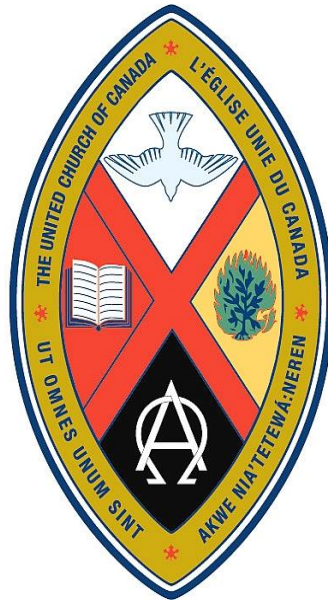


Trinity - Clifton Congregation



Annual Report 2016

CLIFTON UNITED CHURCH

Bunbury's only church still stands as Clifton United Church on Clifton Road, Stratford. In 1848, the church was built as a Wesleyan Chapel on land given by Capt. James Kelly for the sum of five shillings. The land surrounding the church was already in use as a burying ground. The deeds are dated September 28, and October 19, 1848, and the church was dedicated in the spring of 1849.

A shed was built across the road from the church to shelter horses and wagons or sleighs. Unlike today, service in the tiny church was held year-round. Although the church was heated by a stove, it was still a very cold place in winter. One long-time churchgoer recalled freezing her feet while sitting in church. The ordeal left her unable to attend school the next day.

After Church Union in 1925, Clifton Church became part of the Pownal United Church pastoral charge. On June 5, 1949, special services were held at Clifton United Church, marking the 100th Anniversary of the erection and dedication of the church building. In 1962 it was added to Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, as a preaching place.

In 1994, Clifton Church was recognized as a heritage building by the P.E.I. Museum and Heritage Foundation. A dedication ceremony was held on October 15, 1994, the closest Sunday to the 146th Anniversary of the date of the original deed of purchase. The heritage plaque was presented by the Bunbury Community Council to the descendants of the original church members. In attendance were direct descendants of all the signatories of the 1848 deed.

This historic church is one of the oldest church buildings now used by the United Church on P.E.I. Services are held every Sunday from early June until Thanksgiving in October.

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

In 1862 the trustees of the First Methodist Church purchased land on the corner of Prince and Sydney Streets for a new church. In May, 1863 the cornerstone of the new church was laid.

During the summer of 1863 the masons worked many long hours to finish the brick walls, and by late October the work of raising the rafters began. At the time, few buildings in Canada could boast an unsupported dome roof with a 69 foot span. The building is 115 feet long, 69 feet wide and 42 feet high to the eave. Two octagonal towers on the west wall are separated by a beautiful Gothic window 32 feet high and 15 feet wide. The interior of the church is of Gothic architecture, unobstructed by columns. There were 150 pews on the main floor, seating 900 people, and 78 pews in the balcony seating 650. The actual cost of the new building was \$30,825, including \$843.56 for the cost of the land. The debt at the time of opening was \$9,491. The new church was dedicated and officially opened on November 13, 1864.

The church basement provided 36 Sunday School classrooms with an enrolment in 1865 of some 708 pupils and teachers. Classes were held there until Hartz Memorial Hall was built in 1911. A new Christian Education Centre was opened in 1965. Unfortunately, Hartz Memorial Hall was destroyed by fire in October, 1969.

In 1955 a new organ, built and installed by Casavant Freres, was dedicated to commemorate those who died, and those who served, in World War II and the Korean Conflict. The organ is a three manual and pedal instrument with 48 stops and weighs approximately 20 tons.

Our roots go back to 1778, when Benjamin Chappell invited friends into his home to support and follow the Methodist persuasion. In 1925, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Congregational Churches united to form The United Church of Canada. Today, Trinity-Clifton Pastoral Charge enjoys the benefit of this rich spiritual legacy.

The motto of Trinity United Church is "*Have Faith in God.*" It is with increasing faith that we go forward into the future.

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Staff

Minister of Christian Development, Community Building, & Pastoral Care - Rev. Greg Davis

Organist & Music Director - Donald Fraser

Office Administrator – Ellen Locke Doiron

Caretakers - Lorraine Worth & Charles Baglole

Council Members for 2016

Barbara Prowse	Chair
Phillip Floyd	Past Chair
Valerie Downe	Secretary
Tim Cook	Treasurer
Graeme Linkletter	Property Chair
Alma Mutch	Christian Development Chair
Errol Andrews	Pastoral Care Co-Chair
Lynda Taylor	Pastoral Care Co-Chair
Linda Dunning	Worship Chair
Bob MacNutt	Finance Chair
Don Scott	Outreach & Service Chair
Barb Stewart	Trinity Representative
Bruce Fitchett	Clifton Representative
Ken MacDonald	Memorials Chair
Linda Dunning	Trustees Representative
Heather Cameron	Presbytery Representative
William Ives	Presbytery Representative
June Ives	Presbytery Representative
Susan Willis	Ministry & Personnel Co-Chair
Mary Ann Burke Matheson	Ministry & Personnel Co-Chair
Enid Carter	UCW President
Rev. Melaney Matheson	Minister
Rev. Greg Davis	Minister
Rev. Gail Hopkirk	Minister
Ellen Locke Doiron	Office Administrator
John Enman	Trinity Men
Miriam Lank	Manse Committee
Vicki AllenCook	Stewardship Committee
Katherine Dewar	Archives & History Committee
June Sanderson	Affirm Committee

Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 26, 2017 - 1:00 pm
Agenda

- 1) Election of Presiding Officers: Chair & Secretary
- 2) Constitution of the Meeting
- 3) Approval of Agenda
- 4) Opening Worship
- 5) In Memoriam, Baptisms, Marriages, Transfers, Confirmations (Clergy)
- 6) Approval of Minutes of Last Annual Meeting
- 7) Business Arising
 - Update: Constitution and By-Laws
 - Discernment Report
- 8) Presentation of Reports by Council Committees
 - a) Finance and Administration: (Phil Floyd, Kayla Duffy)
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Financial Statements
 - Budget
 - b) Church Council Chairperson
 - c) Christian Development
 - d) Outreach and Service
 - e) Pastoral Care
 - Roll and Audit
 - f) Property
 - g) Worship
 - h) Stewardship
 - i) Archives and History
 - j) Ministry and Personnel
 - k) Board of Trustees
- 9) Other Reports
 - a) Clifton United Church
 - b) Memorials Committee
 - c) Trinity Men
 - d) United Church Women
 - e) Presbytery
- 10) New Business
 - Nominating Committee (Phil Floyd)
 - Approval of signing officers
 - Appointment of a firm for audit/review
- 11) Ministers' Comments
- 12) Motion to Adjourn
- 13) Benediction

**Trinity /Clifton Pastoral Charge
Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 28, 2016**

1. Opening: Rev. Greg called the meeting to order with a prayer at 12:15 pm.

In Attendance:

Linda Dunning, Don Fraser, Ewen Stewart, Elaine Godkin, Bill & June Ives, Norman & Diana Carruthers, Janet Stewart, Marven MacDonald, Doug Boylan, Kay Boylan, Louise Bell, Harry & Myrna Kielly, David & Iris Rogers, Graeme Linkletter, Mary Ann Burke-Matheson & Gordon Matheson, Cheryl & Herman van Omme, Ginny McGowan, Rick Forsyth, Janey Shelfoon, Velda Ward, Enid Carter, Bruce Fitchett, Gerry & Dianne Burgoyne, Joan & Moe Wood, Gail White, Gwyneth Jones, David White, Ireta Thompson, Roger & Alison Gordon, Harry & Anne Love, Barbara Stewart, Martha Deacon, Ian & Wilma MacLean, Lenore Nchtug, Barb Dalziell, Janet Hume, Don & Florence Wonnacott, Willard MacKinnon, Roma Downe MacQuarrie, Valerie Downe, Susan Lun, Kevin Liang, Ben Sinnamon, Barbara & Brian Prowse, Alan Brady, Callista Tan, Bill & Judy Irwin, Rev. Greg Davis, Rev. Melaney Matheson, Rev. Gail Hopkirk, Isabel Scott, Carrie St. Jean, Phil & Debby Floyd, Ken & Elaine MacDonald, Evelyn Jenkins, Roger & Margaret MacArthur, Coleen Mumford, John Enman, William & Miriam Lank, Heather & Kent Shaw, Isabel & Austin Bowman, Bernice Bell, Kinsey & Joan Smith.

2. Election of Presiding officers: It was moved and seconded that Phil Floyd and Carrie St. Jean be appointed chair and secretary, respectively. Carried. Mary Ann Burke-Matheson moved that adherents be able to vote at the meeting. Seconded by Ginny McGowan, carried.

3. Approval of Agenda: with one addition to new business, Trinity Clifton Constitution. Moved by Debby Floyd, seconded by Cheryl van Omme. Carried.

Approval of Minutes of Annual General Meeting held March 1, 2015: Moved by Miriam Lank, seconded by Roger MacArthur. Carried.

4. Business Arising from 2015 minutes: None

5. Correspondence: None

6. Order of Ministry: Rev. Greg will reserve his comments for the closing of the meeting.

7. Presentation of Reports by Council Committees

a) Church Council Chairperson: report filed.

b) Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report: The chair of the Finance committee and the Treasurer were not in attendance. Chair Phil summarized the reports and fielded questions. He noted there have been substantial drop in giving, yet many have given to the Capital campaign and to refugee sponsorship. He explained \$10,000 will be allocated to obtaining a new minister. Norman Carruthers was concerned that the actual \$ amount spent on the new roof and sprinkler systems are not reflected in the property report. Phil responded that the actual amount spent will be added to the report. He noted there will be a lot of expenses coming up with a new ministry. Val Downe asked how will we meet budget if there is a shortfall? An increase in rental rates and envelope campaigns are possibilities, Phil answered. Callista Tan asked about \$ allotted for the website and photo image gallery. The Stewardship committee will be asked to provide an answer. Phil thanked Kevin Jenkins for his role in putting the budget together. It was moved by David White, seconded by Mary Ann Burke-Matheson that the budget and financial statements be accepted. Carried.

c) Christian Development: report filed.

d) Outreach & Service: report filed. Graeme Linkletter asked about the status of the Syrian refugee family. They have not arrived yet, but an apartment has been secured.

e) Pastoral Care: report filed. 6

- f) **Property:** report filed. Chair Phil also reported that up to \$250,000 repair for masonry work have been identified. The work will not need to be done immediately but will require attention down the road.
- g) **Worship:** report filed. Barbara Stewart was thanked for stepping in to Chair the Worship Committee for the past several months.
- h) **Stewardship:** report filed.
- i) **Ministry & Personnel:** report filed.
- j) **Board of Trustees:** report filed.
- k) **Clifton United Church:** report filed.
- l) **Trinity Men:** report filed.
- m) **UCW:** report filed.
- n) **Presbytery:** report filed.
- o) **Archives & History:** report filed.

It was moved by Mary Ann Burke-Matheson and seconded by Graeme Linkletter, that all reports be accepted, with the amendment to the Property Committee report, that it reflect the \$186, 690 that has been spent on the roof and sprinkler system. Carried.

12. New Business:

a) Chair Phil indicted that he will be an interim signing officer until the fall, Bob MacNutt will be a signing officer, as well as Barb Prowse incoming Chair, Val Downe as secretary, and Tim Cook as Treasurer, as of September, 2016. David White moved and Kinsey Smith seconded that we approve the signing officers. Carried.

b) **Nominating Committee:** Ken MacDonald presented the Nominating committee report, with several changes: Joan Smith is coming off the Library Committee, Ken will be on the Men's group and Shirley MacDougall will be on the Manse committee. Ken moved the report accepted, seconded by David White. Carried.

c) **Bylaw Amendments:** Ken MacDonald explained proposed bylaw changes, **see description in report.** He moved adoption of the changes, seconded by Kinsey Smith. Carried.

d) **Discernment Report:** Chair Phil informed the congregation that Council held a special meeting on February 11, 2016. Discussion was heard on the manner in which Council should deal with the report of the Discernment Committee that was referred to it by the Congregation. It was agreed that the Report should not be considered by the whole congregation at one meeting. Rather, it was the feeling of Council that various parts of the report should be assigned to committees of Council who would invite members of the congregation to a meeting/meetings to discuss the recommendations in the report under the various headings. The recommendations were assigned as follows: Recommendation 1 – Renewal Committee and Recommendation 2 – Radical Welcoming to the Stewardship committee.

