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

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Members	Date of Ordination/Most Recent Induction	Elected to
Feite Kraay	June 2005	June 2011
Pat Keith	June 2005	June 2011
Mark McElwain	June 2005	June 2011
Sian Little	November 2008	June 2011
Alexandra Johnston	June 2010	June 2011
Anthony Keith	June 2010	June 2011
John Morden	June 2010	June 2011
Joyce Morden	June 2010	June 2011
Michelle Miller-Guillot	June 2007	June 2013
David Hunter	June 2007	June 2013
Heather Roberts	June 2007	June 2013
Chris Spence	June 2007	June 2013
Amelia Farquharson	November 2008	June 2013
Ken Craigie (on leave)	May 2009	June 2015
Tom Starkey	June 2009	June 2015
Annemiek Miller	May 2009	June 2015
Peter Schaal	June 2009	June 2015

## **Message from the Minister**

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For most churches, it's annual report time, and for ministers, it is that time when we attempt to reach the unreachable because most of the readers of this report pass by the opening pages and go for the real meat of the matter – show me the numbers!

- Did we meet the budget?
- Is there a deficit?
- Red ink and black?
- what do our membership numbers say?
- what has changed?

Since that is where everybody starts, then maybe I should also. The Board of Managers has informed us already that we did end up in the black with respect to the income/expenditures. It was a repeat! This is a cause of celebration – I am certainly elated that this is the case. It indicates that the stance of a 'balanced budget' under which we have been living has taken root.

Black ink has not always the case. Before we "established" the two separate funds – Facilities, and - Mission, Ministry and the Arts – we used the investment fund as a big generous bank account that easily provided monies to cover for all our shortcomings. It has not been an easy adjustment and it required a change in attitude and practice to achieve.

In addition to meeting the requirements for the ministry, life and facilities of the congregation, we can also celebrate that we did tithe by giving \$30,000 to the mission work of the congregation. Often I am reminded of the little saying that the Readers Digest added to the bottom of one of its pages many years ago as the response of a pastor who was challenged by a member who asked why the church was always saying "give, give, give." He responded: "Thanks for the best definition of Christianity I have ever heard."

It is my hope that this renewed sense of responsibility and servanthood will become part of the congregation's way of life in the future.

As I write this foreword, my mind also reflects on "personal/family numbers. As spring approaches, it will be almost 9 "church-years" that Lynda and I have been part of the congregational life and story; yet all good things must come to an end, so it is said. We will be taking June as annual leave which means that our last Sunday here will be May 29th .

We thankful for the privilege of being part of the Rosedale pilgrimage. I use the pronoun "we" very easily. As our friend Fr. Murray Farwell said at the induction in September 2002, "with Bill you also get Lynda!" Everyone is aware, my ministry would have been very different without my "buddy's" support and hard work. I have arrived at the church on a Sunday morning with one major task to fulfill that day and Lynda would have a list of five – from Portland Place, Movie Night, Fall Festival, gala dinners, etc, etc. Obviously that is the reason why one person said to me that I could retire and leave, but the congregation would be keeping Lynda.

So many others have made my work possible and have added to the life of the congregation.

- Melody: As the Director of Music, and the faithful section leads and choir, make worship so meaningful and celebratory. Her due diligence in selecting music complimentary to the theme of the day is unequalled, as unequalled as her ability at the keys of piano, organ and electronic keyboard.
- Fantaye: She has established herself as a true "administrative assistant" if not "administrator" and has been a faithful helpmate and friend. Her strong Christian commitment and her fervent prayers for the vitality of RPC enable her work to be fruitful.
- Steve: How often do I hear: "What would we do without Steve" Everyone who hosts coffee hour is aware of his quiet supportive manner around the church. Fortunately, he does not see his work as defined by a job description or the extra and new ways he finds to enable everyone to do what they want to see accomplished; oh, he also keeps the building in shape!
- Students: Perhaps I should not use that title, but all the students who have been our "Coordinators" have added so much energy to our congregational life. Courtney and Brooke have shown such enthusiasm for the faith development of our children and youth, and did you ever see a time when they did not smile? Tom, Mike and now Scott have been catalysts, researchers, and coordinators in our mission and outreach. Furthermore, the weekly dialogue that we have had has always been of personal benefit to me.

As you read these reports you will see many reasons why all of us must all be grateful. These reports indicate how busy a year 2010 was and I suggest that they also reflect the vitality of the congregation as we practice our faith. I also express my thanks to the convenors for their faithfulness that gives life to our Vision and Mission Statements. Thank you to all who have written these reports and served on the Teams and in groups for you not only keep the machinery of the Church working smoothly, but took risks with new ideas and opportunities to carry out our Church's mission as it has evolved over time.

Today as I write this final "Minister's Report", I see that the impending vacancy is listed on the Presbyterian web page and the congregational profile is on our RPC web page. That has had a profound impact and has created a mixture of the gratitude and excitement about the future as I realize that this could be considered the first official farewell from Lynda and me.

May God walk with each of us in the newness of life that 2011 will bring.

Bill MacLellan

## **Minutes of Congregational Meeting – 14 February 2010**

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

Brock Winterton, Convener of the Board of Mangers, was asked to chair the meeting. He distributed a handout consisting of a synopsis of 2009, a financial outlook for 2010 along with a preliminary budget.

### **2009 Synopsis:**

The year ended with an estimated surplus of \$7,500. Margaret Ross rose to formally express on behalf of the congregation thanks to the Board of Managers for guiding us successfully through a challenging year.

Sandy Johnston, Mission Project Convener, explained the use of mission funds during the year. \$5,000 had been traditionally allocated for dispersal to needy organizations. Due to the cancellation of our subsidy for the Mission Coordinator's salary, disbursement was cancelled and the money was redirected instead to fund Mike Burn's organization of the St Jamestown Project. During the year \$1,500 was raised from pasta dinners to fund our mission projects. Sandy estimated that an additional \$15,000 was received from members via "third line" envelope donations, as well (Cf. Other Directed Revenue).

Johnmark Roberts, Treasurer, reported that \$28,000 had been given in the form of one-time only special donations at the beginning and end of the year to balance the budget. These donations could not be expected to reappear in 2010. He also reminded everyone of the \$12,000 cancellation of subsidies to mission from Presbytery in 2009. St Andrew's Presbyterian had made a special \$2,500 donation in relief. Neither group, however, had promised any future aid to our mission projects.

### **2010 Outlook:**

The Board of Managers has forecast a deficit of \$17,000 for 2010. This is based on a freeze of all salaries and cuts to the music and mission budgets. Except for growth in the value of our funds, self-generated revenue from the congregation is expected to remain flat. The size of the deficit is the same as at the beginning of 2009. This points to a permanent structural cost problem in our budget of about \$20,000 annually. Another looming problem is the aging deterioration of our heating system. \$5,000 to \$8,000 is spent annually to patch the boiler which is expected to expire in the near future.

