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*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." - Romans 15:13*

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REFLECTION



As I sit here reflecting on 2021, a full year of pandemic living, I first want to say “*I miss you*”. Early in the pandemic people kept saying that ‘we are all in the same boat’ as a way to encourage others and help people know that they weren’t alone. Over the last year, we came to appreciate at even deeper levels that we’re in the same storm and we were all dealing with it in our own ways from our own boats. I suspect almost everyone had a difficult time at one time or another, and we each needed an extra dose of kindness and grace. It’s a beautiful thing to witness a community of faith care for one another during challenging times.

In spite of the challenges that 2021 presented, we found creative ways to connect with one another, God, and our community. I want to thank the Faith in Action Team of Jean Hansuld, Maureen Read and Megan McLean who organized several opportunities for us to support our community. It meant a lot to us to be able to help others in some really tangible ways.

I’m grateful that we are living in a time when our technology let us connect with one another so easily when we couldn’t be together in person. Over Zoom we had some great discussions about our faith, the weekly scripture and message and books. Our Sunday morning coffee chats took us all over the map as we talked about our lives, what’s happening in the world and the latest Netflix obsessions. These connections were life-giving. As much as technology let us connect when we couldn’t be together, there was nothing quite like being able to see one another face-to-face on the patio for a chat, at an outdoor concert or in the sanctuary once we were able to move back into the sanctuary.



Worshipping God has always been the heartbeat of the community of faith and this past year was no different, even though much of our worship was online. I really enjoyed developing the services for our series on the Psalms (God is Holding Your Life) and Holy Vessels where we were reminded that even when we are broken God can find and create beauty just like beach glass. It was fun to be able to go through the entirety of Paul’s letter to the Philippians and the Letter of James, and look at the prophets throughout Advent as we considered our community of faith and ourselves and places - Inns where we make room for the Holy. Working with Sara over the year has been inspiring as she is always eager to find music that supports and enhances our worship themes. It’s also been great to work with Claire as she and the choir continued to create some beautiful choral music. And I’d like to thank the Band and Stuart for their ongoing contributions to worship. The great variety of music that we’re able to enjoy helps us enter into our connection with the Lord in different ways. We’re blessed!



REFLECTION



A community of faith thrives because of our common focus on worshipping, caring and serving, and none of it is possible without people. First, I want to say 'thank you' to our staff. They've done a terrific job of keeping things going. Even while working from home part-time, Karen has been able to keep us organized and on track. Karen, thanks for shining Christ's light into all that do. Megan has done a superb job of keeping the Board and Session up-to-date on our financial situation so wise decisions could be made. Thank you Megan! And Tom continues to work behind the scenes to make sure the building is in good shape for all who use it. Thanks Tom!

There are many volunteers who have worked throughout the year to help keep things going, and help us try new things. You'll read about their work throughout the remainder of the report. I do want to highlight the work of Session and the Board as they continued to work throughout the year, and they had some challenging decisions to make as we navigated all the changing Covid regulations. The biggest change this year has been our ability to livestream the services. This was a critical step to allow us to move back in the sanctuary while continue to keep those who wish or need to worship from home connected. This would not have happened without Peter Barber taking the lead on developing and implementing the plan to make this happen. Thanks Peter! Thanks also to those who have volunteered to help with worship technology.



Our church building is a gathering place for many in our community, and I'm grateful that we continued to be a place for the children and youth who are connected to White Oaks Montessori and 4th Clarkson Scouting to learn and grow. It was especially heart warming when 4th Clarkson were able to start gathering together inside last fall. We look forward to the day when our friends from the Polish National Catholic Church are able to 'come home'.

As we reflect back over 2021, it's clear that God's Spirit has been present and active in our midst. This coming year will undoubtedly bring new challenges our way, but I'm excited to see where the Lord will take us. We put our trust in the Lord!

In Christ's Service,
Rev. Gale

***"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.***

~ Isaiah 43:19



PRAISING GOD!

Music Ministry

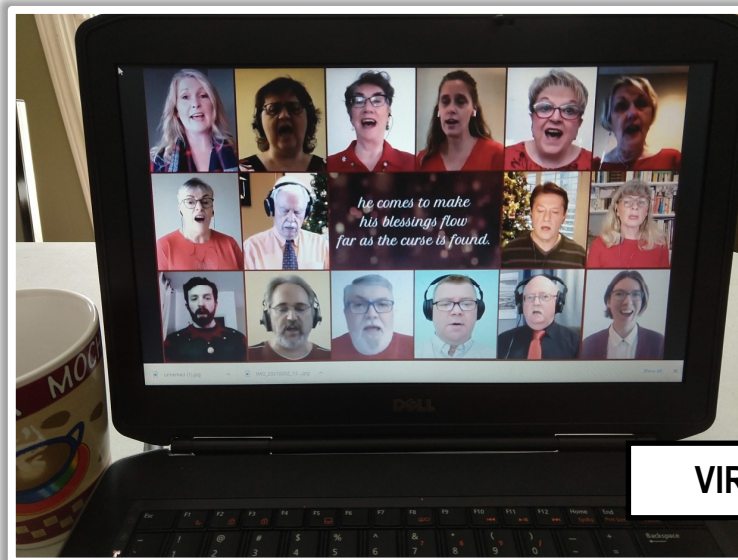
CHOIR

Another year in lockdown and the choir hasn't sang together in person.

We are very fortunate that Claire has helped us with Sing-A-Part for virtual choirs. For some of us this has been a challenge to get the anthem recorded and sent to Claire but the result is very satisfying. We know when we sing in the service it is very much enjoyed by the congregation. We hope to continue in this way until we can once again be in the sanctuary.

Many thanks to Sara who has introduced such a variety of music for our enjoyment, it is very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted.
Marion Gardiner
Choir Chair



SONGS OF HEALING AND HOPE

On Sunday, September 12th, award winning singer/songwriter Jacob Moon filled the air with songs of healing and hope. Songs like "You've Got A Friend", "His Eye is on the Sparrow", "Lord, I Need You Every Hour" and "Bridge Over Troubled Water" gave us encouragement. In spite of threatening weather everyone had a great afternoon.





