

THE KIRK ANNUAL REPORT 2021



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The Statements and Reports of 2021, Presented to the Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, March 20th, 2022

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE THE KIRK OF ST. JAMES

We begin by acknowledging the traditional territory upon which we gather this morning. For many thousands of years, the Mi' kmaq have sought to walk gently on this land. They offered assistance to the first European travellers to this territory and shared their knowledge for survival in what was at times a harsh climate. We seek a new relationship with the Original Peoples of this land, one based in honour and deep respect.

St. James Presbyterian Church is a Christ-centered community where God is celebrated. We are committed to discerning and answering the Holy Spirit's call.

In response to God's call St. James is and will continue to be a spiritual community that:

- Worships joyfully in a manner that is Scriptural, inspirational, educational, active, varied and prayerful.
- Welcomes all in an open, inclusive, and caring manner, accepting that all are equal before God.
- Honours and takes care of each other as we seek to know God together in the spirit of Christ.
- Puts its faith into action visibly and tangibly in the surrounding community, serving through faith, speaking for Christ, and seeking justice.
- Remains connected to its heritage of faith, reform, and active witness, and looks forward in faith and confidence to God's presence.

AGENDA FOR 2021 ANNUAL MEETING HELD MARCH 20TH, 2022

1. Constitution of the Meeting
2. Appointment of Chair and Secretary
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes:
 - (a) 2020 Annual Meeting held March 21, 2021
 - (b) 2021 Congregational Meeting held January 17th, 2021
5. Business arising from the minutes
6. Reports of Office Holders & Committees (a motion to receive all reports will be made once all are reviewed)
 - (a) Minister's Report and Interim Minister's Report
 - (b) Report of the Action Clerk of Session
 - (c) Report of the Trustees
 - (d) Report of the Roll Clerk
 - (e) Report of Presbyterian Women
 - (f) Session Committees:
 - (i) Christian Education – Sunday School & Nursery
 - (ii) Christian Education – Adult Programming
 - (iii) Kirk Youth Group
 - (iv) Cradle Roll Secretary
 - (v) Pastoral Care
 - (vi) Worship
 - (vii) Music
 - (viii) Heritage
 - (ix) Fellowship
 - (x) Mission and Outreach
 - (xi) Redevelopment
 - (xii) Other Reports

(motion to receive all the above reports)
7. Management Reports
 - (a) Management Committee
 - (b) Property Committee Report
 - (c) Stewardship Committee Report

(motion to receive all the above reports)

 - (d) Treasurer's Report
 - (i) Financial Report for 2021 year (motion to receive financial report)
 - (ii) Review of Proposed 2022 Budget (motion to approve the budget)
 - (iii) Appointment of Accountants
8. New Business
9. Report of Nominating Committee (call for further nominations and motion to adopt report)
10. Recognition and remarks
11. Adjournment and closing prayer

DRAFT MINUTES
ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2021, KIRK SANCTUARY

Attendance: 38 members, 7 adherents, and the Minister – see list at the end of these minutes. Due to technical difficulties, the Zoom connection intended to enable online participation did not work.

1. **Constitution of Meeting** – Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton opened the meeting at 11:30 a.m. with prayer.
2. **Appointment of Chair and Secretary** – **MOVED** by Action Clerk David Robinson and **SECONDED** by Elder Constance Robinson that Elder Daphne Dumont be appointed as Chair of the meeting.
MOTION CARRIED.
MOVED by Action Clerk David Robinson and **SECONDED** by Elder Constance Robinson that Elder Shauna Sullivan Curley be appointed as Secretary. **MOTION CARRIED.**
3. **Approval of Agenda** – The Chair invited input on the proposed agenda. Hearing none, the draft agenda was declared approved by consensus.
4. **Adoption of Minutes:**
 - (a) **2019 Annual Meeting** – **MOVED** by Action Clerk David Robinson and **SECONDED** by Elder Rebecca Wellner that the minutes of the 2019 annual meeting held on March 8, 2020 be approved as circulated, subject to the number of members present being amended to 40 and the removal of David Robinson's name from the attendance list. **MOTION CARRIED.**
 - (b) **2021 Congregational Meeting** – **MOVED** by Action Clerk David Robinson and **SECONDED** by Elder Rebecca Wellner that the minutes of the congregational meeting of January 17, 2021 be approved as circulated. **MOTION CARRIED.**
5. **Business Arising from the Minutes** – None.
6. **Reports of Office Holders and Committees** – All reports were presented and received as printed in the Kirk Annual Report 2020.
 - (a) **Minister's Report** – pages 12-13.
 - (b) **Report of the Action Clerk of Session** – pages 14-17.
 - (c) **Report of the Trustees** – page 20;
 - (d) **Report of the Roll Clerk** – page 21-24. The Chair invited any corrections. No corrections were noted.
 - (e) **Report of Presbyterian Women** – pages 25-26.
 - (f) **Session Committees**
 - **Christian Education – Sunday School and Nursery** – pages 27-28;
 - **Christian Education – Adult Programming** – page 29;
 - **Kirk Youth Group** – page 30;
 - **Cradle Roll Secretary** – page 30;
 - **Pastoral Care** – page 31. The Chair noted that it had been a challenging year for pastoral care, due to visiting restrictions and other public health measures related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Action Clerk David Robinson acknowledged the contribution of the outgoing convenor of the Pastoral Care Committee, Dawn McMillan. He expressed the Kirk's gratefulness for her leadership in this area of church work;

- **Worship** – page 32. The Chair noted with thanks the creativity that has gone into adapting worship services over the past year. She stated that the reference in the committee report to being “ready to adapt on a wing and a prayer” was particularly fitting;
- **Music** – page 33. The Chair acknowledged the amazing work of Music Director Frances McBurnie and the Kirk choir over the past year, including the challenge of singing while masked;
- **Heritage** – pages 34-35;
- **Fellowship** – page 35;
- **Mission and Outreach** - pages 36-37. The Chair commented on the importance of the Kirk continuing to reach out to the community during the pandemic;
- **Redevelopment** – page 37. Some aspects of this report will be covered in the budget discussion to follow;
- **The Stamper and Charlotte Residences Report** – page 38;
- **The Cundall Trust Report** – page 38;
- **Charlottetown and Area Christian Council Report** – page 39.

MOVED by Recording Clerk Tim Rose, **SECONDED** by Jane Walker that the foregoing reports be received. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Management Reports:

(a) **Management Committee** – page 40;

(b) **Property Committee**– pages 41-42;

(c) **Joint Stewardship and Renewing Hope Capital Campaign Committee Report**– pages 43-44;

MOVED by Action Clerk David Robinson, **SECONDED** by Elder Rebecca Wellner, that the foregoing management reports be received. **MOTION CARRIED.**

(d) Treasurer’s Report:

- **Financial Report for 2020** - Treasurer, Elder Wayne McMillan reviewed the treasurer’s report for 2020 (page 44), and the financial statements prepared by the accounting firm MRSB (pages 46-59). He noted that notwithstanding the challenges of the pandemic, the Kirk ended the year with a surplus of \$19,517. Mr. McMillan commended the congregation for its steadfast support to enable Kirk finances to remain healthy. The congregation’s financial contributions and the fact that expenditures were kept below budget led to the surplus. Mr. McMillan reviewed the Statement of Financial Position (page 49) and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets (page 50). Mr. McMillan tries to build up cash reserves to avoid the Kirk having to borrow funds for operating purposes, as the church is often in a deficit position until mid year. He reviewed the Session Operations and Fund Balances (page 59), which show \$27,075 available to be spent according to the terms and conditions of each fund. The G & M Stewart Account and the Restoration and Improvement Fund balances are \$5000 and \$622,538 respectively. The Kirk initially invested \$200,000 with the National Office a few years ago, shown in the financial statements (page 50) as \$217,226 plus \$18,193 income up to October 2020, for a total of \$235,419. As of February 2021, the new balance was \$246, 828.

MOVED by the Treasurer, Elder Wayne McMillan, **SECONDED** by Action Clerk David Robinson that the Treasurer’s Report and the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 be approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Chair highlighted the session funds, particularly the E.E. MacKinnon Benevolent Fund which is intended to help persons in need in the community. She encouraged people to refer persons in need to the Minister for consideration of a payment from the fund, noting that she had referred a person in need during the past year.

- **Proposed 2021 Operating Budget** – Treasurer, Elder Wayne McMillan reviewed in detail the proposed budget for 2021 (pages 60-64). He started with the proposed revenue items, explaining that the budget for the Christmas offering in 2021 has been reduced somewhat based upon information provided by a past donor. PAR offerings were down a bit this year. Mr. McMillan asked that anyone able to do more in terms of PAR please contact the Administrator at the church office and she will process the change. The budget of \$12,000 revenue from fundraising was established before it was known that the lobster takeout would be cancelled again this year due to the ongoing pandemic. Last fall's online sale raised \$6000 and hopefully at least that much can be raised this year from various endeavours. Rev. Henderson-Bolton recused herself from the meeting for the ensuing discussion on salary and benefits. Mr. McMillan explained that Rev. Henderson-Bolton will be on maternity leave for ten months, returning February 1, 2022. The 2021 budget includes three months of full-time salary based on \$50,000 per annum, plus nine months of maternity leave top-up payments. The Kirk will receive some reimbursement from the National Office related to the top-up. Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney's salary as Interim Minister is also included. There may be a shortfall of \$8,000 - \$9,000 in this area of the budget; however, Mr. McMillan recommends that the budget remain as presented, with any shortfall to be sorted out at year end and drawn down from the 2020 operating surplus. Rather than transfer the 2020 operating surplus to capital at this time, he recommends that at year end, any of the remaining surplus be transferred to capital. The budget includes salary increases in the two percent range, rounded. Rev. Henderson-Bolton returned to the meeting. The Treasurer noted under Mission and Outreach that the budget for Presbyterians Sharing has been increased to \$12,500. While this is still less than the National Office asks the Kirk to pay, it is one of the largest contributions from Prince Edward Island and a continuation of a number of years of budget increases by the Kirk for Presbyterians Sharing. Mr. McMillan noted that the heating bill may be higher next year due to anticipated increases in the price of oil. The Kirk did not spend much on repair and maintenance last year due in large part to COVID restrictions. In terms of the capital budget, the good news is that a contractor has finally been secured to do the roof work this year. In the fall, students from the Heritage Retrofit Carpentry Program at Holland College will remove and repair one of the large stained glass windows. In terms of the new washrooms and kitchen in the Upper Hall, the recommendations from the congregational meeting in January were taken back to Coles Associates and the kitchen plan has been re-worked. The Redevelopment Committee is awaiting a rendering but the wall was moved out a foot to enable wheelchair access, and the counterspace and location of the appliances have been reconfigured. An updated cost estimate was received on Friday, and the committee members will consult with Coles Associates very soon in order to understand the reason for a "not insignificant increase" in the cost estimate. The committee will report to the congregation on its findings. The capital budget also includes \$5000 to renovate the washroom in the Lower Hall, as suggested at the congregational meeting in January. The sum of \$30,000 has been budgeted for renovations at the manse, with \$17,628.18 of the amount

coming from a donation from the Estate of Ruth Shankle towards the kitchen renovations.

The manse renovations include the replacement of the electrical panel at a cost of \$6000.

MOVED by the Treasurer, Elder Wayne McMillan, **SECONDED** by Recording Clerk Tim Rose, that the 2021 Budget be approved as presented. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- **Appointment of Accountants – MOVED** by the Treasurer, Elder Wayne McMillan, **SECONDED** by Elder Georgie Macmichael, that the firm MRSB be appointed to perform a review engagement on the finances of the Kirk for 2021. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Chair commended the Treasurer on a masterful job of handling the Kirk finances during this particularly challenging year. The congregation responded with a round of applause for Mr. McMillan.