Recommendation 3 – Youth and under 40's to the Christian Development Committee. Recommendation 4 – Music to the Worship Committee. Recommendation 5- Restructuring and Finance to Council.

Recommendation 6 – Ministerial. Because the JNAC would be considering the ministerial needs of the congregation, it was felt it was not necessary to deal with Recommendation 6.

e) **Trinity-Clifton Constitution:** Every three years there is to be a review of the Constitution. It was moved by Gordon Matheson and seconded by Harry Love that Barb Prowse and Ginny McGowan establish a committee, with the power of the committee to add more members, as they see fit. Carried.

13. Minister's Comments: Rev. Greg referenced the many changes that have occurred with Rev. Moses' early departure. He described the Ministry as a dream team to work with. He thanked Ellen, Phil Whittaker, and Lorraine for all they do to keep things running at the church. Thanks were extended to Don Fraser for his service to the Choir and church music program. He thanked Phil Floyd for three years as Chair. Rev. Greg thanked Council members for their support through challenging times, but noted much positive has happened, including Trinity becoming an Affirming congregation. He welcomed new Council members. Finally, he thanked everyone for their support and stated he feels blessed to be a part of the Congregation.

Rev. Melaney talked about modeling a team ministry and that she is impressed that so much is going on

in this Charge. She appreciates working with Gail and Greg.

Rev. Gail talked about the adjustment of going from the pew to the pulpit. It is a tremendous honour to work on team ministry.

Adjournment: Chair Phil thanked Greg for taking on additional responsibilities and welcomed Melaney and Gail to the team. Phil thanked Council and the congregation for their support during his term as Chair.

A motion to adjourn was moved by Harry Love, seconded by Val Downe, at 1:30 pm.

Carrie St. Jean
Secretary

2016 Nominating Committee Report

(c) - chair of committee

OFFICERS OF THE CHURCH:

Council Chair:	Barbara Prowse	2019
Council Secretary:	Valerie Downe	2021
Treasurer:	Phil Floyd	Sept, 2016
	Tim Cook	Oct, 2016 - 2019
Past Chair:	Phil Floyd	2018

REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNCIL:

Clifton:	Bruce Fitchett
Trinity Men:	Ken MacDonald
United Church Women:	Enid Carter

PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNCIL:

Heather Cameron	2017
Bill Ives	2017
June Ives	2017

TRUSTEES REPRESENTATIVE TO COUNCIL: Linda Dunning

STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL:

Ministry & Personnel:	Mary Ann Burke Matheson (c)	2019
	Susan Willis (c)	2019
	Kerri Lynn Seward-Carpenter	2018
	Gordon Matheson	2021
	Gail MacNutt	2021
	Mary Cowper-Smith	2021
	Miriam Lank	2021

Finance:	Bob MacNutt (c)	2019
	Phil Floyd, Treasurer	Sept, 2016
	Tim Cook, Treasurer	Oct, 2016 - 2019
	Patsy Mills	2017
	David White	2018
	Ken Gillis	2021
John Enman	2021	

Christian Development:	(c)	
	Jessica Foster	2017
	Nancy Goodwin	2017
	Maureen Larter	2018

	Joyce MacPhee	2018
	Alma Mutch	2019
	Gail White	2019
Pastoral Care:	Lynda Taylor (c)	2017
	Errol Andrews (c)	2017
	Gayle Mills	2017
	Joan Wood	2017
	Gail Duckworth	2018
	Linda Hibbs	2018
	Sandra Richardson	2019
	Isabel Bowman	2019
	Austin Bowman	2019
	Anne Love	2019
	Meryl Cummings	2019
Property:	Graham Linkletter (c)	2019
	David Essery	2017
	Don Cudmore	2017
	Doug Miller	2018
	Harry Hibbs	2018
	Judy Irwin	2018
	Bill Irwin	2018
	John Kamphius	2018
	Mario Ziron	2019
	John Enman	2019
Manse:	Miriam Lank (c)	2017
	Linda Dunning (Trustee Representative)	
	Shirley MacDougall (UCW Representative)	
Worship:	Linda Dunning (c)	2019
	Roma Downe MacQuarrie	2017
	Emily Bryant	2017
	Beth Grant	2018
	Doug Boylan	2018
	Karen Wood	2019
Outreach and Service:	Don Scott (c)	2018
	Roger Gordon	2017
	Alison Gordon	2017
	Basil Ikede	2017
	Evelyn Jenkins	2017
	Valerie Downe	2018
	Mary Chandler	2018
	Harry Kielly	2018
	Sylvia Gunn	2019
	Bernice Bell	2019
	Jane Farquharson	2019
Stewardship:	Vicki AllenCook (c)	2018
	Alan Edwards	2017
	Jean Peterson	2017
	Heather Diamond	2017
	David Younker	2017

June Sanderson	2018
Mark Richardson	2018
Heather Cameron	2019
Ken MacDonald	2021

Nominating: **Phil Floyd (c)** **2019**
 Barb Stewart 2017
 Bob MacNutt 2017
 Harry Kielly 2018
 Ellen Locke Doiron 2019

Affirm: June Sanderson
 Valerie Downe
 Mary Ann Burke-Matheson
 Jane Farquharson

TRINITY TRUSTEES:
 Order of Ministry: **Bill Bishop (c)**
 Secretary: Linda Dunning 2016
 Treasurer:

Errol Andrews	2017
Phil Floyd	2018
Miriam Lank	2018
Bill Irwin	2019
Norman Carruthers	2019
Elaine Godkin	2019
Heather Diamond	2019
Willard MacKinnon	2019
Dr. Don Stewart	2019
Kevin Jenkins	2020

Council Representatives for Investment Committee of Trustees: Bob MacNutt
 Phil Floyd

CLIFTON TRUSTEES:
 Order of Ministry:

Heather Diamond	Maurice Wood
Herb Mason	Doug Kelly

* Note: The ministers are ex-officio members of all committees except for: a) Ministry and Personnel Committee, and b) Nominating Committee.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL:

Memorials: **Myrna Kielly (c)** 2018
 Clara MacLeod 2017
 Laurie Kelly 2018

Ushers: **Marven MacDonald**

History and Archives: **Katherine Dewar**
 Doug Kelly
 Nathan Mair
 Emily Bryant
 Bob Ramsay

Charlottetown Christian Council: Rev. Greg Davis
Basil Ikede
Dr. Bernice Bell

Media: **Curtis Duckworth (c) and Kevin Ross (c)**
Doug Phillips
Vans Bryant
Callista Tan
Murray Cook
Richard Forsyth
Ben Sinnamon
Graeme Smith
Logan Duckworth – alternate
Randy Doiron - alternate

Library: **Don Scott (c)**
Jeanette Scott (c)
Will Gibbon

Christmas Gifts Project: **Sandra and Mark Richardson (c)**
Don Wonnacott
Basil Ikede
Gail Duckworth

Christmas Fair: Linda Dunning and Debra MacLeod

Brace Block: Barb Stewart

Charlotte & Stamper Residences: Alan Brady

Cundall Home: William Ives

Family Services PEI: Rev. Greg Davis (May 2016)

Old Protestant Burying Grounds: Mark Richardson

Fundscrip: Sandra Richardson
Mark Richardson
Willard MacKinnon
Ken MacDonald

Rev. Greg Davis

As some of you know, I do not have a green thumb! I enjoy beautiful plants, lush gardens and fresh produce, but when it comes to nurturing, I leave that task to others. Despite my gardening limitations, I decided to create two raised vegetable gardens in my back yard. With direction from friends, and online googling, I "trucked" in compost, and "seasoned" the soil so it would be ready to receive the tiniest of seeds. I wanted to provide the best environment for growth, preparing for success, not failure! My spouse, Ellen, chose the seeds and planted them with great care. For a while not much happened. It was a slow, waiting game, while chilly spring weather seemed not so spring-like at all! One morning as I inspected the beds with keen anticipation, as I had done for several days on end, I noticed a "sprig" of green! Though small, this tiny, beautiful sprig brought tremendous hope! Within weeks the bare garden bed became a lush green display of leaves, stalks, and vegetables! Our work was not in vane!

We are all "faith" gardeners! Our calling is to create a space where exuberant growth is possible. Our task is to simply prepare the ground so the sprouting of our talents and gifts may begin and develop! We work to create good soil where the expectation is not "sameness" but diversity and uniqueness. This type of growth does not "just" happen; we are intentional about creating such space, where our church is like a diverse garden, where there is room for all.

There are many needs and demands in our community of faith. There are times when we get caught up with end results, missing the opportunities that the journey provides. Sometimes we forget that our calling is to prepare a space where all will know they are respected, cared for and loved. Trinity-Clifton is striving to be a place where we actively and intentionally create welcoming and safe spaces, not only in worship, but also within committees and council. These caring spaces are vitally important to the health and growth of our community.

There are many "sprigs" of hope within the Trinity/Clifton pastoral charge! As you look through this report it's beautifully obvious! Great things are happening and being realized in this community. It's a place of "shared ministry" that begins and is infused at all levels to make "hope" possible.

I feel privileged to be sharing in ministry at Trinity-Clifton, with the congregation and clergy. I will grieve the leaving of two wonderfully creative ministry friends, Gail and Mel, when they pursue other callings in mid-March, yet look forward to celebrating the arrival of the also wonderfully creative minister, Cathie Crooks. Our church contains fertile soil in which to flourish and grow. May we water, nurture and care for each other as we listen and respond to the hope and beauty of our world and our Creator.

"For all that has been thanks, for all that will be YES!"

Sincerely,

Greg Davis
Shared Ministry

Rev. Gail Hopkirk

To the Members and Adherents of Trinity-Clifton United, thank you for the privilege of worshipping and doing ministry with you during this past year. In many and varied ways you, the people of Trinity Clifton United, along with the clergy team, have carried out a ministry that is rich in grace and compassion, and in wisdom and understanding. In the words of Paul to the Corinthians, "I give thanks to God always for you, because of the grace of God which was given to you..." and which I see working through you. Thank you to the Chairs and Members of Council and the many Committees of Trinity: for your time and commitment to the mission of the Church; for your dedication to the temporal and spiritual responsibilities of the Church; for your willingness to fulfill Committee mandates and co ordinate this work.

Thank you to Sunday School teachers, Godly Play Story Tellers, and Music Leaders for your caring and gentle relationship with our youth and children as you tend to their faith education and spiritual nurture.

Thank you to the worshipping congregation, to the choir and organist. Without each other, worship would pale. With voices united in praise of God, with minds intent on understanding the will of God for our church and our lives, we enhance worship for each other and to God. Nurtured and strengthened in spirit, we can live and do mission in the community.

Thank you, Greg and Melaney, for the privilege of being in team ministry with you. Our relationship has been congenial and supportive. We respected the gifts each brought to the ministry and recognized the need for the ministry of each. Thus, it has been easy to model shared team ministry.

As you prepare to welcome and do ministry with Rev. Cathie Crooks, may the Holy One continue to bless you and strengthen you to fulfill your high calling to the people of Trinity-Clifton and the larger community.

Shalom,
Gail

Rev. Melaney Matheson

It has been a privilege and honour to be in ministry with the good people of Trinity/Clifton Pastoral Charge. I have met many faithful and extremely committed people since beginning my ministry here in February. It has been refreshing to be in a church community where there are many and varied groups to join and activities to welcome all ages.

I would not have been able to be part of this church without the wonderful ministry team that I have been a part of. This shared ministry has been invaluable in enabling me to balance two different vocations as well as family commitments. Greg is always so willing to step in, give guidance when needed and though I feel he often did more than his fair share, he continues to bring joy and humour to the tasks at hand. Gail's kind spirit, wisdom, and gentle but capable manner have truly been a blessing to me and a wonderful balance to this team.