Worship Committee

As a community we continue our Sunday services connecting through live-streaming and recorded services posted on YouTube and Facebook.

We are very fortunate that Rev. Gale has been able to continue with pre-recording our services in the confines of her home and then transitioning to recording in the sanctuary with a new set-up which allows for the zooming into and focusing of different positions.

In Gale's absence, we had the joy of welcoming Jessica Foy and Gillian McWhinnie to lead our services.

Gale, with the assistance of Karen, continued organizing, not only a regular service, but the logistics to bring it to all of us digitally.

The production / editing efforts were handled by Andrew Scott up until we moved to live-streaming, where on occasion, Stuart had to tweak our feed.

The music has been a most important part of keeping all of us upbeat. Sara Joy's collaboration with Gale has introduced some beautiful new song arrangements as well as music for preludes and postludes.

As well, the Choir has continued with the help of Claire Lemiski, to provide us with anthems and hymns on a regular basis.

Let us not forget our praise band members who have continued to add to our services with new song arrangements.

We were fortunate to broadcast from the sanctuary again beginning Sunday, October 17. Just days before that, Gale participated in the funeral service on the front lawn for Scouter Evan Smith.

We continued broadcasting live from the church up to just before Christmas, managing to have a Remembrance Day service and a Celebration of Life service for Sandie Feldcamp.

Being in the Sanctuary prior to Christmas, we were reminded of the behind the scene activities of Marlene and her helpers, who transformed our surroundings.

Respectfully submitted,
Colin Gardiner

***"Whatever your task, put yourselves into it,
as done for the Lord ..."***

~ Colossians 3:23



PRAISING GOD!

LOVE IS IN THE AIR

Friday, July 23rd was an incredibly joyous day as David Onuoha and Jolean Lloyd were married in a small ceremony at CRPC. Due to the ever-changing covid regulations, David and Jolean had to replan their wedding numerous times and we're thrilled that they finally got to be joined together as husband and wife.

Reverend Gale and Pastor Frankie Lazarus (Jolean's Pastor) officiated the beautiful ceremony. Reverend Gale said one of her favourite moments in a wedding is when the groom sees the bride coming down the aisle for the first time. This held true again as the love that David has for Jolean lit up the sanctuary the moment he saw her.

We pray God's richest blessings on Jolean and David.



“Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.”

~ Colossians 3:14



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

It was a joy to celebrate Advent in person and online. During Advent we prepared shoeboxes with activities for kids to enjoy that we called “Christmas in a Box”. As well, special Holiday Pastoral Care Gift Bags were distributed. Our Quiet Christmas and Christmas Eve services, although held online, were very meaningful.

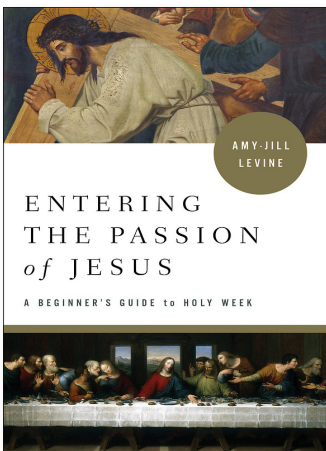


As a community of faith, we offer a variety of opportunities for people of all ages and stages to further develop their faith. These events and activities help people come to know God in a deeper way and learn how to live as followers of Jesus.

Growing Together

CLARKSON CONNECTS

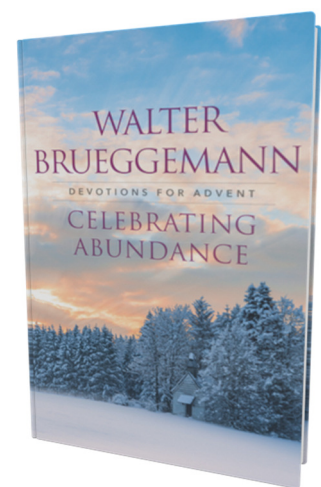
In every challenge there are opportunities and we had some great opportunities to grow together this past year. Thanks to Zoom we were able to meet more often, and draw in different people. We continued with **Clarkson Connects** for the first seven months of the year meeting on Wednesday evenings for a deeper dive into the worship theme for the week. In the new year, we spent time with the Psalms and in late June and July we went deeper into Paul's letter to the Philippians. At other times we covered a range of topics. This was a great opportunity for people to ask questions, share how they responded to the scripture we were looking at or simply listen in to the discussion. We had some really interesting conversations.



LENT & ADVENT BOOK STUDIES

Throughout Lent, we read and discussed **Amy-Jill Levine's** book, "**Entering the Passion of Jesus**". Each week when we gathered, we watched a short video where Dr. Levine talked about a particular aspect of our Throughout Lent, we read and discussed Amy-Jill Levine's book, "Entering the Passion of Jesus". Each week when we gathered, we watched a short video where Dr. Levine talked about a particular aspect of our chapter for the week. She is a great presenter and we all found her very engaging. She really helped open up the scriptures in some interesting ways.

During Advent, we dug into **Walter Brueggeman's** book, "**Celebrating Abundance**" which was a daily devotional book that took us from the first day of Advent through the Christmas season. Once a week we gathered on Zoom and spent an hour talking about what we'd read during the week, and reflecting on the questions Rev. Gale had for us. An hour never felt like enough time to talk about all that was interesting, challenging and affirming about the devotions. Dr. Brueggeman helped to open up familiar scriptures inviting us to see them with a fresh perspective. It was great to see a few people join a discussion group for the first time. We also posted all the discussion questions on our website so those who weren't able to get to the discussion group could be part of the process.



I love what we learn from one another as we open ourselves to the opportunity to be with others who are wanting to grow in their relationship with Jesus. These groups are very safe and you are welcome to simply listen. I'd encourage you to think about participating in an upcoming discussion group.



