

TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
2022 ANNUAL REPORT

REsist 2 REvive

Recon0cile

REturn 2 REfocus

REim2agine

REmember

REjoice

Table of Contents

OUR MISSION, OUR VISION, and COVER NOTES.....	1
MINISTERS' REPORT	2
COUNCIL MEMBERS	3
TEAM MEMBERS	4
ROLL OF HONORARY ELDERS	5
69 TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	6
VIDEO-CONFERENCE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING August 2/22	11
VIDEO-CONFERENCE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING November 23/22.....	13
IN MEMORIAM.....	16
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.....	17
ADMINISTRATION and SHARING TEAM.....	18
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN	20
MINISTRY and PERSONNEL TEAM	20
PRAIRIE TO PINE REGIONAL COUNCIL	21
TRUSTEES	22
BUILDING FUND TERMS OF REFERENCE	24
BUILDING and PROPERTY TEAM	25
THE TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH GREEN PLAN	26
LEARNING TEAM	27
YOUTH POINT PERSON	28
MONTHLY BOOK GROUP.....	28
WORSHIP and WELCOME TEAM	29
ESTHER and EMMETT	30
NURSERY ROLL.....	32
MUSIC.....	33

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS.....	34
T'BJIGGN	34
MESSY CHURCH	35
2022 TMUC STATISTICAL REPORT	36
THURSDAY MORNING MUSING	37
UNITED CHURCH WOMEN.....	38
UNITED CHURCH WOMEN FINANCIALS.....	39
OUTREACH TEAM	40
TRANSCONA FOOD BANK	41
TRANSCONA FOOD BANK FINANCIALS	45
GIFTS OF GRACE STREET MISSION (SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP)	46
CHRISTMAS HAMPERS.....	47
CAUGHT IN THE ACT CO.	49
PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER.....	49
TMUC IN THE COMMUNITY	50
Children's Choice Nursery School	50
Girl Guides of Canada: 155 th Guide Unit.....	50
The Transcona Council for Seniors Inc.	51
2022 INCOME and EXPENSES (unaudited)	52
BUDGET INCOME and EXPENSES.....	54

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

We are gathered for worship and work in Treaty One territory, which is the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene Peoples and the homeland of the Metis Nation. For thousands of years Indigenous Peoples walked this land and knew it to be the centre of their lives and their spirituality. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

Our Mission

As a Church, we seek justice, foster and nurture growth by teaching, worshipping, through music, sharing and being welcoming to all. We value and share our gifts, protect the earth and walk humbly with our God.

Our Vision

TMUC is an evolving, welcoming, and sharing community church with a community presence. We celebrate the diversity of God's image present in all people. We embrace the diversity of abilities, age, appearances, family configurations, gender identities, gifts, life experiences, races, sexual orientations, and talents. We welcome the full participation of people, in all of their diversity, in the whole life and work of the congregation. In Christ's name we share God's love as people of varying economic, educational, and physical situations. We remain open to God's spirit deepening our faith and our love.



Cover Notes: The cover of this year's Annual Report reminds us of our 2022 journey through Lent to Easter.

We introduced that journey with these words: "As we begin this year's Lenten journey into hope and into our re-visioned world, we invite you to journey with the question: 'aRE you REAdy?'"

Each week we considered a theme word that began with the letters 'RE', words such as 'REsist' 'REfocus' 'REconcile' ...

That theme and those words embraced so much of TMUC's life in 2022, as we REturned to in-person worship and gatherings, while maintaining livestream and ZOOM gatherings. 2022 was a year of exploring our REadiness to be church in both familiar and emerging ways.

May this cover help you to REMember TMUC's life and ministry during 2022 and to REflect on TMUC's life and ministry in 2023.

MINISTERS' REPORT

2022 was a year of Returning and Remembering.

When 2022 began, we were still worshipping online. And then we returned! On March 27, TMUC returned to the sanctuary for weekly Sunday worship services! We returned to in-person worship and we live-streamed those services so everyone could be included!

What a delight to begin to gather again – however tentatively – with masks and without as people saw fit. Remembering the joy of community has been an important part of our 'return'.

Messy Church returned to in-person gatherings (woohoo!). Some meetings returned to in-person and as time and regulations have evolved, we have been able to visit at Care Homes and Hospitals. And, there was the joy of our fund-raisers (in-person): the Glenlea Plant sale, Rummage & Book Sale, Time & Talent Auction, Quiz Night, and the Murder Mystery evening.

And, we remembered the blessings that ZOOM provided and so some gatherings continued online: Thursday morning's Check-in and Chat; Lunch with Luke; Unveiled – Women of the Old Testament; and many meetings.

A year of Returning and Remembering.

In September, in the midst of all the Returning and Remembering we asked something of you. We asked for your blessing as we announced our retirement at the end of June 2023 after what will be 35 years of sharing ministry with you.

As retirement means that this will be our last 'Annual report', we offer our blessing to you.

We love you. We deeply, deeply love you. You bear the light of Christ. You are beloved children of God and you make a difference in this community and in the world. May that love and light continue to shine from within you. May your witness continue to light the way – cascading like a canopy of stars that lights the way for others as well. May you continue to be a blessing to each other and those who follow us for we are so grateful for your blessing of us.

We are grateful for your care and support throughout the years of our tenure. Throughout the years we have been blessed with the gift of serving and working with the wonderful people of TMUC and the Transcona community.

This world is filled with uncertainties – that has been true from the very beginning. And at the same time, the eternal truth is that the world is filled with God, always and in all ways.

'Returning and remembering'. In that returning and remembering may our continuing journeys with God remind us that we are not alone, we live in God's world. Thanks be to God.

Respectfully submitted, with deep appreciation,
Carol and Jeff

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Audrey Lumsden	Past Chair
Breanna Drennan-Bilyk	Chair
Marcel Van Eerd	Chair Elect
Susan Copeland	Secretary
Don Heinrichs	Treasurer
Darren Fife	Youth Member-at-Large
Rev. Carol Fletcher	Team Minister
Rev. Jeff Cook	Team Minister
Sylvia Jansen	Learning Team Representative
Susan Sebastian	Outreach Team Representative
VACANT	Worship and Welcome Team Representative
Cynthia Ostapyk	Administration & Sharing Team Representative
Terry Cousins	Building and Property Team Representative
Karen Ilchena	Ministry and Personnel Team Representative
Alan Gershuny	Prairie to Pine Region Representative
Alma Jennings	UCW Representative
Ken Wilkie	Board of Trustees Representative



TEAM MEMBERS

LEARNING TEAM Sylvia Jansen Deanna Howard Brenda LeBeau (staff) resigned Sept 11/22 position now Vacant	OUTREACH TEAM Susan Sebastian Shirley Bird Holly Hill Alan Gershuny Vicky Low Amy Wood	WORSHIP & WELCOME TEAM Crystal Schau (staff) Sheila Reid Elaine Trochim Dan Trochim Kathy Rempel Susan Bywater Laura Fraser-Schau Cathie Morgan Matula
ADMINISTRATION & SHARING TEAM Donna Hadaller Devan Ostapyk Cynthia Ostapyk Barb Heinrichs Chris Richard Adrian Measner Don Heinrichs, Treasurer Jim Lewis (corresponding member)	BUILDING & PROPERTY TEAM Terry Cousins Bob Kirkhope Marcel Van Eerd Tony Proskie (deceased Apr 3/22) Cheryl Thomas Brenda Wood (resigned Nov/22) Harvey Hochkievich Stephen McKendry-Smith Blaine Rougeau John Fraser Gail Purcell (corresponding member)	MINISTRY & PERSONNEL TEAM Karen Ilchena Vivien Laurie Sheilah Ross-Campbell
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Ken Wilkie David George Wally Stoyko Cynthia Ostapyk Jim Lewis Gail Purcell Rev. Carol Fletcher	UNITED CHURCH WOMEN Cathie Morgan Matula Susan Copeland Mary Thiessen	REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE Alan Gershuny

ROLL OF HONORARY ELDERS

*We celebrate the ministry shared with this congregation by those named by the
TMUC Council as Honorary Elders.
They have shared and continue to share many gifts with us.*

Barrie Brooks

Julia Brooks (deceased)

Iris Collett

Harry Craig

Trudy Darichuk

Joan Davidson

Laurence Desautels

Darrell Fierheller

Margaret Fierheller

Peter Frejuk

Joan Garner

Pearl Greenaway

Errol Hendricks

Alma Jennings

Len Kancer

Carol Kirkhope

Joan Knisley (deceased)

Gorma MacDonald

Joan Merrick

Lionel Merrick

Beth Newell

Vern Peterson (deceased)

Dorothy Ross

Bonnie Scott

Merlin Shoesmith

Wally Stoyko

Ben Thiessen

Mary Thiessen

Ken Wilkie

Nola Wilkie (deceased)

Ken Young



TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
69TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2022

1. Call to Order

The 69th Annual Congregational Meeting of Transcona Memorial United Church was held by ZOOM video-conference on Sunday, March 6, 2022. Notice of the meeting was given via e-mail to all members for whom we have e-mail addresses, which is 88% of the congregation's membership. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Audrey Lumsden at 10:35 am.

There were 48 members and adherents in attendance: Audrey Lumsden, Doug Copeland, Joyce Nykoluk, Sylvia Jansen, Donna Hadaller, Mary Price, Karen Ilchena, Paul Ilchena, Mave Dickson, Anne Hruda, Dennis Hruda, Shelley Schau, Elaine Trochim, Dan Trochim, Cathie Morgan-Matula, Lynn Measner, Adrian Measner, Vicky Low, Michelle Lamoureux, Barb Lamoureux, Gail Purcell, Leona Mayer, Carol Kirkhope, Bob Kirkhope, Bonnie Scott, Judy Hare, Laurie Chudley, Barb Korb, Edna Walker, Linda Antymis, Linda Boyd, Brenda LeBeau, Stephen McKendry-Smith, Cindy Ostapyk, Tina Van Eerd, Marcel Van Eerd, Ken Wilkie, Laura Fraser-Schau, Alan Gershuny, Shirley Stovin, Vivian Meyer, Don Heinrichs, Virginia Heinrichs, Alma Jennings, Jim Lewis, Sheilah Ross-Campbell, Pat Ross, Breanna Drennan-Bilyk, Susan Copeland. Also in attendance were Rev. Carol Fletcher, Rev. Jeff Cook and Laura Sechman.

2. Appointment of Secretary for the Meeting

MOTION: Moved by Don Heinrichs/Linda Antymis, **"That Susan Copeland be appointed the secretary for this annual meeting."** **CARRIED.**

3. Acknowledgement of the Land

We are gathered for worship and work in Treaty One territory, which is the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene Peoples and the homeland of the Metis Nation. For thousands of years Indigenous Peoples walked this land and knew it to be the centre of their lives and their spirituality. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

4. Agenda

To place a Ukrainian flag in the church window was added to the agenda.

5. Speaking and Voting Privileges

MOTION: Moved by Anne Hruda/Marcel Van Eerd, “**That all members and adherents in attendance shall have speaking and voting privileges at this 69th Annual Meeting.**” **CARRIED.**

6. Approval of Minutes

The Secretary noted a correction to the Minutes. Under Nominations, Barb Heinrichs and Chris Richard were nominated to the Administration and Sharing Team.

MOTION: Moved by Susan Copeland/Elaine Trochim, “**That the minutes of the 68th Annual Congregational Meeting dated Sunday, March 7, 2021 be accepted as corrected.**” **CARRIED.**

7. In Memoriam

The In Memoriam list on page 9 of the Annual Report was read by Rev. Carol Fletcher and Rev. Jeff Cook during the service that preceded the Annual Meeting.

8. Celebration of 2021

Audrey Lumsden noted that the Annual Report included reports from Trustees, Council and Teams and the accomplishments of the church groups and community groups for 2021.