I have been amazed time and time again how much goes on at Trinity. In this I include the many church programs and the use of the building by the wider community (the benefits of which often go unseen, but should not be underestimated). I also include how much the volunteer members of this congregation do. Your faith and commitment is evident in the many and varied ministries taking place in this congregation. It is a testament to your faith that so many of you step forward and lead rather than expecting staff or others to do the work that must be done. Your good works keep this church alive and well.

I enjoyed the summer months with the opportunity to worship at Clifton. The Spirit is very much present in this charming worship space. The warmth and sense of community shared by the members was heartwarming.

I believe good things have been happening in the ministry at Trinity through 2016. The congregation has embraced change and I have sensed an openness and readiness for new ideas, creative worship and movement in new and life giving directions. I hope and pray that this willingness to embrace the new will continue as you move ahead in 2017 and beyond.

Take care and God Bless.

Chair of Council

In a sermon, last February, the Rev. Greg Davis challenged the congregation "to consider the places where God is alive in our congregation". It is often easy for me to move from one day to another in the church year, being grateful, but not always recognizing that God is present in our decisions and the people around us.

I am grateful for the privilege to be with the many people who do the ministry of our congregation through Standing Committees, Sub-Committees, Ad Hoc Committees, Special Committees and the many Committees that meet for fundraising and/or community. There are so, so many people who willingly give of their time and energy to create a Trinity-Clifton where we can know God is present. The minutes

of the Standing Committees are being posted on our website (trinityclifton.org). Please take the time to read them and the annual reports. You will be thankful and amazed at the tremendous work they do on our behalf.

Over the past couple of years, members of Council have become aware that policies, around various facets of our life, are often different depending on whom we ask. Some policies are directed by government and are required. For instance, Food Safety. Thanks to Miriam Lank for helping us understand these requirements. They are posted in the kitchen.

Thanks also to Gail MacNutt and Mario Zirone for fine tuning, and noting any deficiencies, in our Fire Safety Policy This was done in conjunction with the Fire Department. The Property Committee will make any necessary corrections.

Council found that there were various understandings of the who, how and what in regard to use of the sanctuary, outside of worship. Thank you to Gail MacNutt and John Enman who will develop policies around this.

A huge thank you to David White, the JNAC Committee and the Search Committee, for the fulfillment of their mandates. Their attention to the details and the process, have led us to a place where, we can know that God is indeed present in our future.

Since I came to Trinity in 2003, there has been one recurring conversation, formal or informal. The topic – remodeling the front of the sanctuary to better suit the needs of our present worshipping congregation and of larger rental groups. There are also concerns for safety. Council named a Space Review Committee and asked this Committee to consider 1. the possibilities for the front of the sanctuary, 2. whether there is a way to conserve heat and still use the main doors of the church all year around, and 3. after that to have a look at all of our space, and how it is used. Mario Zirone has agreed to chair this group. If you have not met Mario, he is an architect and fortunately, retired to PEI. In his working life, he practiced as a professional consultant with a special interest and expertise in heritage architecture. Please be assured that as this process moves forward, at every opportunity, everyone in the congregation, who wishes, will be consulted.

I want to offer a special thank you to the members of Council Executive for their support and ongoing commitment; to the members of Council bearing with me through this transition; and to Ellen Locke Doiron for her willingness to continue to answer my unending questions. There are many in the congregation who have answered my questions, shared information and support, and to them, thank you.

As we begin another administrative year, with grateful hearts, we will thank the Rev. Gail Hopkirk and the Rev. Melaney Matheson for their ministry with us. To Gail and Melaney, along with the Rev. Greg Davis, I offer my thanks for their advice and support throughout this past year. It was needed and appreciated. My dreams and visions, on any day, may be grand or very simple. This year, they are simple. I pray that, as a congregation, we will welcome the Rev. Catherine Crooks with familiar Trinity-Clifton hospitality and offer our support to both she and the Rev. Greg Davis as they begin their ministry together.

Blessings

Barbara Prowse, Chair
Trinity-Clifton Council

Finance Committee

2016 presented its usual challenges for the Finance Committee. Regardless of the degree of committee planning, each year unanticipated issues requiring attention present themselves. Issues dealing with the annual maintenance of a building constructed in 1863, fuel price adjustments, personnel changes, and changes in space rentals are only a few of the matters having financial implications attended to by

committees of council.

One rather noticeable trend in our revenue over the past couple of years has been the gradual reduction in the amount of total contribution revenue donations received. Fortunately, at least for the time being we've experienced an increase in space rentals and other revenue that, as at least for the time being have partially offset the reduction in donations. The above being the case we would ask each member of our congregation to give prayerful consideration to reconsider their givings to assist in reducing the current trend.

Our gratitude goes out to each of the Council Chairpersons and their committee members deserve a great deal of credit for operating within authorized budget limits. Thanks also goes out to you many volunteers who continue to donate your time and talents to the many fundraising events presented, the Christmas Fair, the Gala Dinner and numerous other functions.

Finally, thank you to Ellen Locke Doiron for her dedicated support in the office, to Reverends Greg, Gail and Melaney and the members of the Finance Committee for your guidance and assistance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob MacNutt
Chairman, Finance

Treasurer's Report

With the auditors making the final adjustments to Trinity's year-end Financial Statements, it appears that the Church was successful in exceeding its budgeted deficit and although there was still a loss, we have netted a significantly lower amount than expected to the unrestricted fund balances.

Over the past years Trinity has been presented with challenges and realities to the operational budgets that thankfully the congregation, staff, clergy, committees and council continuously rise to meet. Budgeting for certain items is fairly straightforward but other items are contingent on factors that Trinity has little influence or control over. Through collaborative effort, Trinity continues to provide an excellent level of service and commitment to its members and community.

Significant and extremely generous contributions from members, past and present, continue to push the church and its services into the future. We are grateful for the support of all involved who continue to reinvest their time and unique skill set which is central in realizing and making the Church, and its community, what it is today.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to making 2016 another successful year.

Best regards,

Tim Cook
Treasurer

Christian Development

The committee members of CDC were: Nancy Goodwin, Gail White, Jessica Foster, Maureen Larter, Joyce MacPhee and Alma Mutch. Rev. Melaney Matheson joined us from the clergy team.

Sunday School met throughout the year. The curriculum has stayed the same. Godly Play remains an important part of the rotation. There is a need for Sunday School teachers and Godly Play Story Tellers and Door Persons. One of our committee members volunteered to teach a class. We still do not have a Superintendent. Our committee has helped when needed. The closing of Sunday School for 2015-2016 was recognized with a congregational picnic in the church yard on June 26. Various leaders led Sunday School through the summer months. Sunday School beginning in 2016-2017 was celebrated in the fall with a cake at Coffee and Conversation. Sunday School enrollment in the fall was 56.

This year three youth joined the church through Confirmation. Welcome to Coulton Duckworth, Noah Duckworth and Kira Duckworth.

We enjoyed hosting the annual Truck or Treat party. It was enjoyed by young and old alike. After a potluck meal, games were enjoyed along with cookie decorating etc. A highlight was a hide and seek in the Sanctuary while Don Fraser played suitable music on the organ.

Suzanne Campbell led the Junior Choir until June. The children shared their music in worship on a few occasions. Ellen Davis took it over in late fall. They performed at the White Gift and Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm services.

Instead of a youth group at Trinity-Clifton this year, our youth have been involved in two Island wide events called Ignite Us, Unite Us. They have also attended the Maritime Conference Annual meeting Youth Forum and Intermediate Youth gatherings in Sackville, N.B. One member also attended a fall gathering of Youth Forum and a group went to another Maritime Youth gathering at Brookfield United Church, in Nova Scotia.

Adult Christian Development consisted of a spring group which met Sunday mornings and used the Prayer Bench, 'Stroll for your Soul' meditations. In the fall, Rev. Greg began the 'Saving Jesus' Tuesday Noon Group, Rev. Gail had an Advent Study, 'Advent Characters', and Rev. Melaney had a study group around the United Church remits which will continue to meet into 2017.

CDC hosted Coffee and Conversation for the month of October. We reviewed the Police Checks informing those needing updates.

Thanks to all Committee members, especially Rev. Melaney, as well as those who helped Trinity-Clifton CDC achieve its agenda.

Respectfully submitted by,

Alma Mutch
CDC Co-chair

Library Committee

The church library, a work in progress since 2007, includes a collection of interest to both adults and young people. As well as material of a religious nature, it consists of a wide variety of topics, such as diversity, self-help, grief, the environment, and biography, as well as a small collection of fiction. We continue to add titles to the library both through donations and the purchase of a few new materials.

The Library Catalogue is now found on-line in addition to the printed edition in the library. It can be accessed on Trinity's website (trinityclifton.org) under Ministries and Library. This is a helpful database searchable by author, title or subject.

The Library Committee continues to have occasional displays of materials at Coffee and Conversation to make the congregation more aware of Trinity's library.

Trinity Library Committee
Don and Jeanette Scott, Will Gibbon

Outreach & Service

The Trinity Clifton Congregation is actively engaged in a great many outreach activities which are a regular part of our congregational life, but there are times when we may take these for granted and not recognize them as outreach activities.

Financially, the largest contribution is our annual support of the United Church Mission and Service fund to which we give about fifty thousand dollars each year. We have a close relationship with the Salvation Army and support their activities generously. Two fundraising concerts at Christmas and our annual turkey dinner provided in excess of ten thousand dollars to support their valuable work. In addition the benevolent fund provided the Salvation Army with a grant of \$5,700.00.

The regular Sunday service broadcast provides an opportunity to share in worship for many people who are unable to attend services. The audience for this broadcast reaches well beyond members of our own congregation. The UCW provides assistance to young people who wish to attend Camp Abegweit. The Men's group operates the taxi service making it possible for those who do not drive to get to our services. Our ministers are regular visitors to those in hospital, to individual homes and to the seniors' residences and nursing homes. All these activities and others involve many of our members, helping make Trinity Clifton a vital part of the religious and social life of this congregation and the wider community.

The Outreach and Service committee has once again been very active on a series of activities this year:

Refugee Sponsorship

The PEI Association for Newcomers, at its recent annual meeting, awarded its Organization Appreciation Award to Trinity Clifton for our consistent commitment to assisting newcomers to PEI. The accompanying citation listed our long term support of refugees, our efforts to assist the reunification of our Somali Family and our rental of the manse to the eleven member Abdulhey family who are currently living there. We also provide space for the monthly clothing giveaway sponsored by Newcomers, host weekly language tutoring sessions for new Canadians, and provide space for many activities which that organization carries out.

A highlight of the year for us was the arrival this summer of Ubx, a daughter of our Somalian family and the last member of the family to succeed in coming to Canada. Bureaucratic problems made it impossible for her to come with the other family members. Being a young woman without close family support made her vulnerable to exploitation and security issues and caused us to fear that she might never be reunited with her family. Fortunately by providing some funding for her support and travel and a measure of good luck, those issues were overcome and she arrived safely. She is now living with her family in Ontario and we are committed to providing monthly financial support for her first year in the country.

Trinity Clifton has taken an active role in support of the Interfaith Refugee Support Group. A successful fundraising effort has raised funds and pledges totaling \$109,000.00. There were some initial delays and frustrations as plans to bring families here did not materialize. Finally in July, the Abdulhey family of eleven came and were settled in our manse. In December, another family of two came to Charlottetown and are in the process of being settled. The interfaith committee has also agreed to assist in bringing a family of seven here. This will be a family reunification with a brother and his family who are currently living in Charlottetown.

Amnesty International has for some time been concerned about the delays caused by the Canadian Immigration authorities in the Family Reunification process for immigrants wishing to bring family members to Canada. In support of their efforts a postcard campaign directed toward the Immigration minister was organized here in our congregation.

Prince Street School

The breakfast program at Prince Street is a beneficiary of support from our congregation. Members make donations of grocery store gift cards which are used by the school to purchase food for the program. Several members of the congregation volunteer regularly to assist with the preparation and serving.