FAITH FORMATION

Growing Together (Cont.)

ONLINE CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

During the first half of the year, Natalie McLean continued to offer the online lessons for families. She put together activity bags for every session so families would have all the resources they needed to do the craft that went along with each Bible story. Natalie's infectious enthusiasm was very much appreciated by families, and the children loved learning from her. The truth of the matter is that many adults watched Natalie's videos every week as well and reported that they learned a lot from her as well. Thanks Natalie!



KID'S CHRISTMAS BOXES

While we didn't have anyone to make videos for families this fall, we sent families a special activity box for Christmas. Each box contained all that families needed to create a gratitude garland throughout December. We also included sugar cookie mix and a cookie cutter along with some hot chocolate so they could have a hot chocolate party and read about all the things they were thankful for over the month. Each child also received a sticker set so they could put together their own nativity scene. Thanks to Elaine, Debbie, Gerry, Megan, Maureen and Marion for putting these packages together.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Gale Macdonald





Monday Morning Prayer Group

We are a relatively small group but feel mighty, as we know the Lord is always ready for our group to meet.

Despite all the COVID restrictions, we have been meeting regularly on Zoom and thank all those who share their prayer requests with us. It is a privilege to be trusted with your concerns. We pray specifically for individuals from our congregation, their families and friends, as well as national and international situations.

Without fail we agree that our prayers are being heard and being answered according to God's promises. We have the blessed opportunity to give thanks for cancer treatments that have successfully put patients in remission and also to hear of "all clear" bells ringing. We are encouraged by reports from people experiencing peace and comfort as they proceed with treatments and operations as well as welcomed pain control, returning prodigals and restored family connections.

We also share your grief when the answers for physical healing have not always been what we asked for but we trust that our Heavenly Father always knows best when He calls a loved one to their eternal home.

Thank you for trusting us with your burdens, and please keep your requests coming. We keep all requests in strictest confidence between the small group and the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelta Fleck

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

~ Philippians 4:6-7





FAITH IN ACTION

This year, as always, our mission was to embrace all participants in our activities with the love and friendship of Jesus Christ. When our faith is put into action, we become the hands and feet of Jesus.

The Compass

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.”

~ Hebrews 13:16

His blessings are new every morning, great is His faithfulness!

2021 continued the Covid saga that started in 2020. Vaccines, restrictions, lockdowns, variants are all words that were used way too often and impacted the way we lived our lives. But through this all CRPC continued our mission to provide for the less fortunate through our Compass ministry. The Compass had another interesting year. We continued to reinvent the way we deliver services to our vulnerable population, honoring the resources that have been put into our trust by the members of CRPC.

OPERATIONS

Our makeshift online market has been reimagined making it a seamless experience for the clients. We renovated our website making it more accessible and easier to use to our client population. We did this by making it more mobile friendly, as most people visit our site from their phones. And, by adding in a translate feature that translates the content of our website into over 40 different languages making it easier for our clients who have difficulties speaking English.

AWARDS

The Compass was recognized in 2021 as one of Charity Intelligence’s top 10 Canadian Impact charities and one of their top 5 Toronto Charities. The Compass demonstrated high impact and from their calculations have 96 cents of every dollar going to the cause. A brief description of our Charity Intelligence ratings can be seen here <https://www.charityintelligence.ca/charity-details/981-the-compass>.

PROGRAMS

While we have continued to have a limited number of non-market related programs, God has given us the ability to continue to provide our Refresh program, which provides a space for clients to discuss religion and worship. We received a technology upgrade grant which we used to get loaner tablets for our clients who participate in the program.

We launched a reconnect program on Thursdays on zoom, to reconnect the sense of community that some of the clients have lost over the last year. We encourage everyone to participate. If you would like to log on and listen to what is going on, then simply rsvp to community@thecompass.ca

MOVE AND BRANDING

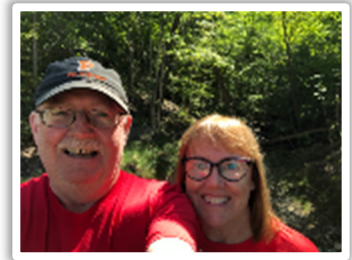
In anticipation of our 2022 move, the Compass spent 2021 observing the work on the Indwell building. While many building projects suffered shortages and delays, God provided for the Indwell team so that the delay in our new location was only postponed by slightly over a month. Our plan remains to be in and fully operational in the new location by March of 2022. The building is almost complete, and a picture is included below. With the new location we also had the opportunity to rebrand. As such we launched a new logo and new colors, moving from a maroon and mustard to a red and wheat color.

FAITH IN ACTION



CRPC

Once again, through this tough year CRPC has given out of the kindness of our hearts. Even as covid continued to complicate our lives, we raised over \$750 for the Compass Walk this year. In 2020, through the help of the Faith -In-Action group we provided birthday bags for children at the Compass. This was greatly appreciated with parents commenting on how much joy these bags brought to their children. This year, with guidance from the Faith in Action team, CRPC continued this tradition by providing over 60 birthday bags. CRPC's drive through food drives were also greatly successful in helping us fulfil our mission to feed the hungry in our community.



CONCLUSION

God provides in times of need. After the increase in donations of 2020, we were overwhelmed by the generosity we received. We were able to pay for the changes to our operations and provide for our community. Because of this we braced in anticipation of a slow down of donations. However, God once more touched the hearts of people to donate, and we were able to end the year with all of our needs provided. We are as tired as everyone else of this pandemic and cannot wait to get back to our in-person meals and programs but as we wait, we marvel at God's grace.

Respectfully submitted,
David Onuoha

NEW LOGO

THE COMPASS
Help for Today ♥ Hope for Tomorrow

THE COMPASS FRONT DOOR

NEW INDWELL BUILDING



FAITH IN ACTION

Evangel Hall Mission

Although we were not able to provide dinner at Evangel Hall Mission and hold a worship service there this year, which we have typically done for several years, we were, however, able to make a cash donation to Evangel Hall to help support their ministry to the homeless.