MOTION: Moved by Cathie Morgan-Matula/Michelle Lamoureux, “**That we receive all reports as printed in the Annual Report, pages 1-5, 10-37.**” **CARRIED.**

9. Old Business

Environmental Policy - Stephen McKendry-Smith provided some background on the draft Environmental Policy. The Policy was to have been presented at the 2020 Annual Meeting which was delayed due to the COVID pandemic. He noted that the Building and Property Team was trying to make environmentally friendly choices. He then reviewed the Policy. The Policy also includes an Environmental Co-ordinator to lead the decisions and to look for funding possibilities. In the discussion it was noted that the lighting in Yale Hall has been replaced with LED lights. The furnaces need to be replaced and they are looking at ultra-high efficiency furnaces or heat pumps as well as right-sized furnaces. A new roof for the sanctuary is needed and we are looking at extra insulation. We have applied for a grant but have not heard back as yet. There is a provincial grant that we have applied for as well as the Faithful Footprints program of the United Church of Canada.

Stephen McKendry-Smith was thanked by the congregation for all his work.

MOTION: Moved by Karen Ilchena/Alan Gershuny, “**That we accept the Environmental Policy and that Stephen McKendry-Smith be appointed the Environmental Co-ordinator.**” **CARRIED.**

10. New Business

Date of Annual Meeting – Audrey Lumsden noted that the annual meeting has been held in March for the past few years.

MOTION: Moved by Anne Hruda/Mave Dickson, “**That the date for the Annual Meeting be moved from February to March.**” **CARRIED.**

Ukrainian Flag

MOTION: Moved by Cathie Morgan-Matula/Linda Antymis, “**That we place a paper Ukrainian flag in the window of the church.**” **CARRIED.**

11. Financial Results for 2021

Cindy Ostapyk advised that the Financial Statement in the Annual Report indicates a surplus of \$38,000. After review by the Exchange Group, the auditors, one adjustment was made and the surplus for the year is \$39,899. Revenue for the year is down and expenses are steady. We also benefitted from wage subsidies during the pandemic, the church being closed and there being no office administrator for the period.

MOTION: Moved by Cindy Ostapyk/Donna Hadaller, “**That the Financial Statements for 2021 be accepted.**” **CARRIED.**

12. Appointment of Auditor

MOTION: Moved by Cindy Ostapyk/Anne Hruda, “**That the Exchange Group be retained as auditors for the 2022 fiscal year.**” **CARRIED.**

Audrey Lumsden led the thanks to Cindy Ostapyk, the Administration and Sharing Team and Lynn Measner for their work with the finances, the Music Team, and the ministers for their work during this difficult time. She also expressed thanks to all the people who volunteer to keep the church functioning.

13. Looking to the Future

Carol Fletcher reflected on coming back to our in-person worship and activities following two years and remote ministry, weekly zooms, and many phone calls

and restrictions on our activities. We do not know what the future will hold as we are living in an unpredictable world. In the unpredictability, we are still the church. This time of re-gathering provides us with the opportunity to think about, to envision, and to re-envision, how we continue to live our share of Christ's ministry in a world that has changed and is changing. Council will be meeting soon to consider how we look towards the future.

14. Approval of Proposed 2022 Budget

Adrian Measner advised that for the General Fund the assumptions for the proposed Budget were that it would be a normal year. That was not the case for the first part of the year. Givings were based on 2019 and adjusted for a decline each year. Fundraising was based on our normal fundraising activities. There will not be a Dinner Theatre this year. We will not be receiving the wage subsidies that we received last year. An increase of 1.3% for pastoral care and an increase for hydro expenses were included but hydro may go up even more as well as other expenses due to inflation. A \$49,000 deficit was determined in November but we did not have a good start. There is a \$6,800 deficit for January and February and there will be additional expenses for the office administrator and building expenses going forward. A process to look at finances has been started. We can manage this year but cannot continue in this direction.

The Building Fund continues to receive donations. Expenses in the Budget include the payments on the United Church of Canada loan, our share of expenses for the furnaces and roofing based on the grant application and audio-visual equipment for the basement for when there are large funerals or the need to socially distance again. A deficit of \$17,000 in the Building Fund is indicated but this is not a problem as the expenses are not continuing expenses.

The Ministry Fund continues to receive small donations.

MOTION: Moved by Adrian Measner/Vicky Low, **"That the Proposed Budget for 2022 be approved."** **CARRIED.**

Audrey Lumsden indicated that a meeting of Council is to be held March 22, 2022 to look at ways for moving forward with the deficit. A committee may be set up. Audrey Lumsden thanked everyone who worked on preparing the Proposed Budget.

15. Nominations

Trustees - Audrey Lumsden advised that letters of resignation from the Trustees have been received from Errol Hendricks and Julia Brooks. She noted that both individuals have been long-time workers in the church.

MOTION: Moved by Bob Kirkhope/Linda Antymis, “**That we accept the resignations of Errol Hendricks and Julia Brooks from the Trustees.**”**CARRIED.**

Audrey Lumsden advised that Gail Purcell was nominated to serve as a Trustee.

MOTION: Moved by Anne Hruda/Mave Dickson, “**That Gail Purcell be accepted as a Trustee.**” **CARRIED.**

Council - Audrey Lumsden advised that Breanna Drennan-Bilyk was nominated to serve as Chair, Marcel Van Eerd was nominated to serve as Chair Elect. Norine Hochkievich has resigned from the Worship and Welcome Team. Laura Fraser-Schau and Cathie Morgan-Matula were nominated to serve on the Worship and Welcome Team.

MOTION: Moved by Alan Gershuny/Ken Wilkie, “**That the nominations as presented be accepted.**” **CARRIED.**

There were no further nominations.

Audrey Lumsden indicated that she would continue as Past Chair and thanked all Council members.

16. Other Business

Following a question about printed annual reports, it was noted that anyone who wanted a printed copy should contact the church office.

We discussed, briefly, the church’s involvement and response to other important events such as the discovery of unmarked graves at residential schools and Black History month.

It was agreed that we would individually say a prayer for peace, thinking of the invasion of Ukraine, at 6:00 p.m. each day. This invitation to prayer will be shared through our church news and social media.

The congregation thanked Audrey Lumsden for serving as the Chair for such an extended period.

17. Motion to Adjourn: by Shelley Schau/Elaine Trochim at 11:30 am.

18. Closing Benediction: Rev. Jeff Cook

Chairperson (Audrey Lumsden)

Secretary (Susan Copeland)

**TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
VIDEO-CONFERENCE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
AUGUST 2, 2022**

A Congregational Meeting of Transcona Memorial United Church was held by ZOOM video-conference on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. Notice of the meeting was given via e-mail to all members for whom we have e-mail addresses, which is 88% of the congregation's membership. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Breanna Drennan-Bilyk at 7:05 pm.

Attendance: There were 28 members and adherents in attendance: Breanna Drennan-Bilyk, Ted Firman, Stephen McKendry-Smith, Sylvia Jansen, Anne Hruda, Karen Ilchena, Vicky Low, Linda Boyd, Gail Purcell, Cynthia Ostapyk, Lorraine Walton, Cathie Morgan Matula, Carol Kirkhope, Bob Kirkhope, Carol Favoni, Alan Gershuny, Alma Jennings, Marcel Van Eerd, Lynn Measner, Adrian Measner, Jim Lewis, Cathy Drennan, Kevin Drennan, Ken Wilkie, Audrey Lumsden, Merlin Shoosmith, Marg Fierheller, Susan Copeland. Also in attendance were Rev. Carol Fletcher and Rev. Jeff Cook.

Regrets: Bonnie Scott

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND: We are gathered for worship and work in Treaty One territory, which is the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene Peoples and the homeland of the Metis Nation. For thousands of years Indigenous Peoples walked this land and knew it to be the centre of their lives and their spirituality. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

OPENING PRAYER: Breanna-Drennan -Bilyk

PROCEDURAL MOTION:

MOTION: Moved by Audrey Lumsden/Marcel Van Eerd, **"That all people present who are not Council members and/or trustees, are able to speak, make motions and vote at this meeting."**
CARRIED.

ROOF REPLACEMENT AND INSULATION UPGRADE:

Stephen McKendry-Smith brought forward the recommendation from Building and Property Team to replace the shingles on the Sanctuary roof, build a bridge roof between the choir room and the CE Building, repair the roof over the Sanctuary entrance/balcony, blow cellulose insulation into the existing rafter chambers and add one layer of 2-inch Enerfoil board to the surface of the roof at a cost of \$153,200 as outlined under Option 3 of the Roof Replacement and Insulation Upgrade Report dated July 25, 2022. He then did a presentation on the report that was made available to the

congregation. This work will raise the R-value from R-7 to R-25. He noted that the roof needs to be repaired this year and as the shingles are expected to last 35-50 years this is our only opportunity to increase the insulation for many years. He noted that the furnaces in Suthwyn Hall will need to be replaced next year and with the extra insulation we should be able to reduce the furnaces from four to two.

A discussion then followed. Above All Roofing is able to do all aspects of the project. Matula Roofing will also be doing the flat roof of the CE Building. We have a grant of \$10,200 from Efficiency Manitoba and have applied for a \$50,000 grant which has not been approved yet. We have a bequest of \$30,000 which can be placed in the Building Fund. We currently have \$100,000 in the Building Fund, \$27,000 of which is earmarked for the United Church loan for the renovations to the building. Upon approval of the Prairie to Pine Region, the trustees will be able to ask the United Church to roll back our loan by \$60,000 at a reduced interest rate. Adrian Measner advised that we will have about a \$20,000 deficit at the end of July. We will have a projected deficit at year-end of \$30,000 which is less than the \$47,000 deficit in the budget. He noted that we do need to manage our finances and that a five-year plan would be beneficial.

MOTION: Moved by Stephen McKendry-Smith/Bob Kirkhope, **"That TMUC undertake the required repairs to the roof and proceed with the roofing replacement and insulation as outlined in Option 3 brought forward by the Building and Property Committee in its report dated July 25, 2022."** **CARRIED**

Stephen McKendry-Smith was thanked for all his work on the project.

MOTION: Moved by Alan Gershuny/Audrey Lumsden, **"That the congregation of TMUC confirm the request to increase the United Church loan by \$60,000."****CARRIED.**

FINANCIAL UPDATE- Cindy Ostapyk reported that for the first six months we have a deficit of about \$16,000. This was helped by a donation of \$10,00 and two fund-raisers. She thanked everyone who had contributed and encouraged participation in upcoming events and for support with givings to manage the funds for the year. She also noted that a strategy needs to be developed to manage our costs over the next few years.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: by Ken Wilkie/Bob Kirkhope at 8:00 pm.

Chairperson (Breanna Drennan-Bilyk)

Secretary (Susan Copeland)

**TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH
VIDEO-CONFERENCE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 23, 2022**

A Congregational Meeting of Transcona Memorial United Church was held by ZOOM video-conference on Wednesday, November 23, 2022. Notice of the meeting was given via e-mail to all members for whom we have e-mail addresses, which is 88% of the congregation's membership. The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Breanna Drennan-Bilyk at 7:05 pm. She welcomed the Rev. Mary Best, Liaison from the Prairie to Pine Region of the United Church.

PRESENT: There were 38 members and adherents in attendance: Breanna Drennan-Bilyk, Alma Jennings, Anne Hruda, Karen Ilchena, Cynthia Ostapyk, Susan Marohn, Lynn Measner, Adrian Measner, Carol Favoni, Joyce Nykoluk, Mary Price, Gail Purcell, Don Heinrichs, Stephen McKendry-Smith, Carol Kirkhope, Bob Kirkhope, Vicky Low, Linda Boyd, Alan Gershuny, Marg Fierheller, Darryl Fierheller, Patty Parsons, Val Cousineau, Ken Wilkie, Donna Hadaller, Bonnie Scott, Sandra Scrymgeour, Jim Lewis, Marcel Van Eerd, Ann Cooke, Shelley Schau, Audrey Lumsden, Mave Dickson, Cathy Drennan, Kevin Drennan, Dorothy Fife, Colleen Thompson, Susan Copeland. Also in attendance were Rev. Mary Best, Rev. Carol Fletcher and Rev. Jeff Cook.

REGRETS: Sylvia Jansen

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND: We are gathered for worship and work in Treaty One territory, which is the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene Peoples and the homeland of the Metis Nation. For thousands of years Indigenous Peoples walked this land and knew it to be the centre of their lives and their spirituality. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

OPENING PRAYER: Breanna Drennan-Bilyk

REVIEW OF AGENDA: The agenda includes the Community of Faith Profile and a Financial Update.