### **Solutions to the Deficit:**

Immediate solutions consist of pleas to envelope holders to increase their giving in light of the biblical tradition to donate 10% of our earnings to the church as a tithe. A Birthday Fund was suggested whereby members donate on their birthday a sum equal to their age. In order to avoid a second consecutive year of no increase in salaries, we should consider a special plea to increase salaries across the board by 2% (est. \$3,500). Fund raising drives to support special programs or needs of the church should be instituted by using the "third line" option of donating on our envelopes.

A small committee should be struck to investigate ways to tackle the structural cost problem inherent in the budget. Any changes to the budget should be based on maintaining the vision and practices already established by the congregation. The results of the fall stewardship campaign should also be analyzed and incorporated into its decisions. The committee should represent all interests of the congregation. Every part of the budget should be open to change. Reductions in the budget should be phased in over a period of two to three years. The committee would not have any authority to implement cuts unilaterally. It should be established at the Annual General Meeting and report back to the congregation no later than September given the urgency to tackle the deficit by year end.

Problems with the heating system can be addressed by establishing and promoting donations to a Furnace Fund. The MM&A Fund should be capped barring any contributions designated specifically for MM&A. All future contributions to the funds, including bequests, should be directed to the Furnace Fund or Facilities Fund. Other suggestions included installing a geothermal heating system in collaboration with Branksome Hall. Sheets of plastic or glass can be installed over the windows in the sanctuary and the large hall in order to conserve heat.

The meeting was adjourned following the scheduling of the Annual General Meeting for Sunday, February 28, 2010.

Respectfully submitted -

James Wevers, Secretary

## **Minutes of 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting – 28 February 2010**

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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. Tom Starkey moved that Brock Winterton chair the meeting and James Wevers take the minutes. Seconded by Cooper Spence. Motion passed and carried.

John Wevers moved to accept the minutes as reported of the 101st Annual Meeting held on March 8, 2009. Seconded by Janet Heisey. 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 Anne Donaldson-Page. Motion passed and carried.

### **Election to the Board of Managers:**

Mark McElwain moved that Anne Donaldson-Page, Norman Creen and Brock Winterton be elected to serve on the Board of Managers for a three year term. Seconded by Linda MacLellan. Motion passed and carried.

### **Election to the Board of Trustees:**

Cooper Spence moved that Peter Fullerton, Tony Keith and Barbara Robertson be elected to serve as trustees of the church for a one year term. Seconded by Sarah Hoag. Motion passed and carried.

### **Appointment of the Review Firm:**

Linda MacLellan moved that PKF Hill LLP be appointed as auditor for RPC in order to conduct a review of the finances at the end of 2010. Seconded by John Wevers. Motion passed and carried.

### **2009 Financial Statements and Investment Review:**

Brock Winterton reported that 2009 had ended with a surplus of \$6,500. This was brought about in no small part by extraordinary fundraising of over \$20,000 during the year. Johnmark Roberts officially thanked the congregation on behalf of the Board of Managers for its efforts. In addition our investment funds had rebounded from the recession of 2008. Tom Starkey reported that over the two year period our portfolio had declined by only 3.4%. The Paulin Fund had been zeroed out and incorporated into the MM&A Fund. The Cargill Fund for the library still remained active.

A plan for the future allocation of the funds was presented to the congregation. Three motions were tabled by Tom Starkey and seconded by John Wevers as follows:

1. Commencing January 1, 2010, the MM&A Fund will be credited with its proportionate share of the investment income earned by the pooled portfolio.
2. For the year ending December 31, 2010, and thereafter, transfers from the MM&A Fund to the Operating Fund will be at the rate of interest assessed to be a

maintainable comprehensive rate of return (being 6% for calendar 2010) applied to the market value of the fund at the beginning of the year.

3. Investment income credited to the fund in excess of the amount transferred will be retained in the fund to the extent that, on a cumulative basis, the amount transferred exceeds income credited; after which such excess income will be transferred to the Facilities Fund.

The plan entails using 6% of the annual returns from the MM&A and Facilities Funds to support our operating expenses. The Facilities Funds needs to be built up in order to eventually pay for a new heating system. Therefore any revenue from our returns at the end of the year in excess of 6% will be credited to this fund. Future capital donations will automatically go into this fund as well unless designated for the MM&A Fund. This policy will remain in effect until 2012.

Peter Fullerton moved that the 2009 Financial Statements and Investment Review be accepted as information. Seconded by Susan Caplan. Motion passed and carried.

### **2010 Budget:**

The budget for 2010 was in great part carried over from 2009. There were no significant changes in revenue or expenses expected for 2010. We would start the year with a \$6,500 surplus from 2009. Revenue from our sustaining funds was forecast to increase from \$35,700 in 2009 to \$41,000. There was nothing budgeted for Mission or Property projects. Pleas for donations via the third line on our envelopes would have to be made to raise funds for mission or special property projects. A 2% salary increase was budgeted for the music director, administrative assistant and church officer only. The salaries for the remaining personnel were frozen including the minister's stipend (upon his request). A deficit was forecast of \$18,573.

Upon further discussion it was agreed to apply the 2% increase to all personnel. This would increase the forecast deficit by \$2,000 to \$20,500. Brock Winterton, speaking on behalf of the Board of Managers, accepted the amendment under the following condition. If the Board foresaw the deficit surpassing \$20,500 in the course of the year, a congregational meeting would be called to implement adjustments to the budget. Johnmark Roberts moved to accept the the budget for 2010 as amended. Seconded by Heather Roberts. Motion passed and carried. Liz Campbell rose to express the gratitude of the congregation to Brooke Dufton, our soprano soloist, for donating two song recitals at the past dinner and auction.

### **Presbyterians Sharing:**

Mark McElwain moved to set the the target for Presbyterian Sharing in 2010 at \$38,000. Seconded by Anne Donaldson-Page. Motion passed and carried.

### **Congregational Forward Planning Group:**

At the preliminary congregational budget meeting held in January the Board of Managers let it be known that the budget suffered from a permanent structural cost problem of \$20,000. Without addressing this structural problem we would face an

annual deficit of \$20,000 for the foreseeable future. It was then decided to form a small committee to investigate ways to address this issue.