Other Initiatives

Over the years we have supported the Leprosy Mission (now called Effect:Hope), through collecting used stamps. This year, we were able to make a donation of the used stamps as well as a financial donation to Effect:Hope. We are still collecting used stamps to donate in the future.

Refugee Response

The Al Rmidian family continues to thrive here in Mississauga. Both Alia and Hussein have been employed throughout the pandemic. They are both regarded as key employees in their respective workplaces.

The children are also doing extremely well in their schoolwork. Malak is in grade 10 while Mohammed is in grade 9, both at Lorne Park Collegiate. Mariam is in grade 7 at Hillcrest Middle School, while Mahmoud is in grade 2 at Whiteoaks Elementary School. All of the kids have grown taller and matured immensely in the last year. Mohammed is now quite a bit taller than his parents!

May 26th was a date of immense pride for the family as they took the oath to become Canadian citizens. Unfortunately, Covid protocols prevented us from seeing or celebrating the online procedure.



Fortunately, we did get to congratulate them in an outdoor gathering on the church patio in July. What a pleasure it has been for us to see them learn and develop and succeed.

The only negative experience we've had is something beyond our control. Three years ago, we applied to bring Hussein's younger brother, Mahmoud, to Canada. Then Covid hit and although the application has been approved, he is still in Lebanon. Along with Christ First United Church, we are now in the process of considering sponsoring an Afghan family whose story has come to our attention.



More information should be available by March.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Durward



Faith in Action

Our Faith in Action initiatives for 2021 continued to be challenged by the continuing and ever changing restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Our church community responded to these challenges, and throughout the year the enthusiastic support for each of the outreach initiatives helped to shine God's light and message of hope in our neighbourhood.



We held a **drive-thru food drive supporting Compass clients** in the spring and repeated it again in the fall. Many thanks to those that supported the food drives and to the volunteers that greeted and also delivered the food collected to Compass.

What began as donations of gift cards to the Arise ministry in the spring, became a move to monetary donations due to further Covid restrictions. In total we **delivered to Arise \$1,575 in gift cards and cash.**

Compass clients love our **"Birthday in a Bag" kits**, and we heard from them that they were low in stock and would we consider doing them again. They asked and did we ever respond! Between the cash that was donated and the completed bags that came in, we were able to provide sixty (60) bags!



New in December was our **outreach to Indwell and "The Fresh Start Project"**. Indwell is a Christian charity that creates affordable housing communities that support individuals seeking health, wellness and belonging. Located in Port Credit the residence is due to open in January. Fifty-six (56) welcome bags were created containing items such as paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, dish soap, hand soap, tea towels, and a chocolate treat. Your monetary support also allowed us to add extra items for the twelve (12) bags made for "The Fresh Start Project". Individuals moving into these twelve units are transitioning from a shelter environment to a home. Cleaning products, mops, brooms, dustpans, toilet brushes and dust busters were added to these twelve bags. Delivery of the bags which was scheduled for early January has been moved to February as the building is not ready yet for occupancy.



Thank-you for your enthusiastic support of Faith in Action this year. With your help through ongoing challenging times, we continue as a community of faith to share the message of God's love and to shine His light in our neighbouring communities.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Hansuld, Megan McLean and Maureen Read



BUILDING COMMUNITY

Building community, both inside and outside of the congregation, is important as we move into our future. There are many opportunities to build connections with those who are part of the Clarkson Road family. You'll see that the 4th Clarkson Scout Group continues to be an integral part of the Clarkson Road community.

4th Clarkson Scout Group

4th Clarkson Scout Group continued to serve the youth of Clarkson despite challenging operating conditions due to COVID. Our focus in 2021, to be succinct, was to “re-establish” all Four Sections of Scouting at 4th Clarkson in the Fall of 2021. By the end of the Spring 2021 Season (June 2021) youth had lost interest in “online” so the challenge was to “bring us back” to “in-person” adventure and programming.

We were able to restart the Beaver group in October of 2021 which had been suspended, Cubs, Scouts and Ventures this year are essentially “over-subscribed”. We maintain limits on youth numbers we can manage until we can ramp up and return to normalcy of operations.

Through the dedication of our volunteers, and the addition of some new volunteers (Scouters), we have good staffing levels for our current youth cohort. What we are finding is, as 1st Clarkson has suspended operation and 3rd Clarkson is struggling, we are getting more inquiries than we have capacity. The experience of Scouting here is no different than in many areas of Community and Outreach programs, *“too few volunteers willing/able to commit time”*...sound familiar?

CRPC continues to sponsor youth who require funding to participate and we have one applicant in process at this time under this program.

Fundraising has moved online for Scout Popcorn and Scout Coffee however we are looking at a late Spring Bottle drive as a method to replenish our Treasury for which we have been dipping slightly into our reserves, albeit at a modest pace as many of our larger expenditure camps were not offered in 2021.

CAMPING

On this front we loaned equipment to Scout Families in the summer of 2021 who wished to do their own camping in their defined social bubble. We feel it is important to keep the youth engaged in camping and the outdoors and not have them fall behind as clearly we did not open up in the summer of 2021 the way we might of hoped.

MEETINGS

Online Zoom meetings are used to some degree however most people have enough of this in their “diet” so these are used mostly as planning sessions. Real engagement comes from real interaction and that is outdoors, or for a period in the Fall of 2021, indoors.



NEW CHAIRMAN

We work to promote engagement at all ages and experiences. As an example of this we recently brought Gord Williams into a special position as Chairman of 4th Clarkson working with the Group Committee. From his home in the Walden Retirement Centre he provides us with sage advice and counsel. Gord is a young 88 year-old! He also participated in our Tree Planting event with the City of Mississauga in October 2021.



PARTICIPANTS AT JANUARY 2022 (approx.)

Section	Youth
Beavers (ages 5-7)	8
Cubs (ages 8-10)	17
Scouts (ages 11-14)	15
Venturers (ages 15-17)	7
TOTAL	47

The numbers above do not include our waiting list and we have stopped any promotion of the group for new members until, and unless, we can assure the same high quality program.