PROCEDURAL MOTION:

MOTION: Moved by Ken Wilkie/Don Heinrichs **"That all members and adherents are able to speak and vote at this meeting."** **CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Community of Faith Profile – Breanna Drennan-Bilyk advised that this meeting is being held as part of the formal procedure for a change in ministerial staff. Adrian Measner provided an outline of the Financial Review portion of the documents that were required. The financial review covers seven years of information including revenue, expenses, bank balance and age of givers. Gail Purcell reviewed the Community of Faith Profile and noted that the job descriptions of the Office Administrator and the Congregational Designated Ministry Position (Youth Point Person) are also included. Lynn Measner reviewed the recommendations from the Ministry Profile Team that were accepted by the TMUC Council.

A discussion was then held. Items raised included the salary range, changes will be required in going from 1 ½ ministers to 1 minister, the need for a tech person as well and the need for a building management position. It was noted that we should see what unique skills and resources the new minister will bring. Breanna Drennan-Bilyk then read the two other procedural actions to also be included in the first motion.

MOTION: Moved by Marcel Van Eerd/Ann Cooke,

“There be a reduction in ministry time from 1.5 Ordered Ministry Positions to 1 FTE

Recommendation that the staff include a Congregational Designated Ministry Position (Youth Point Person) at 7.5 hours per week to be hired after the Ministry Personnel is in place and can be involved in the hiring.

We proceed with the posting of a full time (40 hr/week) ministerial position effective July 01, 2023 for Transcona Memorial United Church, according to the terms of employment:(included in the Ministry of Faith Profile).

That Gail Purcell be appointed to forward all required documents (Profile including Living Faith Story, Position Description, Financial Viability Review, 2021 Year End Financial Statements, Year to Date Financial Statements in 2022, documents related to CDM position, minutes containing motions) to the Pastoral Relations Minister in a timely manner for final approval by the Pastoral Relations Commission no later than December 2, 2022 and Lynn Measner be appointed to post the Profile on Church Hub after final approval by the Pastoral Relations Commission.”
CARRIED.

Breanna Drennan-Bilyk then read the second motion to be accepted that refers to the Search Committee. She advised that she had looked for people who would provide a wide range of perspectives and looked at service in the church, outreach, affirming, and length of time in the congregation and community. Nello Altomare, Jessica Blaikie-Buffie, Joy Chand, Kevin Drennan and Audrey Lumsden have agreed to serve on the Committee. A discussion then followed.

MOTION: Moved by Bob Kirkhope/Alan Gershuny, “That the following people be appointed to the Search and Selection committee of Transcona Memorial United Church to act after training on January 7, 2023: Nello Altomare, Jessica Blaikie-Buffie, Joy Chand, Kevin Drennan, and Audrey Lumsden.”
CARRIED.

Rev. Mary Best and Ann Cooke left the meeting at 7:55 pm and Rev. Carol Fletcher and Rev. Jeff Cook rejoined the meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Cindy Ostapyk reported that the deficit to the end of October is around \$21,700 which is better than projected in the Budget. A letter will be sent to the congregation with financial information as there will not be a stewardship campaign this year. She also advised that Council has developed a Multi-year Plan to keep on top of the financial situation and challenges over the next five years. This information will be shared with the congregation along with the Budget information. She thanked everyone for their support.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: by Patty Parsons/Karen Ilchena, at 8:00 pm.

BENEDICTION: Rev. Carol Fletcher

Chairperson (Breanna Drennan-Bilyk)

Secretary (Susan Copeland)

IN MEMORIAM

***Jesus said:...I am the Resurrection and the Life.
Those who believe in me, though they die, yet shall they live,
and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.***

Henry Edward Golis

Rita Frejuk

Frederick Moroz

Dorothy Grace Balkaran

Grace Bodnaryk

Keith Jewell

David Todd Booth

Fay Marion Berard

Nico Kumka

Joan Maureen Knisley

Gregory Robert Kemp

Sandra June Trueman

Tony Joseph Proskie

Mary Catherine Klymochko

James Albert Lamoureux

Brenda Lee Donaldson

Paul William Drewniak

Margaret Jean Yeo McMullen

Vernon Lloyd Peterson

Linda Margaret Brewster

Nola Dianne Wilkie

Frances Irene Popovich

Elinor Elizabeth Osinski

Frederick Allen James Stasko

Ida Bertha Grace Guillemette

Peter Lawrence Bodnaryk

Julia Elizabeth Brooks

Evelyn Edna Smith

Marilyn Helen Latimer

Lillian Patricia Ross

Robert Harry Cooper

Joan Cairns

William (Bill) Alexander Blaikie



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

Greetings and blessings be with you always.

In 2022, Transcona Memorial United Church continued to be a community hub despite starting the year under pandemic restrictions. As a welcoming church, we truly did our best to seek justice, foster and nurture growth by teaching, worshipping, through music, sharing and being welcoming to all while continuing to observe the health orders set out by the province of Manitoba. We continue to live out our mission and vision:

to be an evolving, welcoming and sharing community church with a community presence. We celebrate the diversity of God's image present in all people. We embrace the diversity of abilities, ages, appearances, family configurations, gender identities, gifts, life experiences, races, sexual orientations, and talents. We welcome the full participation of people, in all of their diversity, in the whole life and work of the congregation. In Christ's name we share God's love as people of varying economic, educational and physical situations. We remain open to God's spirit deepening our faith and our love.

Although it began as a year of trying to "return to normal", we were able to have a few successful fundraisers. In May, we held a successful Rummage and Book Sale. I was pleased to be the coordinator of the plant sale again in mid-May. It continues to be a great success for the General Fund. September saw the return of the Time & Talent auction and it was a huge success! We were blessed to have the UCW hold the popular Quiz night in October; and November featured a Murder Mystery night written for us by Rev. Jeff Cook and featuring some of the Caught In The Act Co. players. And we once again held our ever popular Metal Drive in the fall. Thank you to everyone who attended, donated to, helped with any of these fundraisers throughout the year.

Many highlights of our fantastic church year are included in this annual report. I would like to draw attention to a special Sunday that we had this fall. On September eleventh, we held a service of celebration and thanksgiving for the 60th anniversary of the TMUC UCW. A new banner was presented to hang in the sanctuary. As well, a special song was recorded that was shown alongside a slideshow showing 60 years of memories. It was a blessing to have held a tea in Yale Hall following the service, celebrating the many women who have done so much to support the spiritual and financial work of the church for the last 60 years.

Looking ahead to 2023, we are continuing to be aware of our environmental impact. Several large scale projects to help decrease our carbon footprint and maintain our building long term are on the calendar. This is following a very successful year of upgrades to our building. Council is pleased to support the ongoing efforts of the Building & Property team in the repairs, replacements and maintenance of the church building.

2023 will be a year of change at TMUC. In September, Carol and Jeff announced their intention to retire at the end of June. They have seen our congregation and community through so much, walked alongside us through many of life's changes. Throughout this report, you can see that this church is so much more than "Sunday Morning". Our faith traditions, social justice impacts, community outreach, calls to share God's gifts and working to be the hands and feet of Christ come directly from Carol and Jeff's love for us and God's love for us. May we welcome the changes that are to come. May we embrace what the future brings - with open arms and open hearts.

This year, my children are ten and seven. It's a wonderful time in our family's life and so many of you have witnessed them be a part of this congregation for the last decade. They do not understand the hours of volunteering that go into chairing a committee or council. I explained it as best I could - that I was giving up some time with them each month to help keep the volunteers organized and do other important work for the church because I would like the church to be there for them as they grow up, as it was there for me. This year has truly been a pleasure for me, to have served you as Chairperson, and I look forward to doing it again in the future.

Joyfully,
Breanna Drennan-Bilyk, she/her

ADMINISTRATION and SHARING TEAM

Like all other teams, the Administration and Sharing team had another interesting year in 2022.

It has been wonderful to see our congregation start returning to normal activities and to witness the support for our projects big and small. Thank you for your continued financial support and the contributions of time and talent as we jump-start the work of our church.

Funding: In 2022 we saw reduced financial support from government as the country moved out of the pandemic and moved back to more normal operations.

Stewardship: In lieu of our Stewardship campaign this year, we provided the congregation with an update, via email and regular mail, on our financial position to the end of October. We were very encouraged with the support that was received throughout the year, and reminded everyone of the opportunity for continuing their support of the work of the church during the final quarter, and into the 2023 budget year.

Rental Contracts: New two-year contracts were signed with Children's Choice and Juanita Wilson, a registered psychotherapist, who has been our tenant for one year. Increases, that reflect increases in TMUC operating costs, were incorporated into both contracts.

Tip Tap: In 2022 TMUC implemented the use of a Tip Tap machine that allows contributions to be made via credit card at church events. This technology has been used at Messy Church and fund-raising events. The net benefit to us in the past year has been \$460. We look forward to continuing use in 2023, as more congregants get familiar with the device.

Charity Return: The 2021 Charity Return with the Canada Revenue Agency was filed on time. There were no issues with the filing.

Financial Results: As in prior years, The Exchange Group was engaged this year to perform the financial review. This is targeted to be completed in February 2023 and the statements have been included in this report. We ended the year with a deficit of \$(2,085). Although fund-raising activities were held during the fall, the winter and spring was challenged with COVID-related curtailments and limited government support.

Our results this year were strengthened by the contributions through the on-going work of our funeral hosting team and through various individual projects that included a plant fund-raiser, a metal drive, a book and rummage sale, the auction, a trivia night and a mystery evening.

Budget: As in prior years our team prepared and reviewed the budget for the upcoming year. As part of that process, a draft budget was presented to Council for its review with ultimate approval by the Congregation. The key assumptions are outlined for your information and consideration on pages 54/55.

Our budget for 2023 reflects the transition to one minister in July of 2023, and associated costs of recruitment. While this change will help our financial situation in the short term, it is important that we remain vigilant going forward. To that end, the Council has been developing and reviewing multi-year financial plans, that will be monitored on a regular basis.

Team: Our team met regularly over the last year and included returning members Reverend Carol Fletcher, Don Heinrichs, Adrian Measner, Donna Hadaller, Devan Ostapyk, Chris Richard, Barb Heinrichs, Cindy Ostapyk and Jim Lewis (who continued to represent the trustees).

THROUGH ANOTHER CHALLENGING YEAR THE CONGREGATION CONTINUED
TO FAITHFULLY SUPPORT THE WORK OF OUR CHURCH.
CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE! THANK YOU!

Respectfully submitted by
Cindy Ostapyk for Admin & Sharing



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

In late 2022 the Administration & Sharing Team sent out a letter to the congregation giving an update on our finances and asking people to prayerfully consider an increase to their givings. There were no pledge forms sent out so there are no pledges to report for the upcoming year of 2023.

Number of households on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance):

at the end of **2021** = 94 at the end of **2022** = 92

Number of households on monthly credit card deduction through CanadaHelps website:

at the end of **2021** = 15 at the end of **2022** = 16

Number of households using monthly e-transfer:

at the end of **2021** = 4 at the end of **2022** = 4

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Measner

MINISTRY and PERSONNEL TEAM

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Team serve as a “confidential consultative body supporting the pastoral relationship” and our staff as well as being a go-between for our congregation and staff should there be concerns.

Our Team for 2022 consisted of Karen Ilchena, Vivien Laurie and Sheilah Ross Campbell. Thank you to the members of the Team for providing the human resources function for TMUC as well as reporting to Council on a regular basis.

With the ongoing pandemic and a slow reopening and return to in-person worship, 2022 continued to be a very different yet busy year for TMUC and our Ministers Reverend Carol Fletcher and Reverend Jeff Cook, lay staff and volunteers. TMUC is very fortunate to have strong, dedicated, and creative leadership in the team ministry of Carol and Jeff. They provide strength in terms of worship, vision, ongoing planning for our congregation and in representing our church within our community, as well as leadership for TMUC’s staff and volunteers.