Outreach prepared and served the annual Christmas turkey dinner to the three hundred students and staff. This is a much anticipated and appreciated event at the school. We received a large number of cards from the students expressing their appreciation. The general comment was that it was an "Awesome" event.

Hillsborough Hospital Unit Seven Residents.

Outreach has a long-term relationship with the residents and staff members of this unit. To provide an outing for them we host a monthly luncheon for the group. These occasions are often accompanied by a movie or games and on special occasions Vans and Emily Bryant provide entertainment and a singsong for the group. Committee members are often invited to attend some of their activities and again this year we assisted in serving at their banquet when they held their annual camp weekend.

Food Bank Donations for the Salvation Army

The congregation has for some time collected food donations one Sunday each month to support this service. This year it was decided to change our practice and have the collection on a weekly basis. The initial assessment is that this is working well and this policy will continue and be monitored to ensure its success.

Joint St Paul's/ Trinity Indigenous Committee

Concerns raised by the Report on Truth and Reconciliation led some of our members to the conclusion that our congregation should be more aware of the needs of the indigenous community and what we might do in supporting them. Similar concerns were being raised at St. Paul's which led to the formation of a joint committee. The group has met with several leaders in the indigenous community to receive their input and direction. A direct result of this was to devote our annual joint service in June to a consideration of indigenous themes and to have participation from members of that community. The event was followed by a fair, held on the Trinity lawn, where food and displays related to the indigenous community and to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women were presented.

Trinity Clifton Christmas Gift Project 2016

Once again the Outreach Committee funded the Christmas gifts project, coordinated by Mark and Sandra Richardson. This year 78 deliveries were made to individuals or couples (87 people in total) with a Trinity-Clifton connection. A poinsettia plant or a gift bag with two bottles of homemade jam was delivered to 28 private homes and 14 different nursing, care or senior residences. The jam was made at Trinity in the summer and the plants were purchased through Hearts and Flowers. In addition to the plant or jam, each person or couple received a Christmas card with a message from the people of Trinity signed by the three clergy. Deliveries were made by 21 volunteers, as well as Rev. Greg.

Those receiving the Christmas remembrance were surprised and pleased, expressing their thanks both verbally and in writing. It is a rewarding experience for those involved in making deliveries. Our thanks to all those who helped in any way. Again we express appreciation to Don and Florence Wonnacott for their continued support as well as for sharing their knowledge of the congregation and connections of people within it.

The Old Protestant Cemetery Burial Ground Inc.

The Old Protestant Cemetery Burial Ground Inc. has as its charter members the following Charlottetown churches: First Baptist, St. Paul's Anglican, Zion Presbyterian, St James Presbyterian, and Trinity United as well as the organizations: PEI Genealogical Society, PEI Museum and Heritage Foundation and City of Charlottetown.

The corporation (OPBG) is a not for profit organization. It has as its principal purpose to own, restore and maintain the Old Protestant Burying Ground located on University Avenue, Charlottetown. Over the past

fifteen years the cemetery has carefully been restored. Trees and lawns have been rehabilitated. Grave stones have been righted.

A Trust Fund has been established with the Community Foundation of Prince Edward Island. The funds are intended to be utilized over the years, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, for repairs to the cemetery. As of the end of 2016 the Trust Fund has a balance in excess of \$100,000.

In 2005, George Wright, Board Member, authored. *Who Departed This Life, A History of the Old Protestant Burying Ground?* The book offers a view of a segment of those who lived and died in Charlottetown from 1784 to 1873. A copy is available in the church library.

In 2012 the City agreed to take over general care and maintenance of the cemetery while OPBG retains the deed and ownership. The Board approves and carries out any major expenditure from their funds. In past years Trinity Clifton has provided financial support for the OPBG. It is now on a secure financial footing and such support is no longer required.

Addressing Poverty

The issue of poverty and the difficulty for a significant number of people in our society to meet their basic needs continues to be a concern for members of the committee. As individuals, and as a congregation, we continue to try to help people having difficulties. These efforts are stopgap in nature, help relieve short-term needs but do not move us toward a long term solution.

This year we were able to meet with The Hon. Tina Mundy, the minister responsible for the department of Social Services and responsible for government policy in this area. One of the topics discussed was the concept of a Basic Income Guarantee. The minister would like, with the cooperation of the Federal Government to establish a pilot project on PEI to demonstrate the benefits of a BIG. We support such a proposal. The committee has contacted the four Island MPs to solicit their support of this proposal with the federal minister responsible. We have also been in contact with the PEI presbytery to seek its support for the idea.

Benevolent fund

The Benevolent Fund is one of our main sources of financial support and enables us to provide the following grants:

Community Chaplaincy	\$1,200.
Christmas Baskets	\$650
Salvation Army	\$5,700
(\$4500 Regular Activity; \$1200 Bedford MacDonald House)	

In addition to the above grants the regular budget provides these grants:

Charlottetown Christian Council	\$200	Camp Abegweit	\$750
Atlantic School of Theology	\$750	Tatamagouche Centre	\$500

Pastoral Care Committee

Committee members for 2016/17 were Gayle Mills, Isabel & Austin Bowman, Meryl Cummings, Joan Wood, Gayle Duckworth, Linda Hibbs, Anne Love, Lynda Taylor and Errol Andrews.

The committee maintains the congregational roll and church directory. In addition, the committee regularly visits members of the congregation who are currently living in 14 Nursing Homes and Community Care Facilities. Regular home visits are also made to some 30-35 individuals by ministerial staff and the committee.

Rev. Greg along with Rev. Gail and Rev. Melaney carried out weekly visits to those in the hospital. They also visit homes of those in bereavement and those wishing pastoral care. Also, about 4-5 times a year, Rev. Greg is on weekly call at the hospital between 5 - 8 pm.

Another successful Homecoming Service occurred on June 29th. This function is held for those who cannot regularly attend church service. Rev. Greg and Rev. Gail conducted the service, Don Fraser played

the organ, and once again "The Strummers" provided music. Lunch was served to about 45 people.

Lynda and Errol have completed their 3 year term as co-chairs. As such, we will not be serving in this capacity for 2017. We want to thank our committee member for providing an excellent service. You were a pleasure to work with. We also want to thank Rev. Greg for his leadership and valuable contribution to our meetings.

The following report captures the baptisms, marriages, memberships and those from the congregation who passed away in 2016.

Lynda Taylor
Errol Andrews
Co-Chairs

ROLL AND AUDIT

BAPTISMS

Child

Emily Margaret Jane Lucas
Neally Hazel Jane Hood
Kira Gail Francis Duckworth
Ruby Lynn Harris
Quentin Jefferson Wiebe
Edward Wiebe
Paige Lauren Carpenter
Emmett John Akagi Smith

Parents

Gregory Lucas and Jana Mutch
Robin Hood and Pamela Graham Hood
*adult baptism
Jeffrey Harris and Maria Larter
Edward Wiebe and Wilma Lank
*adult baptism
Stephen Carpenter and Kerri Lynn Seward
Jarrod Smith and Kelly Susanne Mallett

MARRIAGES

Matthias Klein and Robert Hugh MacEwen
Zhen Yue Zhong and Meng Meng Ge
Lucas James Gallant and Mackayla Rae Barbour
David Charles Spurgeon Knight and Tina Michelle Bond

IN MEMORIAM

The following are names of those whose funerals were conducted by the Order of Ministry from Trinity-Clifton, together with names identified at this time of those from the Congregational Roll whose funerals were conducted by other clergy:

Patricia Johnston	Rev. Russell Burns	Patricia Watts
Jean Reynard	Lillian MacLean	Kathleen Black
Ivan Kerry	Margaret McLennan	Vivian Lowther
Irene McCarthy	Mabel McGowan	William MacKinnon
Tara MacDonald	Eunice Wonnacott	Haviland MacDougall
William Howatt	James Allie Murray	Donald MacKenzie
Ross Matheson	Mary Miller	Lloyd MacLeod
Elizabeth Hogan	Doris Worth	Stewart Jenkins
Carol (Wonnacott) McQuillan		Robert Duncan
John Beaton	Blaine Ramsay	Delores Clow
Hester Crozier	Sandra Bishop	Lillian Wall
Winston Turnbull	Jo Edge	David Sherren

Property Committee

The Property Committee has the responsibility for:

- (a) Repair and maintenance of buildings and grounds, including capital initiatives
- (b) Implementation and monitoring of safety and security measures
- (c) Implementation and monitoring of energy efficiency measures
- (d) Maximizing building accessibility

Repair and Maintenance –

The major undertaking was the repair of four brick buttresses (2 on the SE and 2 on the NE corners). Cracks that had developed in the bricks were partly as a result of footing deterioration and moisture migration into the interior of the buttresses. Freeze/thaw cycles over many years had caused the bricks to become stressed with cracks resulting. The two footings on the SE corner were repaired with new concrete, all cracked bricks in the 4 buttresses were removed and replaced, and copper flashings were placed at the wall joints on the top of the 14 cap stones.

The SE eave trough is a few inches shorter than the roof, which resulted in some roof drainage ending up on the top of the SE buttress. This may have caused moisture accumulation problems within this buttress. Copper flashings were attached to the eave trough and roof area which will now deflect rain water directly into the gutter. The cost of this restoration work, which was done by MBS Construction, amounted to \$27,344. Additional brick restoration work on the two brick towers and west gable end is planned for 2017.

May cleanup day filled a large dumpster with discarded items from the manse basement and attic, the old boiler room and other areas in the church and CEC. Numerous other repairs and maintenance work has been carried out including removing broken screens on the South stained glass windows, lawn and fence maintenance, chapel and hallway carpet cleaning, and snow removal in the parking lot.

Safety and Security –

A new wireless security and smoke alarm system was installed in the manse. For safety reasons, a carpet runner was installed on the manse stairs. The security alarm panel in the church was replaced. Several emergency exit lights were upgraded to the combo pack with the lighted running person.

Investigations were initiated to upgrade the elevator controls to make the elevator safe during a power outage. This is ongoing.

Investigations were initiated to upgrade the catwalk in the attic to make it safe for persons who service the ceiling lights. This is ongoing.

The Fire Safety Plan for Trinity was revised. Fire Safety inspections and elevator inspections were completed.

An MOU was signed with the City of Charlottetown that provides emergency sheltering needs when necessary.

A new battery was installed in the defibrillator. An AED/CPR training session is being organized for staff, Ministers and other identified persons.

Energy Efficiency –

The five choir lights, organ pipes floodlights, and exterior church floodlights were converted to LED lamps. Room ceiling lights are being converted to LED as replacements are needed. Other electrical upgrades were carried out as deemed necessary.

Investigations are underway to upgrade the main Prince Street sliding wood doors to make them energy efficient, operable during the winter months, and at the same time meet the City Heritage and Fire Code requirements.

Building Accessibility –

Plans were developed to provide a barrier free washroom as well as a new and larger ladies washroom. It is planned to implement this project in early 2017.

Investigations were carried out to provide a safe emergency exit from the sanctuary for mobility-impaired persons during a power outage or alarm situation when the elevator is not available. This is ongoing.

Thanks to Council and staff for your continued support and assistance. Thanks also to the Property Committee members for their commitment and participation at monthly meetings, assisting with maintenance projects, and researching for solutions to the major issues.

Respectfully submitted by

Graeme Linkletter, P. Eng.
Chair, Property Committee

Manse Committee

The Abdulhey family arrived in July and moved into our manse which was lovingly furnished and decorated by the Interfaith Refugee Committee.

Members of the manse committee are Shirley MacDougall (UCW Representative) and Linda Dunning (Trustee Representative) and Miriam Lank, Chair.

Worship Committee

2016 has been an exciting and spiritual year for all of us at Trinity, for those who view us on Eastlink Cable, and for people who have visited our wonderful Church.

We have been blessed to continue to have the Team Ministry of Rev Greg, Melaney, and Gail who have guided and nurtured our souls, bodies and minds. They continue to bless us with the calmness, direction and understanding to honour the scripture in a most meaningful way.

The Chancel Choir, under the direction of Don Fraser, continues to enrich and enhance the musical faithfulness within the sanctuary.

