have been assigned entirely to the Facilities Fund, the Paulin and Cargill Memorial Funds. The MM&A Fund had remained untouched in order to best reflect the results of our fund raising. Once the MM&A Fund combined with the Paulin Fund reaches the \$500,000 target (currently at \$398,600), any further contributions and bequests will be added to the Facilities Fund (unless the donation is specifically designated for the MM&A Fund).

Sandy Johnston explained how \$17,000 received "in support of St James Town" had been donated to the Macaco Club-After School Program. The donations had been reported as designated contributions only because RPC had acted as the official charitable recipient and conduit of the monies. Sandy also pointed out that the recipient of the \$6,000 grant from the Cooke's Fund should be corrected to read our Mission Coordinator, not the Christian Education Coordinator (Financial Note 5). Finally Ken Craigie requested that, in future, percentages be attached to the various fund totals at the bottom of the portfolio schedule.

Johnmark Roberts moved that the 2008 Financial Statements as amended and Investment Review be accepted as information. Seconded by Elizabeth Campbell. Motion passed and carried.

2009 Budget:

A draft budget for 2009 was distributed separate from the Annual Report because it had not yet been finalized. Brock Winterton introduced the document by reminding everyone that at last year's annual meeting the congregation had approved the principle of a balanced budget excluding any further draws on the endowment funds. Faced with an unexpected drop in revenue as outlined in the previous section, the Session and Board of Managers had managed to cut last year's budget by \$21,000. Despite their best efforts this year's budget forecast a deficit of \$15,600.

The forecast deficit assumes congregational giving to increase from \$203,500 in 2008 to \$220,000 – a targeted increase of 10%. Operating fundraising was budgeted to increase as well from \$13,000 to \$30,000. Furthermore, as Sandy Johnston had applied to Presbytery for a \$10,000 grant to offset the salary for our mission coordinator and so that amount is assumed as a special revenue. To date we have not received any response. In light of these financial challenges Brock opened up the meeting for a general discussion on tackling the deficit. Any paid members of staff in attendance were asked to absent themselves temporarily in order to facilitate the discussion.

The deficit can be erased only by raising more funds or by reducing expenses and/or staff. The possibility was raised, however, of referring the matter to the Board of Managers and reconvening at a later date. Another possibility was to defer the problem until next year following a return to better economic times. Both suggestions were dismissed outright as resulting in a further drain on our funds and simply postponing the inevitable.

Ideas Tabled:

The mission teams had already planned to host informative fundraising dinners during the year. The choir could be relied upon to hold a fundraising concert, too. Funding the deficit could be spread among the whole congregation by the use of pledge cards. The envelope secretary should analyze the donations of all envelope holders in preparation for an every person stewardship campaign later this year. Only general trends should be identified, avoiding any publication of individual members' donations. If overall congregational giving continued to decrease, a phone campaign may have to be instituted on an urgent basis. Viewed from a long term perspective, the value of our funds was bound to improve with the gradual recovery of the economy and the stock markets. The return on our investments would eventually increase as well.

Notwithstanding our best intentions, concern was expressed that the ability of the congregation to donate was fast approaching its limit. The current budget could only be sustained by an increase in our numbers. A campaign to foster the growth of the congregation was just as essential as a stewardship campaign. Sarah Roberts spoke out in favour of making the worship service more youth friendly in order to attract and retain young families. The Diana Butler Bass seminar should be used as a basis and springboard for future growth and change.

The 1% cost of living increase in salaries should be canceled for 2009. It could be reinstated later this year pending an improvement in our financial position.

The services of our Christian Education coordinator should be suspended for the months of July and August.

A reduction of the Music Supply budget (\$2,500 used for soloists on special occasions and sheet music) was discussed but left unresolved pending further review with the music director.

Designated Contributions: The Wevers were asked to release the restrictions on a portion of the "Grace Wevers Memorial" Fund to offset operating expenses. Sarah Hoag offered to donate the rest of the "Gardens" Fund and more for a total pledge of \$2,000.

Johnmark Roberts and Mark McElwain each pledged \$1,000 conditional upon the establishment of a committee to plan for congregational growth.

The possibility of suspending the services of one choir lead for one year was suggested. Further discussion determined that such a decision would entail a noticeable reduction in the level of musical standards currently enjoyed by the congregation, resulting in more simplistic choral offerings. Furthermore neither the choir nor its director had been consulted about such a demoralizing step. Lindsay Empringham, choir president, promised to discuss the matter with the choir and director; she would formally respond to the suggestion at the next meeting.

The possibility of suspending the subsidy of the Presbyterian Record for the whole congregation was also raised. After arguments had been aired both for and against, the

matter was put to a vote. Anne Donaldson Page moved that the Presbyterian Record be discontinued for 2009 in order to save \$2,650. RPC would initially process the total payment but everyone would be instructed to pay back to the church a set amount per household using their offering envelopes. Charles Peniston seconded the motion. The vote was 13 in favour and 12 opposed. Since the matter proved too divisive, Brock Winterton acting as chairman decided to defer any decision to the next meeting.

Decisions:

The open discussion on the deficit concluded with an omnibus motion. Johnmark Roberts moved that the following measures be implemented for 2009 only:

- 1) The 1% cost of living increase in salaries be canceled in order to save \$1,500 with the possibility of later reinstatement depending on our financial position.
- 2) The services of our C.E. Coordinator be suspended during July and August in order to save \$2,000.
- 3) A pledge of \$2,000 from Sarah Hoag be gratefully accepted consisting of the remaining designated contribution from the "Gardens" Fund and cash.
- 4) A pledge of \$1,000 from Johnmark Roberts be gratefully accepted conditional upon the implementation of a campaign for congregational growth.
- 5) A pledge of \$1,000 from Mark McElwain be gratefully accepted.
- 6) The remaining deficit of \$8,100 be revisited at another congregational meeting scheduled for the beginning of April.

Michelle Miller seconded the motion – passed and carried.

The paid staff members who had left during the preceding discussion were invited to return and were apprised of the decisions.

Due to time constraints the 2009 Allocation for Presbyterian Sharing with a target of \$43,000 was not discussed.

Brock Winterton adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
James Wevers

Minutes of the Congregational Meeting – 4 April 2009

The Rev Bill MacLellan called the meeting to order and opened with a prayer.

The minister decided to chair the meeting and asked James Wevers to take the minutes.

Brock Winterton reviewed the decisions taken at the Annual General Meeting on March 8, 2009.

Two items had been left unresolved:

- 7) A projected deficit for the 2009 budget of \$8,100
- 8) The amount to allocate for Presbyterian Sharing

2009 Budget:

Brock Winterton reported that pledges had been made subsequent to the AGM towards the projected deficit:

1. An anonymous pledge of \$5,000 for the Christian Education coordinator and a further \$2,158 for the Presbyterian Record.
2. Restrictions on \$1,600 from the "Grace Wevers Memorial" Fund had been lifted to offset operating expenses.
3. Another anonymous pledge of \$1,000.