In 2022, as the seasons changed, so did our staffing. In the spring, we were so pleased to welcome Laura Sechman as our new office administrator. With an open office, there was a sense of normalcy in the building once again. Due to an extremely unfortunate incident in early summer, Laura had to take a leave from her duties in the church office as she takes time to heal. We look forward to her much anticipated return. In the meantime, Lynn Measner once again stepped up and has been volunteering her time to manage certain mandatory tasks required in the office.

Anne Hruda joined Lynn in February 2023 and we offer our sincerest gratitude to them both.

In the fall, we were saddened to receive resignations from accompanists Lynne Mavins and Cheryl Jackson; and Youth Point Person, Brenda LeBeau. Their commitment to the music program and the children and youth of our congregation has not gone unnoticed and we thank them all for their years of dedication and commitment to the life and work of our church.

At the same time, filling the seat at the piano, we were thrilled to welcome Hannah Cole as our new accompanist. With Music Director Crystal Schau at her side, our music program came back to life with the return of choir members which hadn't been seen since before the pandemic. We thank them both as they continue to share their musical talents and build the music program once again.

The final pending change came in the form of a letter from our ministers announcing their retirement in June 2023. As sad as it was to receive this document, we congratulate them on making this decision and look forward to honouring, celebrating, and remembering the 35 years of dedicated service they have provided our church and community.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Ilchena, Chair, Ministry and Personnel Team

PRAIRIE TO PINE REGIONAL COUNCIL

"We affirm that the Sovereignty and distinct Nationhood of Indigenous Peoples needs to be upheld and that the sustaining connection to traditional and ancestral lands must support in practical ways this Sovereignty and Nationhood.

We commit ourselves to the truth-telling that needs to continue to happen as we seek reconciliation and healing and as we work toward a better future."

(from the Land Recognition text for Prairie to Pine Regional Council – approved by the Council Executive on Dec. 2, 2021)

The annual meeting of the Prairie to Pine Regional Council was held May 6-7. The meeting was held via ZOOM for the second consecutive year. The theme of the meeting was 'Remembering, Reconnecting and Revisioning.' Various speakers helped those gathered reflect upon the theme and their experiences of God, church and the world.

One of the speakers was Dr. Stewart Hill, from God's Lake First Nation. Hill reminded everyone that 'we are all Treaty People.' He introduced people to the significance of the

Medicine Wheel in relating our human spirit and the Land. Hill invited settlers to decolonize their thinking and to indigenize their minds.

The annual M&S Fundraiser featured 'Masked Singers', inviting guesses about the singers' identities, as well as generating fun and donations for the General Council's Mission and Service Fund.

The Region's Pastoral Relations Minister, Rev. Judy Hare, continued to host monthly (except during the summer) Ministry Personnel support gatherings via ZOOM.

The Region shared information and announcements from the Region, faith communities and the General Council through weekly emails.

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Cook

TRUSTEES

The trustees that served Transcona Memorial United Church in 2022 were:

Julia Brooks	706-1167 Rothesay Street
David George	265 Kildonan Meadow Drive
Errol Hendricks	57 St. Martin Boulevard
Jim Lewis	314 Yale Avenue West
Cynthia Ostapyk	84 Beachside Bay
Wally Stoyko	4008 – 1015 St. Anne's Road
Ken Wilkie	435 Horton Avenue West
Gail Purcell	39 Balaban Place
Chair – the Reverend Carol Fletcher	92 Beachside Bay

Of these trustees 8 are members of TMUC

During the year, the trustees accepted the resignation of Julia Brooks and Errol Hendricks with thanks. Their contributions will be sincerely missed.

The Trustees continue to work closely with the Council and Teams and are very grateful to these individuals for their work. Over the past year Trustees have met only when required to address emerging issues.

Financial Report

The United Church of Canada Loan:

- During the year we accessed additional funding of \$60,000 through the United Church of Canada, to finance necessary roofing repairs.
- Interest on the loan remains at 2%.
- As of December 31, 2022, the balance on the UCC loan was \$83,244.

Building Funds

- On December 31, 2022, the Building Fund Chequing Account balance was \$344. And the Savings Account balance was \$108,212.
- To date, grants to support capital projects were received from:
 - Faithful Footprints (The United Church of Canada) \$29,000
 - Community Incentive Grant (City of Winnipeg) \$46,250
 - Building Sustainable Communities (Province of Manitoba) \$30,000
 - Efficiency Manitoba \$9,467
- Irrespective of the balance in the savings account, we continue to pay down the loan to make best use of our financial resources.

Ministry Fund:

- At December 31, 2021 the total TMUC Ministry Fund balance was \$ 30,376.

Term Deposit:

- On December 31, 2022 the Term Deposit balance was \$ 37,116. This Term Deposit secures the line of credit for TMUC's General Fund. It earns interest of 2.1% and matures on August 17, 2025.

Other Highlights:

- The Trustees can confirm that property taxes were paid.
- The Trustees can confirm that there is appropriate insurance on the building and its contents with updated information provided through the United Church of Canada (UCC). Revised insurance arrangements are in the process of being finalized through UCC as they transition to a new process.
- The Ministry Fund currently holds residual funds of approximately \$2,500 which were received as part of the funding for the Messy Church Canadian Conference which was held on-line in the past year. We have verbal confirmation that we can hold this money in trust for future Messy Church Canada related activities.
- The Trustees are recommending updated Terms of Reference for the Building Fund which will be brought to the AGM for approval.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Fletcher



BUILDING FUND

Terms of Reference

Purpose: In recognition of the requirement for planning for future needs and overall good stewardship, Transcona Memorial United Church (TMUC) has established a Building Fund to receive funds to be used to support future development and renovations to the building and property.

Use: Specifically, the fund can be used for only three purposes:

1. For building expansion
2. For land and building acquisition
3. For other expenses related to building and property renovation and significant maintenance.

Record keeping of Building Fund: The contributions to this fund are accepted for a specified purpose, and must be accounted for separately from gifts to the general fund, with an appropriate donation history maintained by TMUC. The funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

Administration: The administration of the fund, including disbursements and investment, is subject to the control and discretion of TMUC Council, Trustees and Congregation according to the processes outlined in the United Church Manual and United Church of Canada Financial Handbook.

Investment of Funds: The Building Fund will be maintained in a separate bank account. The investment horizon for these funds is short (0-5 years), with a focus on maintaining capital and liquidity to appropriately support the needs of the Fund. Accordingly, the Fund will be invested in cash and cash equivalents providing reasonable liquidity and protection of loss of capital through the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation or similar program or through investments issued by Federal or Provincial Governments or Crown Corporations.

Income of these Funds: All income from this fund must be retained within the Building Fund.

Change in Use: Any change in use of this fund must be approved by the Congregation.

BUILDING and PROPERTY TEAM



Well, it's time again to report on the activities of the team. Like every year the Building and Property team has had a very busy and active and, in most cases, a satisfying year. We completed several projects including some contracting out.

With all the activities of the Food Bank, Nursery School and Meal Program, etc. during the day we still accomplished:

- upgraded lighting in Yale Hall
- coordinated the HVAC work including the installation of new furnaces in the west furnace room that services Yale and Springfield Hall
- renovations to the Food Bank room including the installation of electrical outlets to accommodate the new freezer
- the purchasing of two laptops and audio equipment for the streaming of TMUC services
- repaired/replaced the vandalized air conditioner on the outside eastern part of the building
- installed a rainbow flag on the front of the CE building affirming our faith community
- sanctuary organ was repaired
- coordinated a very successful metal drive
- reviewed the Five-Year Plan for the future major costs for the B & P team
- renewed the Five-Year contract for the internet/phone
- installed electric thermostats for Yale and Springfield Hall
- coordinated the stripping and waxing of both halls, hallways, and stairs
- modified the kitchen for the upgrading of the Meal Program equipment
- a major project was the replacement of the Church roof and the additional insulation of all parts of the building

Our Environment grant applications were successful with the replacement of our roof and two furnaces and will continue in the new year.

I would like to thank the team for their dedication and commitment with the large responsibility of the Building and Property Team:

Stephen McKendry-Smith
Marcel Van Eerd
Bob Kirkhope

Cheryl Thomas
Brenda Wood

Blaine Rougeau
John Fraser

Respectfully submitted by
Terry Cousins, Chair

THE TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH GREEN PLAN

Activities

In 2022, TMUC made good progress on our journey to reduce our carbon footprint, and to reduce our energy use. We completed three projects.

- Replaced three furnaces in the West furnace room with two 98% efficient gas furnaces, configured to allow the addition of cold climate air source heat pumps (ccASHPs) this spring.
- Installed two heat recovery ventilators (HRVs) to provide pre-conditioned fresh air to the building.
- Added insulation to the roof while replacing our worn-out shingles and doing other roof repairs.

Once the ccASHPs are installed this spring, our efforts will have reduced our carbon emissions by over 60%.

Fund raising

In 2022, TMUC received over \$120,000 in grants, donations, and rebates in support of our Green Plan. This includes contributions from

- Faithful Footprints program of the United Church of Canada \$29,000.00
- City of Winnipeg Community Incentive grant \$46,250.00
- Provincial Building Sustainable Communities grant \$30,000.00
- Efficiency Manitoba rebates \$9,467.00
- Miscellaneous fund-raising activities \$1,270.26

Future Plans

We anticipate making much more progress on our Green Plan in 2023. We have received approval, in principle, for a federal grant of over \$450,000 to support our green initiatives. We will also be applying for another Building Sustainability grant and pursuing other funding partners to support us on our green journey.

These grants will support our plans for 2023, which include.

- Replacing the four furnaces in the East furnace room with two 98% efficient furnaces backing up two ccASHPs.

- Installation of two HRVs in the East furnace room.
- Insulate the walls in the East building.
- Renew the roof and add insulation in the West building.
- Install solar panels.

With the grants and rebates we have in place, and with those for which we've been approved, we should be able to accomplish all the above for about one-third of what the congregation approved for roof repairs alone.

On a personal note, I extend my heartfelt thanks to the Building and Property Team, the TMUC Council and Trustees, Carol, Jeff, and, of course, the entire congregation for your enthusiastic support of this Green Plan.

Respectfully submitted by
Stephen McKendry-Smith
Volunteer Environmental Coordinator

LEARNING TEAM

How are we all Learning?

We are Learning to be a congregation that is coming back to be together in worship. We are Learning to live without a Youth Point Person, having said *au revoir* to Brenda LeBeau, after many years of diligent work in this position. We are Learning to provide as much support to our Messy Church team who provide such incredible ministry every month. We are also Learning what our Sunday programming will be like as we move forward.

2022 has been a time of change for all of us, and for Learning that is especially true. We were not able to gather in our traditional events for Shrove Tuesday and for Vacation Bible School, but we began to see each other in church as the year progressed. As our COVID-19 restrictions eased we were also able to see people come together for Messy Church experiences, even when these could not involve the traditional meal or other features. The future for Learning will depend on us developing creative approaches to bring people together for events and for new programs. We hope you will journey with us.

Respectfully submitted: Michelle Lamoureux and Sylvia Jansen; with Carol Fletcher (and previously Brenda LeBeau)



YOUTH POINT PERSON

As I look back on the last nine months of my position in 2022 as youth point person for Transcona Memorial United Church, I have many fond memories. Sunday school carried on from January until I finished in September, and even though there were only a couple kids each week, we had lots of fun. There were Bible stories, crafts, and lots of conversations. Through these conversations I was learning as much as the kids were.

There was also Messy Church every month, which slowly grew as it recovered from the pandemic. Many smiling faces were seen, and it was a great way to end this job. This position was an amazing one to have, allowing me to spiritually grow alongside the children and youth of our wonderful congregation.

Respectfully submitted by Brenda LeBeau, Youth Point Person



MONTHLY BOOK GROUP

The Monthly book group started off this year with Paul is Dead by Winnipeg Author C.C. Benison, followed by The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi in February, and Mandy Robotham's The Girl Behind the Wall in March.

April brought us to our group's 20th anniversary!

In April 2002, nine years before Zoom was created, we met in the church library to discuss Prodigal Summer by Barbara Kingslover. In April 2022, we held our twentieth Zoom meeting to discuss The Company We Keep by Frances Itani. In between, we have read 175 other books over these twenty years. Some titles we've really enjoyed and others maybe not so much but in all those years we have enjoyed conversation, each other's company, and many pots of tea.