Many thanks to the host of individuals who read, provide musical selections, set communion, take up offering, give tours all summer for visitors, clean, and set up or take down decorations for each season. Your help is so appreciated.

2017 will be an exciting year as we welcome a new member to our Ministerial Team in the Rev. Catherine Crooks. We look forward to her talents and messages for many years.

I am thankful for the opportunity to be the Chair of the Worship Committee but I *really* appreciate the dedication that is given to both myself and the congregation from the Members of the Committee.

Blessings,

Linda Dunning
Chair

Chancel Choir

The Trinity Chancel Choir has enjoyed another busy year leading the singing at worship services. This dedicated group of individuals rehearsed twice weekly: Wednesday 6:30-8:00 pm and on Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:20 am. The choir has also enjoyed their involvement in other services throughout the year. Many people give of their time freely and joyfully to be part of the Chancel Choir, and we are thankful and appreciative of all who give so very much on a weekly basis. It's always a great pleasure to welcome new members to the choir! One highlight of the year for the choir was being invited to sing at Clifton for their anniversary service. We wish to thank the Supper Club for their ongoing support

of our choir section leader, Allison Kelly. The music at Trinity was enriched during the year with many talented soloists; thanks to Lindsay Gillis, Paul Vandergaag, Alexandra Smith, Shannon Scales, Sebastien Comtois, Olivia Barnes, Kelsea McLean, Madeline Duffy, Brandon Roy, Stuart MacKinnon, Olivia Barnes, Henry Orford, Laura MacLeod, Peter Bevan-Baker, Isaac Mazerowski, and Suzanne Campbell for their presence with us.

May music continue to play an important role at Trinity United!

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Fraser

Rena Wood Johnstone's Handbells

These handbells were a gift from the family of Rena Wood Johnstone and are under the care of the Worship Committee and Director of Music.

Stewardship Committee:

Alan Edwards, Mark Richardson, David Younker, Jean Peterson, Ken MacDonald, Heather Diamond, Heather Cameron, Gordon Worth, Vicki AllenCook (Chair)

Stewardship is interwoven throughout all life of the Church's work. As outlined in the United Church of Canada Manual; Christians are called to participate in God's mission - the mission reflected in Jesus' life and ministry. We do that as stewards in every decision about how we (as individuals and in faith communities) use all that God gives us - time, abilities, material resources, relationships - in a lifestyle of discipleship.

The United Church of Canada is an inclusive faith community that values and welcomes people of all ages, genders, sexual orientations, ethnic groups, and economic strata. United Church congregations offer opportunities to all for growing in faith, giving, and serving.

As a Stewardship Committee at Trinity/ Clifton, it is our task to educate the congregation through sharing, informing, fostering and celebrating who we are, what we do, and how we do it. The people who were selected and agreed to sit on this committee have the skill set to match this task.

This has been an exciting year for Stewardship. Please see the following information of 2016:

New Website

Last year Council asked that the website be looked at and addressed. The Stewardship committee took this under their mandate as they saw it as a wonderful opportunity to promote, support and foster stewardship both within the church and the greater community. In this day and age people look for information and insight about organizations through social media. Many times an organization such as a church gives its first impression of who they are, what they do and what they value through its website. This kind of thinking is outlined in the Stewardship manuals and information that Roger Jane, Stewardship & Gifts Officer of Atlantic Canada/United Church of Canada, presented in September when he met with our Stewardship Committee.

The Stewardship committee forged ahead and formed a re-design website team which consisted of Callista Tan, Ben Sinnamon, Mary Cowper-Smith, Mario Zirone, Erica Jasso, Susan Sun, Kelvin Liang, Heather Diamond, and Vicki AllenCook.

The team had a wonderful combination of expertise, talents and perspectives. They reviewed the old site, researched other church sites, discussed visual importance of imagery and interactive components, compiled information, and then studied how to create and constructed a website infrastructure. Erica Jasso, a graphic artist donated her time and expertise in the design of the website with Ben and Callista. We thank her for her gifts! The Trinity/ Clifton site went live in August! With new images, information and many other capabilities, the Church will be able to foster stewardship and communication. Callista and Ben are overseeing the upkeep of the site and we deeply appreciate all that they are doing. The

Stewardship Committee would like to recognize and thank the whole team. They were truly an amazing working group. We encourage people to go on line and see our new website <http://trinityclifton.org/> We also have a new Facebook page, see <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUnitedCharlottetown/>

Stewardship Development

The Stewardship Committee has been working with Roger Jane, Stewardship & Gifts Officer of Atlantic Canada/United Church of Canada. His presentation in the fall was quite informative and his readiness to help at any time has been greatly appreciated. The United Church of Canada has a stewardship educational program, accompanied by resources that are very informative and supportive. It was suggested that Trinity/ Clifton develop a mission statement (one that is clear and concise like the one found on the Hillhurst United, Calgary website) as it gives focus to our programming and committees and lets others know what we are about and believe in. The mission statement also provides direction for the development of a church's budgetary narrative. We look forward to Roger visiting and working with us again in the spring.

Discernment Report

Congregational Follow Up to the Discernment Report (Recommendations 1 and 2) took place July 6th, 2016. This Congregational Meeting was facilitated by the Chair of Stewardship. The feedback and recommendations from this meeting were shared and presented at Council.

Screen Information Hub

The Stewardship Committee and the Communication Committee would like to place a flat screen at the Richmond Street entrance. This will support and foster the mandates of both the Stewardship and Communication Committees.

Please note that there will be a discussion with the Property Committee before we proceed with this.

Here is the rationale for such an installation:

- Welcoming greeting tool for our congregation, new members and visitors
- Communication tool for events and information
- Celebrating the various people and happenings
- Posting of Photos- (Church work in action)
- Marketing tool to invite people to volunteer, support our programs, or join our congregation
- Information for donating to programs, memorials, trust
- Website information
- Contact information
- Modern tool of communication (a media that a younger generation connects to)
- Portrays a positive, progressive and pro-active image of our Church

Stewardship Narrative Vignettes

A "Snap Shot in Time" is a celebration of the people in our congregation. These vignette snippets, found periodically in the church bulletin, focus on people's lives in the church and in our community. Don Wonnacott was our first vignette which was a celebration of his wonderful work and joy he has shared with others. With that said here is our first "Snap Shot in Time":

Don Wonnacott has belonged to a coffee club that has met weekly since 1949. Originally the group gathered at Fosters Drug Store and consisted of about eight to ten gentlemen. Now there are four members with Don as senior fellow.

Please stay tuned for more "Snap Shots in Time".

Trinity/ Clifton Stewardship: Lifestyle of Discipleship Givings of Time, Abilities and Relationships:

There is so much to report as stewardship is interwoven throughout the life and workings of the church. To give an idea of the wonderful givings of time, abilities and relationships, please note some of the following examples:

- Social Justice Committee
- Book Club
- Developing and Fostering an Affirming Congregation
- Refugee Program
- Unit 7 Program
- Prince Street School Program
- Christmas Gift Giving
- Supporting Habitat for Humanity Projects
- Benevolent Work
- Work on Poverty Issues
- Ten Thousand Villages
- UCW Work
- Men's Group work
- Christmas Fair Committees and Workers
- Leadership and Workings of each of the Church Committees
- Televised Church Service
- Website and Power Point; Creators and Support Providers
- The Worship Programs
- Readers, Presenters, Speakers
- Communion, Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Confirmations
- Ushering/ Greeting
- Small Children Areas Maintenance
- Music Programs
- Concerts/ Plays
- Pastoral Care
- Visitations
- Taxi Service
- Organizing and Working on the Salvation Christmas Fundraisers
- Christian Development
- Bible Studies
- Sunday School
- Godly Play Workshops
- Trunk or Treat Family Event
- Financial Work
- Decorating Groups
- Food Prepping, Cooking, Baking, Serving, Setup and Cleanup
- Organizing Dinners, Galas, Luncheons, Fairs
- Gardening
- Carpentry, Painting and Electrical work
- Tours of the Church
- Historical Work, Library, Archives
- Property Maintenance
- Office Administration
- Legal work
- Coffee and Conversation
- Community BBQs

- Facilitating Community Programs
- Just being there as a community for one another and others!

And the list goes on and on!

Material Resources

This component of stewardship overlaps throughout the life and workings of our church. The responsibility is shared by various committees through various events and programs of the church.

For example:

- Finance- PAR and envelopes
- Outreach- Mission Service Funds, Refugees, Benevolent givings/envelopes, the Fundraising for the Prince Street School program, Unit 7
- Christian Development- Offerings from the Children
- Men's group- Fundraising for such programs as the taxi service for shut-ins
- UCW – fundraising for the many programs they support
- The Fundsript Program
- Gala Dinner Committee
- The Lobster Dinner Committee
- The Christmas Fair Committee
- Plant/Bake Spring Sale Committee
- Trust Funds
- Estate Givings
- Memorials Funds
- Refugee Family- the Manse
- Donations for many events and fundraisers: food, baking, cooking materials, craft materials, furniture, plants, clothing, sewing, knitting treasures, artworks, books, decorating materials (all kinds of odds and sods)
- Silent Auction Goods and Services
- Special Disaster Funds
- Capital Fundraisers are identified and addressed through special sub-committees

In summary, as a Church we work hard to participate in God's mission – the mission that reflects Jesus' life and ministry. As good stewards we will continue to grow, participate, and give in a lifestyle of discipleship. If you have any ideas or suggestions that support and foster the life and workings of the Church, let our Committee know. Together we can strive to make this world a better place to be and live.

Working in God's Way

Yours respectfully submitted

Vicki AllenCook on behalf of the Stewardship Committee

Board of Trustees – Trinity

The Board of Trustees holds in trust: Title to the real estate and property of Trinity for the use and benefits of the Congregation. As well, the Trustees hold and administer funds left to the Church.

The Trustees met in May 2016, Bill Bishop became the Chair, Linda Dunning Secretary and Phil Floyd Treasurer. The signing officers for the Board of Trustees are Bill Bishop, Linda Dunning, Philip Floyd and Norman Carruthers. All signing requires two of these individuals.

The investment committee has met on a number of occasions, the committee follows the requirements set out in Trinity investment policy with respect to how monies are invested. We also meet with our Financial Advisor at RBC-DS to discuss our portfolio. Our portfolio continues to grow both through donations to Trinity-Clifton and the diligence of the Investment Committee and RBC-DS. There will continue to be challenges to ensure that there are good returns on our investment due to low interest rates.

We hold your trust for Trinity-Clifton and will continue to work diligently.
Respectfully Submitted

Linda Dunning
Secretary

Board of Trustees – Clifton United Church

The board of trustees holds in-trust title to the property at Clifton for the use and benefit of the congregation on behalf of the United Church of Canada. In addition the trustees hold in-trust and administer funds that have been given to Clifton Cemetery as a result of plot sales, donations, and bequests to ensure the perpetual care of the cemetery.

In 2007, Clifton United Church was designated a heritage place under PEI's Heritage Places Protection Act. This designation confers ongoing legal protection to the structure. The congregation established a fund named the "Heritage Building Preservation Fund" for the perpetual care and preservation of the church building. Listed below are the investments the trustees hold on behalf of the cemetery and the Heritage Building Preservation Fund.

Trustees: Heather Diamond (Secretary); Maurice Wood (Treasurer of Operating Account and Heritage Building Preservation Fund); Doug Kelly (Treasurer of Cemetery Fund), and Herb Mason.