The sum of these pledges more than offset the projected deficit of \$8,100 and Brock declared the 2009 budget balanced. This announcement was met by relief and applause by all present. Brock went on to temper this good news with some personal misgivings about the budget. The targets of \$220,000 in congregational giving and \$30,000 in fund raising were probably set too high. As well, the Presbytery had not yet approved the \$12,000 subsidy for our mission coordinator. Consequently, the Board of Managers intended to carefully monitor our streams of revenue on a monthly basis. Any unexpected decline in revenue would be met with restrictions on expenditures.

Brock invited suggestions from the floor. Janet Heisey commented on the low rent charged the kindergarten compared to other buildings. In order to attract more renters we ought to advertise our available space in local newspapers. Brock responded that the rent was kept comparatively low for reasons of Christian outreach. An offer to rent the second floor rooms had just been received and was under consideration. The Board of Managers would discuss further the idea of advertising our space for rent.

Brock moved to accept the budget as presented. Seconded by Sarah Hoag. Motion passed and carried.

Presbyterians Sharing:

Alexandra Johnston moved to set the target for Presbyterian Sharing in 2009 at \$43,000. Seconded by Professor Wevers. Motion passed and carried.

Growth Plan:

Mark McElwain explained how the Second Century Committee planned to promote the growth of the congregation. Based upon the ideas expressed by Diana Butler-Bass, plans to reinvigorate the congregation would be centred around Discipleship in mission, Beauty in worship and music, Hospitality and Healing in prayer. The energy of the congregation would become focused around these four practices. They would form the basis of our fall stewardship campaign and hopefully encourage more people to join us and participate in our mission.

Phone Campaign:

Annemiek Miller commented on the low number of members attending Sunday worship compared to the whole congregation. It was important to communicate more effectively the ideas and plans formulated by this core group with the rest of our members. She would head a small committee to undertake a phone campaign to keep in touch with those members not attending the weekly service. The committee would consist of herself, Ruth Brondsema, Ruth Herridge and Irene King. Its mandate would expire after Easter Sunday.

Finally Ruth and Bill Herridge led the congregation in a prayer of thanks for those people who had donated towards the deficit.

Rev MacLellan ended the meeting with a blessing.

Respectfully submitted,
James Wevers

Report from Session

Without doubt, 2009 was far from an ordinary year for RPC. It began with a historic congregational development workshop. It was a year in which we continued demonstrating God's Word to the community, against a backdrop of unprecedented economic uncertainty. But it was a year when we strengthened our relationships, as we tightened our belts, dug deep, and were perhaps a little surprised by what we could accomplish together.

The last weekend in February last year was a great one in the life of the congregation. The best-selling US author on congregational health, Diana Butler Bass, was invited to lead a full-day Saturday workshop sponsored by RPC, called Finding The Way Again. Held next door at Branksome Hall, the event commanded more than 80 participants, the largest portion from RPC but also from other Presbyterian congregations and from neighbouring parishes of other denominations. Dr Butler Bass also led worship at RPC the next day.

The workshop was a tremendous success, not only because it was energizing and met our financial goals, but because of what it stimulated in our thinking. Via the Second Century Committee, a long-range planning group which Session launched, we are seeking to implement some of the principles developed at the workshop, specifically the following Christian practices which the congregation could develop:

Mission and Discipleship

Hospitality (in the widest sense)

Worship and Beauty

Discernment and Prayer

A Stewardship program, headed by Chris Spence, launched in autumn of this year, is continuing this effort.

Session was several years ago transformed from a large group of almost 30 members elected 'for life', to a streamlined group of 15 elected to six year terms, with five terms expiring every two years. And 2009 was 'Election Year.' With the end of their terms, three longstanding elders stood down from active service. Alexandra (Sandy) Johnston, a former Clerk of Session, had in fact been on RPC's Session for more than 30 years, and has been thanked for her great service and leadership, particularly in the areas of Mission and in the organizational structure of the Session Teams. Liz Campbell and Bill Herridge, equally have taken a range of key roles in the congregation and representing RPC to the denomination.

Our elections process, led by Susan Peniston, involved 50 members being nominated, a ballot prepared of those willing to serve, and five of these were elected. Ken Craigie, Annemiek Miller, Jamieson Saab, Peter Schaal, and Tom Starkey were ordained and/or inducted in late May and early June to join Session. Michelle Miller-Guillot asked for a one year leave of absence in order to serve with a development agency in West Africa; Susan Peniston also requested a leave of absence in the autumn.

During the year, we were glad to welcome Jodi Cook, Ann Katrusiak, John Waldie, Robin Daprato, Norm Creen, Mark Daprato, Marion Steep and Jill Sword into membership in RPC.

Session (which holds its meetings bimonthly) has created six Teams or subcommittees, which meet on the off-months and help implement of Session's responsibilities. The Teams will describe their activities elsewhere in the report, but I would like to highlight:

- Mission activities included continued support for the after-school program in St James Town, by providing volunteer staffing assistance and assisting in fundraising. RPC's efforts in St James Town are being further developed through the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding with the other churches and nonprofit organizations taking part.
- Hospitality efforts included efforts to improve accessibility for the disabled, with improved parking and wheelchair seating
- Worship services of note in 2009 included the special music prepared by Melody McShane and guest musicians that coincided with the Fall Festival, and the special Christmas music led by Melody and the choir on December 20. Mary Legge was in recognition for her continuing service named as our Director of Music Emerita.
- Outreach efforts included yet enhancements to RPC's website, plus hosting innovative fundraising efforts with appeal to non-members. (Hymns 'n' Hollywood and the Lady Nairne event)
- Pastoral Care activities included holding well-attended Seniors lunches
- Christian Ed activities included regular participation of RPC's youth in Sunday worship

It was a year of many fundraising activities. The largest of these traditionally is the annual Dinner and Auction, and this year it was Session's turn to host. Events of these types have significance and value that rise about the amount of money they raise – although this year we exceeded expectation in that regard. This year's dinner was lots of fun for those attending and preparing it. Thanks again to everyone.

Session is also the channel through which our congregation is represented in the 'higher courts' of the Presbyterian Church. We were pleased that Bill Herridge was able to represent RPC as a Commissioner to the General Assembly of the PCC, held in June in Hamilton. Ken Craigie is RPC's representative elder to the Presbytery of East Toronto, and he takes part in their monthly meetings of Presbytery and its committees. Until the end of his term on Session in June, Bill Herridge also served as an 'equalizing' member on Presbytery. Furthermore, our Minister, Bill MacLellan, during 2009 served as Moderator of Presbytery, a significant role which he fulfilled with distinction.