Our love of the outdoors and activities in nature with a true ecological orientation make Scouting ideally suited for the interests of the youth and needs of the future.

Finally, every Aug/September we see our senior year Ventures graduating into their next stage of their lives (schools, trades/co-op, and jobs). It is with profound sadness that in Sept. of 2021 we lost a truly outstanding youth to a tragic accident in Vancouver at UBC. The name of Evan Smith will be forever present in our thoughts, he will be missed so much by so many people in his communities of Scouting, School, Music, Sport and the Canadian back country.

We continue to paddle, hike, bike, swim, plant trees, craft, explore, climb and assist those in our community, building something great for our youth. Something to carry them forward.

Please see our bulletin board postings of some of our events in the gym, or better still ask us about Scouting.

Respectfully submitted,
Scouter Don Bean



SANTA BOXES



RAKING LEAVES AT CRPC



TREE PLANTING



BUILDING COMMUNITY

Patio Chats

Once the provincial guidelines allowed for larger gatherings outside in late June, Rev. Gale started holding patio chats on the front patio to give people an opportunity to come together once a week and see others from the congregation. Over the weeks we held these in June, July and September we had a lot of people drop in for a conversation and a few laughs.



Pastoral Care

It was wonderful to be able to attend services in the sanctuary in the fall until once again we had to close. Unfortunately, there are several members of the congregation who can no longer attend services in person.

We wanted to show our care and concern, so we prepared and distributed Holiday Gift Bags. An appeal was made to the congregation and many wonderful people baked a variety of shortbread cookies. The bags contained a plant, cookies, hot chocolate, and a few chocolate candies.

Many thanks are extended to Norma Lumsden and Sherry Vrencken for assembling the bags and to several others for visiting and delivering the gifts.

Pastoral Care tries to stay in touch with people by sending cards and making phone calls. If anyone knows of any person who needs to be contacted, please let us know.

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene McKenzie



SESSION

Throughout 2021 the Session used monthly, Zoom meetings to ensure the continuation of the Ministry and Mission of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church. Changes in COVID restrictions required flexibility in presenting our weekly services. Rev. Gale had to deal with a number of changes in recording services, none of which were ideal. At Christmas we had to make decisions on Quiet Christmas and the Christmas Eve Services. Unfortunately, we had to record these services. We have been fortunate that Sara Joy has been able to provide us with excellent music for the services. There was a short period of in-person services, which were also live-streamed. Live streaming required training in running the Audio-Visual system.



**PETER & ALEX SETTING UP
LIVESTREAM**

Pastoral care programs continued to ensure that we kept in contact with members of the congregation. Rev. Gale invited members to come and chat with her on the patio at the church. The COVID restrictions have made it difficult to meet with members and to keep in touch with their needs, and these chats offered a welcome opportunity to actually see and talk to people. Faith in Action ensured that we continued our outreach support of the Compass and other mission programs, such as Arise Ministry. For Evangel Hall we were not able to host a dinner but provided a cash donation in lieu of the dinner.

In June, the General Assembly (GA) for the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) made two changes to church law when the following motions were passed.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada holds two parallel definitions of marriage and recognizes that faithful, Holy Spirit filled, Christ centred, God honouring people can understand marriage as a covenant relationship between a man and a woman or as a covenant relationship between two adult persons. That congregations, sessions, ruling and teaching elders be granted liberty of conscience and action on marriage.

That congregations and presbyteries may call and ordain as ministers and elect and ordain as ruling elders LGBTQI persons (married or single) with the provision that liberty of conscience and action regarding participation in ordinations, inductions and installations be granted to ministers and ruling elders.

At GA a change to term eldership was also made giving congregations the opportunity to decide whether terms will be for 6 years or a shorter time period. At present, CRPC Session has not determined the length of term that best meets our needs.

Prior to the General Assembly, the Session had discussed a report from the Committee on Church Doctrine on Medical Assistance in Dying. The Session had expressed concern that the committee had used the title "*Physician Assisted Suicide*" for their report. We received a General Assembly remit that had changed the title to, "*Physician Assisted Suicide: Medical Assistance in Dying*". We have responded that we disagree with the title, and we request that the committee change the title of the report, to "*Medical Assistance in Dying*".

SESSION

In 2021 Canada was made aware of a number of unmarked graves associated with Residential Schools. Rev. Gale provided the Session with information on the role of the Presbyterian Church in the Residential School program.

Session was presented with many challenges as we discussed the above issues in terms of our Christian faith.

As St Andrew's, Port Credit, is looking for a new minister we approached them to see if they would partner with us on projects in the area that would show a stronger presence of Christianity in the region. Unfortunately, they determined that their priority is to focus on securing a new minister and may consider partnering when the new minister is established.

We have been made aware of a refugee family that is looking to move to Canada. In this case the family speaks English and there is already funding in place to support their move to Canada. We are looking to partner with another church, so that we can adequately support the family when and if, they move to Canada. This initiative will continue to be explored in 2022.

The Session agreed to hold a visitation and service for the funeral of Evan Smith, the young former member of 4th Clarkson Scouts. Evan was killed in a pedestrian/car incident in Vancouver, where he had moved to start his first year at the University of British Columbia. In holding the ceremonies at CRPC we showed our concern for the family and made all accommodations, so that the family was not faced with any other difficulties at this very sad time.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Fleck
Clerk of Session

ONLINE SESSION MEETING



SESSION

1. CHURCH INFORMATION

Membership:

- Members recorded as of December 31, 2020..... 133
- Members removed from Roll by:
 - ◊ Death..... 2
- Members recorded as of December 31, 2021..... 131
- Number of Households as of December 31, 2021 114

Bereavements:

It was with sadness that we mourned the following deaths in 2021:

Sandie Feldcamp	November 14
Mary Jane Geddes	December 25

We pray that all who have lost loved ones have found comfort and support in their faith and in our risen Lord.