Clifton Cemetery Fund Investments

Date: December 31, 2016						
Category	Institution	Principle	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest	Current Value
GIC	TD Canada Trust	\$4,121.75	17 October, 2016	January 25, 2017	0.4	\$4,138.80
GIC	TD Canada Trust	\$24,000.00	May 6, 2013	May 6, 2017	1.65	\$25,481.20
GIC	TD Canada Trust	\$24,000.00	May 6, 2013	May 6, 2018	1.9	\$25,711.40
GIC	TD Canada Trust	\$20,000.00	June 27, 2014	June 27, 2019	var.	\$20,596.40
GIC	TD Canada Trust	\$25,000.00	May 15, 2015	May 15, 2020	var.	\$25,000.00 *
GIC	TD Canada Trust	\$12,000.00	June 24, 2016	June 24, 2021	var.	\$12,000.00 *
GIC	TD Canada Trust	\$11,239.68	June 24, 2016	June 24, 2021	var.	\$11,274.62

* Principle Value

Total Value (GIC)	\$124,202.42
Cash (TD Canada Trust)	\$610.47
Petty Cash	\$55.86
Total Assets	\$124,868.75

Heritage Building Preservation Fund

Date: December 31, 2016

Category	Institution	Principle	Issue Date	Maturity Date	Interest	Current Value
GIC	CIBC	\$30,879.16	December 29, 1916	December 29, 1917	0.50	\$30,879.16
GIC	BMO	\$4,592.92	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2019	1.70	\$4,739.83
Total (GIC)						\$35,618.99

Brace Block

The Brace Block Trust, which provides financial assistance for women and men enrolled in theological college and intending ordination in one of the Protestant denominations in Prince Edward Island, was established in 1930 (by a legislative incorporation) with a bequest from Charlottetown businessman Richard Brace. With his bequest the Trustee built the Brace Block on Queen Street (now largely concealed by the Confederation Court Mall), and used the revenue to provide the support in the form of bursaries. The Brace Block was sold in the 1970s and the sale revenue was invested to provide the bursaries.

The Trust is administered (under a Legislative incorporation) by six Trustees, one ordained and one lay from each of 1st Baptist, Zion and Trinity. In 2016, Trinity was represented by Rev. Melaney and by myself as lay member and Chair.

For the 2016/2017 academic year, the Trust awarded three bursaries. The recipients were Jonathan Schut of 1st Baptist, Glynis Faith of Zion and Edith Coughlan of West River United.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stewart
Chair, The Brace Trust

Bequests

The following is a list of Bequests given to Trinity United Church by Will. The list, which may not be complete, is prepared from the annual reports from 1925 to 2014.

George Beer	Isaac Carter	Donald Murchison
Gladys M. Taylor	Henry Beer	Augusta Mayhew
Flora Murchison	Margaret Whitehead	Eva E. Stamper
Christina Anderson	Dephine L. Douse	Josephine Crosby
William Dodd	Bessie Ross	Cora Mae Howatt
Gwendolyn M. Taylor	Jane Dodd	Margaret A. Phillips
Edith Toombs	Nellie G. Sutherland	Dr. E.P. Taylor
Anna E. Rogers	Muriel Smith	Helen W. Duffey
Roger Farquharson	William & Nellie Rowe	George E. Webster
Glennie MacLean	John F. Godkin	Martha Huggan
Vernon T. Howatt	Maude Gamester	Benjamin Bremmer
John P. Simmonds	Hannah Headley	Sterling Rodd
Charles C. Gardiner	John B. Andrew	Elsie M. Crockett
Lily Tweedy	Rev. Ralph Brecken	Fannie J. Mutch
Lucy B. Cox	Henrietta Burgess	William A. Weeks
Mary Emma Pierce	Elsie James	Elmer Mallett
Sarah Perkins	Robert Everett Mutch	Florence Martin
Duncan MacCannell	Rev. Fulton J. Coffin	Marion Moore

Robert A. Duncan
Ethel Horne
Col. F. S. Moore
Emily Peardon
Edith L. Warre
Charles H. Black
Frances Docherty
Agnes Simmons
Eleanor Johnson
Frances Wauk
Jean Leslie White
Bernice Robertson
Bethia M. Tweedy
G. Dudley Wright
Patience M. Clark
Carrie Hunt
Fannie Bell
Alfred J. Houle
J. Hibbert Howatt
Laura Hodgson
Mrs. J. Grosse
Margaret P. MacDonald
N. Margaret O'Neill
Edgar E. Jardine
Eva M. Burhoe
Peter MacLeod
Laura Crosby
G. Keith Pickard
Nancy Cox Sutherland
Joyce MacKie
James Montgomery
Wendy Horton
A.B. Fisher
Elvira Wheeler
John WC Ferguson
Alan Saint
Henry MacWilliam
Blanche Darrach
Alexander J. Fraser
Helen Cox
Jean Lodge

Margaret MacPherson
Harry F. Drew
Edmund T. Higgs
Catherine MacMillan
William Hayward
W.W. & Mrs. Lord
Florence R. Ledwick
Margaret A. Farneaux
Annie Cook
Sophie Doyle
Mary MacDonald
Mary Bragg
Wesley M. Acorn
Euphemia Brehaut
Gertrude A. Love
Annie Georgina Smith
Ethel A. Taylor
Isabel Bishop Cook
Elizabeth Jane Reeves
H. Chalmers MacLeod
George M. Richards
Mr. & Mrs. Harry L. MacKay
Eliza Ramsden
Alice V. Fraser
Col. G. E. Full
Gordon Bennett
Thelma Teed
Georgina Mayne
Jock Sutherland
Ruth Robertson
Rhoda Brown
Charlotte MacKean
Margaret Peake
Florence Smith
Ruby Matheson
Verna Currie
Claudette MacMillan
Dr. Lloyd Cox
Frank Weir
William MacKinnon

Simon W. Crabbe
Mildred Mason
Ella Drew
E. Bruce Huggan
Frances J. Prowse
Marion Davies
Doris Maude MacKay
Mrs. E.E. Johnstone
Annie L. Beer
Frances E. Smallwood
Charles H. Chappell
Arthur J. Harper
Elizabeth Mutch
Julia Parsons
Elizabeth MacNair
Sarah J. Kellow
Dr. Harry D. Johnson
Jamie Partridge
Annie MacLeod
Mary Eliza Webster
Katherine Julia Downe
Florence Puncher
Melinda Mildred Johnstone
Gordon Avard
Dr. Ronald Drysdale
Elva MacKay
Mabel Matheson
Mary E. Gordon
F. Marie MacNeill
George Jenkins
Helen MacDonald
Audrey Whitehead
Beatrice Reeves
Sadie Ferguson
Mary Bovair
Mildred Brown
Eleanor Raynor
Lynne Taylor
Lynetta Brown
Donald Carter

Special Gifts To Trinity - Clifton Pastoral Charge

Did you know that you can make a special gift to Trinity United Church and get a tax receipt and also save on Capital Gains Taxes? The following examples illustrate some of the ways this may be accomplished.

Life Insurance:

If you donate a permanent life insurance policy to Trinity United Church, and it becomes the owner and beneficiary of the policy, you will receive a tax receipt for the value of the sum of the cash surrender value plus any accumulated interest and dividends that are also donated.

If you continue to make the premium payments on the policy, these payments will also be

considered charitable donations and will be available to you as a tax credit.

The important thing is that Trinity must become the owner of the policy. You will not get these tax benefits if you only make Trinity the beneficiary of the policy.

This does not apply to term policies.

Capital Gains Tax:

The present law provides that if you realize a Capital Gain on the sale of an asset such as shares in a company, you must include 50% of the Capital Gain as Income and pay tax at your marginal tax rate. If however, you donate the assets of such, as shares, to Trinity United Church, you would have a deemed capital gains and would only have to include 25% of the capital gains as income instead of 50% if you sold the shares and kept the money for yourself. You would get a tax receipt for the value of the asset donated to the church.

Wills: You can also make a gift to Trinity United Church by means of your Will. Such a gift is called a bequest and only takes place after death.

You may leave a bequest outright to the church which means the congregation decides how the money is to be spent or you can leave the bequest in a manner that the principal sum remains invested and the congregation can only use the annual income (interest) earned on the bequest. You are free to designate how and for what purpose the bequest is to be used.

More detailed information may be obtained from an Estate Planner, a Lawyer, or a Tax Expert.

Clifton United Church

The services for Clifton United Church commenced on Sunday, June 5, 2016 and continued until Thanksgiving Service on October 9, 2016 with our annual Christmas Service held on December 18, 2016.

Services were conducted throughout the summer by Rev. Greg Davis, Rev. Gail Hopkirk and Rev. Melaney Matheson. Rev. Reed Cudmore conducted our 168th Anniversary Service on September 25, 2016.

Organists for the season included Ellen Davis, Coleen Mumford, Keridwen Campbell, Liam Payne and Linda Hibbs. Don Fraser along with the Trinity choir led the Anniversary Service. Thanks also go to Gary Cudmore, and Vans and Emily Bryant for their musical contributions.

Our Annual Christmas Service was held on December 18. Rev. Gail told the Christmas Story. Ellen Davis provided the music and a duet was sung by Frederick and Carol Stevenson Sellers. The service was followed by a reception at Andrews of Stratford and a sing-song was led by Vans and Emily Bryant and Bill and Judy Irwin.

God willing we will see you all at Clifton United Church in June 2017.

Respectfully submitted
E. Maurice Wood

Clifton United Church Financial Statement – December 31, 2016

Balance on hand December 31, 2015		\$1,562.17
Receipts:		
Envelopes	\$8,487.00	
Loose Collection	\$1,330.85	
Heritage Fund	\$175.00	
Mission & Service	\$910.00	
Cemetery	<u>\$100.00</u>	
	\$11,002.85	\$11,002.85

Disbursements:

Trinity	\$2,600.00	
Mission & Service	\$910.00	
Insurance	\$543.00	
Taxes	\$676.80	
Organists	\$810.00	
Guest Minister	\$125.00	
Cemetery	\$100.00	
Repairs	\$53.39	
Miscellaneous	\$71.81	
G.I.C.	\$3,000.00	
Trinity Choir	\$100.00	
Improvements	\$713.40	
Propane	\$20.18	
Signage	<u>\$752.40</u>	
	\$10,475.98	<u>\$10,475.98</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 2016		\$2,089.04

Christmas Fair

Spectacular...Amazing...Talented... Giving these are the words to describe the people that make up the Trinity Clifton Congregation. When the sun came up on November 18 and the door opened for two fun-filled days of merriment, or as we call it the Trinity Clifton Christmas Fair, we were ready. It was amazing!

There was something for everyone: cookies, cakes, fudge, sandwiches/soup, deli, jams, jellies, pickles, candies - and that was just in the Gym! Over in the Chapel there was jewelry, beads and baubles, and treasures for all, something new and old...big or small. Next door in the Nursery the large variety of books made many happy evenings of reading for the long winter nights. The parlor was decorated all festive and fun with glass balls, wreaths, glass lights and hand-made gifts for one and all. The greenery down the hall was the first one sold out. Out in the entrance for two solid days the silent auction and holly made us all wish that we had the talent for the gifts that were there... the smell of the cider and the cookies how yum. Down the long hallway to the sewing/knitting's new home in the library where there were scarfs, hats and mittens, sweaters, aprons, lap blankets and more....It was a- buzz with great gifts for all to be found.

There are many to thank and I know I will miss a few but here goes:

- 1) The amazing...incredible...talented people who created, donated, worked, laughed and showed up to help in any way
- 2) The marvelous people who showed up to purchase our gifts and stay for lunch...people came from far and wide. Many comments were heard on what we were selling but just as many on what a remarkable Congregation we are.
- 3) The dedicated group that meet in the hot summer to make the jams, in the fall to make the puddings and after the two days at Trinity go to the Confederation Court Mall and make, bake, ...and sell
- 4) The Christmas Fair Committee who met on a regular base and made sure everyone was on the same page. This group worked with ideas, a "we will try anything attitude" and an enthusiasm that was truly amazing.
- 5) Both Debbie and I are very thankful for having had the opportunity to work and have such fun with all.

It is with much soul-searching that I have decided that 2016 would be my last year as Chair or Co-Chair of the Christmas Fair feeling that it is time for a fresh look at the fair. It is a wonderful opportunity and Debbie and I wish our successor as much fun as we have experienced.

It is with giving and receiving that we are so blessed.
Our Blessing and Thanks,

Linda Dunning and Debbie MacLeod

Memorials Committee

The mandate of the Memorials Committee is to receive, promote and record gifts given to the church to honor and preserve the memory of departed relatives and friends. The church council has approved the designation of gifts to the following funds: Benevolent, Restoration, Continuing Education, Media, Mission & Service, Choir & Music. As well, gifts may be received for unspecified use and can be used in any manner approved by the church council.