8. **New Business** - None.

9. **Report of the Nominating Committee** – Action Clerk David Robinson thanked those who contributed to the development of the Nomination Committee report (pages 65-66), as well as the many volunteers who are the hands and feet of Christ in our congregation. He added one more item to the report: Inclusion Committee, consisting of David Robinson (convenor) and members Vicki Francis, Doug Macmichael and Jennifer Moss. **MOVED** by Action Clerk David Robinson and **SECONDED** by Elder Constance Robinson, that the report of the Nominating Committee, as amended by the addition of the Inclusion Committee and its membership, be accepted. The Chair invited any further nominations three times. Hearing no further nominations, the Chair declared the motion **CARRIED.**

10. **Recognition and Remarks** – Rev. Henderson-Bolton thanked the many people who contribute to the work of the church. This year on behalf of the congregation she acknowledged with words of tribute and with gifts the contributions of Elder Rebecca Wellner, Elder Robertson Burnett and Elder Alan Watts. Rev. Henderson-Bolton thanked Elder Rebecca Wellner for her time, energy and creativity in spearheading fellowship and fundraising activities at the Kirk, such as the lobster takeout, craft nights and the centrepiece workshop. Elder Robertson Burnett was not present but was acknowledged for his work on the Kirk property, especially keeping walkways clear and safe, and for helping out with any requests from the office. Rev. Henderson-Bolton also thanked Elder Alan Watts for his work around the Kirk property, such as clearing walkways and doing work at the manse. Action Clerk David Robinson noted that the congregation had responded with generosity when he reached out to invite contributions for a baby gift for Rev. Henderson-Bolton and Chad Bolton. On behalf of the congregation, he wished the Minister and her husband the very best on the upcoming birth of their second child and presented Rev. Henderson-Bolton with a double stroller and compatible car seat, as well as gift cards for Babies R Us and the Superstore. Rev. Henderson-Bolton responded by saying that she and Chad are overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of the Kirk and that they love being part of the lives of the people of the Kirk.

11. **Adjournment and Closing Prayer** – There being no further business, on motion of Elder Linda Godfrey, seconded by Action Clerk David Robinson, the meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m. with a closing prayer by Rev. Henderson-Bolton.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Sullivan Curley
Secretary

(Attendance list overleaf)

ATTENDANCE LIST FOR 2020 KIRK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 21, 2021

Members:

Christy Ashby
David Ashby
Mary Burnett
Philip Champion
Shauna Sullivan Curley
Rosalie Darby
Daphne Dumont
Linda Evans
Karen Forbes
Janet Glass
Linda Godfrey
Barbara Holt
Kathy Large
Jocelyne Lloyd
Simon Lloyd
Douglas Macmichael
Georgina Macmichael
Barbara MacNevin
David MacNevin

James Macnutt
Frances McBurnie
Allan McLeod
Dawn McMillan
Wayne McMillan
Jennifer Moss
Constance Robinson
David Robinson
Josephine Rose
Timothy Rose
Daphne Scott
Ian Scott
Pamela Stewart
David Toms
Jane Walker
Alan Watts
Kim Watts
Rebecca Wellner
Jane Wooldridge

Adherents:

Rev. Dr. John Cameron [MIA]
Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney
Rev. Ian Glass
Bruce Lochhead
Sherry Martin
Stephan Martin
Barbara McPherson

Kirk Minister:

Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton
[MIA]

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING OF ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2021

Secretary's Note: Because of COVID-19 precautions, it was not possible to accommodate the whole congregational family in one venue for this meeting. Consequently, information packages and ballots were mailed to everyone on the Kirk mailing list in late December, accompanied by addressed and pre-stamped envelopes to assist in replying in advance of the meeting. Many chose to return their ballots by mail. Those who voted by mail and those who attended the meeting in person are so listed at the end of these minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Amada Henderson-Bolton, Chair, with prayer at 11:25 a.m. She then outlined the few steps that would be followed in the conduct of the meeting.

MOTION (Wayne McMillan/Tim Rose) That David Robinson be appointed Secretary for the meeting.
CARRIED.

The Chair then opened the floor to questions and comments regarding the proposed Upper Hall renovations under consideration.

Katherine Burnett asked whether the downstairs bathroom could also be renovated as part of this project, noting that the staff of Lady Baker's Tea, the NA Group and step dancers use that bathroom, which is very dated and difficult to access. Jim Macnutt seconded this suggestion, also noting that a handrail at the entry to the downstairs bathroom would be helpful.

Pamela Stewart made a number of observations about the proposed kitchen renovation. She felt that the "cottage" style of the addition holding the kitchen would grow dated quickly. She suggested that the kitchen extend to include the adjacent hall window to the west, and rise to the existing hall ceiling's height. She also noted that the galley design is not wheelchair accessible, something that she suggested the Redevelopment Committee consider.

Wayne McMillan noted that a few people had offered observations on the kitchen design, (including Pamela Stewart, Jennifer Stewart, Susan Stewart, Cathy Butler, Jessie Lees and Jean Farris) and that the Redevelopment Committee intends to revisit the kitchen design to explore how this constructive feedback could best be incorporated into updated designs. He noted that in order to incorporate the west hall window into the kitchen design, the south wall of the kitchen would have to extend an additional two feet into the hall proper. He indicated that a way would be found for those who had volunteered to assist in revising the kitchen design to participate in finalizing plans.

Rev. Dr. John Cameron expressed concerns that the proposed Minister's study would be too small to meet the needs of the Minister. Wayne McMillan said that this observation would be taken under advisement.

Pamela Stewart asked if thought had been given to creating a wheelchair accessible access to the Upper Hall off of Fitzroy Street, suggesting that a ramp could be built for between \$10,000 and \$15,000. She noted that this would be a positive addition to plans, both for members of the congregation and for potential renters.

Roy Main noted that the second question to be voted on addressed the means of paying for the renovation. He suggested that, as there will be amendments made to the plan based on received feedback, that this sum might

not be properly known yet. He suggested coming back to the congregation to seek authorization for that loan once the sum required was better identified.

Wayne McMillan noted that to date about \$600,000 was in the bank from the Renewing HOPE Capital Campaign. Approximately \$1.17 million has been pledged in total. Last year a \$30,000 operating surplus was added to the capital campaign account, and more may be added in future years if additional surpluses are achieved. The loan from the Presbyterian Church Building Corporation, which should be interest free if we repay it within ten years, will only be drawn upon in later years of the Redevelopment project, if needed. We will not know precisely how much we need to borrow until that juncture.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chair invited David Robinson to make a motion regarding unsigned ballots that had been received.

David Robinson thanked everybody for their cooperation in holding a congregational meeting of unusual format due to COVID-19 restrictions. He noted that we had received enough ballots to date to give confidence that the day's vote would reflect the will of the congregation. He noted that we have received in the mail about 18 ballots that were not signed. As the pre-stamped and self-addressed envelopes they were received in could only have been received by those eligible to vote, Mr. Robinson expressed a high degree of confidence that the ballots were from people who were entitled to a vote in the decision before the congregation.

MOTION (David Robinson/Constance Robinson) That the unidentified ballots received for this vote be received as eligible ballots for the purpose of today's election. **CARRIED.**

Immediately following this motion, all remaining ballots were collected from the congregation and counted by the Chair and Secretary. The final result was:

- A. That we proceed with the described redevelopment of the Upper Hall area, to build a new kitchen, washrooms, nursery and Minister's study. **Agreed: 94 Opposed: 3**
- B. That we authorize Session to negotiate a loan of approximately \$110,000 with the Presbyterian Church Building Corporation, to be drawn down in the 4th or 5th years of the Capital Campaign redevelopment program, to offset the cost associated with these renovations. **Agreed: 93 Opposed: 3 Abstentions : 1**

The Chair asked for a motion to receive the results of the election just completed.

MOTION: (David Robinson/David Harrison) That the results of the election be received. **CARRIED.**

The Chair expressed her thanks to all whom participated in the completed decision making process and indicated that she looked forward to proceeding with the renovation project.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting with prayer at 12:10 p.m.

Those voting by mail:

Christy and David Ashby
 Helen Bartlett
 Katherine Burnett
 Anne and Rev. John Cameron
 Michele Coles
 Marjorie Darte
 Rodney Dekker
 Sen. Percy Downe and Roslyn Saunders
 Skot Gallant
 Don Glendenning
 Nelson Hagerman
 Heather Henry MacDonald
 Andrew and Beatrice Humphrey
 Dolina and Rollie Lemay
 Kathy Livingstone
 Don and Heather Love
 David and Barbara MacNevin
 Stuart Matheson
 Allan and Charlotte McLeod
 Dawn and Wayne McMillan
 Lorne and Shirley Moase
 Raymond and Valerie Moore
 Randy Perry
 Constance and David Robinson

Eleanor and Robert Robinson-Bartley-Crossley
 Margaret Romcke
 Daphne and Ian Scott
 Garth Staples and Heather Stewart
 Pamela Stewart and Lorne MacKinnon
 Shauna Sullivan Curley
 David and Valerie Toms
 Jane Walker
 Rebecca Wellner

Those voting in person during the meeting:

Mary Burnett
 Chad Bolton
 Linda Evans
 Rev. Ian and Janet Glass
 Linda Godfrey
 Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton
 Jocelyne and Simon Lloyd
 Frances McBurnie
 Jennifer Moss
 Katherine Mundle
 David Stewart
 Jane and Don Wooldridge

Unidentified ballots received: 19

Ballots received after the close of the January 17, 2021 meeting:

- A. That we proceed with the described redevelopment of the Upper Hall area, to build a new kitchen, washrooms, nursery and Minister's study. **Agreed: 10 (one conditionally) Opposed: 0**
 - B. That we authorize Session to negotiate a loan of approximately \$110,000 with the Presbyterian Church Building Corporation, to be drawn down in the 4th or 5th years of the Capital Campaign redevelopment program, to offset the cost associated with these renovations. **Agreed: 9**
- Abstentions : 1**

These ballots were received from:

Carol Dobson
 Vicki Francis
 Timothy Francis Pranger
 John and Sharon Larkin
 Jim and Jeannie Lea
 Betty Madren
 2 unidentified

Respectfully submitted,

David Robinson
 Secretary

MINISTER'S REPORT

I only have a few months to report on as I was on maternity leave for part of this year. Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney graciously agreed to fill in for me and will report on her time with you as well.

Last January was a quiet month at the Kirk as covid restrictions limited what we were able to do. We did have a special congregational meeting outlining potential redevelopment plans as mentioned in David Robinson's Clerk of Session Report.

In February we were able to hold a Taizé service for Ash Wednesday led by Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney. The Taizé evenings are always a comforting and contemplative experience. We also began a Lenten book study through the Presbyterian Reads resource and used the book *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginners Guide to Holy Week*. Unfortunately, due to covid-19 circuit breaker measures we were not able to finish the book study together and instead used the take home study guides. With the introduction of vaccines early on in nursing homes February was the first month I was able to go back and do services at Andrews of Stratford since the pandemic began. It was wonderful to be able to do this form of ministry again.

In March, our annual meeting was affected by circuit breaker measures and ended up being bumped from March 7th to March 21st. These restrictions also meant March was a quiet month!

In April, my last Sunday before maternity leave was Easter Sunday and thankfully Theo was not quite as anxious as his brother to arrive, so I was able to be here and lead the service. Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney began her time with you after that.

I just want to say a heartfelt thank you, for your care for us during our transition from a family of three to four. You are an incredibly loving, thoughtful and kind congregation and I could not imagine a better church family for my children. I really cannot express my love and gratitude for you all.