At the AGM Mark McElwain announced that Session had formulated plans for such a committee. It would be named the Congregational Forward Planning Group (CFPG). Its intent was not to find ways to balance the deficit for this year specifically. Nor did they intend to reexamine the vision or established practices of the congregation. The terms of reference for the CFPG were tabled by Mark as follows:

1. To consider options for bringing revenues and expenditures into balance in view of congregational priorities in the medium term.
2. To consider alternative uses for capital properties owned by the congregation (e.g. the manse, art work, etc.).
3. To consider options for the sharing of facilities or services with congregations of the PCC or other denominations if necessary.
4. To rekindle congregational interest in building up effective capital funds – MM&A Fund and the Facilities Fund – through employing all avenues of giving as presented in the Planned Giving Program of the PCC:
  - Publicly Traded Securities
  - Charitable Bequests
  - Life Insurance
  - Gift Annuities
5. To report back recommendations to Session, the Board of Managers and at congregational meetings for appropriate action.

The committee would consist of 5 to 6 members. Mark McElwain, Clerk of Session, and Brock Winterton, Convener of the Board, were automatically elected. The Session and Board were each asked to suggest two more possible members. During the ensuing discussion ideas were expressed about finding new sources of revenue. The decision not to have the committee address this year's forecast deficit was also called into question. John Wevers moved to have the CFPG form under the terms of reference as presented by our Clerk of Session. Seconded by Susan Capling. The motion passed by a majority with one nay vote cast by our treasurer.

The meeting was adjourned. Rev MacLellan ended the proceedings with a blessing.

Respectfully submitted -

James Wevers, Secretary

## **Minutes of the Congregational Meeting – 31 October 2010**

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The meeting started with a prayer at 12:05pm. Bill MacLellan acted as Chair, and Susan Capling as Secretary.

A presentation on the report of the Forward Planning Working Group was provided by Mark McElwain and Brock Winterton.

A motion to receive the report and to discuss the recommendations one by one was carried (moved by Brock Winterton/seconded by Mark McElwain).

A discussion on each of the key elements of the report of the working group ensued, as follows:

### **Manse:**

A number of comments were made with respect to the need to consider all variables related to the potential sale of the manse such as the current value of the manse, proximity to the church, and costs of living in an equivalent neighbourhood. Several comments were made in support of leasing or renting the manse and in support of maintaining assets.

Motion carried: Approval in principle to investigate selling or leasing the manse; any final motion to sell or lease the manse would await Search Committee's confirmation that this sale/lease would not be a barrier in attracting preferred candidate (moved by Brock Winterton/seconded by Mark McElwain).

### **Art in Lounge:**

A question was asked about whether the art is "encumbered" by any conditions of donation, with a response given that this is not likely. There were some objections to selling the art in the lounge. Some ideas were shared about how art is displayed in other churches. There were several comments supporting the need to put any proceeds from the sale of the art to where the need is. It was suggested that an updated valuation of the art be obtained.

Motion carried: Investigate the potential sale of some or all of the art in the lounge, with the proceeds directed to the MM&A Fund (moved by Brock Winterton/seconded by Mark McElwain).

### **Planned Giving:**

Motion carried: An ongoing information program on the purposes, advantages, and process of planned giving be set up, integrated with our stewardship activities. (moved by Brock Winterton/seconded by Mark McElwain)

### **Recognizing Gifts:**

General support for this idea.

Motion carried: that policy parameters be considered and rules established for recognizing gifts, with a marketing campaign if desired (moved by Brock Winterton/seconded by Mark McElwain).

**Increasing Rental Income:**

General agreement that an outdoor activity area on church property is a good idea, with caveats that the playground not be on the Mount Pleasant side (front lawn) of the property or encumbering or surrounding the linden tree.

Motion carried: An outdoor activity area be established on church property. (moved by Brock Winterton/seconded by Mark McElwain).

**Sharing Facilities or Services:**

Motion carried: That RPC proceed with discussions with St. Andrew's United and St. Simon's Anglican Church  
That RPC's discussions be led by small team with representation from Session and Board  
That proposals be brought back for appropriate approvals as necessary.  
(moved by Brock Winterton/seconded by Mark McElwain).

**Pre-Funding a new Furnace:**

Concern was expressed with the condition of the furnace and the operational risk this presents to the Church.

Motion carried: Recommend Congregation begin pre-funding by:

- Redirecting non-directed gifts to furnace fund
  - Starting dedicated funding campaign
- (moved by Brock Winterton/seconded by Mark McElwain)

The meeting was adjourned and concluded with prayer and a benediction at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted -

Susan Capling, Secretary

## **Report from Session**

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The past year, 2010, has been a year of change and of passings in the life of RPC.

Bill MacLellan signalled a new chapter in the congregation's life when he announced to Session at our April meeting his intention to retire as of the end of May 2011. He indicated he would write Presbytery requesting that an Interim Moderator be appointed as soon as possible for the purposes of beginning the search process for RPC's next minister. Session had previously expressed a wish to avoid a lengthy vacancy, and expressed its gratitude to Bill and Lynda in handling their retirement announcement in this way, giving the congregation a good head start in filling the vacancy before Bill's departure.

Now is not the time to look back over all the accomplishments of Bill and Lynda's tenure at RPC, as they still have five active months of strong momentum in their continued Ministry during 2011. We do continue to give thanks for their commitment and dedication, and those opportunities for reflection and extended gratitude will come over the next few months.

The year also saw the deaths of several members of our community: Jack Windeler, Charlie Francis, Janet Saab, Prof John W Wevers, Robert Bandeen, Martha Louise Graham – and let me add Lindsay Empringham, who died in early January of 2011. In this series of funerals, we celebrated their lives, gave thanks for their contributions, and our community grew closer together.

In June, Mike Burns resigned as Mission and Outreach Co-ordinator, after more than two years of outstanding service to the congregation. His principal accomplishment has been the strengthening of ties to St James Town and to the other churches through the St James Town Ecumenical Coalition. Mike graduated from Knox College at the end of 2010, with his ordination scheduled in January 2011. He and his wife Debbie, who also gave tremendous service to the congregation in a variety of roles, will be leaving in early 2011 to serve in a Mission capacity in Malawi for the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

In September of 2010, Scott Flemming, another student at Knox College, began as our new Mission and Outreach Co-ordinator and also as Student Minister. Scott, another Maritimer, was trained first as an engineer, and is already making an impact on our work in the community.

Session also expresses its gratitude for the work of the other professional employees with which it has a direct supervisory relationship: Brooke Alyea, our Christian Education Co-ordinator, and Melody McShane, our Director of Music.

Session was glad during 2010 to sign the Memorandum of Understanding formalizing the St James Town Ecumenical Coalition, including four churches and three social service organizations active in the area.

During the year, we were glad to welcome Lea Barker and Adam Sherriff-Scott 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.

Session and Board collaborated in directing the work of the Forward Planning Group, constituted by the 2010 Annual Congregational Meeting to consider options for bringing revenues and expenditures into balance in view of congregational priorities in the medium term. Mark McElwain, Feite Kraay and Chris Spence represented Session on this group, and several innovative approaches were brought forward to the congregation, involving the manse, rentals of the church building, and greater co-operation with neighbouring churches. Implementation of these items is being pursued during the upcoming year.