In May 2022 we read Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. June's selection was a poetry collection by Canadian Cree writer and CBC radio host Rosanna Deerchild. September brought us back to meeting in person. October brought a hybrid meeting style (some in person and some on Zoom) to discuss the book Fight Night by another Winnipeg author, Miriam Toews. November's choice was The Sweetness of Forgetting by Kristen Harmel which led to some tempting food discussion and delicious recipe sharing. December's choice was Come, Thou Tortoise by Jessica Grant, however Mother Nature had other plans for us and inclement weather led to a cancellation of our meeting.

Gail Purcell, Sylvia Jansen, Iris Collette, Angie Dickson, Mave Dickson, Sherrill Greenaway, Donna Hnatiuk, Cindy Ostapyk, Patty Parsons, Alexa Rosentreter, Brenda Wood, and Carol Fletcher all would love to share more information if you are interested in joining our group which is open to all.

Respectfully submitted by
Angie Dickson

WORSHIP and WELCOME TEAM

Thank you!

Thank you to all involved in providing worship services in which our faith is nourished through music, scripture, stories, reflections, prayers, and community.

Thank you to everyone who shares in TMUC's worship, in-person and online.

Thank you for all who are so welcoming – welcoming of people of all ages, experiences, sexual orientation, gender identity; welcome to people of varying capabilities, gifts, and perspectives; welcoming of those we have known for many years and welcoming of those who are relatively new to our community.

In 2022, we continued to worship and to welcome both in-person and via ZOOM and other forms of communication and social media. The committee met mostly on ZOOM with two meetings in person.

On Ash Wednesday we worshipped via ZOOM, offering Prayers for Peace, and inviting people to anoint their foreheads with oil. On Maundy Thursday we again worshipped via ZOOM, celebrating communion with a variety of breads baked by members of the faith community.

We journeyed through Lent with the theme of 'are you REady? Lent at TMUC: REkindle with us!'. We used the words REsist, REconcile, REvive, REturn, REfocus, REimagine, REMember, REject and REjoice as our focus.

On Sunday, March 27, 2022 we returned to Sunday morning in-person worship, continuing to livestream the service most weeks.

Livestreaming Sunday services sometimes proved challenging due to unexpected technical 'glitches', but we have persevered. Through livestream, a dedicated community of worshippers (some from other provinces) are able to worship regularly with TMUC.

On Sunday, June 5 we joined with other Transcona churches to share in worship leadership at the Centennial Square as a part of the Hi Neighbour Festival.

In the summer months TMUC participated in 'Church-orama' as the faith communities of T'BJIGGN welcomed one another to worship.

On September 11, 2022 Sunday worship included a celebration of the 60th anniversary of the UCW and we dedicated a new banner to celebrate that occasion. For Orange Shirt Day we decorated the Sanctuary with orange handprints as we continued to consider and explore our place in a reconciling community.

We have added paper flowers made from hand tracings to the foot of the cross as a part of our prayers for Ukraine. We have a paper prayer light that was originally made at Messy Church and continues to connect the two worshipping communities as it travels to Sunday service and Messy Church. In Advent we added Stars with the banners, creche and candles as we considered how we are led to follow God.

Blue Christmas was held in person and on ZOOM, as was Christmas Eve. Christmas morning's service included in-person communion for the first time since the Pandemic began.

We are thankful for the worshipping and welcoming community of faith that is TMUC.

Respectfully submitted by

Susan Bywater, Laura Fraser-Schau, Cathie Morgan Matula, Kathy Rempel, Dan Trochim, and Crystal Schau, Carol Fletcher and Jeff Cook



ESTHER and EMMETT

Emmett: Hi Esther.

Esther: Hi Emmett. How are you today?

Emmett: I'm good and I'm looking forward to going to Ann's meeting?

Esther: Ann's meeting? Ann who?

Emmett: Ann Yule. She's an important person at the church.

Esther: I don't think I have met anyone named Ann Yule.

Emmett: Well, I haven't met her either, but the minister has been talking about her the last couple of Sundays.

Esther: Really! What did the minister say?

Emmett: The minister said that Ann Yule wants everyone's reports and that she is having a meeting in March.

Esther: Oh Emmett!

Emmett: Hmmm...I was really hoping to get through this talk without you saying, "O Emmett"!

Esther: O Emmett! The minister wasn't talking about a person named Ann Yule having a meeting. The minister was talking about the annual meeting.

Emmett: Yeah, that's what I said...Ann Yule's meeting!

Esther: No - ann...u...al. It's one word – 'annual'. It means something that happens every year.

Emmett: But it's not Ann Yule's meeting?

Esther: No.

Emmett: Then whose meeting is it?

Esther: It's the church's meeting. Every year the church has a meeting at which people remember things they did the year before and to look forward to the next year.

Emmett: How do they do that?

Esther: They make an 'Annual Report'. The ministers, and the music leader, and the Chair of the Council and all the teams and groups, write reports about what they did in 2022. Then all those reports get put together in something called "The Annual Report". People read it and then they have a meeting to talk about the church.

Emmett: Wow! Maybe we should write one of those reports. I could tell people about how last year I learned all sorts of stuff – like that a centurion wasn't someone who was 100 years old, and stones don't really shout, even though Jesus said they might...

Esther: Or maybe we could just tell people one really important thing we learned during the year.

Emmett: Yeah...we could tell them one really important thing we learned...one really important thing...like...like...what really important thing are you thinking of, Esther?

Esther: We learned that God loves 'everyone and everything' God has created.

Emmett: That is important. God loves everyone. That could be our report.

Esther: I would like to read that report!

Emmett: I think even Ann Yule would like to read that report. And after she reads it, she'll likely say, "Amen".

Esther: Amen!

(Esther and Emmett are TMUC's puppet ministers who weekly participated in our worship during our COVID online services.)

Respectfully submitted by Esther and Emmett (with some help from Carol and Jeff)

NURSERY ROLL

TMUC celebrates our shared identity as children through baptism and blessing.

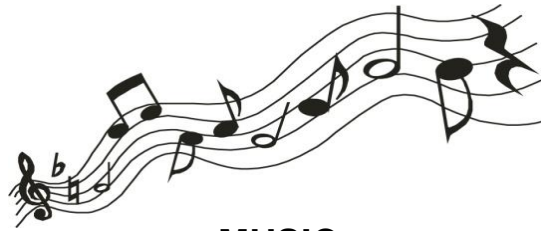
Blessing is offered in words spoken when an infant is baptized, but blessing is also expressed through TMUC's continuing celebration of a child's birth by way of birthday cards sent to children until they reach three years of age.

During 2022, nine birthday cards were sent. One child was baptized during the year. There are seven children on the Nursery Roll who will continue to receive birthday cards.

Birthday cards are a reminder of the original blessing of God's love in our lives way!

Respectfully submitted by Jeff Cook, Iris Collette and Laurie Chudley





MUSIC

Music has always been important to TMUC and this year has been no exception.

We began the year with online worship and so that meant more and more recordings. Who knew that we would need to keep doing that – but do it we did!

When we were able to open for in-person worship we dipped our toes back into choral singing. It has been a challenge and we have been grateful for the support of the singers and musicians and the congregation as we have navigated through that change.

This fall brought the creation of the TMUC Singers, who share anthems and lead the hymn singing at the end of each month and on special occasions. For the Sundays when the TMUC Singers would not be present, we created Hymnotic - a gathering of interested singers at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday to help lead hymns. We also had a number of soloists and small groups that shared their gifts of music during the church services, as well as funerals and weddings.

We had a special choir form for a few weeks to practice and record *A Tapestry of Love* for the 60th anniversary of the UCW.

This year was a year of changes. Not only were the new choirs formed but we had to say goodbye to our fantastic organist Lynne Mavins who retired after many years of service to TMUC. She is still using her talents by playing at some weddings and funerals at TMUC.

We also said goodbye to Cheryl Jackson, our wonderful pianist, as she furthers her teaching career. It was a pleasure to work with her and create music together.

Our congregation welcomed our new accompanist, who also plays the Bass, Hannah Cole. She has been a delightful addition to our music team.

In 2022, we ended the year with choir anthems for every week for Advent. We are looking forward to seeing what 2023 can bring!

Respectfully submitted by
Crystal Schau, TMUC Music Director

BIBLE STUDY GROUPS

In 2022 we lunched with Luke, and we visited with the Unveiled!

There were 2 online Study Groups who met using resources from the BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship) from the UK. Sometimes it is only when we study together and have time for discussion and questions that we can peel back the layers of our Bible and have a sense of its incredible depth. This really was a time for us to journey together in faith with Carol's leadership.

In Holy Week we gathered for 'Lunch with Luke' and met for approximately 30 minutes each weekday as we prepared for Easter.

'Lunch with Luke' was a daily ZOOM gathering at noon during Holy Week that included watching Holy Week videos by Andrew Roberts the author of Holy Habits. Each session included a question or two for pondering.

In the fall a ZOOM group gathered for a similar format of study around the publication 'Unveiled: Women of the Old Testament'. There were 8 stories highlighted in a video series hosted by Clare Hayns. Again, each session included a question for reflection and an ending in prayer.

Each of these sessions was a great opportunity to hear a story, perhaps learn something new, and connect with friends as we studied and prayed together.

T'BJIGGN

During 2022, the representatives to the T'BJIGGN cluster (Transcona Memorial, Birds Hill, John Black Memorial, Immanuel, Gordon-King Memorial, Grey Street, and North Kildonan United Churches) met via Zoom or in-person almost monthly. Our first planning endeavour was "Church orama" involving all the churches for worship over the summer. Since some churches did not have clergy support during the summer months, we created a plan that would encourage people from each church to visit other churches during July and August. TMUC and North Kildonan were blessed with clergy throughout the summer months and were able to be host churches three different times. Participants were issued passports with the name, location, worship start time, and date each church would be hosting. They received stamps or stickers at each church. People who participated enjoyed seeing how other churches "do worship" and were happy to meet new people or reconnect with old friends.

Our second planning endeavour was for Advent. We created a pre-Advent event that was held on Saturday, November 26th at Immanuel United. Our theme was "On the Road to Find Out" which reflected the quest of many of the churches since several were hoping to call a new minister. We had three activity stations set up: building Inukshuks, creating an Advent journal, and creating a reverse Advent calendar. We served "Road

Snacks” such as chips, popcorn, candy, fruit, vegetables, and cookies. Hot apple cider was a real treat, too. Rev. Carol Fletcher led the worship time. We had excellent attendance at this event. We also encouraged churches to share the Advent candle lighting liturgy and hymn during their respective Advent worship services.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathie Morgan Matula, TMUC’s rep.

MESSY CHURCH

Grace and peace to you the Church at TMUC from the Church at TMUC... Messy Church!

We are excited to share the Good News with everyone that Messy Church continues to be a thriving and growing community of Messy Believers enjoying lively and dynamic fellowship. We’re blessed to be meeting in person, enjoying fun activities, learning together, and sharing a meal once again.

The last few years has reminded all of us that life doesn’t always follow the path we want or expect; but we can take heart and not be afraid! We are not alone, we live in God’s world. God meets us where we are, ready to get messy right along with us. Thanks be to God!

Thank you to all of our Messy Church families, friends, and helpers. We are nothing without you and everything together. Join us any time. All are Welcome!

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet,
Like the starry night sky God is over our head,
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before,
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.
ONE MORE TIME!

More Voices #92
Words by Keri K. Wehlander, adapted to music by Linnea Good
Permission through #605666 OneLicense

Respectfully Submitted by Gail Purcell, Lynn Richard, Jenn Harlos,
Michelle Lamoureux, Crystal Schau and Carol Fletcher
– the TMUC Messy Church planning team.