We are appreciative for the continued service of the members of staff who interact with Session.

Mike Burns, our Mission and Outreach Co-ordinator, continued his effective leadership in various Mission files, particularly for our congregation's efforts in St James Town. During 2009 he is officially also our Student Minister, an internship program via Knox College, that makes it possible for Mike to help out in the pulpit and take regular part in leading Sunday worship services.

Brooke Alyea has also continued as our Christian Education Co-ordinator, inspiring with her energy and commitment great things via our children's and youth programming.

Melody McShane is now in the sixth year of her tenure as Director of Music, and continues to amaze us with her versatility on the keyboard and with her leadership of the choir and RPC's music program.

On Session's behalf, I would particularly wish to express gratitude for the ministry we enjoy throughout the year from Bill MacLellan – and also for the tremendous support provided by Lynda MacLellan. Our congregation recognizes their commitment and remarkable dedication. Together with Bill's guidance, we look forward to the challenges of the new year.

Mark McElwain
Clerk of Session

The Worship Team

During the year, the membership of the Team included: Susan Peniston (Convener), Bill MacLellan, Melody McShane, Sian Little, Jeanne Isley, Mark McElwain, Liz Campbell, Bill Herridge

The Team's role is to facilitate worship and the arts in our congregation, support and assist the Minister in leading and planning worship services, and assist in the implementation of Session's responsibilities in this area.

Ongoing activities include ensuring the regular participation of readers at Sunday worship, and arranging for the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at six times during the year. We thank all those involved, especially to our congregation's youth who have taken part in the worship leadership during the past year.

During the year, we were glad to welcome Mike Burns, our Mission and Outreach Co-ordinator to take part more frequently in our worship services, as starting in September he officially also became our "Student Minister" as part of his studies at Knox College. Brooke Alyea, our Christian Education Co-ordinator, also frequently led the Children's Story portion of our weekly worship.

Special events during the year included:

- Special Ecumenical Service at St Basil's Church in January, in which Bill MacLellan participated.
- Sermons in January and February related to the upcoming workshop in late February led by Dr. Diana Butler Bass entitled "Finding The Way Again", and Dr. Butler Bass herself led the service of worship on March 1
- Participation in the Stations of the Cross in St James Town early on Good Friday morning.
- Joint services with Rosedale United Church for Maundy Thursday/Good Friday and in July and August.
- Special music prepared by Melody McShane and her guest band, as part of the Genesis Now service in October in conjunction with the Fall Festival

Special guest preacher on November 1 was Rev. Dr. Brig. Gen. David Kettle, Chaplain General of the Canadian Armed Forces
Visit by the Penthelia Singers on November 8 to add to our Remembrance Day service.

Visit by Dr. Charles Fensham, Associate Professor at Knox College, as part of our Stewardship Programme.

Sounds of Christmas, special music by the Choir and soloists, on December 20.

Two Christmas Eve services, one with the “Rosedale Four” for families with children attending the early service, and the traditional late Candlelight service with Communion and full choir.

The Team also has the responsibility of encouraging the Arts in worship and more widely throughout the congregation. We were glad with Jeanne Isley’s help to showcase relevant liturgical art onto the front panel of Sunday bulletins, and grateful for Mary Legge’s leadership as storyteller during worship. We’re looking for new ways to expand this role.

Susan Peniston, who has been convener for the past four years and for the majority of 2009, requested a leave of absence starting in September. Through her tenure, Susan has done a tremendous job of leading the Team and making it all happen, and deserves our unreserved thanks.

Mark McElwain
Acting Convener

From the Choir Loft

The Rosedale Choir, led by four superb soloists continues to joyfully bring music to the service each Sunday morning. Not only do the choir members sing, but occasionally take part in other areas, such as dramatic readings (notably Lawrence Cotton and Alexandra Johnston), and in choir direction (Nancy Olfert).

In addition to the Sunday services this past year have been a number of occasions for which the Choir has prepared: the Easter season, (two services), the Fall Festival Sunday service and the Advent/Christmas season.

The Good Friday service at RPC was a dramatic combination of readings, music and meditation. The powerful "Reproaches" of Saunders were used in a new way. The Easter service, titled "Come, Meet the Lord", on April 26th, highlighted Holst's "This Have I Done for My True Love", to which Alexandra Page choreographed and performed a dance. The service music was conducted by Melody McShane, and our organist was Mary Legge.

"Genesis Now" was the theme of October 25th. It featured a musical portrayal of the Creation by Brobowitz and Porter. The service illustrated the beauty of the earth and what has been destroyed. Soft rock music was a new venture for the Choir but they it enjoyed it as thoroughly as all who listened.

"Sounds of Christmas" took place on December 20th. This service interspersed readings with the music of Praetorius, Ager, Rutter, Bullard and John Adams.

The congregation joined the Choir in singing many carols. This was the first occasion that the new Roland electronic keyboard has been used in Sunday worship. This instrument allows for great versatility in its sounds and is easy to move to wherever it is needed in the church. We are grateful for this attribute alone as it means that the grand piano will no longer need to be moved back and forth from choir to platform. Bob and Mona Bandeen made the generous donation of this instrument in loving memory of their son, Mark Bandeen. We are so very grateful for this wonderful gift.

Special thanks to those musicians who added to services this past year: Flutist, Debbie Burns, violinist Louise Pauls at Easter; The Fall Festival; electric guitarist, Nathaniel Rose, electric bass player Sean McShane, and drummer, Mark Daprato; The Remembrance Day Service; trumpet, Scott Harrison.

This fall we were joined by our new Tenor Soloist, Joseph Lévesque. Originally from Calgary, Joseph comes to us with many credentials, including a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Alberta, a diploma in Musical Theatre from Grant MacEwan (Edmonton), and a Masters in Theatre Performance from the University of Cincinnati. He spent several years singing and studying vocal music in New York City. In Toronto, he has sung with the Canadian Opera Chorus and the Aradia Ensemble.

All of our Soloists; Brooke, Nancy, Joseph and Lawrence, are a great inspiration to us.

In the spring, with the Penthalia Singers present, Mary Legge was honoured with the title of "Director of Music Emerita". As always, we are grateful to Mary for her continued involvement with the Choir, as an occasional director, organist and this past fall as a choir member, when she took the place of two absent second sopranos, for the December 20th service.

Finally, our very special thanks to Director of Music, Melody McShane who continues to challenge and support all choir members each and every week. She brings out the best in us. And through music we do our best to praise God.