Brochures outlining the memorial gift program have been placed in local funeral homes and a record of gifts received is being recorded in an "In Remembrance" register located in the church office.

Myrna Kielly, Chair

Committee members: Clara MacLeod and Laurie Kelly

Ministry & Personnel Committee

The M&P Committee oversees relationships within the pastoral charge ministry. It is consultative and supportive for ministry personnel, staff, and members of the congregation. It meets and reports to the Church Council, at least quarterly, and more often as circumstances require. The Guidelines specific to this Committee can be found at the United Church of Canada website under Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee Guidelines, January 2010.

We are appreciative of the work of our ministerial team of Rev. Greg Davis, Rev. Gail Hopkirk, and Rev. Melaney Matheson this year. The support of this ministry team in a year of transition has provided stability at Trinity-Clifton. As well, the work of our music director, Don Fraser, our custodial staff, Lorraine Worth, Charles Baglole and Philip Whitaker, and our office administrator, Ellen Locke Doiron, has been appreciated.

The members of the Committee for 2016 were Kerri Seward, Gail MacNutt, Gordon Matheson, Mary Cowper-Smith, Miriam Lank, Mary Anne Burke-Matheson and Susan Willis. The committee developed a document with guidelines for compensation and leaves for non-clergy, assisted with staff processes including hiring and evaluation, updated job descriptions, and supported clergy and staff in their positions.

The M&P Committee is available to assist with concerns or complaints from the congregation, ministry personnel or staff, which are based on first-hand knowledge. Matters brought to the M&P Committee are dealt with in a confidential manner in the spirit of resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Trinity-Clifton.

Respectfully Submitted,

M&P Committee

Prince Edward Island Presbytery

Chair: Roland Easter

Chair elect: Rev. Tara Ann Gourson

Secretary: Rev. Jack Spencer

Recording Secretary: Cindy Easter

Treasurer: Betty Gamester

Presbytery has to vote on Remits 1-8. Remits 1, 2, 3, and 4 are due June 30, 2017; Remits 5, 7, and 8 are due February 17, 2017; and Remit 6 is due February 28, 2018. Remit 5 - Ministry Partners (Presbytery vote only), Remit 8 - A Step Towards a New Model of Membership (Presbytery vote only), Remit 7 - Candidacy Pathway (Presbytery vote only) and Remit 2 - Elimination of Transfer and Settlement (Presbytery and Pastoral Charges vote) were voted on in October and November meetings of Presbytery and passed in the affirmative.

Christian Life and Growth: Fifty-eight youth from PEI received support from Presbytery to

attend Youth Form and IAC at Maritime Conference. *Ignite Us Unite Us*, day events for youth in grades 6-9 were held in 2016. *Camp Abegweit* had a successful season and saw an increase in numbers in 2016. *CL&G* sent a survey to all Pastoral Charges to find out what is working for them and the Committee will create a data base so pastoral charges will have a list of what worked at other churches that they may wish to adopt for their own church.

BE Project: BE, for people between the age of 20 -25 to 40- 45, will offer a modern ministry that thinks outside the box, embraces the values of the United Church of Canada, meets outside physical traditional church, and looks towards the future and the needs of its people. The first gathering on P.E.I. took place on November 4, 2016 at U.P.E.I. Business Building.

Stewardship Committee: Roger Janes, Stewardship Officer for Maritime and Newfoundland and Labrador Conferences, gave a workshop to Presbytery in the spring and had a video conference in the fall. The conference covered the "Salt and Light" giving program for 2016/2017 and was very successful. The Stewardship Committee has invited Trinity United, Summerside, to host a video conference with Roger Janes, on the "Salt and Light" giving program to take place in March or April 2017.

Church in Action: The committee put its emphasis on three areas: Israel and Palestine, Food Security and Poverty, and The Truth and Reconciliation Report. The committee is planning a Blanket Exercise for Presbytery in the spring of 2017.

Education and Students: Currently there are three people going to conference interview board and two people are in the discerning process.

At the June meeting retiring members were recognized and new members welcomed. Bill and June Ives were retiring members from Trinity and new members are Basil and Joy Ikede. Information about Presbytery can be found on the website www.peipresbytery.net.

Respectfully submitted
Heather Cameron

Trinity Lobster Supper

Opening Balance		\$119.53
Receipts:	\$16,669.00	<u>16,669.00</u>
		\$16,788.53

Disbursements:

Lobster	\$7,517.40	
Containers & Groceries	1079.42	
Tickets & Advertising	<u>163.16</u>	<u>8,759.98</u>
		\$8,028.55

Distribution:

Trinity Men 40%	\$3,160.00	
Trinity UCW 60%	<u>\$4,470.00</u>	<u>\$7,900.00</u>
Bank Balance		\$128.55

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Love, Trinity United Church Women
Mark Richardson, Trinity Men's Association

Trinity-Clifton Men, 2016

Trinity-Clifton Men`s Group has enjoyed another active year in providing a number of valued services to our church community. We encourage more men from the congregation to become involved as the activities and needs are ongoing.

Activities for the year included:

- 1) Organization of the Trinity-Clifton monthly Tuesday evening supper program and speakers. An event enjoyed by congregational members and non-members alike. The partnership and support of the UCW has been key and much appreciated in making this happen.
- 2) A number of funding-raising dinners were initiated and supported by the Men`s Group. Chef Emily Wells continues to support us in preparing food for the dinners.
- 3) The Lobster Supper Take-Out, the Pancake Breakfast in support of the Prince Street Breakfast Program, and the Christmas Dinner in support of the Salvation Army Community Programs were major functions of the Men`s Group involvement.
- 4) The Spring Plant Sale was again a successful fund raiser with special thanks to Ken MacDonald.
- 5) Co-ordination and support of the summer after church refreshments, including the Strawberry Social.

Funds raised by our activities have allowed continued support of the taxi service for those in need of transportation to and from church. With an aging congregation this service continues. Support of the taxi fund from any in the congregation would be welcomed.

Funds raised have also provided for support to the Prince Street School Breakfast Program, attendance at Camp Abegweit, the City`s Adopt A Corner Program (corner of Richmond & Prince), the Chancel Choir, and a contribution to the general operating fund of Trinity-Clifton.

Respectfully submitted,

John Enman
Chairman

Annual Financial Report

Cash position – January 1, 2016 \$2,920.53

Revenues:

Monthly Suppers	\$3,070.00
Valentine Dinner	2,500.00
Pancake Breakfast	1,510.00
Pork Dinner	1,765.00
Plant Sale	2,000.00
Lobster Supper	3,160.00
Donations	<u>120.00</u>
	\$14,125.00

Expenditures:

Monthly Suppers	\$2,455.00
Pork Dinner	300.00
Prince Street School Breakfast Program	1,510.00
Camp Abegweit Child Registration	550.00
Adopt a Corner	193.45

On the Lawn Socials	130.78
Cheques	114.31
Trinity Choir	1,440.00
Trinity Taxi Service	1,655.93
Trinity United Church	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$13,349.47

Cash position – December 31, 2016 \$3,696.06

Respectfully submitted
Mark Richardson
Treasurer

United Church Women Report

During this year the UCW catered to a number of funeral receptions, hosted the Advent Luncheon, participated in the Annual Bake and Plant Sale, and participated in the Annual Lobster Supper (done in conjunction with the Trinity Men's Club) which is our main fund-raiser for the UCW. Some members participated in a Food Safety Course put on by the Department of Health for interested persons of Trinity/Clifton and many other organizations in the area. Certificates were presented to all participants.

The total active UCW membership is 60. We have an additional 130 ladies in the congregation who participate in the six capable teams organized by the UCW to provide very tasty meals for the Supper Club dinners. These ladies also assist the UCW members with the annual Lobster Supper in June. A special thanks to these supper teams, organized by the UCW, who cater to the monthly supper meetings hosted by the Trinity Men's Club.

The Christmas Fair was held on November 18 and 19 with huge support from all UCW units and a BIG THANK YOU to all who worked so hard to make this two-day affair a resounding success. This is not just two days of work, but many days of preparation like making jams and pickles through the warm summer months. There is also baking, sewing, and knitting to be done. Many other ladies of the church give of their time for Treasures, Jewellery, Crafts, Christmas Decorations, Candy, Books and Records, and so on. Thanks to all for sharing your time and talents for the Church. A very busy group of ladies, for sure!

Over the year financial support and donations of personal and food items were made to: Upper Room Angels, the Canadian Bible Society, Prince Street School and its Breakfast Program, Bedford MacDonald House, Anderson House, Lacey House, Salvation Army Food Bank and Camp Abby.

After several discussions at meetings over the past year, Unit 3 made the difficult decision to dissolve as their members are ageing and there have been no younger women to step into the steadily increasing vacancies. This unit experienced many years of friendship and fellowship and it is with regret they reached this decision. Their funds on hand will be disbursed as follows: The Children's Wish Foundation, the Annual CBC Turkey Drive, and the remaining to Trinity/Clifton General UCW. Some of the unit members have joined other units so remain active.

It is with sadness that we report that there were seven deaths in the UCW roll: Patricia Johnston, Patricia Willis, Eunice Wonnacott, Margaret MacLennan, Vivian Lowther, Kathleen Black, and Betty Hogan and these ladies were remembered through a memorial service held at our Annual General Meeting and Luncheon in December. We extend our sympathy to their family and friends.

President's Report

The past year has been a busy one for me as your President, but, with the support of my executive and all friends of the church, I have survived my first year.

Special thanks to the members of the Clergy, Rev. Greg Davis, Rev. Gail Hopkirk and Rev. Melaney Matheson for their support as well as Office Administrator, Ellen Locke Doiron, Organist, Don Fraser and Choir Members. Also thanks to Church Custodians Lorraine Worth, Phil Whitaker and Charles Baglole for their dedication to the Church.

Sympathy is extended to all Members and Adherents of Trinity/Clifton who were bereaved over the past year. We also remember all who are struggling with health problems and offer them our prayers and support.

I attended the UCW Presbyterial Annual, Executive, and Spring Rally meetings, as well as the Monthly Church Council meetings and took part in the World Day of Prayer Service at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Wishing all a Happy and Healthy 2017,

Respectfully Submitted

Enid Carter, President

UCW Statement of Receipts & Disbursements for Year Ending November 30, 2016

Receipts:

Envelope Givings	\$	1613.75
Projects		2542.00
Lobster Supper Proceeds		4740.00
Bake Sale Proceeds		891.00
General Meeting Offering		540.50
Interest: Thomson Estate 8.24		
Trinity Trustees <u>315.04</u>		323.28
Donations		1125.00
Mission and Service Coin Rolls		179.00
Coffee Donations		<u>708.00</u>
		\$ 12,662.53

Disbursements:

Mission & Service Fund	\$	5000.00
Camp Abegweit		1000.00
PEI Presbyterial UCW Dues		348.00
PEI Presbyterial Scholarship Fund		58.00
Food & Kitchen Supplies		1650.98
Office Supplies		56.76
Bank Charges		70.26
Miscellaneous		725.32
Prince St. School Breakfast Program		<u>100.00</u>
		\$ 9,009.32

Disbursements over Receipts 3,653.21

Cash in Bank November 30, 2015 \$10,031.55

Donation to Trinity United Church,
December 2015 \$5,000.00

Cash in Bank, November 30, 2016 \$8,976.76

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Love, Treasurer

UCW Nominating Report 2017

Officers:

Past President	Isabel Scott
President	Enid Carter
Vice President	Judy Irwin
Secretary	Jeanette Scott
Treasurer	Elaine Godkin

Committees:

Faith in Action	Wilma MacLean and Evelyn Jenkins
Kitchen	Isabel Scott
Environment	Judy Irwin
Manse	Shirley MacDougall
Membership	Elaine MacDonald

Archives/History Committee

The present History and Archives Committee was constituted after the Annual Meeting in 2016. Members are: Katherine Dewar, Chair, Emily Bryant, Doug Kelly and Nathan Mair. Bob Ramsay was added to the committee shortly after the annual meeting. The Committee has been made a standing committee of council.