The other thing I was struck by while writing this report and reviewing the year before is how often things have had to change and pivot during the covid-19 pandemic. In high school I was a sprinter in track and field and one of the hardest things about running was a false start. You would line up at the starting block, nerves and anxiety jumping, the gun would go off and you take off only to find there was a false start and you would have to do it all again. That is what this pandemic has felt like to me. From no in-person services, learning how to do things on-line, restrictions, circuit breakers, new variants of concern, vaccines and everything in between we have really had to adapt. We have had to figure out what it means to be a church who could not always meet, and continue to help address needs in our community. We have not been able to mark our grief in the same ways, weddings were put on hold, baptisms delayed. We have sometimes not been able to see our own families, miss favourite traditions, and worry about our loved ones. None of it has been easy, and I recognize the toll on all of us--yet somehow through it all you have demonstrated faith, grace, love and kindness.

I don't know what this new year will bring but I pray that in whatever comes we continue to weather it together. Last year on February 28th the choir sang an anthem called *Faith to Carry On*. The words seem appropriate to close out this year's report:

At the break of day, as I waken and pray, I can feel that God is near guiding all I do,
 Ever faithful and true; I will never need to fear.
 Though I may not understand all the things that God has planned,
 In my heart I know that I am not alone; God will give me strength to carry on.
 Though I never know what the future may hold or the trials I may face,
 I ease my mind in the promise of God's grace.
 When there's sadness in my heart and my life seems torn apart,
 I will find a way to rejoice each day God will give me hope to carry on.
 When the storms of life surround you, you will feel God's arms around you
 Bringing comfort where there's sorrow, giving hope to face to tomorrow.
 At the break of day as you waken and pray, always know that God is near
 Guiding all you do, every faithful and true; you will never need to fear.
 Let each moment that you live be a chance to love and give.
 If you always start with a joyful heart, God will give you strength.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

INTERIM MINISTER'S REPORT

*"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower," Jesus said.
 "Abide in me as I abide in you." And again he said,
 "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love."*

— John 15: 1–9

On the north wall of the sanctuary, just beneath the organ pipes, hangs a vine. The vine adorns a banner fashioned by many hands, and each of its many leaves represents a contribution — a gift of time or talent, of skill or resources — made by a member of the Kirk community. I have always loved Jesus's teaching about the vine, how he invites us to abide in him, how doing so leads us into lives of service. The vine shows how, in Christ, we reach out, yet are all connected. The branches of the vine, reaching out into the world, yet sharing the same source, intertwine, and this is what we do too.

It has been a privilege to serve the Kirk as Interim Minister on a $\frac{3}{4}$ -time basis during Reverend Amanda's ten-month maternity leave. In worship, the nine months of my appointment that fell in 2021 began with the joy of Easter-tide and ended with the joy of Christmas Eve — from Resurrection to Incarnation. The "in-between time" was marked out by the sacrament of Holy Communion on four occasions: Pentecost, early summer, World Communion Sunday (October), and the opening of Advent. As we considered stories and teachings from the book of Acts and then continued our lectionary tour through the Gospel of Mark, we also took

into our worship life some particular observances. Among these were the dedication of the special display cases that enabled the Regimental Colours to return to the sanctuary, and the affirmation, in support of indigenous peoples harmed by the legacy of residential schools, that Every Child Matters as we marked Orange Shirt Day, Treaty Day, and Truth and Reconciliation Sunday.

Advent — the beginning of the Church Year, but the end of the calendar year — brought several special offerings as the sanctuary “halls” were decked for the occasion. Among these were our meditative Taizé service of prayer and song on the evening of December 15, and a small Advent study group centered on Adam Hamilton’s book *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas*. John the Baptist made an appearance on one of our Advent Sundays, and David Robinson offered a special Children’s Story on another.

Engaging in the worship life of the community over these months was a privilege and a blessing. I am also grateful to Music Director Frances McBurnie, members of the Kirk Choir, members of the Audio-Visual Team, Office Administrator Amy Holloway, and so many others for working together to bring worship to life. (And I am grateful too to the Rev. Dr. Lonnie Atkinson and to Chad Bolton for enabling me to take a few Sundays off.)

Our community life was of course very much affected by the COVID pandemic over the year (not always easy to abide!). The Kirk was worshipping in person when I first started, with appropriate cohorting, social distancing, and masking; a team of volunteers quickly took up the task of recording and broadcasting the service online. Through most of the summer and fall, the necessary public health requirements gradually loosened, until we had a reasonable hope that we could offer an outdoor “Welcome Back BBQ” in September and an in-person Ceilidh in October. We are longing to gather again in fellowship, which is such an important part of our community life, but once again were forced to defer our hopes. As the “omicron variant” took hold, new restrictions on gathering and singing were imposed; our two planned Christmas Eve services dwindled to one smaller (but still very beautiful) service, after which we returned to online worship only. While of course we regret the continued COVID worries and restrictions, the way we were able to continue to worship together and support each other, through many adaptations and adjustments, is a cause for rejoicing.

It has been a blessing and a privilege to abide with the Kirk community this year. Even in these pandemic times, the Kirk still has a spring in its step, I feel. It is marked by a strong spirit of encouragement, of patience with forbearance, and of courage in the face of the wearing and wearying challenges of our times, an underlying hopefulness, confidence, faith, and trust. I am grateful for the hard work, dedication, strong-heartedness, and kindness of so many whose lives have intertwined with my own. And I wish you Godspeed as the journey continues.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Kay

REPORT OF THE ACTION CLERK OF SESSION

It is my honour to present, on behalf of Session, the 2021 annual report to the congregation of the Kirk of St. James.

2021 was again a challenging year for our Kirk family due to the persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic and its increased effects within our community during the latter part of the year. Despite the many challenges that we have faced, I am able to report that the Kirk had remained an active, caring and spiritually robust congregation during 2021.

Session held 10 regular meetings and one special meeting during 2021. Some of these were in-person meetings and some were conducted by ZOOM due to COVID-19 precautions. I continue to value the great spirit of cooperation, caring and volunteerism that activates our Session membership. We are most fortunate in our Kirk leadership.

As the Kirk's Representative Elder on Presbytery, I continued to serve as a Presbyter, acting as Convener of the Congregational Life Committee and serving since the spring of 2021 as an Assessor Elder and Acting Clerk of Session at St. Columba's Presbyterian in Marshfield. I led worship there three times during the late summer. In September 2021, I was elected Deputy Clerk of Presbytery, in the expectation that I will assume the role of Clerk of Presbytery when Nancy Harvey, our Clerk for the past decade, steps aside during 2022.

I again served as a Commissioner to General Assembly this past June. It was an on-line ZOOM Assembly, which presented a number of challenges and was admittedly tiring. Still, I was pleased and honoured to be able to vote in favour of three measures that I feel will have a major and lasting impact on our denomination: remits that approved the conduct of same-sex marriages and that allow for the ordination as ruling or teaching elders of Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex (LGBTQI) individuals, and the report of the *Rainbow Communion*, which outlined the many harms that LGBTQI people have experienced due to the past attitudes of Presbyterian Church in Canada members towards them. One of the actions arising from adoption of the report of the *Rainbow Communion* was the establishment of a *Special Committee re: Confession to LGBTQI People*. I was named to this committee, which is to prepare a Confession by the Presbyterian Church in Canada for harms done to LGBTQI people, their families, congregations and allies. In September I was elected Convener of this committee and have been spending a great deal of time working on this important task on behalf of the national church.

On January 17, 2021, a special Congregational Meeting was held following worship to discuss plans that had been prepared by the Redevelopment Committee for renovations to the Upper Hall, to include three accessible and gender-neutral washrooms, a new upper kitchen, and new spaces for the Minister's office and nursery. These plans were enthusiastically endorsed by a strong majority of members present, and the plans were further refined as a result of additional consultations held with the three members who voiced reservations about the plan when it was presented. Regrettably, when tenders were sought to do this work, only one company replied, and with an estimated cost that was too high for the Redevelopment Committee to proceed with. The project has not been shelved, however. Even as I write this report, we are in discussions with Coles Associates, our architects, to see if it might be possible to make some progress on this plan for Upper Hall renovations during the early part of 2022.

Our congregational annual meeting was held, in socially distanced fashion, in the Sanctuary following worship on March 21, 2021. Due to COVID restrictions we were not able to hold our usual luncheon and social time in advance of the business meeting, which was regrettable, and sadly missed. However we were able to transact all of the business necessary for our ongoing operations, and could note with approval a small budget surplus, despite all of the challenges of COVID times.

Perhaps the group most affected by our COVID environment have been the children of the Sunday School and Nursery. At no point during the past year have we felt that it was sufficiently safe to gather the children for youth programming. We were set to resume Sunday School on September 19, but the week before COVID cases rose significantly, and it was decided to postpone a return to Kirk youth activities indefinitely. I have attempted to make up for this lack of programming by sending our regular packages of Bible materials and treats to the children, and more information on this contact can be found in the Christian Education report.

Over the past year I remained actively involved, on behalf of the Mission & Outreach Committee, in the work of the Brother's Keeper Refugee Committee led by Central Christian Church. The year saw major milestones achieved by both the Toma family, whom we sponsored from Iraq three years ago, and the Nakhleh family, whom we assisted in coming to Canada from Syria two years ago. More information on their news can be found in the Mission & Outreach report.

On April 4, 2021, Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton started maternity leave, and we welcomed the Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney as Interim Minister and Moderator for the second time – she had served in the same capacity when Rev. Amanda was off on maternity leave in 2019. Two weeks later we could celebrate with Rev. Amanda and Chad the arrival of their second son, Theo. In advance of his arrival, through the generosity of Kirk members, we had presented Rev. Amanda with a double stroller and car seat for the new baby, and a number of gift cards to the Superstore and Babies r Us as well. Not forgotten was Grayson, who also received a “big brother” gift.

Also in April, Session established an Inclusion Committee, tasked with preparing an Inclusion Plan for the Kirk. The committee was given a broad mandate to seek ways to better include in Kirk life those who identify as LGBTQI, people who are Black, Indigenous or people of colour, and those with disabilities. The committee membership was: Vicki Francis, Doug Macmichael, Jennifer Moss and David Robinson. The committee worked diligently for the remainder of the year, with plans to present a draft Inclusion Plan to Session in December. Regrettably, when the draft went through pre-vetting with Rev. Kay and Rev. Amanda, it was decided that the draft needed further work before it was seen by Session. This decision unfortunately led to Vicki Francis resigning from the committee. The remaining members of the committee hope to finalize the plan during 2022.

During the spring of 2021 we experimented with different ways to post the Kirk worship service on-line for those who did not feel comfortable attending in-person worship, or who were unable to do so for any number of reasons. Consultant Isaac Williams assisted in this, guiding the purchase of a new video camera and laptop, with which we began live-streaming the services to YouTube. A roster of volunteer videographers was also generated, and assisted in the new process. While the sound quality of the live-streamed services has been occasionally wanting, this new process was a definite improvement on our original use, last year, of an iPad to record and produce the on-line services, and we have received a lot of positive feedback on the new service. During any given week we have had between 50 and 90 “views” of the service on-line, and this format proved immensely important when we had to revert to on-line services only on December 26, 2021.

Also during the spring of 2021, renovations were commenced on the Manse kitchen. The Kirk had received, a few years ago, a bequest that was designated for Manse upgrades, and having consulted with the Henderson-Bolton family, it was decided that an upgraded kitchen was what was most needed. Alan Watts served as project manager for this effort, which yielded excellent results. The new kitchen is now a welcome and active hub of family life in the Manse.