2022 TMUC STATISTICAL REPORT

Membership as of December 31, 2021 629

Received by Transfer 0

Received by Confirmation 1

Removed by Death 16

*Vern Peterson, Rita Frejuk, Dorothy Balkaran, Tony Proskie,
Paul Drewniak, Jim Lamoureux, Nola Wilkie, Elinor Osinski,
Julia Brooks, Keith Jewell, Fay Berard, Mary Klymochko,
Joan Knisley, Evelyn Smith, Linda Brewster, Pat Ross*

Removed by Transfer 0

Removed by Act of Session 0

Membership as of December 31, 2022 614

Number of Child Baptisms 1

Rose Penelope Paul

Number of Youth Baptisms 0

Number of Adult Baptisms 1

Jennifer Lee Rose Winkler

Number of Marriages 5

*Monica Jane Dueck & Steen Ross Sigurdson
Sabrina Noralee Hadaller & Zachary Patrick Thomas Blank
Shayna Rachel Frejuk & Steven Michael John Smith
Caitlin Diane Maughan & Arron Matthew Cook
Sara Ann Bakosti & Jose Mauricio Castro Bonilla*

Number of Funerals 28

*Henry Edward Golis, Frederick Moroz, Grace Bodnaryk,
David Todd Booth, Tony Joseph Proskie, Gregory Robert Kemp,
Paul William Drewniak, Nico Kumka, James Albert Lamoureux,
Nola Dianne Wilkie, Robert Harry Cooper, Vernon Lloyd Peterson,
Julia Elizabeth Brooks, Marilyn Helen Latimer, Joan Cairns,
Mary Catherine Klymochko, Brenda Lee Donaldson,
Sandra June Trueman, Joan Maureen Knisley,
Ida Bertha Grace Guillemette, Elinor Elizabeth Osinski,*

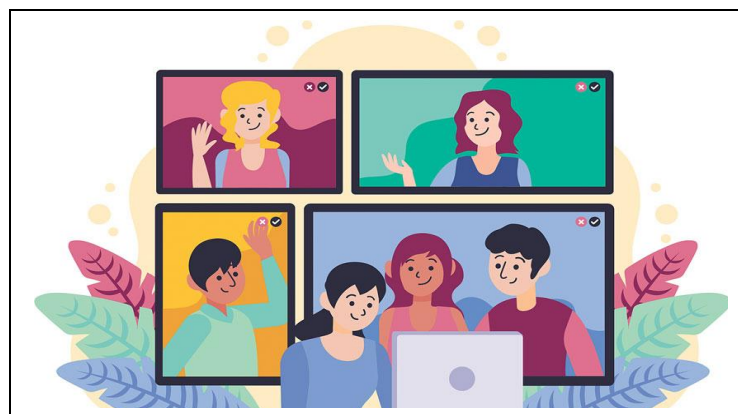
*Evelyn Edna Smith, Margaret Jean Yeo McMullen,
William (Bill) Alexander Blaikie, Linda Margaret Brewster,
Frances Irene Popovich, Peter Bodnaryk,
Frederick Allen James Stasko*

Respectfully submitted by
Lynn Measner for the Worship & Welcome Team Historical Roll

THURSDAY MORNING MUSING

Thursday Morning Musing is now in its third year of Zoom check ins. We are a group of 10-15 people that meet monthly to “check in and chat” on Thursday mornings. It is a wonderful community that shares what’s going on in our lives, easy or difficult, happy, or sad. It is a great group to break the isolation for people not able to get out much or nervous to go out because of COVID. It is also a wonderful way to get to know people in the church and form new connections. Carol and Jeff update us on church and community news. We begin and end each session in prayer. We are always happy for guests to pop in and share their news. Everyone is always welcome. When the hour session is over, one absolutely leaves the session feeling cared for and loved.

Respectfully submitted by,
Heather Todd



UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

The UCW gathered via Zoom and in-person beginning in February 2022. Our first meeting was a chance to reconnect before any work projects for the year began.

Some highlights of the year included:

1. Members took turns leading our worship time after Carol Kirkhope resigned from the position.
2. Members prepared and sold muffins and coffee for the Rummage and Book Sale on May 28th.
3. Members were honoured at a special 60th Anniversary church service created by Rev. Carol Fletcher and Rev. Jeff Cook on Sunday, Sept. 11th, followed by a reception in Yale Hall. A video was made highlighting past events and members, with a special TMUC choir singing "A Tapestry of Love" in the background.
4. Carol Favoni and Alma Jennings created a new 60th Anniversary banner for the sanctuary.
5. Members helped decorate the sanctuary with fruit and vegetables for Thanksgiving.
6. Members helped with the Quiz Night held October 21st. All proceeds raised went to the church.
7. Members and other helpers worked at funeral receptions for Grace Bodnaryk, Nola Wilkie, Robert Cooper, Elinor Osinski, Julia Brooks, Joan Knisley, Brenda Donaldson, Joan Cairns, Evelyn Smith, Fred Stasko, and Peter Bodnaryk.
8. Some members cleaned out the UCW supply cupboard in Suthwyn Hall.
9. Members provided toiletries and treats for 12 shoeboxes for Women's Shelters.
10. Donations were made to Women for Change, Zambia; Agape Table; St. Andrew's College; Stephen Lewis Foundation; University of Winnipeg Auxiliary Scholarship Fund; North Point Douglas Women's Resource Centre; 1JustCity; Prairie to Pine Region Bursary Fund
11. Alma Jennings continued to send out cards to our members who were ill, hospitalized, or bereaved.
12. We went out for a pre-Christmas lunch at Smitty's on Dec. 5, 2022. Everyone had an enjoyable time and some of us shared memories of Christmases past.

Sadly, we report the passing away of the following members: Julia Brooks, Joan Knisley, Pat Ross, and Evelyn Smith. Their contributions will be remembered.

Respectively submitted,

Cathie Morgan Matula, UCW President
on behalf of Treasurer Mary Thiessen and Secretary Susan Copeland

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN FINANCIALS

JANUARY 01/22 TO DECEMBER 31/22

Balance forward as per Bank Reconciliation/ December 31/21 **\$1,585.46**

INCOME:

Membership 280.00

Least Coin 103.25

Donations 2,350.00

Shoe box 125.00

Women for Zambia 140.00

UCW pins 8.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$3,006.25**

EXPENSES:

Charitable Donations 695.00

Kitchen Expenses 59.80

Banners 128.22

Women for Zambia 200.00

Shoe Box 66.96

Quiz Nite Expenses 187.35

UCW dues 2022 87.00

Cheques purchases 24.50

Bank Charges 11.20

Donation to TMUC

1000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES **\$2,460.03**

Net Income(loss) **\$546.22**

Casera Membership **5.00**

Balance fwd Jan1/23 **\$2,131.68**

Credit Union bank balance December 31, 2022 **\$2,131.68**

OUTREACH TEAM

On behalf of Outreach, I would like to inform Council, that we are pleased to report that we have accomplished our Objectives for the 2022 year. We met once in person for our meeting and the rest of our meetings were on Zoom.

The Transcona Food Bank has been running smoothly. We continue to wear masks for all Food Bank related events.

The executive for Transcona Food Bank is as follows:

Jack Puranen - Chair, Susan Sebastian – Vice-Chair, Cheryl Freeman - Treasurer and Midge Barry -Secretary. All volunteers with the Transcona Food Bank have been fully vaccinated and most with their 3rd and 4th doses. With the rules being implemented in 2021, that only vaccinated clients would be allowed to enter the Food Bank. The unvaccinated clients are still allowed food. The volunteers would gather the food and then give it to the unvaccinated client who is waiting in the foyer. Clients are now allowed to come into the building at 8:30 a.m. and will register and occupy the seating in Suthwyn Hall until 9:00 a.m. then they would be called to go through the food line. The Food Bank continued to run once a month per Manitoba Harvest guidelines. We are averaging 85 families per opening and at our Christmas opening we saw 126 families. The Food Bank continues to purchase eggs and milk for 12 to 18 years old children, since Harvest Manitoba does not supply milk for that age group. They have also purchased canned food and hamburger/chicken chubs for the holidays for their clients. The Food Bank received large donations of food and money at Christmas from the people, schools, and businesses in the Transcona area.

Age and Opportunity's Santa for a Senior Program this year did not happen for our Food Bank clients.

Mother's Day and Father's Day carnations were delivered by Shirley Bird and Holly Hill to Park Manor Personal Care Home. Shirley was told by the staff of Park Manor that the flowers had brightened their day and were truly appreciated.

Carol and Jeff were providing Pastoral Care by telephone, video chats and a few in-person visits.

Holly Hill completed the weekly sending out of the Get Well and Sympathy cards with the names provided by Carol.

The Senior's Meal Program has been running throughout the year providing their takeout service. The numbers vary and there have been several days that the number of orders reached over 100 meals being picked up. The Seniors Meal Program purchased the steamer cabinet and portable induction units that were installed in January, 2022. This equipment has made it easier for Chef Steven and his staff to prepare all the delicious meals.

Respectfully submitted by
Susan Sebastian, Chair, Outreach

TRANSCONA FOOD BANK

The year of 2022 was a year still dealing with Covid and the challenges we faced as we started to live with Covid and keep our food bank operating to feed families in need.

At our March 17 opening we welcomed four visitors from Harvest Manitoba; **Vince Barletta - President & CEO, Grace Weigelt- Director of Peoples & Programs, Meaghan Erbus - Director of Community Food network and Advocacy and Jamie Antonowich - City Agency Liaison.** Jack Puranen gave them a tour of the facility and explained how our Food Bank operates. Jack took them up to Knox Lounge to talk about what they had seen and discuss what Manitoba Harvest had planned for the rest of 2022. Photos were taken before they left. They were very impressed with how the Food Bank operates.

The Healthy Together Now Grant approved an additional \$ 600.00 for the purchase of thirty rolling carts for clients that did not have one.

The Transcona Food Bank applied for the Horizons Senior Federal grant. The following items that were approved under the grant were 1) Freezer ,2) 25 Client Grocery Carts, 3) Replace legs on delivery table, 4) Taxies for Clients, 5) Personal Hygiene Items, 6) Children & Adult Diapers, 7) \$1,500.00 to TMUC for cleaning of building. The grant expenditures start on March 30,2022 and end March 29,2023.

TMUC had to replace lighting fixtures in Yale Hall. The Transcona Food Bank donated \$400.00 to the church for lighting fixtures.

On May 4,2022 Jack and Susan Sebastian attended a Harvest Manitoba Town Hall meeting. Items talked about were Harvest Manitoba's plans for 2022 and we had a tour of their operations.

In June, the Hi Neighbor Parade was cancelled again this year. The Transcona Biz refunded our money for the cost of the Reader boards located on Regent Ave. and Plessis at Dugald.

On June 9 , 2022 we held a Food Bank Volunteer Luncheon for our volunteers. Due to Covid only the volunteers and the TMUC ministers and office administrator were invited this year. A total of 41 volunteers attended.

On August 10, 2022, the Kildonan Green "Circle K" Store held a Hot Dog fundraiser for the Transcona Food Bank. They raised \$910.00 for our food bank. Amarinder Kaur and Hargurbir Singh hosted the fund raiser.

At our September 1,2022 meeting we had the election of Officers. The following Officers were elected by acclamation for the 2022-2023 year:

Jack Puranen - Chairperson	Muriel (Midge) Barry - Secretary
Susan Sebastian - Vice-Chair	Cheryl Freeman - Treasurer

In September we renewed our annual honorarium of \$400.00, which we provide to TMUC to help with costs that the church incurs in housing the Food Bank.

The Food Bank received a 2 ft by 5 ft vinyl banner which reads Transcona Food Bank that was donated by Intergraphics Decal. This banner will be put to good use at our various events.

The Transcona Food Bank also purchased three more shopping carts from the Restore Store. This will help us out. The food bank also purchased a new chest freezer, which is located in the food bank room. This will help us by giving us more room to keep frozen food.

On Thanksgiving weekend Oct 7 to Oct. 8, 2022, the Freshco Store held a fundraiser for the Transcona Food bank. We received 127 hamper bags worth \$835.00. We also collected \$443.90 in cash donations along with a gift card totaling \$183.50 from Freshco. We had volunteers sitting at the door for those two days. Special thanks to those who came out to help at the table.

Special thanks to Midge for all the hard work she has put in, making the Christmas opening a success. We had a total of 121 families at the Christmas opening. This year we received more food donations from schools, businesses, churches, and several different organizations. Also thanks to Susan for making sure we had Christmas music for the Christmas opening.