The Mandate for the committee is twofold: It is charged with managing, organizing, preserving and conserving the church records in an appropriate way. Secondly, it has the added responsibility of preserving and promoting the church history.

In the last year from March until December the committee has been very busy with both aspects of its mandate.

The management of the collection was enhanced by three projects in the last year. Keltie Macphail, who has a Master's Degree in Library Science, was hired in October of 2015 to do an inventory, catalogue and index our archival collection. Working 8-10 hours a week she finished in March of 2016. As well, Keltie spent some time along with Katherine Dewar doing an inventory and taking pictures of all the memorials in the church. Keltie produced an illustrated booklet, similar to the one done by Reg Porter on the stained glass windows. She also did some research in the Provincial Archives and in our own archives on the architecture, special events and church memorials. Once the archives were organized, duplicate copies of annual reports were deposited in the Public Archives and Records Office (PARO) in the Coles Building, Charlottetown. Thanks go out to the anonymous members of the congregation who saw the need and volunteered to fund Keltie's project. The archives in its disorganized state would have been useless for researchers who wished to work on the church history. Now the archives have a standard equivalent to the best in the country. Keltie has agreed to maintain our archives on an as needed basis.

Keltie's research information was added to a timeline that Katherine Dewar had started on the history of the church. Reg Porter has added pictures and information to the timeline and it is now sixty pages long. It will be a good resource if, and when, a church history is produced. Nathan Mair continues his research in the Provincial Archives on early Methodism in PEI and the changes in the church from the early days until now. That too will be useful for a church history.

Another project, the digitalization of our primary documents done in conjunction with UPEI, was finished this year. In Total 37 old books were scanned. Trinity Archives has a hard-copy reproduction of the journals with the original books being sent to the Maritime Conference Archives. As well as a hard copy we have the scanned version uploaded to our archives computer. The digitalized copies of our old records can be viewed on Islandlives.ca.

In a view towards raising awareness of the church history, and more specifically the architecture of Trinity United Church, Emily Bryant applied for funding under the City of Charlottetown Micro- Grant

programme to sponsor a lecture by architectural historian Reg Porter. After passing the first set of criteria, Emily Bryant and Katherine Dewar “pitched” our idea of a Reg Porter lecture on the architecture of Trinity United Church to an open assembly of people who voted on the projects. Once again we were successful and the Reg Porter lecture was delivered in September.

Our Committee also applied for a summer student under the federal Canada Works Project and was successful. Annika Kelly was employed for an eight-week period for four days a week. She is a very clever and efficient young lady of the congregation who carried out two projects. Both were aimed at increasing the historical research of the church. Annika researched the newspapers in PARO for the history of the Methodist church in Charlottetown. She made an U scan of the information and it was uploaded to the archives computer for future use in the writing of a church history. She also carried out an oral history project interviewing nineteen senior ladies of the UCW. She then transcribed the oral tapes. This information will be invaluable in the production of a church history.

The committee also put in an application to the provincial government under the Youth Programme. We were also successful with that application but, as we were late being notified and no student was readily available to work we refused the project.

Two other minor projects were deferred to next year- the binding of the church bulletins, and the updating of the minister’s photo gallery. Another project that we have put in motion is the return of the Benjamin Chappel Memorial Plaque to the church sanctuary.

We were also contacted by the national History and Archives Committee to fill out a survey on the state of our archives. This was done and submitted by the chair. We were able to answer very positively to all the questions asked.

I would like to thank all members of the committee for their interest and help during the year and their commitment to the church and its mission. A special thank you to Secretary, Emily Bryant, who has the great ability to not only produce good minutes, but to write very successful grant applications.

Submitted by Katherine Dewar
Chair, History and Archives

Affirm Committee

.....Just as sea glass is a transformation of shapes, colour and light,
let us go into the world as a transformative light.

Trinity-Clifton Pastoral charge voted to become an Affirming Ministry on Dec. 6, 2015, the first Affirming Ministry on PEI. A Celebration Service was held on Feb. 14, 2016.

The Affirm Steering Committee became an Ad-Hoc Committee, reporting directly to Church Council. This committee will be re-appointed on an annual basis until such time as it is deemed appropriate to return to the purview of the Outreach Committee. The nomination process for members to this committee will follow the established procedural rules set by Church Council for all Standing Committees.

This initiative has been very positive in the life and work of the church.

Committee members Valerie Downe, Mary Ann Burke Matheson, Greg Golden, Cheryl Gotell and June Jenkins Sanderson (chair) have focused on the items approved in the action plan. For the purposes of this report we will outline progress to date.

Public Education:

The purpose of public education is to develop understanding and build community through the following:

1. *Affirm United logo* is to be used on all letterhead, bulletins, literature and materials. (work in progress)
2. The logo has been added to the *outside marquis signage* which advertises weekly services and upcoming events.

3. *Media* were informed of all events such as the Celebration Service on February 14, and all community events listed below. Trinity-Clifton received front page newspaper coverage and radio and television coverage on prime time newscasts.
4. All Affirm events are advertised through the Trinity Clifton facebook page.
5. The Trinity-Clifton *website* includes linkages to resources such as the Affirm United website; our inclusive Marriage Policy; Vision Statement and electronic photo albums of the Celebration Service on February 14.
6. Trinity-Clifton was invited to attend *the Gender and Sexuality Alliance* held at the University of PEI on April 21. We networked with other allies and were able to access some resources that will be valuable as we proceed.
7. Out in the Pews – A Panel Discussion
Over 50 people joined us on Monday April 25th at Trinity United Church for a panel discussion with personal accounts from members and allies of the LGBTQ community who provided encouragement, information, and resources for those in attendance, their family and friends.
8. Social Justice Book Club has been initiated. It has been coordinated by Bev Bishop, Doug Crossman and Monica MacDonald.
'Annabelle' by Kathleen Winter , and Wenjack by Joseph Boyden have been the selections to date. The selected books and topics allow participants to explore social justice issues through reading and dialogue.
9. Trinity's banner was carried by members in the annual Pride Parade.
10. Trinity-Clifton hosted PEI's Pride week service on July 24.
11. Trinity hosted the vigil following the Orlando massacre. It was attended by a full house.
12. The 2016 annual affirm conference in Ottawa was attended. The information gained, and connections established, formed a foundation for the affirm action plan for 2017.
13. Maritime conference requested an overview of the process used in Trinity to be used as a model for others. This request has been fulfilled and will be available to all through our website.

Worship/Christian Education Linkages:

The purpose of Linkages is to integrate awareness of the LGBTQ population through the following:

1. Trinity-Clifton continues to acquire recommended literature to enhance the library.
2. It was recommended that Weekly hymn/music selections include inclusive pieces recommended in Open Hearts. (in progress)
3. Affirm pins have been made available to interested persons. Ribbons have been attached to greeter name tags.
4. Inclusive images are recommended to be incorporated into weekly services and on bulletins.
5. Sensitivity training – 'Creating Safer Spaces' was held November 9 by Cybelle Reiber. This excellent program expanded our thinking and would be recommended for council members and interested persons on an annual basis.

Vision Statement adopted May 24, 2016.

We, the Trinity-Clifton Christian family, believe that God has blessed us with diversity, including diversity in sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, race, age, ability and faith. We believe that Jesus challenged boundaries by reaching out to all people, welcoming and honouring all in their uniqueness.

We publicly declare our commitment to openness, growth, action, and education, honouring diversity and challenging injustice in solidarity with those who experience discrimination.

We offer our resources and talents with open hands and hearts in love and service to all as we work for reconciliation and justice locally, regionally, and globally.

Ministers of Trinity-Clifton Pastoral Charge

Ministers of First Methodist

1807-1815	Rev. James Bulpitt
1815-1817	Rev. John Hick
1817-1818	Rev. J.B. Strong
1818-1819	Rev. William Fishpool
1819-1821	Rev. Robert Alder
1821-1823	Rev. Stephen Bamford
1823-1826	Rev. William Burt
1827-1829	Rev. Henry Pope
1828-1829	Rev. William Temple
1829-1830	Rev. Matthew Richey
1830-1831	Rev. William MacDonald
1831-1833	Rev. Stephen Bamford
1833-1834	Rev. William Dawson
1834-1836	Rev. J.P. Hetherington
1836-1839	Rev. Richard Knight
1833-1834	Rev. William Smith
1843-1846	Rev. J.B. Strong
1846-1847	Rev. William Webb
1847-1848	Rev. Charles DeWolfe
1848-1850	Rev. Edmond Botterell
1850-1852	Rev. Frederick Smallwood
1852-1854	Rev. Ephraim Evan
1854-1857	Rev. John McMurray
1857-1860	Rev. Ingram Sutcliffe
1860-1862	Rev. Henry Daniel
1862-1864	Rev. John Brewster
1864-1867	Rev. Matthew Richey
1867-1870	Rev. Henry Pope, Jr.
1870-1871	Rev. George S. Milligan
1871-1873	Rev. James Taylor
1873-1876	Rev. D.D. Currie
1876-1879	Rev. John Lathern
1879-1882	Rev. H.P. Cowoerthwaite
1882-1885	Rev. John Burwash
1885-1888	Rev. Job Shenton
1888-1891	Rev. John Read
1891-1894	Rev. W.W. Brewer
1894-1899	Rev. George M. Campbell
1899-1900	Rev. John J. Teasdale
1900-1904	Rev. George M. Young
1904-1907	Rev. William Dobson
1907-1911	Rev. Herbert E. Thomas
1911-1914	Rev. Jacob Heaney
1914-1915	Rev. John L. Dawson
1915-1919	Rev. Robert Fulton
1918-1920	Rev. Ovid H. Peters
1919-1922	Rev. G.W.F. Glendenning
1922-1925	Rev. Woffard M. Ryan

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1925-1927	Rev. Wofford M. Ryan
1925-1934	Rev. E.H. Ramsay
*1927-1929	Rev. Hammond Johnson
*1929-1934	Rev. C.N. Brown
1934-1943	Rev. Hugh Miller
*1934-1936	Rev. J.W. Barbour
*1936-1938	Rev. A.E. MacKenzie
*1938-1940	Rev. Lewis M. Murray
*1940-1942	Rev. Donald C. Boothroyd
1942-1944	Miss Marie MacDougall, Deaconess
1943-1948	Rev. Thomas E. McLennan
*1945-1950	Rev. H.C. Rice
1948-1949	Rev. W.E. Dudley
1949-1952	Rev. H.E.D. Ashford
*1951-1953	Rev. J.T. Irwin
1952-1961	Rev. A. Frank MacLean
*1954-1958	Rev. G. Howard Christie
*1958-1962	Rev. R.S. Latimer
*1960-1961	Rev. A.G.N. Ware
1961-1967	Rev. J.G.E. Ball
*1961-1964	Rev. C.C. Lewis
*1962-1967	Rev. G.G. Wyrwas
*1967-1970	Rev. D.C. Powell
1967-1978	Rev. Donald I. MacIntosh
*1970-1973	Rev. R.W. Porter
*1973-1979	Rev. C. Murray Favier
1978-1986	Rev. Cyril H. Gough
*1979-1982	Rev. Janet H. Travers
*1982-1989	Rev. Doreen P. Wilson
1986-1997	Rev. David N. MacNaughton
1987-1988	Gail Hopkirk
1987-1988	Greg Davis
*1988-1992	Rev. Gordon D. MacLean
1989-1996	Rev. S.P. Shields
*1992-1997	Rev. Brian D. MacDonald
1996-1997	Rev. Bryer R. Jones
1997-1999	Rev. Norman MacDougall
1997-1999	Rev. Ranald Cameron
1998-1999	Rev. James H. Bragan
1998-1999	Rev. Mary Webber-Cook
1999-2000	Rev. David Hann
1999-2006	Rev. Robert Lockhart
2000-2001	Rev. David Hamilton
2000-2007	Rev. Karen MacLeod-Wilkie
2006-2007	Rev. A.G.N. Ware
2007-2008	Rev. Ian MacLean
2007- 2015	Rev. Dr. John Moses
2008-	Rev. Greg Davis
2016-	Rev. Melaney Matheson
2016-	Rev. Gail Hopkirk

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