Session is also the channel through which our congregation is represented in the 'higher courts' of the Presbyterian Church. During the year, Ken Craigie, Tony Keith and Mark McElwain served as representative and 'equalizing' elder to Presbytery's monthly meeting.

Session was quite busy in the latter part of the year gearing up the search process for RPC's next Minister. This process has to date involved many communications with Presbytery office-holders, arranging for a survey of the congregation and other elements that contribute to the 'Congregational Profile' document, the establishment of a Search Committee, among many responsibilities. We are glad to be assisted in this process by the Rev Stephen Kendall, who was appointed by Presbytery as the Interim Moderator for the purposes of the search process. Stephen, currently the Principal Clerk of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, is well-acquainted with the congregation, having attended here for several years at earlier points in his Ministry.

During 2010, through the Memorial and Celebration Fund, Session helped refurbish the Great Hall, with painting, improved lighting and new tables.

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 normally expiring every two years.

However, we had fallen below full strength as Tim Heslip, Susan Peniston and Jamie Saab left Session membership, and there were two members of Session (Annemiek Miller and Michelle Miller-Guillot) on leave for assignments in Africa. As a result, Session decided to seek to add up to four members, for one-year terms. We were glad this past June to elect and induct these four previous members of Session to return to replenish our ranks: Anthony Keith, Alexandra Johnston, John Morden and Joyce Morden. After September, Ken Craigie was also on leave from Session.

We thank every member and adherent for your continuing involvement, as we head into a new chapter in furthering God's work in our community.

Mark McElwain  
Clerk of Session

## **The Worship Team**

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

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.

Key innovations this year included an ecumenical "pulpit rotation" in January, involving churches from the St James Town Coalition. RPC welcomed the new Minister of St Andrew's United, the Rev. Mark MacLean, while our Bill MacLellan preached down the road at St. Simon's Anglican.

Deepening the connection with the churches of the St James Town Coalition, in 2010, we worshipped jointly at 11am on Good Friday morning at St Andrew's United, and the choirs of the two churches together rehearsed and sang a major work by Canadian composer Eleanor Daley.

Mark McElwain  
Acting Convener

## **From the Choir Loft**

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For many years, our beloved choir president, Lindsay Empringham, has written reports for the Annual Meeting as well as for Dates and Updates. Her love of writing, in addition to her love of acting, painting, teaching, singing and playing the cello were spoken of warmly during the service celebrating her life which took place on January 22, 2011.

For this report, we will outline the main events for 2011.

**Easter:** besides preparing special music for Palm Sunday and Easter, we joined the choir of St. Andrew's United Church singing the Requiem by Eleanor Daley at the Good Friday service in St. Andrew's.

**May 1** was our successful fundraising evening "Never on Sunday". It was a lot of fun, and we were glad that Lindsay was able to participate in it (as well as in the Good Friday service). We appreciated the congregation's support for our efforts.

In mid summer, our organist, Melody McShane had a fall which resulted in a fractured elbow. We were grateful that William Wright, the former music director at Deer Park United Church, and our own Mary Legge, were able to fill in for Melody until mid September.

Over the summer, Brooke Dufton, our soprano lead for the last several years, left for a teaching position at Mt. Allison University in Sackville New Brunswick. We have appreciated her many contributions over the years she was with us, and we sent our best wishes for her future activities. At the same time, we welcomed Beth Pelosi, a second year student at the Faculty of Music at U. of T. as our new soprano lead. We were also glad to welcome Norm Creen as a new member of the bass section.

**September:** we were honoured to be asked to sing at the memorial service for Professor John Wevers, a long-time friend and supporter of the Rosedale music program. John Derksen, former RPC organist played the organ while Mary Legge directed the choir. On September 25, we welcomed Melody back to the organ bench, and she led us as we sang at the memorial service for Robert Bandeen, another of Rosedale's long-time members.

**October** was a busy month preparing special music for the Festival of the Arts with the theme of Transformation.

During **November** some singers from the congregation joined us for Thursday rehearsals in preparation for the Christmas music. They were Sara Shier, Chelsea Yurenka, Heather Roberts, and Mary Legge. Special thanks go to Sheila McCoy who filled in for Nancy Olfert, our alto lead who was laid up with a broken leg.

**December** is a busy time for the choir, with our major musical offering being on December 19. We were delighted that Lindsay was able to be present with her sister, Mary Ellen

On January 22, 2011, the choir said goodbye to Lindsay by singing several of her favourite anthems and hymns. She will certainly be missed, but we know that she would want us to be looking ahead to the next challenge.

Our special thanks go to our director, Melody McShane who inspires and challenges us every week. In addition, we feel blessed to have Mary Legge our "music director emerita" offering advice when asked, and filling in when needed.

As we look back on 2010, we want to thank the congregation for its support and encouragement, and look forward to continuing to lead in the worship of God through music.

**SOPRANOS**

Brooke Dufton, lead

Beth Pelose, lead

Susan Capling

Lindsay Empringham

Alexandra Johnston

Claire Marshall

**ALTOS**

Nancy Olfert, lead

Sandra Demson

Irene King

Annemiek Miller (on leave)

Marjorie Ross

**TENORS**

Joseph Levesque,  
lead

Tony Keith

Mark McElwain

**BARITONES**

Lawrence Cotton,  
lead

Norm Creen

Tim Heslip

James Wevers

Respectfully submitted -

Irene King, Mark McElwain, Marjorie Ross

## **The Hospitality Team**

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This year the Hospitality Team has been active in a number of ways trying to make Rosedale Church a more inviting and welcoming place. Each Sunday a roster of "Greeters" is at the main and transept doors to welcome everyone and hand out bulletins. An effort is made to connect with newcomers and invite them to coffee hour. We have had hosts for most coffee hours and have seen that basic supplies are on hand for this social time after the service each Sunday.

We have been involved in helping provide refreshments for the Spring Luncheon, the Annual Meeting, and the November Fund Raising Dinner.

We initiated a "Souper Sunday" lunch last February which brought in donations for the Food Bank in St. James Town. We also organized a fundraising "Spirit of Aloha" night with much support from Peter and Sue Schaal. This event raised between \$5,000 and \$6,000.

At times our team has been enlarged to include Margaret Laidlaw, Sarah Taman-Shier and Amanda Frohman as well as Adam Shier, Lawrence Cotton and members of the Schaal family on the Hawaiian night. We also hosted a well-attended Christmas Luncheon with good support from the congregation at large.

Lynda MacLellan has made a very large contribution to all our team efforts. She is going to be greatly missed by us all.

Members of the Hospitality Team are : Ann Laidlaw, Amelia Farquharson, Joyce Morden, Sue Robertson, Jayne Gresham, Peter Schaal, Lou Henderson, Lynda MacLellan.