SOPRANOS

Brooke Duffton, lead

Susan Capling
Lindsay Empringham
Alexandra Johnston
Claire Marshall
Susan Peniston

ALTOS

Nancy Olfert, lead

Sandra Demson
Irene King
Annamiel Miller
Marjorie Ross

TENORS

Joseph Levesque,
lead
Tony Keith
Mark McElwain

BARITONES

Lawrence Cotton,
lead
James Wevers

Our best wishes and prayers continue to be with Tim Heslip, Susan Peniston, and Annamiel Miller, who continues her work in Africa.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsay Empringham

The Hospitality Team

The goal of the Hospitality Committee has been to try to make Rosedale Presbyterian Church a warm and welcoming place. The committee could not achieve this goal without the support of the congregation as a whole. Each time we have asked for contributions of food we have received them. Most people attending coffee hour are aware of the importance of speaking with visitors. The Greeters at each door of the church at Sunday services are constant in their efforts to help new and regular attendees feel at home. Many people have hosted the coffee hour after church. We express appreciation to Lynda MacLellan for a much-needed replacement of the tablecloths we use at coffee hour as well as the setting up of our tables beautifully for special events. All these actions are part of making our congregation a welcoming one.

Because of this support from many people, we have been able to provide refreshments for the Annual General Meeting, and , jointly with the Mission Committee, cater a lunch at the Women's Missionary Society Conference this fall. Along with the Pastoral Care Committee we helped host a Stewardship Luncheon in November. We also organized the Christmas Luncheon as part of the congregation's Christmas celebrations.

One wheelchair space has been created in our seating arrangements and we continue our efforts to make Rosedale Church a place where everyone can feel they are welcome.

Patricia Keith
Convenor Hospitality Committee

The Outreach & Communications Team

The team has a primary objective of "bringing people to the front door" by generating publicity to raise the awareness of what is going on at RPC and by recommending projects or activities that will bring people to the church in the hope that they will be motivated to stay with us. At the same time, the team provides support for other teams should they require assistance with publicity and promotion. The team is also responsible for the updating of RPC's website.

Team Members:

Andy Boukydis, Mark Daprato, David Hunter, Mark McElwain, Anne McNeilly, Cooper Spence, Carol Symon.

Key Projects:

Early in 2009, the team provided support to the Second Century Group responsible for the Diana Butler Bass event, introducing online registration and payment via the website.

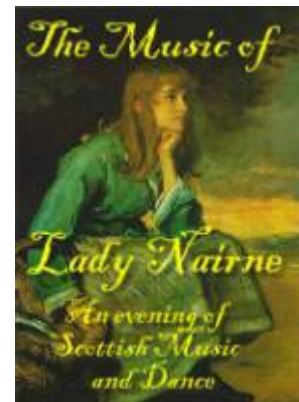
In September, coinciding with the Toronto Film Festival, the team launched "Hymns 'n' Hollywood," an event based on hymns that have been used in the movies. Clips from a selection of movies containing hymns were shown on large screen in the church after which a brief outline was given placing each hymn in the context of the movie and providing some background information as to each hymn's origin. After each clip, attendees got a chance to actually sing the hymn.

In October the team assisted the Fall Festival Committee with the preparation of poster based on the work of Michele Nidenoff. Also, in conjunction with Director of Music, Melody McShane, a concert was produced based on the music of Scottish songwriter, Lady Nairne. We were successful in obtaining a grant of \$4,000 to pay for the production costs associated with this.

In November, building on the Fall Festival's "Genesis Now" theme, a DVD video presentation was produced for the Stewardship Team. Based on RPC's four main Christian practices namely: Radical Hospitality; Worship and Beauty; Discernment and Prayer; and Mission and Discipleship, the video was shown to a number of groups within RPC and has now been posted on the website.

Despite reduced funding available for the leafleting program, we were able to find a way to produce one in time for Christmas and we do hope this contributed to the successful attendance at the Family service on Christmas Eve.

Respectfully submitted,
David Hunter,
Convenor



The Missions Team

Last year I began the Mission Team Report with the sentence 'Rosedale is a congregation dedicated to the mission of Christ's church in the world.' This year more than ever this has been proved true. With the change in the way Rosedale finances its program this year the Mission Team did not have a 'fund' set aside for mission donations and so we appealed to the congregation both in direct appeals for specific activities and in three 'Pasta Suppers'. The members of the congregation responded with generous hearts. Altogether we raised close to \$15,500. for our various mission endeavours with a further \$1,100. raised together with the Hospitality Team that we asked be used to help with the stipend of our Mission Co-ordinator, Mike Burns. Members also responded generously to the 'Dress for Success' program and to the appeals for warm cloths and non-perishable foods to be sent to Our Lady of Lourdes (one of our Ecumenical Coalition partners) for distribution in St James Town.

This year the 'Fair Trade' enterprise has been looked after by Brooke Alyea and the youth of the congregation with special baskets being prepared for Christmas. Brooke also organized a 'Giving Tree' where members of the congregation bought small bags of toiletries and hung them on the tree in the Hall during the Christmas Season.

The first event of every year for the Mission Team is our annual preparation of a full meal for our friends at Evangel Hall. This is organized by the Team itself with the generous help of the cooks and bakers in the congregation. We were especially grateful to Nancy Olfert for baking eight dozen rolls for the meal January 27, 2009.

Our participation in the St James Town Ecumenical Coalition has continued this year with our Mike Burns taking a leading role in facilitating the coordination of the group's activities. This year a Memorandum of Understanding has been negotiated that sets out the nature of our partnership that will be signed January 19, 2010. The Coalition has developed into a forum where those with needs can 'network' with those who can help. Rosedale continues to be a major presence in the Macaco Club after school program (see below) and has begun to channel our gifts in kind through Our Lady of Lourdes. Members of the Coalition again joined together this year in the Stations of the Cross in St James Town on Good Friday morning.

Special initiatives in local mission are co-ordinated by individuals in the congregation supported by the Mission Team. Their reports follow.

Portland Place

Lynda MacLellan

Each year at Christmastime, friends and members of RPC respond to gift requests from the residents of Portland Place in downtown Toronto. Portland Place was originally a not-for-profit housing development of Evangel Hall, but has, in recent years developed its own independent governance structure.

This year, with the generous support of our members and the proceeds of an independently funded craft sale, sponsored by Sian Little, we were able to provide each

of our friends at Portland Place with a gift card of their choice and a variety of Christmas treats.

It is recommended that the change from "presents" to "gift cards" be continued for the coming Christmas Drive.

Knitting Guild

Lynda MacLellan

Under the continuing guidance of Dorothy Roberts, RPC's Knitting Guild, including contributors from as far away as Florida, help to serve people in Toronto and across Canada. This year over 1,000 items were created to provide warmth to Toronto's homeless (Old of the Cold), residents of Kennedy House, Evangel Hall and Portland Place, the children of St. James Town and infants connected to the Ashinabee Fellowship of the Winnipeg Inner City Mission.

Our Annual Knitting Sale proceeds - this year over \$1,300.00 - provide us with the means to purchase supplies for the on going work of our very dedicated and prolific knitters.

Macaco Club

Marjorie Ross

The Macaco Club is an after school program for children of elementary school age in St. James Town. Two thirds of the children are drawn from Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School with the remainder coming from Rose Avenue Public School. All are from immigrant families living in St James Town. It operates Monday through Friday, 3:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Enrollment has increased from 23 children in the 2008-09 year to 26 in the current year. When three Grade 8 students graduated in June, the program was able to provide them with a \$500 "bursary" to be applied to the cost of uniforms and supplies in the local Catholic secondary school. Two of these students now volunteer regularly in the Club, giving back to the program that gave them so much. The third student is now living out of the neighbourhood. Six new students joined the program in September; they are three boys and three girls, ranging from kindergarten through Grade 8. Several families were turned away because both our staff and space are limited.

A new feature this year has been the "Reaching Out Through Music" program of St. Simon's Church. Although open to all children, it has been especially supportive to the children in the Macaco Club. Choir practice is held weekly, as part of the Club's program. It is led by the choir director of the church, and the children perform frequently – at the Christmas dinner for the St. Simon's Homeless Shelter, and at community and church events. In addition, many of the children have access for a very minimal fee to half hour individual tutorials on instruments – piano, guitar etc.

An extraordinary relationship has grown up between the children of the Club and the men of the Homeless Shelter. Together they have shared the festivals of Thanksgiving, Hallowe'en and Christmas with the children serving meals and singing as part of the entertainment.

The primary focus of the program continues to be on assisting the children with their homework and developing their academic skills. Many of the children have now been in the program for several years, and this consistent emphasis is developing a culture of learning. The club has already had a noticeable impact on the children who are long term participants.. Parents express appreciation for the fact that marks have improved significantly or remained high as the work increases in difficulty as the children move up in school. For all families, the fact that the homework is complete means that parents – both of whom are working – do not have the added stress of worrying over homework in their evenings.

This year volunteers from Rosedale have been joined on a regular basis by volunteers from St Andrew's United Church.

Out of the Cold

Vicki Boukydis

Out of the Cold (OOTC) provides a full course, home-made dinner every Monday evening from early November to April, and hot breakfast every Tuesday morning throughout the year. Each meal is served to over two hundred guests each week. These meals are prepared and served to the homeless of Toronto at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. Rosedale Presbyterian Church (RPC) has been a hands-on partner and financial supporter of the OOTC program from the very beginning. The OOTC program is run wholly by volunteers and is completely self-financed.

In 2009 November RPC gave a check for \$3,000 to support OOTC. This money was collected from donations by the RPC congregation. Rosedale's donation is large enough to purchase food for two dinners and breakfasts.

In February 2010, RPC will prepare and serve a complete dinner at OOTC. This involves RPC volunteers working on Sunday and Monday. Participation by RPC volunteers at OOTC is always great in numbers and large in heart. The February dinner provides the opportunity for RPC volunteers to participate firsthand in OOTC and provides a much deserved respite for many full-time OOTC volunteers.

Boarding Homes Ministry

Julie McMeekin

Volunteers from Rosedale visit the Kennedy Residence at 300 Sherbourne Street on a bi-weekly basis. Our visiting team consists of James Wevers, Ruth Brunzema, Annemiek Miller and Julie McMeekin along with Stewart Moracen, a member of St Andrew's Church and Reverend Rodger Hunter. For the past six and a half years we have been at Kennedy House every other Saturday afternoon sharing food and friendship with the residents.

Our time at Kennedy House is a deeply rewarding experience. The residents welcome us warmly at each visit sharing stories, personal experiences and tales of their past lives. Many are deeply spiritual and willingly share their insights with us.

We are very thankful for the financial contributions made to the Boarding House Ministry by the congregation at Rosedale. These have helped us nurture and enrich our relationship with the residents by providing them with a special summer outdoor barbecue, a much appreciated Swiss Chalet lunch at Thanksgiving and a home cooked turkey dinner at Christmas. We have also been able to provide a monetary Christmas gift along with hand knitted scarves and hats and some word puzzles etc. -- all much appreciated by our friends throughout the winter. We have received a Christmas turkey for the past number of years from Keith McMeekin and Brant Securities.

Dress Your Best

Irene King

Dress Your Best is a charity that provides, free of charge, a basic wardrobe of clothing, shoes, accessories to people recommended by agencies who are seeking (re)entry into the workforce. Donations will be used for a job interview or for beginning a new job. DYB has volunteer consultants who spend about an hour with each client to help her/him co-ordinate a wardrobe. This becomes another means of restoring self-confidence in those who need a "hand up not a hand out."

Our church has participated in this project for many years and our donations are much appreciated. We seek clean, gently used clothing which you are asked to hang up on the rack outside the transept. DYB helps both men and women and they have recently expanded their service from once weekly to three days a week. They welcome donations of clothing of all sizes.

In short, a Win-Win situation! You sort through your closets; the recipients grateful for the concern of strangers plan their futures.

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Johnston
Co-convenor

The Christian Education Team

2009 was a busy and enjoyable year for Christian Education at RPC. Beginning with the children's program, one highlight of this past year was beginning work on the mural outside the church school room. Along with the help of Michele Nidenoff, we began work on the mural with the theme of "RPC Memories." The children have begun the process of immortalizing their favourite memories, and we hope to finish it by June 2010. Another highlight was the annual Sunday school picnic, which was a wonderful time of games and food. Many thanks to the youth who helped plan the games for the children, the Wintertons for hosting the games, and to everyone who donated food for the BBQ. As we met again in September, there were many activities to keep us all busy. In September, we participated in the Terry Fox Run. Many of the children and youth, as well as members of the CE committee, participated in this year's event, and we were blessed with a beautiful day, in spite of a bad weather forecast! This is a very meaningful event for many people, and we enjoy being part of it each year.

Before we knew it, Christmas was upon us, and the year was almost over! To prepare for the Christmas season, the children assembled beautiful bags of travel sized toiletries, compliments of Linda MacLellan. These bags were sold as decorations for our giving tree, which went to the Out of the Cold program. Our final event of the year was the Christmas pageant, which was based on a group of angels wondering why they had to keep practicing the song "Gloria." As usual, pageant day was hectic, but it was a lot of fun, and everyone had a great time.

As with the children, the youth also had a busy 2009, with much of the focus on outreach into the community. The major highlight of 2009 was the 30 hour famine. We hosted this event at RPC, and we were joined by the youth group from Rosedale United. It was an amazing event which featured a fashion show, makeovers, games, and movies. We also collected canned food, which we took over to the Lourdes food bank to get a sense of how a food bank is run. It was a very meaningful event, for myself as well as the youth, and I look forward to it happening again this year. On Good Friday, we took part in the "Stations of the Cross" walk, along with many other neighbourhood congregations. This took place all throughout St. Jamestown. We sang and prayed, while carrying a wooden cross throughout the neighbourhood to different stations.

When we re-convened in the autumn, we jumped right into things with two community events. The first was helping to plan and host a Hallowe'en party at Rosedale United for women and children at the Red Door Shelter. The kids had a great time in the haunted house, eating pizza, and going on a scavenger hunt for candy, and the leader from the shelter told me it was one of the best parties they had ever been to. The second community event was the community food drive, where we went door to door collecting canned food goods to benefit local food banks. Special thanks to Johnmark Roberts and Anne McNeilly for driving on that day.

Overall, 2009 was a busy year, full of blessings. I would like to give a special thanks to the members of the CE committee and church school teachers—Martha De Simone, Mary Legge, Pat Keith, Sara Taman-Shier, Heather Roberts, and Sarah Roberts. I am blessed to work with such a dedicated team, and I look forward to a wonderful 2010.

Lastly, I would like to thank the children and youth of the congregation, who teach me so much and bring joy to my life.

Cheers and Blessings,
Brooke Alyea

The Elizabeth Cargill Memorial Library Guild

Additions to the Library this year were as follows. 3 books by Rick Alloway based on Old Testament: (*The Left Hand of God and Other Uncommon Tales from Esther, Balaam's Revenge and Other Uncommon Tales from the Old Testament*, and *Babylon Post and Other Uncommon Tales from Jeremiah*); and *Take This Bread* by Sara Miles, the memoir of a contemporary woman living out an activist faith, were purchased. 2 copies of the Book Club titles were added to the library. Four contemporary Christmas stories for children were also purchased.

The following books were donated: *A People's History of Christianity* by Diana Butler Bass, *The Case for God* by Karen Armstrong, and *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant, a novel about the lives of the women of Jacob's household.

The committee welcomes recommendations from the congregation for new titles relating to Bible studies and congregational concerns and mission. Book purchases are decided at the fall meeting. The funds for maintaining the library come originally from the Elizabeth Cargill bequest.

The committee organized a theme shelf relating to the February seminar "Finding the Way Again" with display of other books about congregational renewal. The other special displays were Bible stories for young and old, and Christmas books for children. The committee also undertook to cull books from the children's section which were rather dated and dog-eared.

Respectfully submitted
Kathie Spence, convenor, Dorothy Brough, Diane Gilday, Irene King, Marjorie Ross,
Margaret Tuer

The Pastoral Care Team

Members of the Pastoral Care team include Feite Kraay, Ken Craigie, Marjorie Ross, Gerry Boone, Ruth Brunzema, Jane Snook and Dorothy Roberts. The team meets on a weekday morning every second month.

We keep the Roll under regular review. The Roll clerk, Sarah Hoag, reported to the Team that it was time for revisions to be made. After a review of her report, the Team brought a recommendation to Session and 16 names were removed from the Roll, many of them being transferred to the "Friends of Rosedale" list. About eight people became members of the church during 2009.

At Easter, the Pastoral Care team organized the memorial flowers and distributed them to shut-ins and others. Thanks to the work of our minister and his wife good quality flowers were purchased at a very reasonable price and beautifully arranged by Lynda MacLellan. Members of the Team sent Easter cards to a few people who prefer not to receive a plant.

Pastoral Care also organized the May luncheon and communion; an annual fellowship event for seniors and shut-ins. Approximately 30 were involved, about half as guests and half as helpers. Members of Pastoral Care assisted the Hospitality Team who sponsored a luncheon for the same group in the fall to hear a presentation of the stewardship themes for this year.

The "Welcome Home" service just before Christmas, aimed at young adults and students in the congregation who return home for Christmas and other holidays, took place again in 2009. In addition, this year our minister sent personal emails to members who had not been seen in church for a while. The response to these invitations was very positive, and the service was well attended.

Our Christmas card list was expanded in 2009 with the addition of the "Friends of Rosedale" list. A custom card with a winter photograph of the church was produced in the church office and went to the "Friends of Rosedale". In total, between 60 and 70 cards were sent, more than double the number in 2008.

In addition, cards are sent throughout the year to members who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

The Team has continued the practice of inviting people for Communion by email; we are working to improve our co-ordination with the church office.

Several people regularly visit some of our members in seniors' residences. Others frequently provide transport to church services. We would welcome more helpers, especially men, who are able to visit in the daytime or drive occasionally.

This year there have been several ongoing pastoral concerns which have been the subject of our prayerful concern. Several members of the team and the minister have devoted many hours to support individuals in particular need. The Pastoral Care team brings information on specific members and needs to the attention of Session. In addition, an informal prayer network exists and the group plans to build on that in the

future. We ask those who are aware of particular concerns to speak to members of the Pastoral Care Team or to inform the church office.

Our thanks go to Pat and Tony Keith for their ongoing co-ordination of the fortnightly Bridge and Scrabble group. This is much appreciated by our seniors, and has proved to be a good time of fellowship and mutual support.

Respectfully submitted,
Feite Kraay

2009 Annual Statistics

Membership Information

Number of households		<u>147</u>
Baptisms:		
Adults	0	
Children	<u>4</u>	
Total		<u>4</u>
Communicant membership:		
Total at 31 Dec 2008		246
Added during 2009:		
Profession of Faith	7	
Transfer or Session	<u>1</u>	
Total Additions		8
Removed during 2009:		
By certificate	0	
Because of death	1	
By revisions of roll	<u>22</u>	
Total Removed		<u>23</u>
Total at 31 Dec 2009		<u><u>231</u></u>
Adherents under pastoral care		<u>30</u>
Average weekly attendance (including children)		<u>76</u>

Milestones

Speakers – Preachers

1. Mike Burns (Outreach Coordinator) January 11, 2009
2. Mike Burns (Outreach Coordinator) January 18, 2009
3. Diana Butler Bass March 01, 2009
4. Barb Summers March 08, 2009
5. Mike Burns (Outreach Coordinator) March 15, 2009
6. Charles Fenshem November 22, 2009
7. Mike Burns (Outreach Coordinator) August 02/09
8. Mike Burns (Outreach Coordinator) December 27/09

Funeral - Memorial Services

1. Arthur Frederick Cooper: Born March 10, 1912 & died Jan. 15, 2009. Service at St. James-the-Less Chapel Jan. 19, 2009
2. Mark Everett Bandeen: Born September 01, 1961 & died October 28, 2009. Memorial Service at RPC December 12, 2009

Weddings

Nathan Andrew Normandin & Joanna Jessica Grigoriou Aug. 22/09

Baptisms

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BAPTISM	PARENTS
Emerson Robert Henry Cook Regehr	July 25, 2008	April 19, 2009	Jodi Helen Cook & Scott Peter Regehr
Ian James Waldie	January 04, 2008	April 19, 2009	Ann Eleanor Katrusiak and Robert John Waldie
Charles Kenneth Darlington	January 08, 2009	June 07, 2009	Ken & Kimberly Darlington
Taylor Caitlyn Morden De Simone	May 27, 2009	Nov. 9, 2009	Martha Elizabeth Morden De Simone & Rocco Bonifacio De Simone

New Members

1. Jodi Cook April 19/09
2. Ann Eleanor Katrusiak April 19/09
3. John Waldie April 19/09
4. Robin Daprato June 7/ 09
5. Norm Creen Dec 6/09
6. Mark Daprato Dec 6/09
7. Marian Steep Dec 6/09
8. Jill Sword Dec 6/09

Memorial & Celebration Fund

The Memorial and Celebration Fund is an important part of our community life here at RPC. Both members and friends use it to acknowledge life's joys and sorrows, and it enables the congregation to share in the significant events in one another's lives. The fund is used by session to make purchases which are not in the congregational budget, and this year it covered the cost of a digital camera and a digital piano / keyboard for use in the sanctuary.

Session and the congregation wish to express their appreciation to all who so generously support this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Campbell,
Convenor, Memorial and Celebration Fund

The Report from the Board of Managers

The Board is responsible for the management of the financial affairs of the congregation. It is also the duty of the Board to care for the properties held by the Congregation and to see that they are kept in good condition and repair. The Board is required to cooperate closely with the Session in encouraging the liberality of the people in support of the Congregation's total ministry and to disburse all monies received for this purpose subject to the approval of the Congregation. The Board is responsible for the payment of the minister's stipend and administers the Church Officer position and all matters committed to its charge as the Congregation may direct.

The Board works with Fantaye Sarka, the Administrative Assistant (email: office@rpcc.ca), who is responsible for the office and assisting the Minister. In addition, the Board works with Steve Bozo, the Church Officer, who is responsible for much of the physical plant, and John Wevers Jr. (email: accounting@rpcc.ca) the bookkeeper. We thank them all for their efforts. We would also like to thank Michael Burns as Outreach Coordinator and Brooke Alyea our Education Coordinator for their efforts. Our congregation has benefitted from the dedication of all of our staff.

I am honoured to present the 102nd report of the Board of Managers.

We have just completed the first year of operations under our new financial structure. While our timing has been difficult, given the backdrop of recent economic and employment conditions, the congregation has risen to the task and congratulations are in order. RPC posted its first operating surplus in decades in 2009.

While the surplus was small, about \$7,500, its' significance is great as the congregation rose to the challenges through special operating fund donations, an active and well supported fund raising program and cost containment. Our performance in 2009 has proven that RPC can make adjustments needed to put its financial house in order and that it will remain a vibrant institution on a sustainable, long term basis.

The vibrancy is well documented elsewhere in this report where the activities of the congregation are catalogued. The Board saw the regular fundraising efforts well supported by the congregation and we also saw several new initiatives that contributed additional resources to the general funds of the congregation. These new initiatives included the Hymns in Hollywood event and a Lady Nairne event that added to our Fall Festival. In 2010, we look forward to additional new initiatives, including one sponsored by the Choir.

Furthermore, we are pleased to report that our Mission, Ministry and Arts Fund (MM&A Fund) increased yet again in 2009, reaching approximately \$440,000. Growth came from new donations of about \$31,000. The Facilities Fund rebounded about 20% as our investment portfolio recovered somewhat from year-end 2008.

The Board was able to contain the regular maintenance expenses for the church, but we remain very concerned with the steam heating system. It has consistently consumed a large portion of our annual maintenance budget and is approaching the end of its useful

life. Replacing the steam system may be needed at any time and will be expensive, likely in the order of \$200,000, so the Board is suggesting we begin to prepare for the cost of replacement through the establishment of a new furnace fund-raising effort.

Regarding the 2010 budget, the Board's best preliminary estimates late in 2009 showed a sizable deficit of about \$25,000 likely for 2010. As such, it was agreed to call a congregational meeting in January to discuss budget issues. In the intervening time, RPC posted a \$7,500 surplus, and the decision was taken to carry that forward to 2010, reducing the potential deficit to about \$17,000.

The preliminary 2010 budget remains an austerity budget with many of the expense categories continued at, or near levels of 2009. For example, the music supply allocation remains cut sharply, the discretionary mission allocation remains deferred and no salary increases are accommodated. However, the budget remains committed to our efforts in St. James Town via our Outreach coordinator position. So once again, the congregation will likely need special, incremental operating fund donations (in a general sense or to support specific activities), to balance the books for 2010.

While we might be able to balance the books in 2010 with some short term hole-plugging, few believe we have yet reached a truly sustainable position. We are close, but we are not there because we do not believe that a perpetual freeze on salaries, a nil discretionary mission budget and a minimalist maintenance or non-existent property capital budget is sustainable. As a result, the congregation is considering establishing a committee or group from the congregation that will be empowered to look at how we can achieve the final stage of sustainability.

We thank all members of the Board of Managers for their efforts and support over the past year. For his diligence as Treasurer and as a property committee member, we thank Johnmark Roberts. We also thank Cooper Spence as primary contact on the property committee and Tom Starkey for his management of our capital funds. James Wevers in his role as Secretary and for organizing the collection and counters has been invaluable.

Brock Winterton
Convener
Board of Managers

The Finance Committee's Report

The endowment funds' performance combining unrealized gains and income received during 2009 was about 23%. This trailed the Toronto Stock Exchange comprehensive index which was up 31%. This was a mirror performance of last year when the portfolio was down 24% and the Toronto Stock Exchange comprehensive index was down 30%. Over the 2 year period we declined by 3.4% compounded annually compared to a 4.2% decline on the part of the Toronto Exchange.

In both 2008 and 2009 the return, including dividends and distributions, for both our stocks and income trusts was in line with market averages while our large cash position and investment in the Presbyterian Church Building Corporation (PCBC), carried at cost, dampened the rise in 2009 just as it had partially cushioned the drop in 2008.

The object of the investment policy is to earn sufficient (through interest, dividend and capital gain) to allow some money to be drawn for use by the congregation and to augment the market value of the portfolio to cover inflation. For a number of years we have been able to achieve this although not in the last couple of years. The facilities fund (the old endowment fund) was subject to heavy draws such that even during the long string of good market years its capital value did not increase enough to take 2008 in its stride. In 2009 the facilities fund again bore the brunt of the draws but also benefited from the combined funds' appreciation as the MM&A fund will only commence operations in 2010. Since inception the MM&A fund has been accumulating from donations and has not been subject to draws or investment risk. In 2010 the fund will be subject to draws and will participate in the investment returns of the combined funds.