Weddings:

The following were united in holy matrimony in 2021:

David Onuoha & Jolean Lloyd	July 23
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***“O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.”***

~ Psalm 105:1

SESSION

2. SESSION INFORMATION

- Number on Session as at December 31, 2020 10
- Number on Session as at December 31, 2021 10

Elders:

Currently Serving on Session:

Ruth Durward	Jean Hansuld	Megan McLean
Ron Fleck	Joanne Krauser	Marlene McKenzie
Colin Gardiner	Jackie Luymes	David Onuoha
Harry Gregg		

Elders-at-Large:

Christine Billings	John Hansuld	Shirley Ross	Glenn Thompson
John Dekker	Shirley Judd	Maureen Read	Rimmer Tjalsma
Kelta Fleck	George McLean	Bob Sinclair	Bill Truax
Eleanor Garbutt	Peter McLean	Barbara Sypher	Siem Vandebroek
Rajah Haddad	Bev Philips	Ron Sypher	Justin Wall
			Marjorie Whitson

Officers:

Moderator.....	Rev. Gale Macdonald
Clerk.....	Ron Fleck
Presbytery Representative	Ron Fleck
Roll Clerk.....	Jean Hansuld

3. BOARD OF MANAGERS

Chair	Peter Barber
Treasurer.....	Megan McLean
Finance	Bruce Murray
Property	Cam Hansuld and Martin Luymes
Renters & Insurance.....	Joan McInnes
Session Liaison	Colin Gardiner
Ex-officio member	Rev. Gale Macdonald

BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board of Managers would like to thank the congregation for their financial support and thank those who donated their time to maintenance activities – especially over a year when the congregation couldn't meet or use the sanctuary as much as we all would have liked.

The property, this year, has been used mostly by our building partners (White Oaks Montessori) and continues to be well managed by Board members Cam Hansuld (outside) and Martin Luymes (inside). Please see the property report for details.

The income from rent is key to our ability to fund property maintenance. A big thank you is owed to Joan McInnes for her ongoing work to manage all of our renters, their contracts and our insurance issues.

The Technology Team investigated video streaming in 2021 and initiated a multi-phase program to introduce cameras and streaming equipment. Although there are improvements needed, the Board is happy with the results of the first phase and want to thank the growing volunteer team for their work to stream to Facebook and YouTube. We look forward to the proposed improvements in internet speed (streaming quality), new projectors and more in Phase 2 (2022).

As outlined in the financial report, we were within 2% of budgeted expenses. Thanks to Bruce Murray (finance) and to Treasurer, Megan McLean, who must be highlighted for her great work dealing with the ongoing COVID complexity and government grant/benefits packages while maintaining the books and paying the bills. She also provides regular and timely updates on our financial status and budgets that are critical to prudent management of our resources.

The Board would like to thank others in the hard working support team:

- ⇒ Karen Perez, our Church Office Administrator, provides excellent support of the church staff, congregation, projects and events including maintaining the website and preparing graphics for weekly online services to help us all communicate. Karen keeps us all in line and we would be lost without her.
- ⇒ Tom Tsimenidis, our diligent caretaker who comes in at all hours to make sure our property is tidy, clean and operational.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Barber, Chair

2021 Board of Managers with role, and current terms:

• Peter Barber	Chair, Technology, HR	February 2022**
• Colin Gardiner	Session Liaison	n/a
• Cam Hansuld	Property (outside)	February 2023
• Martin Luymes	Property (inside)	February 2022**
• Rev. Gale Macdonald	Ex-officio member	n/a
• Joan McInnes	Renters & Insurance	February 2024
• Bruce Murray	Finance	February 2024

Trustees

Cam Hansuld	(3 years)	February 2024
Martin Luymes	(3 years)	February 2024
Bruce Murray	(3 years)	February 2022**

** Members standing for re-election

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Property Committee

The church property remains a strong asset for the congregation and the community partners that share our space. The building and grounds are in good shape and there are no immediate concerns requiring attention.

Wear and tear on the building this past year was minimal due to the COVID-driven decline in in-person activities. Some modest repairs to the gym floor were made (extending the life of this floor a bit longer) and to the plumbing in the accessible washroom.

One unusual set of investments we did have to make involved strategic upgrades to our aging hot water heating system. Some of these upgrades were expected, some were not. Over the past decade, the boilers, pumps and heat distribution system were under-maintained, with virtually no planned maintenance undertaken, and repairs made only when and if necessary. This was not a sustainable approach. Early in 2021, the Board approved bringing in a reliable and reputable local HVAC company to take care of some immediate needs (including delivery of more reliable and controlled heating into the sanctuary) and, going forward, to provide regularly-scheduled service. The upgrades and fixes resulted in higher than usual expenses in this area for the year, but much of this was “catch-up” work and it is anticipated that costs going forward should be more modest.

No major improvement projects were undertaken over the past year.

We are grateful for the reliable and efficient support of our lawn cutting and snow clearing services and we should also acknowledge the assistance of the Scouts and many volunteers who raked leaves and made quick work of what would have been a big job for any one person. We are also grateful for the dedicated service of custodian Tom Tsimenidis and Office Administrator Karen Perez.

Respectfully submitted,
Cam Hansuld and Martin Luymes
The Property Team



BUILDING A LEGACY

Endowment Fund

The Endowment fund is managed by Murray Wealth and has done very well this past year which is very much appreciated. There were no new contributions to the fund last year and due to the Covid pandemic it has been difficult to promote new donations. We ask everyone to keep the Endowment fund in mind when planning your charitable givings since it is an excellent way to support local needs.

The fund activity in 2021 is as follows:

Value of funds as at December 31, 2020: \$314,067
Allocation for 2021: \$15,700*

*The anticipated annual disbursement to mission/ charities each year is 5%-7% of the year-end balance.