Pat Keith  
Convenor

## **Movie Night**

Movie night is a great time of fellowship and food, both for the body and the soul! The group ranges in size from about 10 to over 20 and we have enjoyed many good discussions together on movies such as Shawshank Redemption, (a personal favourite), Invictus, and Atonement to name a few from this past year along with some classics from previous years - Bruce Almighty, The 6th Sense, and To Kill A Mockingbird. All are invited to join us for this wonderful evening at the Church. It is one of my favourite events at RPC!

Anne Donaldson-Page on behalf of the Movie Night crowd.

## **The Outreach & Communications Team**

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### Team Members:

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

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.

This year, the team assisted the Fall Festival Committee with the preparation of a poster based on the photographic work of Sandy Johnston.

Also, during the Festival, a special performance of "Hymns 'n' Hollywood" took place. This event, unique to RPC, is based on hymns that have been used in the movies. Clips from a selection of movies containing hymns are shown on large screen in the church after which a brief outline is 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 get a chance to actually sing the hymn.

Instead of the Christmas leaflets we have produced in previous years, a "bookmark" version was used with an emphasis on driving people to our website.

Information on the upcoming Bravura concert has been posted on our website. This includes a video of the trio as well as the ability to book tickets online.

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Respectfully submitted,  
David Hunter,  
Convenor

## **The Missions Team**

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### **The St James Town Ecumenical Coalition**

On Tuesday January 19, 2010 the members of the St James Town Ecumenical Coalition signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding in St Simon's Church that formalized the relationship among the partners that had been growing over the years of working together. The ceremony was followed by a Taize service. This service was the first of several shared worship events during the year that included a pulpit exchange during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Good Friday 'Stations of the Cross'.

Rosedale's involvement in the coalition includes providing the facilitator for the meetings of the Coalition in the person of our Outreach Co-ordinator. During the first part of 2010, Mike Burns served in this roll and during the second part of the year, Scott Flemming continued the work. With the support of Session, the Mission Team has directed our gifts of food and used clothing to our St James Town partners. In 2009, donated non-perishable food was directed to the Food Bank at Our Lady of Lourdes as well as the used clothing not suitable for the 'Dress Your Best/Dress for Success' program. In 2010, Irene King who faithfully co-ordinated that program for many years, decided to step aside. At that time the Mission Team recommended to Session that we continue to receive gifts of good second hand clothes but send them to the 'Double Take' exchange program at the Yonge Street Mission. A special feature of our work in St James Town this year was the support of the families displaced by the fire in 200 Wellesley in September that culminated in a successful Christmas appeal for cash for gift certificates. The Christmas bags that were distributed also included knitted items from the Rosedale Knitters.

Our major commitment to St James Town continues to be the After School Program. There was a crisis in the leadership of the original program, the Macaco Club, in the early months of 2010 that eventually led to the severing of the connection between the Macaco Club and the Coalition. However, the Coalition regrouped and the churches agreed to raise sufficient funds to continue with a five days a week after school program in St Simon's. St Simon's has undertaken the administrative responsibility for the new program. It is a shared initiative of the partners in the Ecumenical Coalition with roots in the community. Marjorie Ross took the lead during the summer to ensure that the program would be ready by September. The position of coordinator was advertised in the community and three applications were received. Ms Archana Piya was chosen. The new program began on September 15, 2010. The children are younger than those who were in the Macaco Club with more boys than girls and more from Rose Avenue School than from Our Lady of Lourdes. Volunteers come from Rosedale (Marjorie Ross, Anne Donaldson-Page and Alexandra Page), St Andrew's and St Simon's. The Yonge Street Mission has been co-ordinating teen aged helpers. A Steering Committee has been established with representatives from the churches and the parents. The first 'term' ended with a gala holiday party with special gift tokens provided by a member of St Andrew's. Late in the year Lawrence Cotton offered an evening of show tunes to be presented by himself and two fellow baritones who have formed a group called 'Bravura' as a fundraiser for the after school program. The event took place Monday January 24 and raised sufficient money to meet Rosedale's commitment to the project.

## **Portland Place Christmas Gift Drive**

In the fall of 2010 RPC sponsored its 11th Christmas Gift Drive for the tenants of Portland Place. This was the second year that we asked the forty-nine adult residents to select a \$25.00 gift card from a list of many options available through the website "FundScrip". The three children at Portland Place were asked for their wish list and, with the assistance of many RPC "elves", we were able to make their Christmas Day a very happy one indeed. 2010 marked my 8th year as co-ordinator of the drive and, as always, I felt privileged and overwhelmed to represent all of you in the delivery of your gifts to so many happy and grateful people. Thank you for your ongoing and generous support over the past eleven years.

## **Knitting Guild**

Our tireless knitters have had another very busy and productive year creating hundreds of items for distribution to Toronto's homeless (Out of the Cold), residents of Kennedy House, Evangel Hall and Portland Place as well as for infants connected to the Ashinabe Fellowship of the Winnipeg Inner City Mission. We also held our annual sale where knitted goods were sold to Christmas shoppers and as donations to our "Giving Tree". Over \$600.00 were raised this way, and that amount, in addition to a \$600.00 balance from last year's sale and cash donations, has enabled us to increase our supplies substantially. Thank you to our knitters who contributed so very much of their time and talent and to the congregation who so generously support their efforts.

## **Out of the Cold**

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 February 2010, RPC prepared and served 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.

During the fall of 2010 donations from the RPC congregation helped defray the costs of meals at St Andrew's and in February 2011 members of the congregation will again prepare and serve as entire meal.

## **Boarding Homes Ministry**

Volunteers from Rosedale visit the Kennedy Residence at 300 Sherbourne Street on a bi-weekly basis. Our visiting team during 2010 consisted of Annemiek Miller, Ruth Brunzema, James Wevers and Kate McGee, a student at Regis College, all under the leadership of Reverend Roger Hunter from St Andrew's Presbyterian. For the past seven years we have spent two hours every other Saturday afternoon at Kennedy House sharing food and friendship with the residents.

Our time at Kennedy House is a deeply rewarding experience. The residents welcome us warmly relating stories, personal experiences and tales past and present. Some are deeply spiritual and willingly share their insights with us while joining us in song and prayer.

We are very thankful for the financial contributions made to the Boarding Home Ministry by the Rosedale congregation. Donations have helped us nurture and enrich our relationship with the residents by providing them with an outdoor barbecue in summer, a Swiss Chalet lunch at Thanksgiving and a festive dinner at Christmas. We have also been able to provide a monetary Christmas present along with hand-knit toques and scarves and word puzzles – all much appreciated by the residents during the long winter months.

All members from Rosedale are invited to join our team in ministering to those socially less fortunate than us with good cheer, Christian respect and spiritual sustenance.