May is usually Lobster Plate Take-Out season at the Kirk, and Session diligently explored possible means of holding that major fund raiser again in 2021. In the end, we could not identify ways to successfully manage the close-quarters activities of the event within existing COVID protocols. Instead, we held a Lobster-less Fundraiser, asking members of the congregation to donate what they might have spent on a Lobster Plate event. We offered those who donated three chances to win the classic Island tale, "Chung Lee Loves Lobster." Tim Rose wrote a Mother's Day poem to use in conjunction with the event. We raised a total of \$2,670 from the Lobster-less event, which was almost half of the amount budgeted for the year for fundraising activities. On Mother's Day, the day upon which our Lobster-less fundraiser concluded, we treated all of the women of the congregation to long stem roses and circulated the Mother's Day poem created for the occasion.

As COVID restrictions continued, we had to cancel our spring Faith-in-Action weekend. We were able, however, to plant our Communities in Bloom corner garden at Fitzroy and Pownal, as we have in years past.

During worship on April 25, while they were still present with us, we acknowledged the impending graduations of two of our choral scholars: Tara Llewellyn and Ian Solomon. On June 13, we prepared a special segment during our worship service to acknowledge all of our remaining Kirk graduates. These included high school graduates Noah Moss and Bryna MacCallum, and university graduates Connie Yun and Colin MacDonald. It is a pleasure to once again note their major educational milestones.

On June 27, 2021 a special worship service was held during which the new display cases housing the retired Regimental Colours of the PEI Regiment were dedicated and placed in the Somers Chapel. This brought to a successful conclusion a long held desire on the part of the congregation to have these colours returned to the Kirk's care and displayed in a fitting manner within the Sanctuary. The service, which fell on the Sunday closest to the PEI Regiment's birthday, was attended by Lieutenant Colonel Moriarity, Commanding Officer, Major Hamilton, Regimental Chaplain and Chief Warrant Officer Trace, Regimental Sergeant Major. Congratulations are due to the Heritage Committee, and especially Ian Scott, Convener, for bringing this long-standing project to completion.

During the fall of 2021, we held Elder elections for vacancies that were opening on the Kirk Session as a result of terms of service of four Elders being near completion: Jocelyne Lloyd, Constance Robinson, David Robinson and Ian Scott. Due to COVID we offered people the choice of dropping off ballots in the offering plate, or mailing them in to the Kirk office. As the election process was ongoing, Session received with regret, the resignation of Valerie Toms. We thus expanded the election process to include an additional Elder to serve out the remaining two years of Valerie's term. By year's end we were able to report that we had successfully elected or re-elected five candidates: David Harrison, Constance Robinson, David Robinson and Shauna Sullivan Curley, each for a four year term, and for a two year term, Katherine Burnett. I look forward to formally thanking Jocelyne Lloyd and Ian Scott for their service on Session at our Annual Meeting, and anticipate with pleasure welcoming David Harrison, Constance Robinson and Shauna Sullivan Curley back to being active members of Session.

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the Rev. Dr. Daniel Scott, was in Charlottetown during the week of September 14, in order to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Presbytery of PEI. The Moderator very kindly included a visit to the Kirk in his schedule for September 14, and enjoyed a short tour of the Sanctuary and a meeting with Rev. Kay and myself, to discuss Kirk affairs and national church issues of concern.

During September 2021, to our great relief, work on repairing the Kirk Sanctuary roof began. This work continued well into the autumn, at which time the roofing was replaced, coping stones along the edge of the roof were covered, and carpentry work along the clerestory section of the roof was done. These first fruits of our \$1 million Renewing Hope Capital Campaign were most welcome, coming as they did after a long delay in securing willing contractors.

October saw us return to cooking and serving meals at the Upper Room once a month. Prior to that time, we had been providing the Upper Room with \$200/month to assist with the meal that we would have otherwise provided. We added a supply of fruit cake to make our December service at the Upper Room extra special.

October is Ceilidh month at the Kirk. During the summer Session had begun to plan for this event, taking into account both the possibility of an in-person sale and the contingency of a second on-line sale like the one we held in 2020. Constance Robinson, Jennifer Moss and Georgie Macmichael agreed to spearhead this effort. Members of the Kirk family willingly joined in the efforts to make this sale a success, with hopes of eclipsing the \$6,000 that had been raised in the 2020 on-line sale. In early October, with COVID cases rising in the province, the decision was made to pivot to an on-line only event. A very attractive website was created to display all of the items being offered for sale, and to showcase the quilt raffle that was held at the same time. Plans were made for crews to package purchases and have them ready for curbside pick-up on the day of the sale, and donors started to flood the Kirk with all manner of attractive items of baking, preserving, sewing, knitting, craftwork, services, experiences, and “good as new” treasures. There were 115 bidders on the website by sale’s end and over 80 people bought one or more items. The result was a sale total of \$9,064. I want to express my warmest thanks to all who made this such a great success. In recognition of the fact that traditionally the Ceilidh was the main source of funding for our Presbyterian Women, Session allocated \$1,000 of the sale’s proceeds to them again this year.

2025 will be the Kirk’s 200th anniversary as a congregation, and at its October meeting Session began to plan for this milestone occasion. Constance Robinson has volunteered to lead the initial planning for the anniversary, and will be seeking volunteer input into the planning process as the next year unfolds.

On November 8, I was honoured to once again lay the wreath during the annual Remembrance service. This is always a very special event for me, as a veteran, and an occasion that I hold close to my heart.

In November, Session also agreed to take on a new Mission and Outreach project for 2022. We will be working with the Island Pregnancy Centre to hold showers for at-risk moms and their new babies, providing them with support and encouragement as they start new families in difficult circumstances. We also applied for and received a grant of \$2,200 from the Synod Mission Fund to help support these events.

On the evening of November 18, 2021, Presbytery held a visitation to the Kirk. This was long overdue, because the last visitation had been eight years ago. The visitation team found much to encourage it in its review of the state of affairs at the Kirk, and commented most favourably on our ministry, lay leadership, mission activities, music programming and community engagement.

Despite limits on worship cohorts, we were able to hold a number of very meaningful and colourful worship services during Advent. The Sanctuary looked lovely, in good measure thanks to the decorating assistance of the Lloyd family and the Kirk Choir, which offered to do the decorating in a socially distanced manner. We are also grateful to David and Barbara MacNevin, who again arranged for our Christmas poinsettias, placed them beautifully in the Sanctuary, and disposed of them after we had fully enjoyed them. On December 19, I led a children's time during worship that highlighted the miracles of St. Nicholas, the origin of Christmas stockings, and the story of the candy cane. We had invited St. Nick to come and visit with the children after the service, but the widespread occurrence of the Omicron virus in the province caused him to cancel his visit for the safety of all. A couple of days later new restrictions were placed on worship, and we scaled back our plans for two Christmas Eve services, to plans for just one service at 5:30 pm. This involved a great deal of activity and flexibility on the part of Rev. Kay and Amy Holloway, our Church Administrator. I want to thank all of those who were instrumental in allowing the Christmas Eve service to go ahead. In light of the COVID situation in the province, Session made the decision to cancel the December 26 service, and move to on-line only worship into January 2022. We did so with reluctance, but with the belief that the safety of our congregation is our highest priority.

So we end the year as we began, facing the realities of the COVID situation head on, while hoping and praying for something like a return to normal personal interactions, worship and fellowship in the not too distant future. I applaud all of the many volunteers who have kept the Kirk going in these challenging times, and I ask God to bless you all for your generosity of spirit, your faithfulness and your perseverance during difficult times.

Finally, whether you are part of an in-person Kirk experience or an on-line one, my wish for you is that 2022 will bring you peace, health and love.

Respectfully submitted,

David Robinson

THE KIRK SESSION 2021

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| Moderator: (January – April) | Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton B.A., M.A., M.Div. |
| Interim Moderator: (April – December) | Rev. Dr. Kay S. Diviney B.A. M.A., M.Div., Ph.D. |
| Action Clerk of Session: | David Robinson |
| Recording Clerk of Session: | Timothy Rose |

| Elders: | Date of Ordination | Notes |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Scott, Ian | May 28, 1989 | |
| Robinson, David | June 23, 2002 | Action Clerk of Session |
| Moss, Jennifer | January 6, 2008 | |
| Robinson, Constance | May 29, 2016 | |
| Lloyd, Jocelyne | May 29, 2016 | |
| Dekker, Rodney | April 29, 2018 | |
| Evans, Linda | April 29, 2018 | |
| Montigny, Glenda | April 29, 2018 | |
| Toms, Valerie (retired in November) | April 29, 2018 | |
| Rose, Timothy | August 2, 2021 | Recording Clerk of Session |
| Macmichael, Douglas | September 27, 2021 | |
| Macmichael, Georgina | September 27, 2021 | |

Non-Session Elders

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| MacNevin, David | April 23, 1978 |
| Macnutt, Jim | April 23, 1978 |
| Moase, Lorne | April 23, 1978 |
| Lea, Jim | June 5, 1983 |
| McLeod, Allan | June 5, 1983 |
| McMillan, Wayne | June 5, 1983 |
| Moore, Raymond | June 5, 1983 |
| Ashby, David | May 28, 1989 |
| Dumont, Daphne | May 28, 1989 |
| Henry-MacDonald, Heather | May 28, 1989 |
| Stewart, David | May 28, 1989 |
| Hooley, David | January 30, 1994 |
| Romcke, Margaret | January 30, 1994 |
| Wooldridge, Jane | January 30, 1994 |
| Burnett, Rob | April 26, 1998 |
| Matheson, Stuart | April 26, 1998 |
| Sullivan Curley, Shauna | April 26, 1998 |
| Watts, Alan | April 26, 1998 |
| Darte, Kathy | June 23, 2002 |

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| Lees, Jessie | August 4, 2002 |
| Martin, Richard | June 23, 2002 |
| Ashby, Christy | January 6, 2008 |
| Bruvels, Mary Lynne | January 6, 2008 |
| Diviney, Kay | January 6, 2008 |
| MacKenzie, Don | January 6, 2008 |
| Lloyd, Simon | January 10, 2010 |
| Scott, Daphne | January 10, 2010 |
| Coles, Michele | April 29, 2012 |
| Godfrey, Linda | March 4, 2012 |
| Harrison, David | March 4, 2012 |
| Hooley, Paulette | March 4, 2012 |
| Stewart, Pamela | March 4, 2012 |
| Toms, David | March 4, 2012 |
| Glass, Janet | March 2, 2014 |
| Wellner, Rebecca | March 2, 2014 |

TRUSTEES REPORT

Section 3 of *An Act Respecting St. James Presbyterian Church in Charlottetown* provides for Trustees “who shall be the signing officers for the corporation in relation to the sale, transfer, encumbering and conveying of the real or personal property vested in the corporation....”

The *Act* states that there shall be not more than three trustees each of whom shall be a Professing Member. Trustees act on the instructions of and are subject to the direction of the Session.

The *Act* requires the Trustees to elect annually from their number a chair and such other officers as deemed advisable. Trustees hold office for a one-year term and are eligible for reelection. Current Trustees are: Shauna Sullivan Curley, Wayne McMillan and Donald MacKenzie.

During the year under review, the Trustees held one meeting, on January 27, 2022. At this meeting, the following items were discussed:

A. Kirk Finances – Prior to the meeting W. McMillan had circulated a draft 2022 budget for the Kirk that included the 2021 budgeted and actual figures. The actuals were subject to adjustment between accounts once MRSB performs its review. The operating surplus as of the meeting date was \$12,505, which has since been confirmed to be \$14,174. Mr. McMillan noted that the Kirk had done remarkably well financially in 2021, a year when COVID hampered many aspects of the Kirk’s operations. He noted that the budget deficit as of the end of October 2021 was larger than normal, causing concern as to whether the budgeted revenues would be achieved by year end. The envelope and Christmas offerings exceeded Mr. McMillan’s expectations, although PAR offerings were less than budgeted. He noted that some members who contribute via PAR also make envelope offerings from time to time. The online Ceilidh fundraiser was very successful this year, providing much needed revenue for the Kirk.