During 2021 we made the following disbursements:

⇒ Arise Ministry: \$500
⇒ Computer Tablets (5): \$1,865
to distribute Sunday services to members
without computer / internet access
⇒ Ian Anderson House: \$2,000
⇒ SAGA Summer Camp: \$2,500
⇒ Story Garden Literary Centre: \$1,500
⇒ Jacob Moon Concert: \$1,073
⇒ CRPC Equipment for Live Streaming : \$5,110
to enable services to be broadcast live

Total Distributed: \$14,548

Value of funds as at December 31, 2021: \$394,268
Available for distribution in 2022: \$19,700

Respectfully submitted,
Harry Gregg

Memorial and Bequest Fund

The Memorial and Bequest Fund is used to honour the memory of members and Adherents in a tangible and lasting way. This practice is especially important in pandemic times when gatherings to remember the loss of loved ones have been limited.

2021 saw the passing of two beloved members of our congregation; Mary Jane Geddes, who was a founding member of CRPC, and Sandie Feldcamp, who looked after the nursery for many years.

Donations were received on behalf of both women. These donations are intended to be used to help refurbish the Margaret Terry Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ruth Durward & Marion Gardiner

PRESBYTERY

2021 continued to be a strange season for the Church, in Canada and around the world, as most congregations were closed to in-person worship for much of the year. Congregations have gotten used to their ministers preaching from their kitchen tables, or their living rooms, or in sanctuaries that echo with vast emptiness. In our Presbytery, most congregations tried to open at some point between Labour Day and Thanksgiving in hopes that it would be permanent, but rising numbers with the Omicron variant shut everything down again around Christmas. Some are hopeful that they will be able to reopen their doors again in February or March, but there is much praying to be done by all between now and then!

Presbytery meetings remained on Zoom, and will continue to be so as we move through 2022. We miss the camaraderie of being able to meet in-person, as well as the casual fellowship we find in the pews or across the dinner table from one another. Our committees continued to struggle with their work for much the same reason – “What can we plan? What can we do?” It is hoped that we can initiate some movement in this area, at least, as we move into 2022.

Our Moderator for the first part of 2021 was Ms. Laura-Lee Campbell, the Representative Elder from St. Andrew's, Hillsburgh. During the latter portion of her tenure, she oversaw the ordinations of the Rev. Candice Bahadoor (as well as her induction into the ministry to the congregation at Heart Lake PC, Brampton), and the Rev. Debora Rolls, who was then inducted into a charge in Peterborough. She then passed the baton of Moderatorship to the Rev. Stephen Mutavdzija, her minister at Hillsburgh!

Several farewells were notable in 2021. Rev. Brad Shoemaker left his position as chaplain at the Maplehurst Correctional Complex early in the year, and Rev. Lydia Bae had officially departed from Heart Lake at the end of January. The Rev. Dr. Andrew Human retired from St. Andrew's, Port Credit, and the Rev. Barb Molengraf retired from St. Paul's, Bramalea. Rev. Harvey Self's retirement was finalized, as was that of Frances Sullivan. Rev. Jen Sokolowsky is resigning from Erindale PC to take up a position at Camp Kintail, and we will have two more vacancies in the Presbytery soon! Our Presbytery could well look very different by the end of 2022.

Rev. Steve Boose is concluding his Master's of Pastoral Studies after four years of part-time study, and the court hopefully has a new student for 2022, Samira Babar. However, as 2021 ends, we have no other active students under the Presbytery's care.

One notable new item for 2021 was the creation of a Rainbow Communion Committee. This was in response to the decision at General Assembly in June to permit congregations to ordain as elders and/or call to their congregational ministry same-sex attracted individuals who are in long-term committed relationships, as well as to permit ministers to perform marriages between “two adult persons” without the stipulation of heterosexuality. The Rainbow Communion of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was intended to allow individuals within the Church with non-heterosexual / non-cisgendered understandings of themselves to have a safe space to express what they have encountered while trying to find Christ among His Christians in the PCC, and with the passage of the Remits, some recommendations intended to start the healing process between the Church and those who have been wounded for their sexual identity have been forthcoming. Our Committee was formed to examine the situation in our Presbytery's paradigm and to suggest ways in which we, as a Presbytery, might move forward in this area to promote healing and reconciliation.

In conclusion, our vacant congregations as of the end of 2021 include Acton (Knox), Almanarah, Claude (Rev. Mary Campbell - Stated Supply), Ospringe (Knox), Port Credit (St. Andrew's), Trafalgar (Rev. Carolyn MacAvoy – Ministry Covenant), and Union (Rev. Bryan Fox - Stated Supply). Please pray for all our congregations as we move into 2022 and whatever this year may bring for all of us!

Respectfully submitted on behalf of
the Presbytery of Brampton

AGENDA

1. Constitute Meeting
2. Appointment of Secretary
Motion: That Joan McInnes be appointed as secretary.
3. Adoption of Agenda
Motion: That the Agenda be adopted.
4. Adoption of 63rd Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes
Motion: That the minutes of the 63rd Annual Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, March 7, 2021 be approved as written.
5. Business arising from Minutes
6. Annual Reports for 2021 (excluding the Treasurer's Report):
Motion: To receive, consider and approve the 2021 Annual Reports other than the Treasurer's Report.
7. Treasurer's Report for 2021
 - a) Motion: That we receive and consider the Treasurer's Report for 2021.
 - b) Motion: That the Treasurer's Report for 2021 be approved.
8. 2022 Budget Presentation
Motion: That the 2022 budget be approved.
9. Property Report - 2021 accomplishments and 2022 plans
10. Endowment Fund
11. 2022 Plans
12. Election of Board of Managers
Motion: That Peter Barber and Martin Luymes be re-elected to the Board of Managers for a 3-year term.
13. Election of Trustees
Motion: That Bruce Murray be re-elected as Trustees for a 3-year term.
14. Appointment of the Auditors
Motion: That the Board of Managers be responsible for selecting Auditors for 2022.
15. New Business
16. Motion to Adjourn Annual Meeting

MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE 63rd ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

Number of Members in Attendance: 44

The Reverend Gale Macdonald constituted the meeting with prayer.