## **Evangel Hall Dinner**

The Mission Team coordinates a meal for the folk who come to Evangel Hall for dinner on one Sunday night each winter. In 2010 the meal was served on January 17. Members of the congregation prepared beef stew and baked rolls and pies that were served along with salad and ice cream by a dozen volunteers from the congregation at the Hall.

## **Rosedale is Ready/Walk with Me**

At its June meeting Session approved a new proposal from the Mission Team that Rosedale become part of the support network for those who are victims of human trafficking in the sex trade – something that the United Nations has recognized as a 'contemporary form of slavery'. Through Sister Celeste Reinhardt (who was our contact in Our Lady of Lourdes when the Coalition first started) we have been made aware of the work of Timea Nagy, a survivor of the sex trade, who has established an organization called 'Walk with Me' to support those who have been released from exploitative situations with money and personal items such as toiletries and clothing. Rosedale was able to give Ms Nagy close to \$1000 and a box full of toiletries and knitted goods just before Christmas. Since the needs arise at unpredictable times, the Mission Team named this aspect of our work 'Rosedale is Ready' indicating our willingness to respond when the need arises.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alexandra Johnston  
Co-convenor

## **The Christian Education Team**

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As is always the case, 2010 was a very busy and wonderful year for Christian Education at RPC. In February, we had a great time preparing the meal for our annual Out of the Cold dinner. Parents, teens, and children all worked together under the guidance of Vicki Boukydis, and the meal turned out very well. The children continued their work with the community by hosting RPC's first annual coffee hour bake sale in support of the St. Jamestown Homework Club, and we closed out winter with a fun afternoon of bowling. Before we knew it, spring and summer were just around the corner, and it was time for our annual church picnic, an afternoon of great food and games. Many thanks to the Winterton family for their continued generosity in the use of their backyard, and to everyone who donated food for the BBQ.

As we met again in September, we began a new tradition of completing the Terry Fox Run before the worship service, then coming back for a time of worship and fellowship with a Welcome Back BBQ. As always, the Terry Fox run was an intergenerational event, and with the help of many people, the BBQ was a great success. Finally, we ended the year as we have done for the last two years, with the Giving Tree and the Christmas Pageant. This year, funds and articles collected for the Giving Tree were split between the Out of the Cold and Rosedale is Ready programs. Our Christmas Pageant was a mixture of readings by the youth, hymns by the choir and the congregation, a tableau by the children, and a very special performance at the end by some very talented musicians! Thanks to the efforts of so many, it was a great success.

The youth program keeps us all very busy, and perhaps the highlight of the year is the 30 Hour Famine. Once again, we completed this event with the youth group at Rosedale United, and as in the past, we combined fun activities with learning about hunger, some of its causes, and some things we can do about it. On Good Friday, we participated in the Stations of the Cross Walk, another particularly meaningful event which we do each year.

As we gathered together in the fall, I implemented a new program; a confirmation class for some of the youth group members in junior high and early high school. To date, we have discussed such topics as what is God?, baptism, and communion. Along with leading worship services and helping in the church school, members of the youth group participate in these classes, and they will become confirmed members of the church during the recognition service in June 2011. As the year wound down, we continued to serve and work with our community by helping the youth group at Rosedale United throw a Halloween party for children of the Red Door Shelter in October, and picking up canned food for the neighbourhood food drive in November.

I continue to feel blessed to work with such a wonderful group of children and young people, and for the support of the congregation in this ministry. Lastly, I would like to thank my committee and volunteers, without whom none of this would be possible—Heather Roberts, Sarah Roberts, Mary Legge, Sara Taman-Shier, and Pat Keith. Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Blessings,

Brooke Alyea

## **The Elizabeth Cargill Memorial Library Guild**

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The Library Committee activities for 2010 included publicizing new books and Book Club choices in Coffee Hour and in Dates and Updates, organizing the Book Club meetings, and starting to update the RPC archives.

With regard to the archives at the church, documents have been organized in proper archival order and are housed in acid free boxes in the Ladies Cloakroom. Diane Gilday and Anne Fairlie did the major organizing and labelling of the church's records, minutes etc 10 years ago, so it is now time to add recent material. It should also be noted that microfilmed copies of RPC records up to 2001 are stored in the Presbyterian Church archives, Wynford Drive. As part of this project, the committee plans a 5 year up-date for the congregation on the 2006 mission projects funded by the sale of the Whitney Ave. manse.

The committee deferred new book purchases in 2010 with the exception of titles for the Book Club. However, several books were donated this year for which the committee thanks Diane Gilday, Ijeoma Ross, Jean Sonnenfeld, and our anonymous donors. Special thanks go to Alex MacDonald for giving the church a number of books and Biblical atlases from his library.

The Committee endeavours to provide an interesting display of books to entice borrowers, and to keep the Library neat and tidy throughout the year. Particular thanks to Dorothy Brough for taking on these responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted.

Kathie Spence, convenor

Committee: Dorothy Brough, Diane Gilday, Irene King, Marjorie Ross, Margaret Tuer

### **Book Club**

We meet four times a year (March, May, September, November) at the church to discuss books of varying genres. In 2010, we read The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery; Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Rahm. The September meeting consisted of summaries of our best summer reads; from these suggestions, we selected Operation Mincemeat by Bea Mcintyre for the final meeting of the year. All selections are suggested by the participants. Our library has two copies of each upcoming book available for borrowing. The meetings are friendly and welcoming of favourable and critical discussion. Light refreshments complete a stimulating evening. Come and join us on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30 pm. The next book is Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene King

## **The Pastoral Care Team**

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Members of the Pastoral Care team include Feite Kraay, 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 and communicate membership changes to the Roll Clerk, Sarah Hoag. Two people became members of the church during 2010 and seven memberships were terminated in 2010. As of December 31 there were 227 communicant members of Rosedale Presbyterian Church.

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.

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 2010. As in 2009, 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.

Approximately 40 Christmas cards were sent. A custom card was produced using an Internet printing service, featuring a winter photograph of the Church. A new photo will be used next year, and the list will be expanded to include approximately 40 residents of Boarding House.

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; coordinating with the Church office to send the e-mail during the week before Communion. We would like to thank Fantaye Sarka for her support of this team and many other aspects of the life of the congregation.