With increased donations to our Food Bank in 2022, we have been able to spend more on extra groceries for our recipients. We buy milk and eggs for every opening. We bought frozen hamburgers and stove top stuffing, cranberry sauce, pancake mix and syrup along with peanut butter and cereal as special items from time to time. We also bought non-perishable cans when we ran low in a particular category, especially when we observed lean times at Harvest Manitoba.

Statistics - The Transcona Food Bank for 2022:

Number of families served: **1130.**

Number of adults served: **1966.**

Number of single people served: **273.**

Number of children served: **1382.**

(0-12 Months) :**50**, (1-6Yrs):**488**, (7-12yrs) :**523**, (13-18yrs) :**324**

Number of people served: **3298.**

As part of our church community, we feel called upon to help our less fortunate families and are pleased, willing and happy to do so. We are looking forward to whatever 2023 holds in store for us. Thanks to Midge, Susan and Cheryl, the Food Bank Committee and Volunteers for all their hard work and dedication towards making the Transcona Food Bank what it is. Without all their help there would be no food bank. Also, thanks to Cheryl for looking after the taxi schedules for our clients.

We extend sincere thanks and appreciation to the attached groups who have helped with donations and / or service to our Food Bank.

Respectfully Submitted by Jack Puranen – Chair, Transcona Food Bank

YEARLY DONATIONS 2022

All Saints Ukrainian Orthodox Church	Arthur Day Middle School
Ball Insurance Agency	Bison Transport
Blessed Sacrament Church	Calvin Christian Collegiate
Circle K Store Kildonan Green	CNR Work Equipment Shop
CNR 'Retired Employees Volunteers Service Grant'	
E.E.C.C. "Breakfast With Santa"	East End C.C. Yoga & Fitness Classes
East Park Lodge Tenant Association	Ecole Centrale
Ecole Centrale Parent Advisory Council	Ecole Centrale School Age Centre
Ecole Regent Park Parent Advisory Council	Ecole Margaret Underhill
Edge Corp Group Development / Design Builders / Management	
Fairstone Financial Inc.	Fort Garry Kennel Club
FreshCo. Regent Store	Full Bloom Plant Stand
Grace Canadian Reformed Church	Independent Order of Foresters
Joseph Teres Elementary School	M3K Management
McAsphalt Industries Ltd.	Mission Thrift Store
Murdoch MacKay Collegiate "Youth in Philanthropy Student Group"	
No Frills – Tyler's Store Transcona Blvd.	Oakley Alarms Ltd.
Pandora Inn	Park City Meadows Co-op
RBC 'Retired Employees Volunteer Service Grant'	
Roshne's Hair Design	Rotary Club of Winnipeg-Transcona
Royal Bank of Canada-Kildonan Green Branch	
Royal Bank of Canada-Regent Avenue Branch	
Royal Canadian Legion No. 7 Ladies Auxiliary	Royal Canadian Legion No. 7
Russ Wyatt, City Councillor	Safeway Store #4857 Kildare Ave. East
Sobeys Kildonan Green Store	South Transcona Community Club
St. George's Anglican Church	St. Joseph The Worker Church
St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church "Knights of Columbus"	
St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church	St. Michael's Villa Seniors Tenant Asso
Story Book Day Care Centre Inc.	Superstore Regent Ave. No. 1506
Transcona Biz	Transcona Christian Reformed Church
Transcona Collegiate Institute	Transcona District Brownies and Guides
Transcona District Cubs and Scouts	Transcona Jaycees Daycare

Transcona Memorial United Church

Transcona Museum

Transcona 'Railer Express' Major Junior Hockey Club

Transcona Veterinary Hospital

Wakefield Foods

Transcona Food Bank
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Period October 22, 2022 to December 31, 2022

	Oct 22 to Dec 31 <u>2022</u>	YTD <u>2022</u>	YTD <u>2021</u>
Receipts			
Donations			
Grants	\$0.00	22,269.31	5,387.00
Indirect (TMUC and Canada Helps)	9,052.66	19,699.69	20,314.89
Direct (Direct to Food Bank)	6,599.50	10,032.70	7,634.23
Clothing sales	161.60	513.55	510.30
Other Sales	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank interest earned	330.00	384.00	78.97
Rebate on purchase of gift cards	0.00	500.00	250.00
	<u>\$16,143.76</u>	<u>\$53,399.25</u>	<u>\$34,175.39</u>
Disbursements			
Food Purchases	\$6,959.91	\$21,635.91	13,542.49
Administration and Supplies	434.60	1,729.69	6,130.31
TMUC-honorarium for expenses	0.00	400.00	400.00
Grant Expenditures	672.63	21,380.52	0.00
Volunteer lunch	0.00	239.96	213.91
Assets	0.00	0.00	825.79
	<u>\$8,067.14</u>	<u>\$45,386.08</u>	<u>\$21,112.50</u>
Net Receipts (Disbursements)	<u>\$8,076.62</u>	<u>\$8,013.17</u>	<u>\$13,062.89</u>

PREPARED BY Cheryl Freeman, CPA, CA
January 6, 2023



**Transcona Food Bank
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2022**

Bank balance, Jan 1, 2022	\$9,499.20
Receipts	\$53,399.25
Disbursements	(\$45,386.08)
2019 A/R received	\$9,862.21
Less: Year End A/R	(\$2,886.00)
Add: Grant Deferrals	\$3,780.69
Opening Sobey's Gift Card	\$4,028.51
Less Closing Sobey's Gift Card	(\$2,267.27)
Interest tolled into GIC	(\$330.00)
Bank Balance December 31/22	<u>\$29,700.51</u>
 Sobey's balance beginning of period	 \$4,028.51
Purchase gift cards	\$10,000.00
Donations	\$452.05
Disbursement charged on gift cards	\$12,213.29
Balance on Sobey's gift cards	<u>\$2,267.27</u>
 Investment	 <u>\$34,830.00</u>
 TOTAL CASH POSITION	 <u>\$66,797.78</u>

PREPARED BY Cheryl Freeman, CPA, CA
January 6, 2023



GIFTS OF GRACE STREET MISSION (SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP)

The Gifts of Grace Street Mission was founded under the umbrella of St. Saviour's Anglican Church, 690 Munroe Avenue, Winnipeg. Since 2012, the Gifts of Grace Street Mission has been approved by the TMUC Council as a Special Interest Group. We thank our church members for all they have done, and continue to do, to help keep this Mission vibrant and thriving, especially during these trying times of this pandemic. Your donations of toiletries, knitted items, clothing, socks as well as monetary donations are extremely appreciated.

The Mission's mandate is to provide Food, Friendship and Compassion to our Friends who are experiencing homelessness in Winnipeg.

The Mission started off 2022 again under health restrictions with the Covid-19 virus still very much around us. With having our sandwich and casserole making crews already set up from last year, as well as other obligations that the Mission had in place; we all knew what needed to be done. The schedules for both the sandwich and casserole crews were set up by those in charge on a monthly rotation and the volunteers were notified by email or phone calls. The various teams, made up of volunteers from the entire Mission, were able to supply Main Street Project with 700 sandwiches each week from Monday through to Sunday, as well as 300 sandwiches going to Agape every Tuesday and 50 sandwiches being delivered to Red Road Lodge also. At a meeting on May 18, 2022, which was due to the possibility of a shortage of volunteers, it was decided that the Mission would drop the delivery to Red Road Lodge as well as the casseroles for the Sunday outings until further notice but would continue to maintain our commitment to our core business including the Van Patrol sandwiches.

The casserole crew started up in early January and by the end of December, 2022, they had made 180 casseroles that were served or delivered to Main Street Project every Thursday throughout the year. There were several volunteers from St. Saviour's who served the casseroles and when it wasn't safe due to the virus to serve in person; the casseroles were delivered to the staff at Main Street Project to serve the clientele. Along with the casseroles there usually were donations of juice boxes, cookies, wagon wheels, homemade muffins and buns, which were donated by TMUC members, as well as Blessed Sacrament members and friends of our many volunteers. The St. Saviours Crew were also making and delivering 2 casseroles weekly to Agape every Tuesday when they delivered the sandwiches.

We were not able to hold our Annual Volunteer Appreciation at the end of June; but we held the Annual BBQ on August 4, 2022. This was the first BBQ that we had since before the pandemic started. Due to the virus still around, we scaled back some of the items that were usually included in the BBQ. We did serve hot dogs, sandwiches, munchie mix, potato chips, fruit cups, homemade cookies, water, and Kool-Aid. We have a lady who donates 200 Dixie-cups every year when we have the BBQ and she made it happen this year again and they were a real hit! There was a huge crowd of our street friends in attendance.

St. Saviour's Anglican Church provides tax receipts for anyone who may wish to donate to our Mission. Cheques are made payable to St. Saviour's Anglican Church with "Gifts of Grace" specified on the front of the cheque. We are truly blessed to have three congregations working together, plus several friends of the Mission, to make our Mission what it is today. The Covid virus certainly has made it a real challenge to manage the everyday mechanics of running the Mission.

We are not taking clothes at this time; but anyone who wishes to donate non perishable food items, please use our drop-off spots, which are:

In the Transcona Area: Transcona Salon Spa located at #14 – 1783 Plessis Rd.
In the Elmwood Area: The Washeteria Laundromat at 556 Keenleyside St.
In the North Kildonan Area: 417 Paufeld Drive

We always welcome new volunteers. If you are at all interested, please do not hesitate to contact Bob Buchanan (204) 255-5137; Bonnie Scott (204) 222-6986 or Anne Hruda (431) 996-2509 or check out our Facebook Page under Gifts of Grace Street Mission, which can be accessed easily.

Respectfully Submitted by
Anne Hruda, Gifts of Grace Street Mission Volunteer



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Excited to be back working with the Christmas Cheer Board again this year. We requested only 10 local families for our hamper drive due to the economy and slow return to church after Covid.

Dorothy Fife was our contact person with the Christmas Cheer Board and along with Pat Bain they contacted each family. Duo tangs were circulated throughout the congregation and members signed up to provide a gift for family members. Carol Fletcher included different food donations in the bulletin each week. We bought

laundry baskets and grocery bags for the food items and large gift bags for the wrapped gifts. The generosity of our congregation and local business was again amazing.

The Christmas Cheer Board had amended the required food items for the hampers. Turkeys have been taken off the list along with tea, coffee, hot chocolate, cake mixes etc. Each family had a choice of protein, and all the hams and chickens were all donated for our 10 hampers. We were able to include milk, eggs, cheese, margarine, oranges, frozen vegetables, potatoes, and onions from Sobeys, who gave us a huge discount. We watched for sales and included paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap, Mr. Clean, toothbrushes and toothpaste, Kleenex, salt, and baking soda. We also had an amazing amount of beautiful hand made mitts and toques.

We had Lorraine Walton and Mave Dickson help sort and distribute the knitted items on Sunday after church to each hamper. The hampers were delivered by volunteers on a cold December 21, 2022, and we very much appreciated their time.

Children's Choice Nursery School also provided a hamper by purchasing gifts for our new Ukrainian family. We bought a chicken and extras for that hamper as well as extra items that had been purchased.

The evening of December 21st we received a Call from Carol that there were six more Ukrainian families who did not apply for a hamper. We had money left over and we went out and bought chickens and food items for these families. Sobeys graciously donated twelve more bags.

All extra food items and knitted items were donated to the Transcona Food Bank which were received with open arms.

As there were no Sunday School classes to sort the food or an extra room to build the hampers, we used the main office and Carol and Jeff's offices. With being without office staff this was feasible but certainly limited the number of hampers that could have been donated. A suitable lockable space will need to be discussed before 2023.

Respectfully submitted by The Hamper Team





CAUGHT IN THE ACT CO.

Like many events at TMUC, the Caught in the Act Company's 10th annual production was repeatedly sidelined by Covid-19 and did not take place as hoped 2020, 2021 or 2022.

The production was originally chosen in August 2019 and tryouts for roles scheduled in October of that year. The production was called **Borrowed Time*** and was under the direction of Shelley Schau with the assistance of our fantastic production crew and supported by our Music Director, Crystal Schau.

The cast and crew took a Covid enforced hiatus in March of 2020, just before performance; disappointing for all involved. We had attempted to revisit the performance twice but continued Covid spikes made it clear the show could not go on.

We are now at it again. Most of the original cast and our director are back; the scripts are being dusted off; and rehearsals are well underway. Understandably after a three-year hiatus, we find many of our volunteers unable to commit to previous roles, so we are now on the hunt for volunteer coordinators and volunteers.

Ticket sales started on February 18th, with performance dates scheduled for April 20-23, 2023.

We are all so happy to bring the Dinner Theatre back to TMUC. We hope to see you all there!

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Antymis – Producer

* written by Kevin Stone and produced by special arrangement with PIONEER DRAMA SERVICE INC. ENGLEWOOD, CO.

PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER

We continue to appreciate all who support the TMUC/Glenlea Greenhouse Plant Sale. We had another outstanding year in 2022 with \$1,998.50 returned to the General Fund.

The plant sale has truly turned into a community fundraiser, no longer limited to congregation members. We are grateful to all who share the social media posts, Transcona Views community notifications and use word of mouth to help raise funds for the work of the church.



Winnipeg is currently in a cold snap and we are looking forward to spring 2023 to warm our bones and beautify our neighborhoods. Plant delivery is scheduled for May 12, pick up time currently to be determined.

With continued thanks,
Breanna Drennan-Bilyk & Cathy Drennan

TMUC IN THE COMMUNITY

Children's Choice Nursery School

We are having a good school year as we ease back into a more normal routine. Covid was definitely a challenge, but things are getting better. This fall and winter we have also had to deal with RSV and flu, so we have had lots of children absent.

We are now getting ready for our registration for next September. We look forward to teaching another new group of children as we celebrate 43 years of serving the community!

Respectfully submitted by
Wendy Frejuk



Girl Guides of Canada: 155th Guide Unit

This past year saw a variety of Covid regulations that affected both churches and of course our Guide meetings. The beginning of the year was once again back to online meetings however we were back in the building before the winter was over. We were together but of course we were still wearing masks. Together is definitely better and we really appreciate the

space you allow us to use for our weekly meetings. Each week we play some games, do some learning activities that take many forms and occasionally even have a campfire style sing along. Many of these activities would not be able to happen without having a local space for our meetings. This fall our unit has become a group of girls that come from a much larger area as Guiding in Winnipeg has lost both meeting spaces and volunteers so many units have closed. We now have girls from East St. Paul, Garden City, and the Harbourview area in the unit. It is wonderful to be able to host them in such an inviting space that lends itself to all of our activities. We look forward to continuing our relationship with TMUC for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Werboweski, Contact Guider of the 155th Girl Guides

The Transcona Council for Seniors Inc.

We are one of ten Councils within the city of Winnipeg. The primary role is to assist seniors to remain living independently for as long as possible. The Transcona Council for Seniors Inc. provides information and referrals to community as well as identifying needs and facilitating services and programs to meet our Mission of helping seniors to remain independent.

Transcona Memorial United Church is a wonderful partner in this endeavor as we are provided space here to run our Congregate meal program two days a week. This meal program has changed greatly since the pandemic as it has become a pick up and delivery service. We are now trying to reintroduce dining in as that is a great part of this program to break down isolation by bringing seniors together.

We also run our Pickle Ball group here in the gym. As we age keeping active is very important and there is a real lack of space to play Pickle Ball in Transcona so this is a great gift to be able to play at TMUC.

We have been given the opportunity to hold meetings here and we are currently involved in a program called Social Prescribing where by persons of the medical professions are invited to learn more about community programs which can help in the well being of their patients.

The Alzheimer's' Caregivers group continues on the first Wednesday of every month and is a great help to caregivers who are finding their way through the illness of a loved one.

We received a grant and have installed a convection oven, proofer, and two hot plates in the kitchen.

We appreciate all the support TMUC provides to us and we hope to continue this very special partnership.

Thank you for your generosity!
Colleen Tackaberry



TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

2022 Income and Expenses (unaudited)

	2022	2022	2022	2021
	GENERAL FD	BUILDING FD	MINISTRY FD	GENERAL FD
INCOME				
Envelope Offering	\$131,362.82	\$29,565.35	\$1,240.62	\$112,740.45
PAR Offering	\$96,725.00			\$100,057.00
Auction	\$4,599.53			\$0.00
Dinner Theatre	\$0.00			\$0.00
Rent	\$20,280.00			\$16,129.00
Wedding/Funeral/Catering	\$10,651.00			\$3,024.00
Other fund raising/Misc	\$11,556.10			\$4,143.01
Food Bank	\$53,436.11			\$34,174.00
UCW	\$3,006.25			\$0.00
Interest	\$1,614.38	\$1,243.16	\$1,213.60	\$886.80
Wage subsidy	\$1,629.42			\$19,326.55
MB Covid Grants				\$15,000.00
MB Com Extension Grant		\$30,000.00		
UC Faithful Footprints Grant		\$29,000.00		
City Com Incentive Grant		\$46,250.00		
Efficiency MB Grant		\$9,467.00		
SubTotal Revenue	\$334,860.61	\$145,525.51	\$2,454.22	\$305,480.81
Mission & Service	\$19,837.11			\$17,719.04
TOTAL REVENUE	\$354,697.72	\$145,525.51	\$2,454.22	\$323,199.85
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Care				
Salaries and Benefits	\$145,361.95			\$142,317.92
Allowances	\$2,717.64			\$2,370.97
SubTotal	\$148,079.59			\$144,688.89
Administrative Staff				
Salaries/Benefits/Allowances	\$28,254.55			\$12,727.30
Contract Services	\$32,241.47			\$19,187.20
SubTotal	\$60,496.02			\$31,914.50
Operations				
Hydro (Electricity & Gas)	\$16,022.62			\$13,335.36

Telephone/Cable	\$3,038.73			\$3,102.84
Water & Sewer	\$1,138.82			\$1,035.11
General Maintenance	\$11,625.84			\$9,145.11
Property Taxes & Insurance	\$10,192.63			\$10,343.25
Elevator Maintenance	\$3,190.35			\$3,576.10
Interest		\$750.87		
Furnace Replacement		\$61,276.05		
Sanctuary Roof Replacement		\$136,399.16		
Snow/Defib/Mats	\$7,015.15			\$4,305.00
SubTotal	\$52,224.14	\$198,426.08		\$44,842.77
Office Expenses				
Photocopier Lease	\$1,623.81			\$1,422.05
Stationary and Supplies	\$714.60			\$805.88
Postage	\$271.22			\$403.74
Computer Software/Support	\$2,199.00			\$717.22
SubTotal	\$4,808.63			\$3,348.89
Council	\$425.00			\$160.00
Outreach Team	\$178.86			\$89.10
Learning Team	\$284.83			\$266.84
Admin & Sharing Team	\$0.00			\$295.20
Worship & Welcome Team	\$681.49			\$577.25
Ministry & Personnel Team	\$808.00			\$184.50
SubTotal	\$2,378.08			\$1,572.89
United Church Assessment	\$13,864.00			\$13,552.00
Audit	\$3,800.00			\$3,550.00
Bank Charges	\$2,136.21			\$1,779.27
Food Bank	\$45,386.08			\$21,112.50
UCW	\$2,460.03			\$5.60
Misc	\$1,312.80			\$775.00
SubTotal	\$68,959.12			\$40,774.37
Expenses SubTotal	\$336,945.58	\$198,426.08		\$267,142.31
Mission & Service	\$19,837.11			\$17,719.04
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$356,782.69	\$198,426.08	\$0.00	\$284,861.35
Surplus (deficit)	-\$2,084.97	-\$52,900.57	\$2,454.22	\$38,338.50
As of December 31, 2022 the balance remaining on the United Church loan is \$83,243.61				
From TMUC December 31, 2022 Balance Sheet:				
Total Chequing and Savings: General Fund \$68,764.38				
Building Fund \$114,322.25 and Ministry Fund \$30,375.72. The Ministry Fund also has a GIC for \$37,116.42.				

TRANSCONA MEMORIAL UNITED CHURCH

Budget Income and Expenses

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	GENERAL FD	BUILDING FD	MINISTRY FD	GENERAL FD
INCOME				
Envelope Offering	\$132,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$500.00	\$131,362.82
PAR Offering	\$96,618.00	\$7,500.00		\$96,725.00
Auction	\$5,000.00			\$4,599.53
Dinner Theatre	\$12,500.00			\$0.00
Rent	\$20,500.00			\$20,280.00
Wedding/Funeral/Catering	\$7,000.00			\$10,651.00
Other fund raising/Misc	\$10,000.00			\$11,556.10
Food Bank	\$20,000.00			\$53,436.11
UCW	\$1,000.00			\$3,006.25
Interest	\$1,500.00	\$1,200.00	\$850.00	\$1,614.38
Wage subsidy	\$0.00			\$1,629.42
Federal Gov Contribution		\$400,000.00		
Faithful Footprints Grant		\$1,000.00		
CIGP Grant		\$3,750.00		
Efficiency Manitoba		\$42,000.00		
SubTotal Revenue	\$306,118.00	\$475,450.00	\$1,350.00	\$334,860.61
Mission & Service	\$20,000.00			\$19,837.11
TOTAL REVENUE	\$326,118.00	\$475,450.00	\$1,350.00	\$354,697.72
EXPENSES				
Pastoral Care				
Salaries and Benefits	\$130,093.00			\$145,361.95
Allowances	\$4,884.00			\$2,717.64
SubTotal	\$134,977.00			\$148,079.59
Administrative Staff				
Salaries/Benefits/Allowances	\$28,802.64			\$28,254.55
Contract Services	\$35,893.00			\$32,241.47
SubTotal	\$64,695.64			\$60,496.02
Operations				
Hydro (Electricity & Gas)	17,395.00			\$16,022.62
Telephone/Cable	\$2,263.00			\$3,038.73
Water & Sewer	\$2,015.00			\$1,138.82
General Maintenance	\$10,568.00			\$11,625.84
Property Taxes & Insurance	\$12,203.00			\$10,192.63

Interest (1)	\$0.00	\$10,104.00		
Elevator Maintenance	\$3,818.88			\$3,190.35
Snow/Defib/Mats	\$5,497.00			\$7,015.15
CE Building Roof		\$78,400.00		
Sanctuary Wall Insulation		\$22,400.00		
Stucco		\$100,000.00		
HVAC/Furnaces		\$118,000.00		
Solar Panels		\$64,000.00		
Misc Green Project		\$39,000.00		
Audio Visual-Yale Hall etc.		\$20,000.00		
Drop Ceiling (2)		\$1,000.00		
SubTotal	\$53,759.88	\$452,904.00		\$52,224.14
Office Expenses				
Photocopier Lease	\$2,652.00			\$1,623.81
Stationary and Supplies	\$1,000.00			\$714.60
Postage	\$300.00			\$271.22
Computer Software/Support	\$2,400.00			\$2,199.00
SubTotal	\$6,352.00			\$4,808.63
Council				
Council	\$700.00			\$425.00
Outreach Team	\$800.00			\$178.86
Learning Team	\$1,900.00			\$284.83
Admin & Sharing Team	\$0.00			\$0.00
Worship & Welcome Team	\$1,236.00			\$681.49
Ministry & PersonnelTeam(3)	\$10,934.00			\$808.00
SubTotal	\$15,570.00			\$2,378.08
United Church Assessment				
United Church Assessment	\$11,489.00			\$13,864.00
Audit	\$3,800.00			\$3,800.00
Bank Charges	\$2,000.00			\$2,136.21
Food Bank	\$20,000.00			\$45,386.08
UCW	\$1,000.00			\$2,460.03
Misc	\$500.00			\$1,312.80
SubTotal	\$38,789.00			\$68,959.12
Expenses SubTotal	\$314,143.52	\$452,904.00		\$336,945.58
Mission & Service	\$20,000.00			\$19,837.11
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$334,143.52	\$452,904.00	\$0.00	\$356,782.69
Surplus (deficit)	-\$8,025.52	\$22,546.00	\$1,350.00	-\$2,084.97
1. Principle and interest on UCC Loan 2. 4 th Floor Office 3. Includes \$8,000 moving expenses for the new Minister				