Secretary:

Moved by Peter Barber and seconded by Colin Gardiner that Joan McInnes be appointed as Secretary: Carried.

Agenda:

Moved by Ron Fleck and seconded by Glenn Thompson that the Agenda be adopted: Carried.

Minutes:

Moved by Jean Hansuld and seconded by Christine Campbell that the minutes of the 62nd Annual Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, March 8, 2020 be adopted as written: carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes: None

Annual Reports for 2020 (excluding the Treasurer's Report):

Moved by Martin Luymes and seconded by Ron Sypher to receive, consider and adopt the Annual Reports other than the Treasurer's Report: Carried.

2020 Treasurer's Report Highlights:

Megan McLean presented the Treasurer's report as outlined on pages 27 to 31 of the 2020 annual report. Megan provided a high level overview of the year's receipts and expenditures. \$270,000 was raised from all sources in 2020. It was noted that the timing of our revenue stream was affected by the global pandemic, causing our givings to dip in the first half of the year.

We qualified for government assistance (Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy) to ensure that we could continue to pay our employees. We were also able to assist the Montessori school by applying for the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent assistance program. Under this program the federal government paid 50% of the school's rent for the months of April to June, the Montessori paid 25% of the rent, and our congregation financed the remaining 25% of the rent.

Our overall church expenses were lower than prior years due to the pandemic related church closure.

Bruce Murray moved and Jim Goodwin seconded

that we receive and adopt the Treasurer's Report for 2020: Carried

2021 Proposed Budget Highlights

The proposed budget for 2021 was presented by Megan McLean. Our expenses are expected to increase in 2021 over 2020 as we begin to open up our building after pandemic-related closures. We expect to end the year at a break even level if our revenue levels remain similar to the prior year.

A motion to adopt the 2021 Goal Budget was moved by Bruce Murray and seconded by Maureen Read : Carried.

Many thanks to Megan for her extremely well thought out and insightful presentation on both the 2020 report as well as proposed 2021 budget. Her dedication and diligence in keeping the CRPC financial reporting in good standing especially during 2020 when the pandemic changed the landscape of worshipping for everyone is most appreciated. Megan spent many hours submitting complete and accurate applications for Government subsidies to offset our expenses in addition to maintaining and reporting an accurate accounting of our finances.

Property Report:

With reduced occupancy and suspension of activities during 2020, wear and tear of Church property was minimal. The building remains in good shape and there are no immediate concerns. However, Montessori School made a few minor modifications in keeping with standards imposed by the Ontario government.

Cam and Martin expressed their appreciation for the reliable and efficient support of our lawn cutting and snow clearing services and thanks to the Scouts who raked leaves in the Fall. Thanks also to Tom Tsimenidis for his dedicated custodial services and acceptance of reduced hours then pivoting back to work with additional cleaning protocols required under new guidelines.

For 2021 we are looking forward to a time when we can meet again in person in the Sanctuary. To this end we are engaging the services of Kongats Architects to conduct a feasibility study examining a refresh of the chancel to accommodate both in-

MINUTES

person and online live streaming of our worship services. The study will take approximately 2-3 months to conduct; upon completion we will receive a detailed proposal with options for enhancement of the chancel area; in particular there will be focus on AV requirements and accessibility. Once the information has been received a special congregational meeting will be held to share the results; both Session and Board have provided their approval of this study.

The report was submitted by both Martin Luymes and Cam Hansuld, the Property Team.

Endowment Fund:

Harry Gregg reported that in 2020 the full allotment of funds available from the Endowment Fund for distribution was not utilized mainly due to COVID issues, i.e. facility closures, interruption of activities, etc.

For 2021 a portion of the allotted funds will be used to help support the purchase of new AV equipment for the Sanctuary. Additionally, several tablets have been purchased to provide viewing of online services to those in the Congregation who do not have internet capabilities.

Moved by Harry Gregg and seconded by David Onuoha: Carried

2021 Plans:

Bill Tebbutt provided an update on the status of the Memory Care Project. Unfortunately COVID in 2020 impacted the project; however over the last few months Beckerman has been able to pick up the pace and with new information on hand we are now looking at a revised schedule and scope of the project. The Memory Care facility will now be 3 stories containing 42 units as permitted under zoning permit. Our property has been re-evaluated at a higher amount and upon completion will yield an increased return on our investment. This will take approximately 3 years as of middle of 2021. Note: The relocation of the parking lot to the front of the building will be undertaken before any construction commences.

Maureen Read presented an overview of Faith in Action activities for 2020. The Leap Year Games Night was the last time we were able to be together before COVID restrictions impacted our lives. However with support from the congregation, we were able to accomplish the following:

- March Break Bags for Compass families (50 bags)
- Purchase of soccer balls for Compass families
- “Drive-thru” food donations drop-off for Compass
- “Drive-thru” toy collection for Compass
- “Thinking of You ” bags for Montessori teachers

Plans for 2021 will evolve as pandemic restrictions change and we can look at safely providing support to the community. In the meantime, we will continue to focus on supporting the Compass as well as other worthwhile agencies, i.e. ARISE Ministry and Armagh . If you have any suggestions or ideas for the Faith In Action Team, please reach out to Maureen, Megan or Jean.

Motion for Re-Election of the Board of

Managers:

The following individuals were proposed for re-election to the Board of Managers: Joan McInnes and Bruce Murray.

Moved by Peter Barber and seconded by Glenn Thompson: Carried.

Motion for Re-Election of Trustees:

The following individuals were proposed for re-election as Trustees for a 3 year term: Cam Hansuld and Martin Luymes.

Moved by Peter Barber and seconded by Andrew Billings: Carried.

Appointment of Auditors:

Ruth Durward moved and Harry Gregg seconded that the Management Board will be responsible for selecting Auditors for 2021: Carried.

New Business:

No new business.

Adjournment:

Harry Gregg moved the adjournment of the meeting: Carried. Rev. Gale Macdonald closed the meeting with prayer.

The next Annual Congregational Meeting will be held in 2022—date TBD.