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 we wish to thank Dorothy Roberts and Ruth Brunzema for their support of this network. We ask those in the congregation 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

## **2010 Annual Statistics**

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### Membership Information

Number of households	<u>147</u>
Baptisms:	
Adults	0
Children	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>2</u>
Communicant membership:	
Total at 31 Dec 2009	231
Added during 2010:	
Profession of Faith	2
Transfer or Session	
Total Additions	<u>2</u>
Removed during 2009:	
By certificate	0
Because of death	6
By revisions of roll	
Total Removed	<u>6</u>
Total at 31 Dec 2009	<u>227</u>
Adherents under pastoral care	<u>30</u>
Average weekly attendance (including children)	<u>76</u>

## **Milestones**

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### **Speakers – Preachers**

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1. Nancy Olfert 3 January 2010
2. Sandy Johnston 10 January 2010
3. Mark MacLean 24 January 2010
4. Mike (Outreach Coordinator) & Debbie Burns 7 February 2010
5. Mike Burns (Outreach Coordinator) 14 February 2010

### **Funeral - Memorial Services**

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1. Jack William Hanington Windeler :b. 19 April 1991 –d. 27 March 2010
2. Charles Merrick Francis: b. 13 October 1948 – d.12 May 2010
3. Janet Graham Saab (nee Sclanders): b. 9 August 1950 – d.7 July 2010
4. Robert Angus Bandeen: b. 29 October 1930 – d.16 August 2010
5. Rev. Prof. John Wm. Wevers: b. 04 June 1919 – d.22 July 2010
6. Martha Louise Graham: b. 19 October 1917 – d.25 October 2010

### **Weddings**

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1. Jeffery Russell Crawford and Courtney Morris: 12 June 2010
2. Alexis Virginia Sang and Jason Ryan Shea: 19 June 2010

### **Baptisms**

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NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF BAPTISM	PARENTS
Luke Barclay Herod	11 January 2010	22 August 2010	Laura Barclay and Jason Herod
Nicholas Christian Staikos	24 February 2010	28 November 2010	Christina and George Staikos

### **New Members**

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1. Lea Barker 06 December 2010
2. Adam Sherriff-Scott 06 December 2010

### **Transferred**

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Mary Ellen Hopgood

### **Request for Removal**

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Barbara Moffat

Total Number of Members: 227

## **Memorial & Celebration Fund**

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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. (email: accounting@rpcc.ca) the bookkeeper. We thank them all for their efforts. We would also like to thank Michael Burns and Scott ??? as Outreach Coordinators 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 103rd report of the Board of Managers.

Posting our second straight operating surplus has been a great accomplishment. Strong year round dedication by all in the congregation was supplemented by year-end special efforts and very positive expense performance (both self imposed and God given) culminated in a small surplus. The warm weather of last winter had a profound one-time impact on our utility costs, trimming about \$10,000 from our bills.

We must recognize that these posted results do not tell the entire story and we continue to have an ongoing imbalance in our annual revenue and cost structure to the tune of about \$20,000. That imbalance led us to create a planning group that was asked to identify options for the congregation that would help us to align the cost and revenue structure over a medium term time frame. That group did meet and came up with a number of ideas and recommendations. It presented a report to a special congregation meeting where some recommendations were accepted and some were passed back for further study or for advancement.

The major topics were:

- Should RPC sell the manse and create a housing fund that could support a minister's housing allowance? Further study was requested and investigation of potentially leasing the manse building was asked to be considered.
- Should RPC sell some or all of its art located in the lounge providing a fund to create revenue for general purposes? Additional analysis was asked for, including an expert valuation.
- RPC should establish a working Planned Giving effort to maximize capital accumulation. Recommendation was accepted.
- RPC should increase the revenue from rental of available RPC space. Creating an enclosed play area would allow full day daycare operations in both the upstairs and downstairs spaces. The meeting authorized discussion regarding a fenced-in area on the eastern front grounds.
- Should RPC consider sharing of staff or infrastructure with other congregations to reduce costs? Further investigation is warranted but might take time.

- A significant business risk was identified and related to the aging steam heat system. It was determined and accepted that RPC must begin to prefund the replacement of the system.

It was felt that if all or selected options were acted upon, the underlying fiscal imbalance could be addressed if we can maintain our underlying donations to this church.

We are pleased to report that our Mission, Ministry and Arts Fund (MM&A Fund) increased yet again in 2010, reaching approximately \$441,000 after having contributed \$26,500 in earnings to the budget. Shortly after year-end, RPC was the beneficiary of a major bequest that has increased the MM&A Fund to about \$635,000, surpassing our goal of \$500,000 established when the fund was created in 2008.

The Facilities Fund rose after contributing \$14,500 to general revenues. A notational sub account of the Facilities Fund has been established called the Furnace Fund which has begun accepting donations for the eventual replacement of the steam heating system. It currently stands at approximately \$5,500. We are in the process of looking for quotes for an engineering study that will properly scope out the requirements and costs of the heating project.

The budget for 2011 reflects the ongoing imbalance of revenues and costs as well as a number of one-time costs associated with our search for a new minister and some costs associated with implementing some parts of the Future Planning Group's recommendations. The forecast deficit of about \$38,000 includes about \$20,000 of one-time costs and only partial revenues from an additional school operation from September through year-end. This suggests that with the extra school, our structural deficit appears to be in the order of \$11,000, down from \$20,000. Our greatest risk in 2011 is likely our ability to maintain the level of donations to this church or black side, given the changing make-up of our giving base.

So, given the potential for higher revenues from rentals or other sources and possible savings from some of the initiatives outlined in the Forward Planning Group, there is room for some optimism for 2012.

The Board would like to express its heartfelt gratitude and respect to Bill and Lynda. They have made a lasting and very positive impact on our congregation. We go forward a friendlier and more welcoming congregation, in part, based on their influence. Truly, we have been favoured by God's hand.

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**

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The endowment funds' performance during 2010 was about 8% combining unrealized gains and income received. This trailed the Toronto Stock Exchange comprehensive index which was up 18%. In 2008 and 2009 our stocks did about the same as the Toronto Stock Exchange Index although our large cash position and investment in the Presbyterian Church Building Corporation (PCBC), carried at cost moderated the return of the total portfolio. In 2010 our equities underperformed as our portfolio had few junior oil & gas or mining stocks which fueled the Toronto Stock Exchange. Over a 3 year period the church portfolio gains offset the losses. The Toronto Stock Exchange had a modest gain over the same period.

Earnings, including unrealized capital appreciation as well as interest & dividends, were sufficient to cover our transfers to the operating account and to add to the capital value of the funds.

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 few 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.

The MM&A fund has been very generously supported. Since inception the MM&A fund has been accumulating from donations and was not subject to draws or investment risk as these were borne by the Facilities fund. Beginning in 2010 the MM&A became subject to draws. Earnings on the combined funds in excess of draws were attributed to the Facilities fund in order to rebuild it.