The Trimark fund is our largest single investment. The fund is broadly diversified although it concentrates on smaller US companies. The next largest are the bank holdings which we have been working down. Our investment in PCBC GIC's represents part of Rosedale's outreach program. The corporation has an excellent history of repayments and we expect to continue to support it.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Starkey

Members of the Board of Managers and Trustees

Convenor: Brock Winterton

Harris Beacock	Envelope Secretary
Anne Donaldson Page	BoardéSession Projects
Kathy Anne Flanders	
Thomas Guillot	
Malcolm MacRury	Communications
Cooper Spence	Property
George Molyneux	Special Projects
Johnmark Roberts	TreasureréProperty
Tom Starkey	Finance
James Wevers	Secretary

Trustees:

(one year term)

Peter Fullerton
C. Anthony Keith
Barbara Robertson

Managers Term of Office

(three year terms)

Elected Until February 2010 (term ending at 102nd AGM)

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George Molyneux
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Harris Beacock
Cooper Spence
Thomas Guillot

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Johnmark Roberts
Tom Starkey
James Wevers

2010 Proposed Budget

INCOME		373,500
Previous Year Surplus +/-Deficit-		6,500
Envelopes		
Congregational (Black)	205,000	
Presbyterians Sharing (Red)	38,000	
Other Directed	<u>34,000</u>	
		277,000
Use of Premises		
Church Rental	9,000	
Other Use	<u>12,000</u>	
		21,000
Other Revenue & Bequests		
Bequests	0	
Fundraising (fair trade)	1,000	
Fundraising (mission)	2,000	
Special Projects Fundraising	0	
Operating Budget Fundraising	25,000	
Other Income +Op Budget Donation	<u>0</u>	
		28,000
Sustaining Funds		
M.M.&A. Fund	26,500	
Facilities Fund	<u>14,500</u>	
		<u>41,000</u>
EXPENSE		392,073
Session Teams & Committees		
Worship		
Pulpit Supply	700	
Tape Ministries	100	
Sacraments, Candles & Misc.	500	
Sanctuary Décor	300	
Music Supply	700	
Organ / Piano Maintenance	<u>1,500</u>	
		3,800
Family Caucus (CE)		
Curriculum, Supplies & Other	600	
Crib Room	100	
Youth	200	
Adults	200	
Communicants Class	100	
Special Projects Fundraising	<u>0</u>	
		1,200
Mission Team		
Mission Projects		0
Outreach & Communications		
Outreach & Communications	1,500	
Leaflet and Direct Marketing	<u>2,000</u>	
		3,500

Congregational Caucus		250	
Pastoral Care Team		100	
Hospitality Team		600	
Discretionary Funds			
Minister's Discretionary Fund	100		
Session's Discretionary Fund			
Session Special Projects Fund			
			100
Other Expenses			
Presbytery Assessment	6,396		
Presbyterian Record	2,650		
Presbyterans Sharing	38,000		
Other Directed Income	34,000		
			81,046
Personnel			
Minister - Stipend & Allowances	56,812		
Minister's Study Allowance	1,000		
Music Director	26,592		
Choir Soloists	18,500		
Christian Education Co-Ordinator	10,000		
Outreach Co-Ordinator	10,000		
Administrative Assisstant	24,480		
Church Officer	26,592		
Bookkeeper	5,100		
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	22,000		
			201,077
Board of Managers			
Administration			
Review / Audit	2,000		
Printing Stationary & Postage	9,000		
Bank Charges & Misc.	4,500		
			15,500
Properties			
Manse			
Utilities & Insurance	3,900		
Property Taxes	8,000		
Maintenance	2,500		
Special Projects	0		
Church			
Insurance	19,000		
Utilities	33,000		
Cleaning Supplies	1,500		
Fire Alarm Maintenance	2,000		
Communications & Technology	0		
General Maintenance	15,000		
Property Projects	0		
			84,900
Income			373,500
Expense			392,073
Surplus+ /Deficit-			-18,573

List of Contributors to the Mission, Ministry and Arts Fund

Peter Fullerton

Mary MacMillan

Joyce Morden

Marjorie Ross

James Wevers

In Your Will Please Remember Rosedale Presbyterian Church

It is respectfully suggested that members and adherents of the Congregation who have not already done so, give sympathetic consideration to providing in their Wills for a bequest to Rosedale Presbyterian Church.

Such bequests may be made to "Rosedale Presbyterian Church, Toronto, to be paid to the Treasurer of the Congregation and to be used for such purposes as the Board of Managers may decide." Or, if so desired, the bequests either in whole or in part may be designated for some specific purpose.

Your Church urgently needs your gifts to carry on its work.

Benefactors of the Endowment Fund

1913	Estate of Mrs. Campbell	1981	Estate of Miss Margaret Aitken
1921	Estate of William Dobie		Estate of Alexander McD. McBain
1938	Estate of Mrs. P. Turner Wilson	1985	Estate of Maud Isabel Spence
1944	Estate of Miss Clorinda McArthur		Estate of Gordon Cassels
1947	Estate of Miss E. Forsythe		In Memory of Frank Cochrane
1954	Estate of Mrs. William Dobie	1986	Estate of Jane Grant
	Estate of Mrs. Angus McMurchy		Estate of Mary L. Duncanson
	Estate of J. F. M. Stewart		Estate of Margaret Elizabeth Elgie
1955	Estate of Mrs. Duncan Donald	1987	Estate of a. Forrest
	Estate of Mrs. Elizabeth Cargill		Estate of M. Gordon
1957	Estate of Mrs. J. A. McLeod		Estate of L. McBain
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1959	Estate of Mrs. Stuart B. Playfair	1990	Estate of Penelope Waldie
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1964	Estate of Mrs. Georgiana Macdonald Farmer		In Memor of Wm. Russel Craigie
1966	Estate of Mrs. W. J. Bell	1993	Estate of Jack Reynolds
	Estate of Mrs. Leonore C. Smallpiece	1996	Estate of Ronald Smith
	Estate of Robert S. Waldie		In Memory of Murray Ross
1967	Estate of J. A. McLeod	1997	In Memory of Margaret New Craigie
1970	Estate of Clarence W. Taylor	1998	In Memory of Isabell Scott
	Estate of Arthur L. Smoke		In Memory of Gordon Waldie
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1971	Estate of Mrs. R. S. Waldie	1999	Estate of Margaret Shaw
	Estate of John A. Tate	2000	Estate of Irene Smyth
1972	Estate of Miss Katherine M. MacLennan		Estate of Hon. Justice Donald Keith
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	Estate of Miss Catherine B. Morden	2004	Estate of Mary Barker
	Estate of Phyllis I. Hollinrake	2005	Estate of Eoin MacKay
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	Estate of Edward C. Gordon		Estate of Patricia Marian Sheets
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1977	Estate of Mrs. Aukje Jisk den Braber-van Der Zee	2007	Estate of James Moffat
			Estate of E. Margaret McNaughton
1980	Estate of Miss Mary J. McEwen		(final distribution)
	Estate of Mrs. Jeanie Taylor Stewart		
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