B. Building Repairs – Repairs and maintenance expenses were lower than budgeted in 2021 due to continuing challenges to get contractors. In 2021 the main roof of the Kirk was replaced, and the manse kitchen was renovated.

The kitchen and washroom project in the Upper Hall that was originally estimated at \$110,000 plus HST was revised by Coles Associates in July 2021 to \$159,000 plus HST. Quotes were invited and only one quote was received, with a cost of \$259,000 plus HST; therefore, the project was put on hold.

The Redevelopment Committee will be meeting in the immediate future with the new engineer assigned by Coles Associates. The committee has asked for updated estimates on the capital projects so that it can assess the situation and consider what can be done within existing capacity, whether anything needs to be scaled back or whether borrowing might be recommended to the congregation in order to complete certain work. It may be necessary to proceed with the washroom project and to put the kitchen project will be on hold for now.

As the only accessible entrance to the Kirk is through the sanctuary, consideration is being given to creating an accessible entrance into the Upper Hall via the old kitchen.

Because the larger contractors are busy and are therefore not bidding on many smaller projects, Coles Associates has been asked to seek bids from smaller contractors with good track records. The committee would like to get the washrooms done this year, as well as the hall roof, the stained glass windows, the courtyard and the basement washroom.

Mr. McMillan noted that one of the smoke sensors high up in the ceiling of the sanctuary recently malfunctioned and shorted out. T & K Fire Equipment recommended a new system be put in based on lasers, whereby any smoke will interrupt the beam and set off the alarm. Coles Associates has been consulted and also recommends this new system be installed at the earliest opportunity. The estimated cost is \$6000.

C. Capital Campaign – Contributions to the capital campaign have been coming in well. Two people have delayed payment but remain committed to honouring their pledges. Some others have paid their pledges earlier than anticipated. Mr. McMillan advised that we have \$622,543 in the bank, and the amount of outstanding pledges is \$211,016 over the next two years.

The following officers were elected for the year ahead: Donald MacKenzie, Chair; Wayne McMillan, Treasurer; and Shauna Sullivan Curley, Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald K. MacKenzie
Chair

REPORT OF THE ROLL CLERK

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| Communicant members as of December 31, 2020 | 204 |
| Removal from the roll by Death | 5 |
| Removed from the roll by Resolution of Session | 0 |
| Removed from the roll by Transfer of Certificate | 0 |
| Removed from the roll to Inactive Status | 0 |
| Added to the roll by Profession of Faith | 0 |
| Added to the roll by Transfer of Certificate | 2 |
| Total Communicant Members as of December 31, 2021 | 201 |
| Total Adherents | 114 |
| Sunday School and Nursery | 15 |
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| Total Church Family | 317 |
| Total Church Households | 159 |

THE PARISH REGISTER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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| Jaxon Christopher Allan Birt | January 24, 2021 |
| Elizabeth May Gallant | January 31, 2021 |
| Molly Cheryl Lefurgey | March 28, 2021 |
| Lucas Joshua Gallant | June 6, 2021 |

MARRIAGES SOLEMNIZED

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| John Luke Garrett & Emma Francine Gallant | July 10, 2021 |
| Tareq Abu Itham & Sara MacLean | October 16, 2021 |

FUNERALS/DEATHS

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Kathryn Jane Archibald | January 5, 2021 |
| Ann Williams | January 9, 2021 |
| Wilma Evelyn Chandler | January 15, 2021 |
| Barbara Graham Rogers | September 23, 2021 |
| John Robert "Jack" Scott | September 23, 2021 |
| Catherine Grace Bartlett | October 6, 2021 |
| Marian Louisa MacDonald | October 11, 2021 |

Communicant Roll (as of December 31, 2021)

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|---------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Arthur, Lorraine | Dumont, Margaret | Larkin, John |
| Ashby, Brian | Dumont, Richard | Lea, Jeannie |
| Ashby, Christy | | Lea, Jim |
| Ashby, David | Evans, Linda | Lees, Jessie |
| Ashby, Jennifer | | Lemay, Dolina |
| | Farris, Jean | Lemay, Rollie |
| Bartlett, Helen | Fisher, Janet | Livingstone, Carter |
| Bein, Joan | Fisher, Jennifer | Livingstone, Charlotte |
| Bolton, Chad | Fisher, Megan | Livingstone, Kathy |
| Bowman, David | Forbes, Karen | Livingstone, Robert |
| Bowman, Gladys | Francis, Vicki | Lloyd, Jocelyne |
| Bruvels, Mary-Lynne | Francis-Pranger, Timothy | Lloyd, Simon |
| Burnett, Deanne | | Love, Donald |
| Burnett, Ellen | Gallant, Carolyn | Love, Heather |
| Burnett, Katherine | Gallant, Cheri | Lukeman, Nancy |
| Burnett, Mary | Gallant, Jeff | |
| Burnett, Robertson | Gallant, Kim | Mabry, Edith |
| Butler, Cathy | Gallant, Linda | MacCallum, Kathie |
| Butler, Tim | Gallant, Ray | MacFarlane, Joan |
| | Gaudet, Cheryl | MacFarlane, Mary Lou |
| Cameron, Anne | Glass, Janet | MacFarlane, Scott |
| Champion, Pauline | Glendenning, Donald | MacIntyre, Heath |
| Champion, Philip | Glendenning, Carol | MacKenzie, Craig |
| Chandler, William | Godfrey, Alex | MacKenzie, Donald |
| Clark, Peter | Godfrey, Dane | MacKinnon, Eileen |
| Clark, Phyllis | Godfrey, Linda | MacKinnon, Margaret |
| Clay, Cameron | Graham, Donald | MacLennan, Kurt |
| Coles, Michele | Graham, Shirley | MacLennan, Sue |
| Corish, Janet | Greenan, Andrea | MacLure, Betty |
| Cudmore, Doug | Greenan, John | Macmichael, Douglas |
| Cudmore, Fran | | Macmichael, Georgina |
| Curtis, Miriam | Hagerman, Nelson | MacNevin, Barbara |
| | Harrison, David | MacNevin, David |
| Dalton, Aarika | Hayes, Tiffany | Macnutt, Barbara |
| Dalton, Ricky | Henry MacDonald, Heather | Macnutt, James |
| Darby, Rosalie | Holt, Barbara | MacPherson, Christine |
| Darte, Jillian | Hooley, Brian | Madren, Betty |
| Darte, Kathy | Hooley, David | Martin, Joy |
| Darte, Marjorie | Hooley, Paulette | Martin, Richard |
| Davison, Susan | Hooley, Peter | Martin, Sherry |
| Deacon, Rebecca | Horrelt, Kim | Martin, Stephan |
| Dekker, Rodney | Humphrey, Andrew | Matheson, Stuart |
| Dew, Frank | Humphrey, Beatrice | McBurnie, Frances |
| Dew, Kirsten | Hyndman, Peter | McDonald, Nancy |
| Dew, Myra | | McGinn, Alexander |
| Dobson, Carol | Kluge, Sarah | McGuigan, Allyson |
| Dobson, Phyllis | | McGuigan, Barbi |
| Downe, Percy | Large, Kathy | McGuigan, Caroline |
| Dumont, Daphne | Large, Marion | McLeod, Allan |

McLeod, Charlotte
McMillan, Dawn
McMillan, Wayne
Midgley, Cindy
Midgley, Peter
Moase, Lorne
Moase, Shirley
Montigny, Glenda
Moore, Raymond
Moore, Valerie
Morris, Norma
Moss, Jennifer
Muir, Daniel
Mundle, Edward
Mundle, Katherine

Park, Hyeonjung
Peterson, Sterling
Poole, Don
Poole, Larine

Rankin, John
Read-Clay, Ruth Ann
Robinson, Constance
Robinson, David
Robinson-Bartley-Crossley,
Eleanor
Robinson-Bartley-Crossley,
Robert
Romcke, Margaret
Rose, Josephine
Rose, Timothy
Russell, Stephanie

Saunders, Roslyn
Saunders-McGinn, Todd
Schleyer, Phyllis
Scott, Daphne
Scott, Ian
Sears, Herbert
Smith, Clair
Smith, Judy
Stewart, David
Stewart, Karen
Stewart, Pamela
Sullivan Curley, Shauna

Taylor, Cheryl
Taylor, Danyl
Taylor, Kurt
Toews, Marjorie

Toms, David
Toms, Valerie

Walker, Jane
Walker, Suzanne
Warren, Jesse
Warren, Joel
Warren, Patricia
Warren, Richard
Watts, Alan
Watts, Kim
Watts, Samantha
Wellner, Gail
Wellner, Gordon
Wellner, Rebecca
Williams, Michael
Winter, Cathy
Wooldridge, Donald
Wooldridge, Jane

Yun, Dongkoo

Adherent Roll (as of December 31, 2021)

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|---------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| Beauregard, Karen | Hooley, Melissa | Penny, Andrew |
| Bernard, Mike | Horreht, John | Penny, Caitlin |
| Bouey, Stephen | | Penny, Felix |
| Bouey, Sung Ha | LeClair, Hailey | Penny, Gretta |
| Burnett, Miriam | Lewellyn, Tara | Perry, Hannah |
| Burnett, Niall | Lewis, Melissa | Perry, Marsha |
| Burns, Tanner | Lloyd, Charlotte | Perry, Randy |
| Butler, Brett | Lloyd, Grace | Peterson, Kim |
| Butler, Haley | | |
| Butler, Katie | MacCallum, Brian | Rankin, Barbara (Flanagan) |
| | MacKenzie, Ally | Redden, Lynne |
| Caldwell, Douglas | MacKenzie, Emma | Riordon, Jean |
| Caldwell, Laurie | MacKenzie, Jack | Robinson, Linden |
| Cameron, John [MIA] | MacKenzie, Kimberley | Rose, Anthony |
| Currie, Barbara | MacKinnon, Kalie | |
| | MacKinnon, Lorne | Scales, Alan |
| Dekker, Sharon | MacLennan, Emily | Soloman, Ian |
| Devine, Patti | MacLennan, Matthew A. | Sorensen, Alexandra |
| Diviney, Rev. Dr. Kay | MacLennan, Olivia | Stewart, Glenna |
| | MacWilliams, Gary | |
| Farris, James [MIA] | MacWilliams, Hudson | Taylor, Harriet |
| Fisher, Ryan | MacWilliams, Kelly | |
| Fraser Hendricken, Leanne | Main, Roy | Walker, Catherine |
| | McDonald, Andrew | Walker, Ian |
| Gallant, Bobby | McDonald, Colin | Walker, Jordan |
| Gallant, Christopher | McDonald, Justin | Walker, Nicholas |
| Gallant, D'Arcy | McDonald, Melissa | Warren, Elise |
| Gallant, Dash | McGinn, Donald | Waugh, Gaige |
| Gallant, Emily | McGuigan, Harold | |
| Gallant, Emma | McMillan, Leia | Yun, Connie |
| Gallant, Nash | McMillan, Rui | Yun, Judy |
| Gallant, Samantha | McNally, Matt | |
| Gallant, Skot | McPherson, Barbara | [MIA] - Minister in |
| Gallant, Wayne | Midgley, Kayce | Association |
| Glass, Ian | Momcilovic, Ilona | |
| | Momcilovic, Zlatibor | |
| Halliwell, George, Jr. | Moss, Noah | |
| Halliwell, Grace | Moss, Jamie | |
| Halliwell, Lisa | Mundle, Alexis | |
| Halliwell, Matthew | Munro-Bernard, Melissa | |
| Harrison, Aiden | | |
| Harrison, Nicole | Nicholson, Frank | |
| Harrison, Will | Nicholson, Laura | |
| Hendricken, Ella | Nicholson, Marilyn | |
| Hendricken, Katherine | Nicholson, Mary | |
| Holmes, Heather | Nguyen, Celeste | |
| Hooley, Ellie | Nguyen, Huy | |
| Hooley, Jack | Nguyen, Sebastien | |

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN REPORT

Still in a pandemic and under public health measures in 2021, Presbyterian Women were unable to hold in-person meetings. Executive officers elected at the 2020 annual meeting continued to serve.

Despite the pandemic, donations were made to AMS (Atlantic Mission Society) and to Gifts from the Heart, an organization founded by Betty Begg-Brooks to assist low-income Islanders. Members appreciate receiving \$1,000 from the proceeds of the Kirk on-line auction held in lieu of the usual Ceilidh. Thanks also to members who made donations during the year.

Members were saddened by the passing of five members during the year: Kathryn “Kaye” Archibald, Wilma Chandler, Marian MacDonald, Barbara Rogers, and Ann Williams.

Hopefully, the pandemic will soon be behind us, and we will be able to return to some degree of normalcy.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara MacNevin, Secretary

Christy Ashby, President

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

Receipts:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance in Bank December 31, 2020 | 2,694.98 |
| Collection – General Meetings | 300.00 |
| Contribution from Board of Management | 1,000.00 |
| Interest | <u>.96</u> |
| Total Receipts | <u>3,995.94</u> |

Disbursements:

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Atlantic Mission Society | 1,030.00 |
| Gifts from the Heart | 100.00 |
| Bank Service Charges | <u>3.72</u> |
| Total Disbursements | <u>1,133.72</u> |

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|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total Receipts | 3,995.94 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>1,133.72</u> |
| Bank Balance, December 31, 2021 | <u>2,862.22</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn McMillan, Treasurer

Audited – Wayne McMillan

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Perhaps the group most affected by our COVID environment has been the children of the Sunday School and Nursery. At no point during the past year have we felt that it was sufficiently safe to gather the children for youth programming. We were set to resume Sunday School on September 19, but the week before COVID cases rose significantly, and it was decided to postpone a return to Kirk youth activities indefinitely. I have attempted to make up for this lack of programming by sending our regular packages of Bible materials and treats to the children to let them know that they are loved and supported.

Those on the Nursery and Sunday School roll this year were -- Nursery: Grayson Bolton, Theo Bolton (born April 2021), Merrick Crossley (born April 2021), Hudson MacWilliams, Leo MacWilliams, and Ella Hendricken, and -- Sunday School: Beckett Ford, Nicole Harrison, Kate Hendricken, Jamie Moss, Felix Penny, Greta Penny, Ben Russell, Bria Russell, Arya Zaph and Caius Zaph. Hudson MacWilliams and Ella Hendricken graduated to Sunday School age during the course of the year.

I sent a care package out to all of the Nursery and Sunday School children before Valentine's Day, 2021, containing year-long devotionals for the older children and Bible activity books for those who were younger. They were accompanied by a chocolate Valentines treat. Another care package was sent out before Easter, containing Bible activity books, colouring books for the youngsters, and Easter eggs for all but the infants, who received fluffy bunny friends.

The Christian Education committee met on April 15 via ZOOM to discuss the possible resumption of youth programming at the Kirk. It was decided that we would not attempt a resumption of activities until September. At that time we looked at the possibility of establishing the Sunday School and Nursery as a separate cohort within the Kirk COVID-19 Operational Plan. It was decided to try to hold a ZOOM meeting between the children and myself after General Assembly met in June.

During worship on April 25, while they were still present with us, we acknowledged the impending graduations of two of our choral scholars: Tara Llewellyn and Ian Soloman. They were presented with congratulatory cards and gift cards to mark their special occasions. On June 13, we prepared a special segment during our worship service to acknowledge all of our remaining Kirk graduates. These included high school graduate Noah Moss and university graduate Connie Yun. They too received congratulatory cards and gift cards to celebrate their educational milestones.

In early June we offered a ZOOM call to the children of the Kirk, and I was able to meet with some of them for a wonderful conversation about how their school year had gone, and what their plans were for summer vacation. It was so wonderful to see their faces and to realize how very much they had grown!

In June another set of packages was sent out to the Kirk's youth, containing Bible activity books, colouring books, and our traditional school year-end Dairy Queen gift cards. On this occasion the gift cards were also sent out to the members of Kirk NERDS, who had been unable to meet during the year due to COVID-19 restrictions. At the same time new materials were ordered to refresh the kid's Pew Packs at the Fitzroy Street entrance, for the few children that were occasionally attending worship services.

Over the summer, plans were made to resume Nursery and Sunday School activities on September 19, presuming that the necessary new Phase 5 of loosened COVID-19 restrictions came into place on September 12. The necessary roster of volunteers was recruited, and materials ordered for Sunday School classes. Regrettably, just before September 19, COVID cases in the province spiked alarmingly, and the decision was made to postpone the resumption of youth programming. The COVID situation continued to decline over the course of the autumn, so at year's end, classes had still not resumed.

A further mailing of Bible activity books and packages of Halloween treats, with board books for the two infants, was sent out in mid-October.

As Advent season approached, new materials were ordered to refresh the kid's Pew Packs at the Fitzroy Street entrance to the Kirk. Materials were also collected for an Advent mailing to the Sunday School and Nursery children. These included the Advent devotional "Unwrapping the Names of Jesus," Bible activity books and a chocolate Santa treat. The infants received board books of the first Christmas story and cuddly friends.

An invitation was sent to Santa Claus to visit the Kirk's children and a positive reply was received, indicating that St. Nicholas would visit on December 19 following worship. I was invited to prepare a children's story for worship on that day, and developed a talk about St. Nicholas – the real Santa Claus – the history of Christmas stockings, which date back to a miracle of St. Nicholas, and the story of the origins of candy canes. A couple of days before December 19, the COVID restrictions in the province tightened considerably, and Santa Claus regrettably had to cancel his visit to the Kirk for the safety of all concerned. He did send some candy canes to the Kirk by Polar Express, which were distributed to all present at worship on December 19, at which time I still delivered my talk about St. Nicholas and the origins of candy canes.

My prayer for 2022 is that we will finally be able to safely resume youth programming at the Kirk.

In closing I would like to thank all in the congregation who have continued to hold our youngsters in prayer during this challenging time. I would also like to extend sincere thanks to my co-Convener, Ian Scott, for his work in bringing adult Christian Education opportunities to the congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

David Robinson, CE Co-Convener

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT – ADULT PROGRAMMING

Covid 19 saw us focusing once again on options for CE programs that had multiple delivery methods. Having tried the options available through the PCC National Office in 2020 we continued to use study-group books and materials suggested through the *Presbyterians Read* website and printed for group use. This method of providing thoughtful Christian education materials through multiple means by the Presbyterian Church in Canada, continued as an innovation that has worked during this unique time and will likely continue to meet the needs of congregations into the future. Individuals can independently participate through discussions on a Facebook group, get email updates, view live webinars with authors and watch video copies of previous live events, access facilitator notes, and print materials for participants. Built around the model where each participant has a copy of the book to read, this blend of traditional media with the best of electronic communications, has allowed for physical distancing and a sense of larger connection with a denomination-wide Advent and Lenten events. Although we did focus mostly on those who could attend, this could potentially be expanded to ensure that all people on our shut-in lists have self-study material mailed to them. As use of tablets makes internet accessibility easier for those in care facilities, electronic access remains an option for those with the necessary skills.

During the Lenten season, our program was based on Dr. Amy-Jill Levine's, *Entering the Passion of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week*. Like the prior Advent program in 2020 based on another Dr. Levine book, her scholarly research and her active membership within her Orthodox Jewish community gives her a unique perspective on the life of Jesus, his early followers and the world they daily lived in. Written as a Lenten study for a Christian audience, which Levine extensively works with as a professor and workshop leader, it was an excellent choice for offering new insights.

Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney organized a fall course based on *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri J.M. Nouwen, one of the most significant Christian writers of the 20th Century. The book is based on a chance encounter with a reproduction of Rembrandt's painting, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, which catapulted Henri Nouwen into a long spiritual adventure. In the book he shares the deeply personal meditation that led him to "discover the place within which God has chosen to dwell." The persistent themes of homecoming, affirmation and reconciliation are developed for a five week study and hopefully will be explored in depth at a later time. Although we did have a group of readers who independently read the book, efforts to organize a suitable time to meet remained a challenge through the fall, so it remained an independent study for those who had signed up. It is hoped that a study group around this excellent book, will be able to gather in 2022.

The Advent study group again led by Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney and with supporting resources through the *Presbyterians Read* website was based on *Incarnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas* by Adam Hamilton. Written in 2020 when Covid had started to change everyday life, he draws on his experience as a pastoral minister living thought contemporary times and brings new insights to the Advent narrative, by examining the Old and New Testament for terminology we associate with Christ as Lord, Messiah, Savior, Emmanuel, Light of the World, and as Word Made Flesh. This study group met at lunch time on Thursdays as an alternate meeting time to evenings which has worked well.

We appreciate the excellent adult study group programs developed by Rev. Dr. Kay during 2021 and look forward to a continuation of study groups at the Kirk as we provide a variety of continuing education options for members of the congregation and the larger community to participate in.

Links to the Presbyterian Reads website and Facebook page mentioned are included:

<https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/presbyterians-read/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2397226327195079>

For the last 5 years, the *Presbyterian Connection* newspaper has provided an opportunity, “. . . to unite Presbyterians from across the country through stories, reflections, interviews and articles, allowing us to share and develop our faith. It is distributed four times per year, free of charge.” The *Presbyterian Connection* is available at the entrance of the Kirk, on the PPC website and is also available for home delivery by free subscription, as well as electronic delivery via email.

<https://presbyterian.ca/presbyterian-connection/>

We are also seeing the 25th anniversary for PresbyCan Daily Devotional which is available as email, on the website and in Facebook format, delivering daily devotionals written by a variety of volunteer contributors. As one of the early contributors when the service was launching, it is great to see it continue to develop over that period. The website is:

<https://presbycan.ca/>

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Scott, Co-convenor

KIRK N.E.R.Ds YOUTH GROUP REPORT

2021 once again saw us postponing youth group meetings due to the covid-19 pandemic. Our main concerns were that our youth gather from a number of different schools (therefore cohorts), and at that point a vaccine was not available for young people in that age group. It was felt we could not safely bring everyone together at this time. It was a difficult decision because the youth attached to the Kirk are an amazing and talented group of young people, and we really enjoy meeting with them throughout the year! We hope that in the coming months we might once again be able to resume our gatherings.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

CRADLE ROLL REPORT

All Kirk children who are aged one to three years were registered on the Kirk Cradle Roll for 2021. When the children reach four years of age, they “graduate” and begin attending Sunday School if they wish.

Four babies were baptized in 2021. The four baby’s names have been added to the Cradle Roll of the Kirk of St. James. The names of the children on the Cradle Roll are:

Lucy Arlene Lefurgey
Grayson Allister James Bolton
Leo George MacWilliams
Molly Cheryl Lefurgey
Jaxon Christopher Allan Birt
Elizabeth May Gallant
Lucas Joshua Gallant
Merrick Gustavus Crossley
Theo Joseph Andrew Bolton
Sophie Elizabeth Gallant
Emmett Jude Warren

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton

PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE REPORT

This past year Linda Evans and Glenda Montigny co-chaired the Pastoral Care Committee. Thank you to both Reverend Amanda Henderson-Bolton and Reverend Kay Diviney in providing supportive, generous ongoing guidance as we perform this very important role.

The Committee is blessed to have seven Pastoral Care Committee members who have graciously made phone calls and visits when Covid – 19 guidelines permitted. Each of these members has one or two people to keep in contact with. Approximately sixteen names are on our Pastoral Care List.

Thank you to each and every one who contribute to the caring of our Kirk family.

Committee Members:

Linda Evans
Glenda Montigny
Tim Rose
Ian Scott

Volunteer Visitors:

Janet Glass
Linda Godfrey
Mary Nicholson
Margaret Romcke
Valerie Toms

Respectfully submitted,

Glenda Montigny and Linda Evans

WORSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The Kirk Worship Committee, once again in 2021, faced making and adjusting plans at a moment's notice to comply with the COVID-19 measures.

Last year's report began with a hope that we would be able to worship together in person through the Easter season and, indeed, the pandemic restrictions did allow us to hold a quiet and contemplative evening Ash Wednesday Taizé service led by Rev. Kay; a Good Friday service with special organ music and readings; and an Easter Sunday service with brass quintet. At the end of this service, we wished Rev. Amanda well as she took her parental leave, and welcomed Rev. Kay as our interim minister.

Another notable worship service in 2021 included a Dedication Service on June 27 with special guests from the P.E.I. Regiment to dedicate the new cases for the Regimental Colours, which have found an apt and permanent home in the Somers Chapel.

In June we also said goodbye to three of our choral scholars who had so graciously given of their time through the upheaval of pandemic. Tara Llewellyn, Gaike Waugh and Ian Soloman graduated from the UPEI music program. We are grateful our fourth scholar, Melissa Lewis, was able to commit to another year with UPEI and with us.

In July, Fran was able to bring back the Summer Recital Series, which helps fund the choral scholar program, and offered beautiful music to an audience eager to attend concerts again. We are grateful to Fran and the musicians who mounted these recitals with the added measures of distancing, contact tracing and masking.

In September, we welcomed three new choral scholars to join Melissa in the choir loft: Alex Sorensen, Matt McNally and Tanner Burns. Again, they were all called upon to go above and beyond when changing COVID-19 restrictions required soloists instead of full choirs.

Advent planning required some flexibility again, and a highlight was Advent 3 when David Robinson led a children's time reflecting on the real St. Nicholas. We were also appreciative of the efforts to put together an Advent Taizé service on Dec. 15, offering some peace at a busy and stressful time of year. Thanks are owed, as well, to the choir for cheerfully taking on the task of decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas before their Dec. 4 practice. Along with the memorial poinsettias, arranged by David and Barb MacNevin, the Sanctuary was very festive for the season. The committee planned two Dec. 24 services, but a rapidly changing COVID-19 situation turned two Christmas Eve services with full choir and guest musicians, to two services with soloists and, as the afternoon progressed, the service became one with soloist Alex Sorensen and guest musicians Connie and Judy Yun. We are grateful to all who reacted so quickly and produced an absolutely wonderful, joyful Christmas Eve despite the day's stresses.

There have been so many people willing to contribute to Kirk worship all year long, through planning, ordering, leading, setting up and tearing down. A special mention goes to the new flower committee who helped decorate the chancel when in-person worship was permitted. As well, we would like to acknowledge all the time David Robinson quietly dropped in to make sure all the elements were in place for a safe and prayerful service.

Respectfully submitted,

Jocelyne Lloyd (convenor) on behalf of the Worship Committee

Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton (until April 6, 2021), Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney (April 2021 - January 2022), Frances McBurnie, Linda Godfrey, Kathy Large, Pamela Stewart and Jane Walker.

MUSIC REPORT

Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.
Psalm 135:3

Making music at the Kirk continues to be a source of joy. In some ways it was a difficult year (enough said); throughout I was impressed by the effort, skill, and commitment by all of the people who participated in some way.

The Choir is a talented group of beautiful people. They were incredibly faithful and very seldom missed either rehearsals or services. Several of our members were struck by sad and tragic events in the year; the warm friendships and love for each other were many times demonstrated.

They sang anthems in services from January to June (except March 7), and again from September till Dec. 19. Other services had one of our many talented soloists.

In April we said a fond goodbye to three of our Choral scholars: Tara Llewellyn, Ian Soloman, and Gaike Waugh. These three had been with us for five years! We are pleased that Melissa Lewis was able to return in September. She was joined by Alexandra Sorensen, Matt McNally, and Tanner Burns. We are enjoying their special talents.

Special music during the year was provided by; Brass Quartet (Doug Millington, Zachary Bernard, Bruce Lochhead, Pamela Forester), Harmonia Choir, Tanner Burns, Jim McClean, Barbara McPherson, Dale Sorensen, Melissa Lewis, Olivia MacPhail, Connie Yun, Judy Yun, Gaike Waugh, Alexandra Sorensen, Ian Soloman, Tara Llewellyn, and Matt McNally.

Summer recitals, with donations to the Choral Scholarships, were very successful by any measuring. Those contributing their time and talents included Nicholas Murphy, Olivia Barnes and Sebastien Comtois, Sean Kemp and Jeffrey Bazett-Jones, Alexandra Sorensen and Shaw Nicholson, James Mark and Penelope Mark. Thanks to Jane Walker and David Robinson for all of their help with these events. Additionally Ian Soloman performed a recital in April, and Gaike Waugh one in June; the UPEI Concert Choir and Chamber Choirs performed here in December. I had four recitals of my piano students, with Karen Axworthy's violin students.

I have enjoyed working with both Rev. Amanda Henderson-Bolton and Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney. I appreciate the support of the Worship Committee. I also am grateful to the Management Committee, and Kirk Session for the continued support. I appreciate all the help from Amy Holloway, Kathy Moreside, and the many who assist in the technical needs of our services.

Lastly, I am grateful to the Congregation for their enthusiasm and patience, and I eagerly look forward to the time we can all be together!

Respectfully submitted,

Frances McBurnie, Music Director

KIRK HERITAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

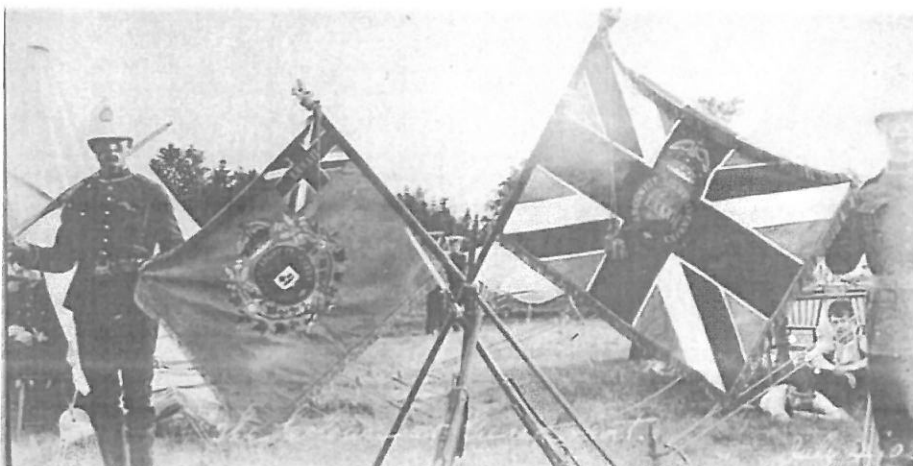
The committee has a mandate in several areas:

- 1 *Heritage conservation - to support and encourage the continued appreciation and respect for the unique architectural features, of the Kirk of St. James*
- 2 *Memorials - ensure that memorials are appropriately recognized.*
- 3 *History - recognition of special occasions within the life of the congregation and anniversaries so that the history of Presbyterian worship and service in the community is recognized.*
- 4 *Archives - collect, preserve, interpret and display historical material of significance to the congregation - including a gallery of ministers, session group pictures, and all vital records, minutes, annual reports and written materials related to the congregation. To advise Session when to enter into agreements with national and regional archives to have materials microfilmed, treated for preservation, stored or displayed in other facilities.*

2021 was our 196th year as a congregation, worshipping in an historic structure that opened 144 years ago. With our 200th anniversary year just 35 months away, it was heartening to see Kirk Session strike a committee to research and make recommendations as we look ahead to planning for that historic anniversary in the life of our congregation, and its presence in Charlottetown. The committee will be looking for congregational suggestions of how this special year can be celebrated in a variety of ways.

Experience PEI was once again unable to feature the Kirk as one of four historic churches for specialty tours provided for cruise ship visitors due to the impact that Covid had on the cruise ship season. They remain in contact with us, as they plan for 2022 and their hopes for an eventual return of visitors.

The retired regimental colours of the PEI Regiment finally have a permanent home in custom cases created and installed for the Kirk by McAskill Woodworking; the oak cases follow the conservation suggestions of Anne Sinclair, a retired museum professional and are stained and finished to match woodwork in the Somers Chapel. Having the regimental colours safely on display at the Kirk took longer than expected and we appreciate the patience of the congregation in reaching completion. The funds came from two sources: the sale of pewter Christmas ornament of the Kirk, which was initiated a number of years ago by Dr. David Ashby, a member of the committee; and a memorial gift from Gordon and Marguerite Stewart's family. Gordon's grandfather, Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Stewart (1848-1921) served with the PEI Regiment when the colours were presented to the unit in Victoria Park on July 4, 1908. Gordon and Marguerite's daughter Pamela and her husband Peter



Ladell were in attendance, while other family members from across the country watched the YouTube video of the service. The dedication service which took place on June 27th included participation of senior officers of the PEI Regiment including: Lt. Col. Glenn Moriarity, the commanding officer; Chief Warrant Officer Kirstin Trace, the regimental sergeant; and Major (Rev. Dr.) Tom Hamilton, the regimental padre.

The regimental colours were first placed in the Kirk for safe keeping on August 6, 1922. On July 16, 1925 the colours were officially retired to the Kirk in a special ceremony and hung in the chancel for many years. Following an accident which caused damage to the brittle fabric they were removed and placed in storage with the PEI Museum & Heritage Foundation until 2018 when they were returned with a goal of ensuring they would remain on permanent public display at the Kirk.

As funding of heritage projects had remained a challenge, Kirk Session decided to establish a fund specifically designated for special heritage projects within the Kirk. The MacNevin Heritage Fund was established this year, as recognition of David & Barbara MacNevin's ongoing service to every aspect of the Kirk, and their special interest in Kirk history. The goal is to build a source of funding that ensures future projects can be undertaken on a timely basis with seed funding to start projects in place. Any additional donations to the fund are greatly appreciated.

An additional donation of historic photographs and documents related to the Kirk was gratefully received during the year from Mary Burnett on behalf of the Burnett family.

As we look forward to celebrating our 200th anniversary throughout 2025, we are pleased with the ongoing restoration progress which will ensure that our renewed facilities will continue to serve the Charlottetown community in future years.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Scott, Convenor

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Another year of public health restrictions due to the pandemic meant that as a congregation we were unable to meet in fellowship. Hopefully, this will soon change.

The pandemic did not stop us from having our usual array of poinsettias for the Christmas season. Thanks to members who donated the poinsettias in memory of loved ones, we had 23 large, mostly tri-colored, plants in the chancel and the front of the church. Even though in-church services were cancelled in late December, the poinsettias stayed in place and added their beauty to the on-line services for several weeks.

Thanks to Christy Ashby and Kathy Moreside for helping with the care of the poinsettias.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara MacNevin
Convenor, Fellowship Committee

MISSION AND OUTREACH REPORT

Once again, things looked a little different in 2021 due to COVID-19 and the Omicron Virus. Most of our projects did not take place. We were able to help in some ways, as follows:

The Upper Room Soup Kitchen: Restrictions lifted for a short time but then they went back to take-out meals in the fall due to increasing numbers of Covid cases among patrons. We served at the Upper Room twice then decided to support them financially each month versus unnecessarily exposing volunteers to potential risk. Our financial assistance helped with the purchase of take-out containers and whatever else was needed. The Upper Room is very appreciative of our continued support.

Faith in ACTION: Adopt-A-Corner project took place at The Kirk corner in front of the Dundee Arms in June. Both beds were filled with beautifully themed yellow plants and flowers. Thank you to those who volunteered their time and monetary donations towards this project.

Helping Hampers: In lieu of White Gift Sunday program, since 2010 we have partnered with the Salvation Army Church and their Helping Hampers Campaign. This year we raised \$1,290 towards the purchase of items needed for the hampers. Thank you to all who have generously donated to this worthwhile cause.

Christmas Bags: Again, because of the generosity of The Kirk congregation, we were able to provide over \$500 in gift cards and monetary donations as well as men's and lady's socks, gloves, hats, toiletries and chocolates. These were delivered to and very much appreciated by the Upper Room patrons. Thank you to all who have given to this project whether by donating gift cards, cash, items or by way of prayer.

Report Submitted by David Robinson

During the spring of 2021, the Kirk was approached by a person in need who asked if we had grocery store gift cards to offer, to assist when they were out of funds. At that time we did not have this capacity. This led to a discussion between Rev. Kay and David Robinson about how to address needs of this nature. As a result, a stock of gift cards of various denominations was purchased from Sobeys and the Superstore, and held by the Minister to address needs that might arise in the future. A number of these cards were given out to people in need during the second half of the year.

We had hoped to have Santa Claus visit the Kirk on December 19, but he had to cancel because of rising COVID-19 risks. We had purchased 60 festive cupcakes with which to hold a Santa reception, and with that visit cancelled, had to find a new use for the tasty treats. We were able to arrange for the cupcakes to be delivered to the Upper Room on December 18, where they made a welcome addition to their Saturday meal service.

We had also ordered 60 festive cupcakes to give to the NA Group for their scheduled Christmas Eve meeting in the Lower Hall. When they decided to switch to an on-line meeting in response to new COVID-19 restrictions, we delivered the cupcakes to the Community Outreach Centre, where they were offered to an AA Group that was still meeting there that evening. Staff at the Outreach Centre informed the recipients that the holiday treats were courtesy of the Kirk of St. James.

Christian Education/M&O: Nothing to report.

Mother's Day Lobster Take Out: Refer to the Clerk of Session Report.

Workshops & Kirk Monthly Craft Nights: Nothing to report.

As always, thank you to all for your continued support and prayers. Here's to a productive and safe 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Coles, Chair

2021 Members: Paulette Hooley, Georgie Macmichael, Barbara McPherson

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

After more than a year's delay, work to replace the Church's roof began in late August together with the replacement of the woodwork on the upper exterior walls. The Church roof was completed at a cost of \$73,273 plus HST and the woodwork was replaced at a cost of \$42,553 plus HST, but the remaining work to replace the shingles on the hall and office annex had to be deferred owing to inclement weather in the fall. In addition, the painting of the upper exterior walls and the installation of rain gutters was also deferred.

Efforts to get other work started was frustrated by the lack of qualified tradespersons, qualified companies willing to undertake work and significant cost increases for labour and materials. As an example, the estimate of cost for the barrier free washrooms and kitchenette project that was originally set at \$110,000 plus HST was revised to \$159,000 plus HST by Coles Associates and when the only bid for the work was received the quote was for \$259,000 plus HST. The project was put on hold by the Committee, and it is being reviewed with Coles Associates for other options and the hope that it may be revived in 2022.

The kitchen at the Manse was renovated together with electrical upgrades at a cost of \$30,377 and is a substantial improvement over the original kitchen. This renovation was carried out with a contribution from the Estate of Ruth Shankle.

The Committee has been engaged with Coles Associates to get additional projects underway in 2022 and these projects together with preliminary estimates of cost have been noted in the Capital Budget.

Thank you and appreciation is extended to David Robinson, Philip Champion, David Hooley and Rob Burnett for their work and assistance in the Committee's activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne McMillan
Chairperson

THE STAMPER AND CHARLOTTE RESIDENCES REPORT

St. James is represented by three members on the Board of the Charlotte and Stamper Residences. The Stamper Residence is the building immediately west of the church on Fitzroy Street, and the Charlotte Residence is across from the Fitzroy Street entrance, on All Souls Lane, facing Rochford Square. Both are licensed community care facilities run as a unit by the board. They were established in 1932 and 1950 as homes for “Lady Residents” under the terms of a generous bequest in the will of Horace Haszard. The legal name of the incorporated entity is “The Protestant Old Ladies Home”, but women of all faiths are welcome now, and we prefer the term “resident” to “old lady”! The original intention of the bequest was to provide a central and comfortable place of residence for gentlewomen who were unable to maintain their own homes in the difficult financial times of the early Depression era, and who needed what we would now call “assisted living” in their older years.

The Residences have always been able to offer full scale community care at very reasonable rates because they are run on a not-for-profit basis by a volunteer board. The board members are appointed from six named Protestant churches; some are required to send two trustees and others only one. Our very competent and well respected matron of thirty-five years, Joyce Pickles, will retire in January 2022. 2021 was a year of carefully planned transition in leadership for the residences. The daily management of the Residences was handled by Matron Joyce and longtime Supervisor Pooja Dulal. Thanks to the efforts of these two leaders the ladies in residences were kept safe and the buildings in good order during the Covid 19 pandemic. There is also an extensive support staff of experienced workers, some of whom have been employed for many years. It is a priority that the residents experience a warm, kind, and loving atmosphere which reflects the Christian generosity and charitable goals of the original donor. The Residences are on an excellent financial footing with a healthy capital fund held in reserve to pay for the extensive repairs and upgrades which these two very old buildings regularly require.

Our own Linda Evans is currently the Chair of the Board. Daphne Dumont and Josephine Rose are the other Kirk trustees.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Dumont

THE CUNDALL TRUST REPORT

St. James is required to name one trustee to the Board of the Cundall Trust. Each of six Protestant Churches in Charlottetown name one trustee, following the terms of the will of Henry J Cundall. The Trustees originally ran the "Cundall Home", a refuge for "friendless young women and girls", in the building which is now the PEI Heritage Foundation headquarters, Beaconsfield. After various transitions the building was sold to the province and the proceeds formed the nucleus of a modest trust fund which the trustees continue to manage. When interest rates were high the interest was divided every year among agencies and volunteer groups which help young women and girls, and a percentage was saved and reinvested to increase the capital of the fund. Currently the trustees only meet when sufficient interest accumulates, at the current very low rates, to make meaningful donations.

Donations are made on condition that the receiving agency keeps them as confidential as possible, as the amount of money available to the trustees is not large enough to make it feasible to publicize the existence of the fund or solicit applications. The trustees themselves have the task of researching and recommending agencies or organizations which do good work with young women and girls. The recipients change over time and only registered charities or their subsidiaries may receive donations. The donations are greatly appreciated, particularly since they often arrive "out of the blue" when new recipients are identified. Daphne Dumont is the current representative and has been serving since 1984 (as she was surprised to discover when reviewing the minutes!) She is now the Chair of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Dumont

CHARLOTTETOWN AND AREA CHRISTIAN COUNCIL REPORT

Christian Council met in January, February and March and irregularly throughout the rest of the year but due to Covid-19 restrictions neither Rev. Amanda nor I attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie B. Lees

LEADING WITH CARE REPORT

The Kirk of St. James hosted a Presbytery Visitation team in November 2021. One of the helpful suggestions of the Visitation Team was that we include in our Annual Report, information about how we are meeting our obligations under the *Leading with Care* policy. This report is a result of that recommendation, which Session has adopted.

The *Leading with Care* policy, established in 2005 after considerable developmental processes, is not about us as individuals. It is about us as a body of Christ—a denomination—trying to ensure the highest quality of ministry by offering our best to Christ and working to make sure that the worst does not happen. The Presbyterian Church in Canada is committed to providing safe environments for all persons, including children, youth, vulnerable adults, and those who minister to and with them. The church's ministry includes times of worship, service, study and play in all milieus (e.g. church courts, congregations, camps) that fall under the jurisdiction of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. All staff, both volunteer and paid, working in these environments, must support this policy.

All would agree that we should care for children/youth/vulnerable adults and follow the ways of Jesus. So, why is this policy necessary? Because children, youth and vulnerable adults are precious to us and we want to ensure that their teachers and leaders are equipped and trained in the best ways to nurture their faith journey. We also want to assure them and their families that there is safety in our programs.

While we believe that religious institutions are supposed to be safe places, public media reminds us that it has not always been so. Despite careful procedures, abuse and unsafe practices have occurred in congregations where no one would expect it by people no one would question. To say "It can't happen here" is not supported by what some people have heard, seen or experienced. We also know that when vulnerable people are taken advantage of, it dishonours the name of Christ and the church. It dishonours the good work that many faithful servants have contributed over many years. Fifty years of faithful ministry could be seriously undermined by the act of one person. Therefore, our task is to uphold the name of Christ and to protect the work that has been achieved in our congregations.

The Kirk actively seeks to live into the *Leading with Care* policy in all that it does. The following are some of the ways that we do so at present.

1. All of our Nursery and Sunday School volunteers have completed the required police checks and always operate in teams of two in accordance with *Leading with Care* requirements.
2. We have made a number of recent improvements to make the Kirk a safer and more accessible space for those with mobility disabilities, including the purchase of a wheelchair for the main entrance, to assist anybody who might need it; during the fall of 2021 we added a second accessible pew to the Sanctuary, to mirror one that was installed a few years ago; and we installed a hand rail on the inner side of the stair going up to the balcony, to address some safety concerns of our choir, which is singing there during the pandemic.
3. We have instituted and followed all of the Public Health guidance related to COVID-19 in the church, have updated our Operational Plans as required, and have postponed the restart of our Nursery and Sunday School programs because we are not yet confident that we can do so in keeping with Public Health guidance. When necessary, we have reverted to only live-streaming our worship services, to mitigate any risk that vulnerable members of the Kirk family might face as a result of in-person worship during COVID-19 outbreaks.

4. Session has recently discussed the overdue need to have a fire drill in the church, and reconfirm our out-of-church emergency meeting place, which in the past has been the hall of St. Peter's Cathedral, a short way down Fitzroy Street. Management Committee has been tasked to develop a plan for a fire drill during 2022.
5. We have two transgender youth within our congregation, and have made a point of making them feel welcomed and affirmed within the Kirk. Along a similar vein, we formed an Inclusion Committee a number of months ago, and are preparing to submit a draft Inclusion Plan to the Session for their approval during 2022. The second accessible pew was one of the first fruits of this committee's work.
6. As an extension of our Capital Campaign, we are actively exploring how we might renovate the Upper Hall to include three fully accessible and gender neutral washrooms.
7. When we hired an Interim Minister (Rev. Dr. Kay Diviney) we confirmed that she has taken the requisite *Leading with Care* training, has a current police records check and is comfortable providing pastoral care to members of sexual and gender minorities.
8. Our Pastoral Care team is aware of *Leading with Care* requirements for visits to vulnerable individuals, especially those in Long Term Care facilities, and strives to meet these to the extent that COVID-19 Public Health guidance allows.

If you have any questions or concerns about how the Kirk meets its obligations under the *Leading with Care* policy, you are invited to contact the Action Clerk of Session, David Robinson, at (902) 330-8733 or at cerobinson@eastlink.ca.

Respectfully submitted,

David Robinson