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**

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**Convenor:** Brock Winterton

Anne Donaldson Page	Board/Session Projects
Cooper Spence	Property
Norm Creen	Special Projects
Johnmark Roberts	Treasurer/Property
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 2011 (term ending at 103rd AGM)**

Malcolm MacRury  
Harris Beacock  
Cooper Spence  
Thomas Guillot

**Elected Until February 2012 (term ending at 104th AGM)**

Johnmark Roberts  
Tom Starkey  
James Wevers

**Elected Until February 2013 (term ending at 105nd AGM)**

Norm Creen  
Anne Donaldson Page  
Brock Winterton

## 2011 Proposed Budget

<b>REVENUE</b>		<b>367,200</b>
Previous Year Surplus +/-Deficit-		3,000
<b>Envelopes</b>		
Congregational (Black)	200,000	
Presbyterians Sharing (Red)	37,500	
Other Directed	32,000	
		269,500
<b>Use of Premises</b>		
Church Rental	14,800	
Other Use	12,000	
		26,800
<b>Other Revenue</b>		
Fundraising (fair trade)	0	
Fundraising (mission)	1,000	
Heat Engineering Study (transfer from Facilities Fund)	7,500	
Operating Budget Fundraising	18,000	
Other Income +Op Budget Donation	0	
		26,500
<b>Sustaining Funds</b>		
M.M.&A. Fund	26,400	
Facilities Fund	15,000	
		41,400
		367,200
<b>EXPENSE</b>		<b>405,230</b>
<b>Session Teams &amp; Committees</b>		
<b>Worship</b>		
Pulpit Supply	2,000	
Tape Ministries	100	
Sacraments, Candles & Misc.	500	
Sanctuary Décor	300	
Music Supply	700	
Organ / Piano Maintenance	1,500	
		5,100
<b>Family Caucus (CE)</b>		
Curriculum, Supplies & Other	600	
Crib Room	100	
Youth	200	
Adults	200	
Communicants Class	100	
Special Projects Fundraising	0	
		1,200
<b>Mission Team</b>		
Mission Projects		
<b>Outreach &amp; Communications</b>		
Outreach & Communications	1,500	
Leaflet and Direct Marketing	2,000	
		3,500

<b>Congregational Caucus</b>		250	
<b>Pastoral Care Team</b>		100	
<b>Hospitality Team</b>		600	
<b>Discretionary Funds</b>		0	
Minister's Discretionary Fund	100		
Session's Discretionary Fund	500		
Session Special Projects Fund - Vacancy	<u>2,500</u>		
		3,100	
<b>Other Expenses</b>			
Presbytery Assessment	6,396		
Presbyterian Record	2,650		
Presbyterans Sharing	37,500		
Other Directed Income	<u>32,000</u>		
		78,546	
<b>Personnel</b>			
Minister - Stipend & Allowances	48,773		
Minister's Study Allowance	1,000		
Honorarium – Interim Moderator	3,780		
Music Director	26,858		
Choir Soloists	18,685		
Christian Education Co-Ordinator	10,000		
Outreach Co-Ordinator	10,000		
Administrative Assistant	24,725		
Church Officer	26,858		
Bookkeeper	5,255		
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	<u>21,000</u>		
		196,934	
<b>Board of Managers</b>			
<b>Administration</b>			
Review / Audit	2,000		
Printing Stationary & Postage	10,000		
Bank Charges & Misc.	<u>4,500</u>		
		16,500	
<b>Properties</b>			
<b>Manse</b>			
Utilities & Insurance	3,900		
Property Taxes	8,000		
Maintenance	2,500		
<b>Church</b>	0		
Insurance	19,000		
Utilities	33,000		
Cleaning Supplies	1,500		
Fire Alarm Maintenance	2,000		
Communications & Technology	2,000		
General Maintenance	15,000		
Property Projects – Playground fence and heating study	<u>12,500</u>		
		99,400	
		405,230	
<b>Total Revenue</b>			<b>367,200</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>			<b>405,230</b>
<b>Surplus+ /Deficit-</b>			<b><u>-38,030</u></b>

## **List of Contributors to the Capital Funds**

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### **Mission, Ministry and Arts Fund**

Mary MacMillan  
Marjorie Ross  
Anne & Jack Laidlaw

### **Facilities Fund (including Furnace Fund)**

Sarah Hoag  
Elijah Wevers  
Bill & Ruth Herridge  
Mary MacMillan

## **Planned Giving**

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The major way we support our congregation is through our weekly offerings – to the congregation, to Presbyterians Sharing, or to other purposes and special appeals. This support usually comes from our current income.

There is another source for support: our accumulated assets (real estate, stocks and bonds, and other investments). If we choose to make a gift from these assets, the gift may be deferred (for example, a bequest) or immediate (a gift of stock).

A certain amount of planning is often involved, to maximize the tax advantages and to ensure that the gift meets the wishes of the donor and the ministry objectives of the church.

Planned gifts include:

- Charitable bequests
- Gifts of publicly traded stock
- Gifts of life insurance
- Charitable gift annuities

We have a dedicated team with support from the national church that can help donors plan and implement their gifts. Please contact the church office if you would like more information.

## **Rosedale Presbyterian Church in 1910**

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Last fall, we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church building. Looking back to the Annual Report of the congregation for 1910, the Session report begins:

### ***Statement of Session***

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving;  
And into His courts with praise;  
Give thanks unto Him, and bless His name.”

Thus do we express the thought of Session and congregation, as we venture to sum up the work and hopes of the past year. On April 17th our present building was opened for public worship and on that day our hearts were glad as we went up to the House of the Lord.

The opening services conducted by Professor Jordan, of Queen's College, assisted by the Rev. W. G. Wallace, D.D., and the minister, were all that we could desire. On April 24th we celebrated the Lord's Supper when the service was conducted by the Rev. James Carmichael, D.D., of King, and the Rev. Donald Strachan, of Guelph. In the evening Professor Jackson, of Victoria College was the preacher.

On the Monday night following, a congregational social was held, when representatives from the various church bodies brought congratulatory messages. Since that time we have richly enjoyed the privilege of worshipping in our own church.

There has been a steady, healthy growth during the year. There has been an increase in families from 52 to 75, and an increase in membership from 81 to 129.

The Board of Managers reported on the Building Fund:

### ***Annual Report of the Board of Managers for 1910***

The Managers in presenting their fourth annual report congratulate the congregation on being in possession at last, of a building and appurtenances suitable to the location and equal to the present needs of the congregation.

As the Building Committee in charge, they have had difficulties to overcome, and though as such their labors are not yet through, they feel that the result of their endeavors has proved eminently satisfactory.

In connection with the Building Fund, a detailed statement is not yet submitted, as the accounts are not yet all in, but it may be stated that the cost thus far of the lot, buildings and furniture is \$59,137.21, to which \$34,694.81 has been subscribed and \$29,694.81 paid, of which amount \$5,019.81 has been received during this year.

Considering general CPI inflation, this would equate to a building cost of about \$1,140,000 in 2010 dollars – quite an accomplishment!

The Treasurer's Report shows congregational givings of \$5,335 for general purposes – in 2010 figures, \$105,000.

The congregation's involvement in mission activities has been a constant. The report includes this picture:

