



2006 Annual Report

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An Historic Church Serving the Living God since 1749

Mission Statement

as adopted at the Annual Parish Meeting, 1990

■ **To Love God**

By working to put faith into action
and seeking to know God better.

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your
heart, with all your mind, with all your soul and with all your
strength.”*

■ **To Love One Another**

By seeking to increase involvement in small
groups and growing in congregational relationships.

*“A new commandment I give you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.”*

■ **To Love Our Neighbours**

through encouraging personal involvement in
outreach and addressing the needs of the wider community.

“You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

■ Editor's Note

This online version of the 2006 Annual Report incorporates some corrections along with two additional reports (the list of confirmations and the St. Paul's Ladies Guild) and therefore differs slightly from the print version distributed prior to the Annual Parish Meeting on February 25, 2007.

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1 General Reports



■ Minutes of the St. Paul's Annual Parochial Meeting, February 19, 2006

Present:

Bill Lord, Eva Finley, Joan Curren, Pat Hartling, Pam Hartling, Parnell Perry, Vivian Fleming, Karl Perry, Wayne Garland, Ken Naus, Dawn Henwood, John Osler, Yvonne Messenger, Rebekah Powell, Valerie Powell, Millie Wagner, Marion Conrad, Richard Nelis, Marion Fraser, Laura Zwicker, Kees Zwanenburg, Janet Friesen, Vivian Erving, Nora-gene Goodwin, Tracy Christie, Reta Palmer, Beverley Palmer Mason, Kathleen Flowerden, Len Hannon, Marge Hannon, Mary Lu Redden, Ray Carman, Jill Alexander, Joan Stead, Carolyn Sisley, David Sisley, Amy Moonshadow (non-voting), Siew Kim Secord, Kate Therien, Pearl Michael, Maureen White, Martin Gibling, Oriana Duinker, Maggie Duinker, Isobel Napier, Tinker McKay, Sharon Bennet, Neale Bennet (non-voting), Andrew Killawee, Derek Hounsell, Reagh Dennis, Rose-Marie Dennis, Arnett Dennis, Gretchen Gillis, Don Gillis, Bill Whitten, Doreen Whitten, Betty Lordly, Don Lordly, Jody Knowles, Murray Knowles, Rev. Dr. Paul Friesen, Kelly Pottle (63 in total)

1. Appointment of Chair and Secretary:

Moved: Bill Lord/Ray Carman: "That Karl Perry be appointed Chair of the Annual Meeting." **Carried**

Moved: Bill Lord/Ray Carman: "That Kelly Pottle be appointed Secretary of the Annual Meeting." **Carried**

2. Welcome and Regrets:

Karl Perry accepted the role of Chair and welcomed everyone in attendance. Today's meeting was preceded by a combined worship service of confirmation with Bishop Sue Moxley, followed by a potluck lunch. A round of applause was given to Rose-Marie Dennis and Val Powell for organizing today's wonderful lunch.

Regrets: Tom & June Sellers; Michael Messenger; David Hancock; Joan & David Kalix

3. Opening Devotions:

Our new Rector, Rev'd Dr. Paul Friesen, provided opening prayers for today's Annual Meeting followed by a reading from the Prophet

Isaiah. Devotions concluded with all present joining in saying aloud The Lord's Prayer.

4. Approval of Agenda:

Moved: Bill Lord/Pat Hartling: "That the Agenda (February 19, 2006) be approved for St. Paul's Annual Parochial Meeting".

Carried

5. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of February 21, 2005:

Moved: David Sisley/Gretchen Gillis: "That the minutes of last year's Annual Meeting be approved as presented".

Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes of February 21, 2005:

There was no business arising from the minutes of last year's Annual Parochial Meeting.

7. New Business – There was none brought forward.

8. Adoption of Reports:

8.1 General Operational Reports

The Chair asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the General Reports (pp. 8-21 of Annual Report). Parishioners commented that both the Rector's and Warden's reports were excellent reports. A question regarding the number of surplus pews (**December 2005** paragraph of the **Summary of Parish Council Meetings**) sold to date was asked. The wardens were not certain if any pews had been sold and affirmed that they would check into it. Regarding the Summary of Parish Registers, Jill Alexander asked if there were indeed only two baptisms conducted at St. Paul's last year. Rev'd Dr. Friesen replied that these were the two he officiated over and he wasn't sure if there were others. Someone asked if confirmations should also be listed in the Summary of Parish Registers and was answered in the affirmative. Yvonne Messenger reported that there were two confirmations for 2005: Meagan Hancock and Victoria Mason. There were no other questions or comments regarding these general reports; therefore, Karl Perry asked for a motion to adopt the following reports: **Rector's Report; Warden's Report; Summary of Parish Council Meetings** and **Summary of Parish Registers**.

Moved: Pat Hartling/Rose-Marie Dennis: “That the (above) general operational reports be adopted as presented”

Carried

8.2 Spiritual Development

Karl Perry asked if there were any questions/comments with regard to the following annual reports: Spiritual Development Committee, Choir, Music Team, F.R.O.G. Junction (Children and Youth at St. Paul’s Church), Chancel Guild, St. Paul’s Prayer Chain, and Scripture Union. Bill Lord extended commendation to the Spiritual Development Committee (SDC) for their tremendous work throughout 2005 (in the absence of a Rector for the majority of the year). All present nodded in agreement and applauded the SDC. There was a question from the floor regarding the Music Team report; specifically “what is Power Point”? Maggie Duinker explained that it is a computer program for delivering presentations that could replace using overhead projection sheets and allow for more efficient display of music and liturgy for the 9:00am services. Regarding the F.R.O.G Junction – Children and Youth report, David Sisley commended Yvonne Messenger for her continued and tireless devotion to this program and to the children and youth of St. Paul’s. A round of applause for Yvonne followed. Regarding the Chancel Guild report, Sharon Bennet announced that she is not a member and her name should therefore be removed from the list. Joan Stead stated that she is a member and her name should be added to the list of Guild Members. There were no further questions or comments regarding the above reports.

Karl Perry asked that the reports be adopted as amended.

Moved: Bill Lord/David Sisley: “That all reports under Spiritual Development be adopted as presented/amended”.

Carried

8.3 Outreach and Mission

The Chair asked if there were any questions/comments with regard to the following annual reports: Pastoral Outreach and World Mission Committee, Friends of St. Paul’s, St. George’s Hot Meals, The Fish, St. Paul’s Home. (St. Mark’s Food Bank not included in this year’s report). Jill Alexander wished to commend Tom & June Sellers for their continuing leadership with the St. George’s Hot Meals Program. Bill Lord reported that there are outside (i.e. non-St. Paul’s) volunteers with The Fish to whom he is very grateful. Amy Moonshadow commented that the need for volunteers at The Fish is very great on any given (Saturday) night and more of us should commit to helping. In response to a question from the floor regarding St. Paul’s Home, Bill Lord explained the

structure/operation of HomeBridge and the Phoenix Youth Programs. Gretchen Gillis stated she wished to give thanks for this report and all the wonderful work that St. Paul's Home does for disadvantaged youth.

Karl Perry asked that the above reports be adopted as presented.

Moved: Pat Hartling/Kate Therien: "That all reports under Outreach and Mission be adopted as presented".

Carried

8.4 Property

The Chair asked if there were any questions/comments with regard to the following annual reports: Property, Archives Committee, and Searches. There was considerable discussion regarding the Property report. Carolyn Sisley asked if there was intent to actually form a Property Committee. Bill Lord responded that the intent exists but people must be willing and able to serve as committee members. Reagh Dennis asked what is happening with regard to the developments/redevelopment of the Grand Parade. Bill Lord responded that Sandra MacLennan is representing St. Paul's interests in this regard and is a member of the HRM committee looking into the future of the Grand Parade. St. Paul's property technically ends at the foot of the Church steps. This statement brought into question the issue of snow removal and whether there is reciprocal agreement with the city to clear/pay for snow removal in the Grand Parade in front of the Church. Pat Hartling explained that the area beyond the stairs is essentially considered to be "sidewalk" and therefore St. Paul's is solely responsible for snow clearing on this part of the Grand Parade because we use it for access to the Church. With regard to the Archives Committee report, there was a round of applause to show appreciation for all their hard work over the past year, especially to Tinker McKay and Don Lordly. Ray Carman stated that he has reports from St. Paul's 250th anniversary that he will be releasing to Archives and he suggested that others do the same if they have served on various committees over the years and are still in possession of documents that Archives might find useful.

Karl Perry then asked that the reports be adopted as presented.

Moved: Gretchen Gillis/Jill Alexander: "That all of the reports under Property be adopted as presented".

Carried

8.5 Finance

8.5.1 Finance and Stewardship Committee Report – Derek

Hounsell provided an overview of this report explaining how money was spent on capital projects during the past year. Various questions

and comments were brought forward regarding the Finance Report. Murray Knowles asked why we invest with a Toronto firm (McLean Budden). Derek Hounsell replied that unfortunately there is no local agent offering the same level of services that we receive from this particular investment firm. Jill Alexander asked why St. Paul's does not approach the Federal Government to help with repair of the Church roof since they pay for repairs to Historical Buildings. Derek Hounsell replied that this matter needs to be investigated further (with Parks Canada, etc.). John Osler responded that when he was Senior Warden, he looked into this and was informed that the Federal Budget for such repairs is minimal compared to the actual cost of such repairs.

Karl Perry then asked for a motion to adopt the Finance and Stewardship Committee Report. **Moved:** Derek Hounsell/Wayne Garland: "That the Finance and Stewardship Committee Report be adopted as presented".

Carried

8.5.2 2005 Envelope Contributions Report – There was general dismay that individual offerings are not as high as one would expect. Some members expressed the hope that further education and awareness of the needs of St. Paul's programs will encourage parishioners to be more generous in their financial giving. Bill Lord encouraged the congregation to consider pre-authorized debit (PAD) giving. He believes this would help enormously with regard to the level and consistency of offerings. There were no specific questions with regard to this report so Karl Perry asked for a motion to adopt. **Moved:** Kate Therien/Pat Hartling: "That the Envelope Contributions Report be adopted as presented".

Carried

8.5.3 Budget 2006 – Pearl Michael gave a line-by-line overview of the 2006 budget. Considerable discussion arose regarding the acceptance of a deficit budget. Carolyn Sisley, in particular, commented that she has serious reservations about approving a budget with such a high deficit. She noted that our revenue is far less than our projected expenses and if a budget of this nature were to be put forward by a "business", it would certainly not be approved. She commented that an individual would be forced to declare bankruptcy if they continued to budget like this. David Sisley stated that Carolyn's comments are not necessarily directed to those present but more to the parishioners that left after the service today; that basically she's "preaching to the converted" and it's those who did not come to the meeting that need to be educated in terms of the level of their giving. Pat Hartling suggested that we need to find a way to address the gap between a deficit and balanced budget and the potential of

the congregation to increase their offerings. Following this discussion, Derek Hounsell thanked the Finance Committee and especially Pearl Michael who is retiring from her position of Treasurer. Karl Perry then asked for a motion to approve the 2006 Budget.

Moved: Ray Carman/Bill Lord: “That the budget proposed for fiscal year 2006-2007 be adopted as presented”.

Carried, with one opposed

8.5.4 Audited Financial Statements – Bruce MacInnis from Green Jain provided an overview of St. Paul’s financial statements, noting that the Statement of Cash Flow is new this year. There was little discussion regarding this report. Karl Perry asked for a motion to approve the Audited Financial Statements.

Moved: Pat Hartling/Carolyn Sisley: “That the Audited Financial Statements be approved as presented”.

Carried

8.6 Other Parish Organizations and Activities

The Chair asked if there were any questions/comments with regard to the following annual reports: St. Paul’s Ladies Guild, Anglican Church Women, Jubilee Unit, St. Paul’s Book Club, and St. Paul’s Men’s Breakfast. Pat Hartling wished to commend the Jubilee Unit, Anglican Church Women, for their contributions to St. Paul’s over the years. He noted that it is with regret that they have to disband and all present agreed. Bill Lord commended David Sisley and Pat Hartling for their initiative in organizing St. Paul’s Men’s Breakfast – he noted it is a great initiative and one that will surely grow.

Karl Perry asked for a motion to adopt the above reports.

Moved: Pam Hartling/ Millie Wagner: “That the reports from other Parish Organizations and Activities be adopted as presented”.

Carried

9. Correspondence – No correspondence brought forward/presented at today’s meeting.

10. Election of Officers and Members of Parish Council

Sandra MacLennan chaired the Nominating Committee for 2006. All present agreed that the positions of Senior, Junior and Deputy Warden be elected as nominated by the committee (Bill Lord, David Sisley and Patrick Hartling respectively). Karl Perry asked three times if there were any further nominations for members-at-large to Parish Council. There being no further nominations, it was declared that

the slate as presented, i.e. Ted Reynolds, Nora-Gene Goodwin, Oriana Duinker, and David Mansvelt, be elected.

11. Appointments

11.1 *Signing Officers*

Moved: Derek Hounsell/Rebekah Powell: “That the signing officers for fiscal year 2006-2007 be the three wardens, the Secretary and Treasurer of Parish Council, with any two signatures required”.

Carried

11.2 *Auditor*

Moved: Derek Hounsell/David Sisley: “That Green Jain Chartered Accountants be reappointed as Auditor for fiscal year 2006-2007”.

Carried

11.3 *Insurance Broker*

Moved: Derek Hounsell/Patrick Hartling: “That the same firm of insurance brokers be appointed as is used by the Diocese”.

Carried

12. Greetings and Votes of Thanks

Greetings extended to:

- Peter and Carmen Mason
- Kate and Dave Turner
- John and Karen Newton
- Archdeacon Harry Hilchey
- Jonathan and Beth Eayrs
- Stephen and Sarah Peake
- Major Rev. Canon Baxter Park
- Rev. Stephen Andrews, wife, Fawna and family

Votes of Thanks to:

- Departing Senior Warden, Derek Hounsell
- Maggie Duinker and the Music Team
- Yvonne Messenger for her work with St. Paul’s youth (particularly the Sunday School)
- Siew Kim Secord for her work as Envelope Secretary
- Michael Messenger and other members of Parochial Search Committee for finding our new Rector
- Retiring members of Parish Council: Joan FitzGerald, Maureen White, Kelly Pottle,
- David Hazen, Rebekah Powell, Pearl Michael

- Kate Therien who agreed to stay on Parish Council for another year
- Rev. Dr. Paul Friesen for his ministry to us
- John Osler and Michael Messenger for organizing worship services (doing up team scripts, etc.) while we were without a Rector during the 2004-2005 period
- Rose-Marie Dennis and Val Powell for organizing today's potluck lunch
- The Sunday School Teachers for their work with our youth
- To all who provide refreshments following our worship services
- Karl Perry for being Chair of today's Annual Meeting
- Kelly Pottle for being Secretary of today's Annual Meeting

13/14. Concluding Remarks, Closing Prayers and Adjournment

The Rev'd Dr. Paul Friesen presented Derek Hounsell with a gift of appreciation for his tremendous dedication and efforts during the past three years as Warden. Rev'd Friesen provided closing remarks and prayers. Meeting adjourned on motion by Bill Lord at 2:55 p.m.

The meeting concluded with all present saying The Grace together.

■ Summary of Parish Council Meetings - 2006

Between Annual Vestry Meetings, the congregation of St. Paul's is represented by Parish Council, whose responsibility it is to conduct the business of the parish. All meetings begin with a period of worship and reflection, reminding us that we are "about our Father's business".

February

Parish Council held its annual 'Day Away' on Saturday, February 25. New members were welcomed and the day began with celebration of Holy Eucharist. A 'Group to Team' exercise was held, after which Council was briefed on the Canons and the Covenant, and also was given an overview of the Committees. After lunch, members participated in a number of exercises related to Mission, Vision, Values and Action Planning.

March

Council met on March 20. The Rector reviewed plans for Holy Week, noting that there would be five baptisms on Easter Sunday. John Osler reported that the Lenten Series study groups were all in place. Kate Therien reported that the Mission and Outreach Committee were planning an AIDS workshop to be held later in the spring. Bill Lord reported that, as there was no Property Committee, the wardens, led by David Sisley, were fulfilling this role.

April

Council met on April 24. The Rector gave a comprehensive statistical report on Holy Week services and participation, and was thanked for his contributions to these services. Derek Hounsell, Chair, Finance Committee, reported that, in future, he would report to Council on a quarterly basis. Members were informed that one of the 2006 'Musique Royale' concerts would be hosted by St. Paul's.

May

Council did not meet.

June

Council met on June 19. In recognition of the Jubilee Unit's contributions to St. Paul's over many years, it was agreed to create and display a collage of pictures to honour the group. Council received a financial update and noted with satisfaction that envelope giving was up. The Rector reported on his study break and provided information on the role of the new Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator. Kate Therien reported on the 'Life Without AIDS'

workshop held in May. It was reported that the new columbarium would be ready for use by July.

July

Council did not meet.

August

Council did not meet.

September

Council met on September 18. The report of the St. Michael Report Task Force was received, with thanks. It was agreed that the report should be made available to the congregation. The Rector shared thoughts on his 'Vision of the Parish and Parish Life'. A motion to "undertake the necessary organization to maintain the FISH Coffee House as a recognized and supported ministry of St. Paul's" was passed. Council learned, with pleasure and relief, that there was now a functioning Property Committee, and that a capital repairs spreadsheet had been completed.

October

Council met on October 16. The Rector gave a report on Synod, noting that St. Paul's was well represented. The Treasurer informed Council that Sandra Miller had been selected by the Finance Committee to provide bookkeeping services. He also stated that the tenant of the Jarvis Building had requested that the lease be extended for a further 3-year term. Pat Hartling introduced the Strategic Planning document to Council for review and comment. All members signed a letter of thanks to the ACW Jubilee Unit for their account close-out contribution of \$1,000.

November

Council met on November 20. The Rector noted that he had been invited to preach at Acadia Divinity College and University of King's College, and had been appointed as a Filed Supervisor at AST, where he was to begin teaching in January 2007. There was considerable discussion around the Strategic Planning document, and input was invited from Parish Council members prior to the next meeting. The Treasurer noted that, with the continued improvement in the financial situation, virtually all the allotment arrears had been paid. Council congratulated the Finance Committee on their excellent progress. The Spiritual Development Committee members were also congratulated on a very successful retreat. It was noted that Sophie Flute, our temporary secretary, had been hired on a short-term contract.

December

Council met on December 19. Two important items regarding parking and the Grand Parade were on the agenda. However, due to the lack of quorum, no motions could be passed. Nevertheless, it was agreed that a letter be sent to the Mayor, the C.A.O and our Councillor expressing concern about our current parking difficulties and requesting their intervention and assistance. The updated Strategic Planning document was again reviewed, with a request that it be discussed in detail at the next meeting of Council, and input was invited from Parish Council members in the interim.

January 2007

Council met on January 15. The Strategic Planning document was discussed in detail, and it was unanimously agreed that a presentation be prepared for the Parish to the Annual Meeting, and that the materials form the basis of the Parish Council Annual Day away, and for the work of Parish Council of the coming year. Members were advised that the position of Director of Children's Programs will be advertised during February, and it was agreed that a Selection Committee be formed, led by Patrick Hartling. John Osler had prepared a new Isherwood Scholarship brochure that will be made available to prospective applicants. It was noted that a Lenten Study series would be offered.

■ Rector's Report 2006

I am pleased to offer the parish my second annual report, though it is only in this report that I am able to reflect on one full year as your rector. My eighteen months with you, which began in August 2005, has flown by. However, I might add that this past year, 2006, I feel I have been able to settle into my role. And for that I am truly thankful to you and to our God.

The giving of thanks is a much-undervalued public activity. It is more than polite to offer thanks to one's fellows—it is a necessary civility. If we stop thanking each other for our efforts, we begin to take for granted the parts of the whole, and there is no future in that. In the case of the parish of St. Paul, Halifax, I don't need to even stop and think. My own role rests on the efforts of so many officers and volunteers and faithful parishioners that I couldn't imagine exercising my role without them. So I would like to begin by thanking all of you for your firm belief in the great Christian doctrine called the 'priesthood of all believers', and for embodying this great doctrine in your parish efforts. It has been a privilege to work with our Parish Council this past year, your representatives, who are a sign of this. This was a group that was concerned, effective, and good to work with. Though the rector and his wife, sadly, can't fit anything like the whole congregation into their home (!) it was a genuine delight to welcome in the Parish Council, with the staff, as your representatives.

I would like to thank the parish for putting forward the wonderful wardens it did last year. I have anticipated, (almost always!) with joy, our meetings this past year—both our devotional times together (with which we begin our meetings) and our 'business' sessions that follow (full of discussions and decisions about everything from photocopiers and furnaces to personnel and programmes and future plans. It is no mistake that the New Testament frequently uses the word 'liturgy', and that it sometimes uses this word to talk about the 'worship' of a Christian community and sometimes to talk about its 'work'. Both were 'services' of worship for the Apostles! I believe that your wardens have helped make this past year a rewarding and productive one for the parish. Of course this productive effort is easily seen in the many reports amongst which this Rector's Report rests.

I can think of nothing more appropriate than to interpret this past year through three 'lenses', all related to '**Thanksgiving**'. These three lenses are related to those I used last year - parish worship, parish life, and parish outreach. But it has been the close relationship between thanksgiving and worship and all that we do as a parish that has

animated the planning and prayer exercises of the Rector with the Wardens (known in our diocese as ‘the Executive.’) I believe that if we increasingly see all that we do and might do as ‘thankful worship’, we will be able to enter more heartily into many of our current parish commitments, we might more carefully assess the centrality (or peripheral nature) of other commitments, and we might launch thoughtfully into new commitments. This is an ongoing task, of course, but St. Paul’s 2007 Annual General Meeting is a good moment for us to become intentional about this.

Parish Worship as Thanksgiving

To paraphrase a famous Protestant catechism, our chief purpose as persons, as a parish, as a diocese, and as a global Christian community is to ‘glorify God and enjoy his never-ending blessings.’ A parish (a local congregation) is not a tightly focused Christian organization given to very particular programmatic ends. Thank God for these organizations! Parishioners as individuals do, and our parish as a whole does, contribute to such organizations. But a parish is less like a modern organization or corporation (though it is wisely governed by canons and procedures) and more like a spiritual village, a clan, a community—‘a body’, to quote our New Testament Scriptures. But this doesn’t mean our congregation lacks a centre! We are more than the sum of ourselves. Our shared centre is found in our acts of worship; our Scriptures couldn’t be clearer about it. In these acts we give thanks to God for our creation in God’s own image, for our redemption through Jesus Christ, and for the transformation of our lives and our world by the power of the Holy Spirit.

This past year in my sermons and in my leadership of our liturgies (our acts or services of worship), I have endeavoured to communicate the great biblical truth that gratitude is the proper frame of reference for our music and prayers and even our bodily postures. I have been enthusiastically supported in this by our two music directors (whose creativity and competence I greatly value), by the singers and musicians who have responded to them and work beside them, by the parish Liturgical Planning Group whose counsel I value, and by the astonishing number of worshippers whose personal worship overflows into many tasks that help us worship together - at the Lord’s table during the Eucharist, in the vestry, in the aisles, in the chapel, at the lectern, at the coffee table. These tasks are themselves, without a doubt, acts of worship and forms of thanksgiving.

Because our Scriptures put so much emphasis on the corporate worship of any congregation, we have endeavoured to give this its

proper place. This is the situation in which any congregation is ‘most itself.’ There is no such creature in our Scriptures as a private or occasional Christian; no Christian who can properly live as a Christian cut off from the worship of a Christian community. I am very grateful to so many parishioners for sacrificing much to worship regularly at St. Paul’s, though it has been impossible for any of us to have been present ‘all the time’, and the staff and volunteers, and even the Rector need a break . But I would hope our worship would continue to attract many associated with St. Paul’s into the regular discipline and the continual joy of our services of worship.

In that great picture of worship in the book of *Revelation*, we find ‘every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them singing’—thanking God all at once, in one place. It is striking they didn’t have two services, one at 9:00 and one at 11:00! This is not to say, however, that St. Paul’s should have only one worship service on every Sunday morning. I continue to believe that both the 9:00 and 11:00 ‘forms’ of our worship have some unique thanksgiving to offer to God. And we need to be continually thoughtful and creative about each, and about supporting each—we did well last year with a number of initiatives and I believe new avenues lie open this year.

But the worship scene in the book of *Revelation*, and the New Testament Scriptures as a whole, tell us that we are ‘most ourselves’ as a parish, not only when we gather for worship, but when we all gather together at the same time in the same place, from youngest to oldest. For if our two services, and our Sunday School students and volunteers can’t be ‘combined’ some of the time, it is a sign that we need to build, together, an appropriate appreciation for the wonderful variety and creativity of God and God’s people when together as well as when apart. But I don’t believe this has been the case at St. Paul’s

I am grateful for all the combined effort that has been put into our 10:00 a.m. ‘combined services’ signalled by the position of the Lord’s Table at the top of the chancel steps. Here, whether the shared service is either ‘traditional’ or ‘contemporary’, they have been structured to be as inviting as possible to the ‘others’, i.e. either the ‘contemporary’ or ‘traditional’ guests. Both kinds of combined services have shared and will share many features. On the other hand we have asked each other to appreciate the thanksgiving of the 10.00 a.m. ‘single service’ Sundays (often on holiday or summer weekends). During these services either the contemporary or traditional congregation has hosted all worshippers with its usual liturgy (sometimes simplified), which has simply been moved from either 9:00 or 11:00 to a shared 10:00 time.

If our Scriptures allow for different forms of worship in one spiritual community, generously appreciated by all in the ‘village’, they are unambiguous about the centrality of the Eucharist in worship gatherings. The New Testament, the early church, the first Anglican forms of worship, and an increasing number of Evangelical parishes around the world have made and are making the Eucharist (the biblical word) - or what is also aptly called the Holy Communion or the Lord’s Supper in traditional and contemporary Anglican worship - the centre of weekly worship. To be a weekly worshipper and yet to participate in Holy Communion less than weekly is not a pattern laid down by Scriptures.

I have been pleased to feel some enthusiasm for the slight increase in services of Holy Communion, increases over the twice monthly pattern at both services this past year: at both services on fifth Sundays of the month and on important Christian commemorations, and at all ‘combined’ or ‘single service’ liturgies. These are small but significant new opportunities that have allowed everyone to be able to participate in Holy Communion on any Sunday at St. Paul’s or in a particular service at St. Paul’s on an important Christian date. To move ahead as a community fully rooted, weekly, in the Lord’s Supper remains your Rector’s spiritual aspiration and an area of growth, I believe, for our parish. It’s not a matter of ‘getting rid’ of Morning Prayer! There is lots of room for Morning and Evening Prayer in many forms and on many occasions, some of which have been practiced at parish meetings throughout the year. It is a matter, instead, of honouring the Lord’s sacrifice for us with our obedience, according to Scripture, and then in the strength of the Eucharist moving out from it into our parish life and outreach.

But there is something very important to note: all our liturgies have been motivated by thanksgiving to God. We confess our sins to God, we raise our prayers for so many things, but above all we offer our praises. We do that with music and with the words of our liturgy, with the posture of our bodies and with the offerings of money we present for the Lord’s work through our parish. God is to be thanked for all! The numbers of participants have been higher than in several years at most services on key days (during Holy Week services and during Easter and Christmas services) and have not declined on the whole. But there is much room for growth—in our hearts as well as in our sanctuary!

Now, if I say less in the following two sections of the Rector’s Report than in the first you may be relieved! But I won’t be saying less because these sections are less important. In the Anglican Communion, around the world, the parish priest—or pastor or

Rector, variously named on various occasions—has his or her most important task set as leading the community in worship, both in word and sacrament. These are not just the canonical (legal) obligations of the pastor; they are at the centre of his or her ministry in the community to which they have been called.

But here are my reflections on what I believe are the other two forms of thanksgiving we have practiced in 2006.

Parish Life as Thanksgiving

Some key forms of parish life are connected directly to our worship services—baptisms (this past year at Easter and Trinity and on All Saint’s Sunday), confirmations (in February), funerals (at several points in the year), ‘home blessings’ (likewise), and monthly pastoral visits to two seniors’ homes. The latter have actually been centred on corporate services of Holy Communion (with significant lay support), rather than centred on individual calls by the rector on shut-ins, though these of course happen too (although plans are being made for the possibility of more consistent pastoral care of those who can’t worship with us frequently or at all). This varied approach to pastoral care opens doors for further roles for clergy and laity.

I have had several other significant roles in our parish life this past year. An important one has been exercised through pastoral contacts (in many forms) with parish worshippers in every stage of life. Here your rector has opportunities to relate our corporate worship to domestic and vocational issues. Parishioners have responded by providing me with many opportunities to converse with him and so have let the rector ‘into their lives’ at many levels, for which he is most grateful.

The committees and working groups of the parish have spent much time in meetings this year, as you can tell from many reports, and I have attempted to animate them with my gifts as best I could. I regret that I cannot be at all the meetings of all the groups, and any of the meetings of some, simply because of the limitations of time. And I am happy that in other cases these committees and groups function quite well without me. But your rector has grown to appreciate the work of all of them as sacrificial offerings to God on behalf of the whole parish. This applies to committees and groups animated by staff, or those that are standing in for staff not yet hired, or those led entirely by volunteers. And he has appreciated the gracious and enthusiastic spirit in which the activities and desires of many groups are communicated to him.

I have been encouraged by the appetite for a ‘thickening’ and ‘quickenings’ of parish life—this is seen in the energy that has gone into parish events like meals at our Annual Meeting of last year and on Maundy Thursday and at our Men’s Breakfasts. But it is seen too in more programmatic ways such as in the marvellous efforts of our Sunday School teachers and programme committee, and in the work of our youth event planners, and Ladies’ Guild work in sale events—and in more. We often talk about the challenges to parish life presented by complex domestic and work schedules and the different parts of the city we live in. But we still have managed much—and we have the opportunity to centre our lives more in thoughtful and helpful parish activities and to draw our unattached family and friends with us. If we remain open to the work of the Holy Spirit amongst us, and the possibilities of new routines and plans for our households and new understanding of our vocations we may find many pleasant surprises ahead. Our two 2006 series of multiple study groups may very well point the way for us in this regard. It was a delight for me to help plan them and to generate resources for the study leaders, and provide them with support.

Parish Outreach as Thanksgiving

It is hard to draw a clear line between parish life and parish outreach; and perhaps it shouldn’t be easy to do this. However, we can say a few things: both are at their best when motivated by a desire to give away what God has given us as his stewards. We can also say that parish outreach is parish life turned outwards—the intentional reaching out of the parish beyond its own health to the health of the world around it. This applies to the sharing of God’s gifts—the message of the Gospel and the blessings of the Gospel. And we can say that where outreach is found the worship of the sanctuary isn’t far off. In the nineteenth century many Anglicans and others began to see the connection between sharing the bread and the wine of the Eucharist at the Lord’s Table, and the sharing of their food and drink and more with their poor neighbours. This is something worth our more intentional consideration.

Our two most obvious outreach year round initiatives, the Fish Coffee House and the St. Paul’s Hot Meal teams, had small ups and downs. But both attracted many volunteers over the course of the year and both had the virtue of being co-operative ventures with other parishes and churches. The more focused Christmas gift programme had many volunteers and donors, and the Rector received donations from parishioners, beyond the budgeted money, for the Rector’s Discretionary Fund, a fund used exclusively for emergency relief (usually food) for those in the surrounding

neighbourhoods who apply directly to the Rector, and meet 'frequency' and 'residency' requirements.

But our Mission and Outreach committee has extended our outreach further by managing sacrificial parish gifts of money to organizations which administer our gifts on our behalf. For that the Rector is grateful too. How much we should administer our gifts ourselves is a question directly related to what we desire of our parish life. And this too lies ahead of us as an area of potential creativity and increased commitment.

*Respectfully submitted,
Paul Friesen
Rector*

■ Wardens' Report 2006

Last year, we began our report by noting the arrival of our new Rector, the Rev'd Dr. Paul Friesen, as the paramount event of the year 2005. Now, as we look back over the past twelve months, we render grateful thanks to God for his goodness to us as a congregation, and for Paul's ministry, which has reinvigorated us both as individuals and as a body corporate. While more detailed accounts of the work and worship of St. Paul's will be found elsewhere in this report, we wish to draw attention to some of the highlights during the year.

First of all, we acknowledge that all our activities at St. Paul's spring from, and are motivated by, worship of Almighty God. Over the past several months, the Rector and Wardens have been working on a planning document, which, hopefully, will provide a template for our programs and priorities in the years ahead. The theme of our planning has been 'Worship' as it is expressed through 'Head, Hands and Heart'. We are grateful, therefore, for the emphasis that Paul has placed on this aspect of our lives together. Through his sermons, he has constantly reminded us of the centrality of worship, most clearly seen in the Eucharist, and the richness it brings to our lives. We are grateful, too, for Paul's leadership in, and contributions to, the series of group Bible studies that were held during Lent and Advent. We are pleased that so many members of the congregation participated in these studies, and look forward to even greater participation in the future. We were also encouraged by increased participation in Holy Week services and see that as evidence of spiritual growth within the congregation.

As we think about spiritual leadership at St. Paul's, we wish to make special mention of, and pay tribute to, our Divinity Intern, Kees Zwanenburg. In a quiet but effective way, Kees has contributed much to the life and witness of St. Paul's, participating in many of our activities and, on occasion, delivering the Sunday morning sermon. He has become a valued member of our church family and we are thankful for his presence and gifts. We also appreciate the closer ties that are developing between St. Paul's and the Atlantic School of Theology, aided in no small measure by our Rector's involvement as a Field Supervisor.

In June 2006, the St. Michael Report Task Force submitted its report to Parish Council. As mandated by Parish Council in November 2005, the Task Force had introduced the *St. Michael Report* to the congregation and prepared a series of questions to which responses were invited. The Task Force report was a summary of the written

responses that were received. Like the Task Force members, the Wardens were pleased with the thoughtfulness that characterized the written responses, but also concerned by the relatively small number of respondents. In their report, the Task Force included a number of reasons as to why this might have been so. We are grateful to the members of the St. Michael Report Task Force for their assiduous efforts on behalf of St. Paul's. At the October 2006 meeting of Parish Council, a motion to receive the Report and to make it available for the congregation was passed.

The 2006 Parish Retreat was held at the Fairbanks Centre, Shubie Park on Saturday October 21, and led by Michael Janz, the new Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator. The theme was 'Youth Ministry' and about 40 parishioners (adults and children) were in attendance to hear Michael's presentation. We extend our thanks to members of the Spiritual Development Committee (SDC) for their part in organizing the event. For a detailed account of the SDC's other activities, please see their report.

At the beginning of the year, we received a letter from the Jubilee Unit of the Anglican Church Women stating that the group, which had been founded 50 years earlier, was no longer able to continue, due to the advanced age of its members. A motion was passed at Parish Council expressing gratitude for the Jubilee Unit's faithful service over so many years. We were most pleased that the Ladies Guild invited members of the Jubilee Unit to join the Guild.

Towards the end of June, we received with regret the resignation of Yvonne Messenger as Director of Children's Programs. We extended grateful thanks to Yvonne for her five years of service in this capacity, and also to the members of the Children's Program Advisory Committee (CPAC), ably chaired by Sharon Bennet, who ensured that this vital ministry continued without interruption. We are also grateful for all those parishioners who have volunteered to teach at Frog Junction; they render a vital service to us as a community of God's people.

While we are grateful for the many parishioners whose voluntary offerings of time and talent are so crucial to the effective ministry of St. Paul's, we would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the invaluable contribution of our current lay staff; Maggie Duinker and Andrew Killawee (Music Directors), Sophie Flute (Interim Secretary), and Jack Stanton (Sexton). Without their input, much of which is carried out behind the scene, the work and witness of St. Paul's would be greatly impoverished. As wardens, we realize how much we depend upon our staff and we offer them all our heartfelt thanks. While on the subject of staff, we should make reference to the

difficult but, we believe, necessary decision to reorganize our office administrative structure in order to divert more of our resources into the core program activities of St. Paul's, and to achieve greater fiscal accuracy and transparency. While this reorganization made the position of Parish Administrator redundant, we wish to recognize the service rendered by Karen Harris, who fulfilled that role for several years, and to pray God's blessing upon her.

We wish to pay special tribute to the work of our Treasurer, Derek Hounsell and the members of the Finance Committee. They have worked long and hard over the past year to ensure that our financial statements are accurate and transparent. As a result, we have a much better picture of our finances and, consequently, are able to plan for the future with much greater confidence. The changes made in our office organizational structure (see above), including the out-sourcing of our bookkeeping, have also contributed greatly to the effectiveness of our financial controls.

With respect to property matters, we are very pleased that, for the first time in many years, we have a fully functioning Property Committee with well-qualified members led by David Sisley. They have prepared a detailed multi-year Capital Projects schedule, which will be invaluable in planning our budgets in the years ahead. A more detailed account of the committee's activities can be found in their report but suffice it to say, there has been excellent progress this year on a number of fronts.

Towards the end of 2005, we began negotiations with the Navy with a view to their providing a more appropriate Naval Columbarium. We were pleased that, following lengthy discussions, Canadian Fleet Atlantic agreed to design and construct, at their expense, a new columbarium. Work commenced in May 2006 and was completed a couple of months later. Following Morning Prayer on Sunday, July 9, 2006, services were held to dedicate the new columbarium and, in the presence of family members, to recommit the ashes of Admirals Murray, Pullen and Houghton and their spouses. Shortly thereafter, services of committal were held for Admirals Desmond Piers (July 31, 2006) and Robert Timbrell (August 3, 2006), again in the presence of family members.

As part of our outreach to the wider community, St. Paul's once again welcomed many thousands of visitors from around the world. We are thankful to our student guides, Ori Duinker, Ellen Gibling, John Batchelder and Meagan Hancock, who, over the summer period, performed a vital role as ambassadors for St. Paul's. This is a rewarding aspect of our outreach and we encourage any parishioners

who feel they have the time, the inclination and the ability to assist our student guides, to contact one of the wardens.

Also, as part of our outreach, we hosted concerts presented by the Scotia Festival of Music (Tafelmusik) and Musique Royale (Petric-Forget Duo). We also hosted, as part of the RCCO's Organfest, a Service of Evening Vespers. Dr. Walter Kemp, who arranged the service, expressed his gratitude and delight in being able to hold it at St. Paul's. In November, we hosted two more concerts, one presented by Andrew Killawee featuring his choral group, EvenTide, and, for the second consecutive year, a benefit concert for 'Feed Nova Scotia' featuring Tom Jackson. With such a variety of musical events open to the public, it is our hope that St. Paul's will once again become known for its contribution to the musical life of Halifax.

During the year, the wardens were invited to attend the meetings of the Old Burying Ground Committee (OBG), and agreed to support the Committee by facilitating a process of review and goal setting. It is likely that, beyond maintenance and preservation of the existing site, there will be some further work on preserving and enhancing the historical presentation of the OBG to visitors.

There are, of course, many other activities to which we could draw attention but time and space do not permit. We encourage all parishioners to read carefully each of the reports contained in this Annual Report, and to give God thanks for all that has been achieved in his name at St. Paul's over the past year.

The Years Ahead

We are excited by the opportunities that have already presented themselves. As alluded to above, and as outlined at this year's Annual Vestry Meeting, we anticipate rolling out our new planning document that, under God, we hope will guide our activities and programs over the next few years. We have already advertised for a new Director of Children's Programs and hope to have the position filled before the beginning of the next school year.

In 2008, we will celebrate the centenary of the installation of our magnificent organ. Over the intervening period, we hope to present a series of concerts that would be part of a campaign to raise funds to carry out a much-needed overhaul of the organ.

Finally, in 2010, we will celebrate 300 years of continuous Anglican worship in this diocese. It is hoped that the Archbishop of Canterbury will preach at a service to be held at the Metro Centre. St. Paul's is expected to play a prominent role in these celebrations

and, in Fiona Day, we already have a representative on the 300th Anniversary planning committee.

In conclusion, we offer grateful thanks to God for his presence in our lives, and for his love and care for his church. We are especially thankful for the opportunity and privilege we have enjoyed as a team to work with our Rector, Paul, in the service of God and for the good of his people at St. Paul's.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Wardens*

Postscriptum:

With Thanks . . .

Patrick and David wish to express our gratitude on behalf of the congregation to our departing Senior Warden, Bill Lord. Bill has made a tremendous contribution to the life of St Paul's. We fellow wardens are somewhat in awe of the time and love he lavished on the building, congregation, staff and many visitors to this church. Patrick and David have decided we will take a shoe each and try to fill it. God bless you, Bill, and many thanks. We already have many ideas on how to keep you employed in the after-warden life.

■ Summary of Parish Registers

Baptisms

“That they may lead the rest of their lives according to this beginning”

Adam Marc BAUR
Heather Marion CHRISTIE
Ty Owen JENKINS
Timothy KOWALSKI
Aaron Ross LANE
Aidan James MESSENGER
Annie Grace MESSENGER
Claire Florence RANKIN
Josephine Elizabeth REYNOLDS
Soleil Annalise ROBART
Thomas James STORRING

Marriages

“To love and to cherish, till death do us part”

Allison Ann Fitzpatrick & Neal Fraser LADE
Kathryn Elizabeth Joudrey & Andrew Michael MOORES
Janet Rose Shannon & Shaun George Gregory RHYNO
Susan Martha Slater & Leif Eric VAAGE
Natalie Beth Gibson & Jeremy Shane WHITE

Funerals

“In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life”

Margaret Elizabeth BLANDFORD
Harry Gordon BROWN
Robert Alan DACEY
Dorothy Crosby JOST

Confirmations

“To rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of hands”

Pelham FLOWERDEW
David GIBLING
Emily HANCOCK
Diana NICHOLLS
Liam OSLER
Maria REDDEN
Gillian SISLEY
Victoria SULLIVAN

Received

Susan SLATER

■ Nominating Committee Report 2007

The following is the list of nominations for membership on St. Paul's Parish Council for 2007/2008

Nominations for membership on Parish Council

Deputy Warden:	Nora-gene Goodwin	2 years
Members at large:	Krista Gallagher	3 years
	Mary Lynch	3 years
	Ken Nauss	3 years
	Matthew Newton	3 years
	Rebekah Powell	3 years

Continuing Members of Parish Council

Clergy:	Paul Friesen	
Senior Warden:	David Sisley	1 year
Junior Warden:	Patrick Hartling	2 years
Members at Large:	John Osler	1 year
	Oriana Duinker	2 years
	Ted Reynolds	2 years
Synod Delegates:	David Redman	2 years
	Victoria Mason (Youth)	2 years

Retiring Members of Parish Council

Angela Bryant
David Hancock
Bill Lord
Val Powell
Kate Therien

Members who resigned in 2006

David Mansveldt

2 Spiritual Development



■ Spiritual Development Committee

Membership

Maggie Duinker (Music Ministries), Paul Friesen (Rector), Patrick Hartling (Warden), Andrew Killawee (Music Ministries), Bill Lord (Warden), John Osler (Chair), Kees Zwanenberg (Divinity Intern).

Resignations during 2006: Angela Bryant, Yvonne Messenger (Children's Ministries)

Small group ministry

Further development of small group ministry remains a priority for the SDC, including SDC initiatives such as Bible study groups, and other parish initiatives such as the Men's Prayer Breakfast, and the Women's 'Moments with Mary' events. With regards to the Bible study groups, there were two series organized in 2006

1. Lenten Study Series

Five groups met for a five-week small-group study series during Lent. Approximately 35 to 40 parishioners participated in this series. All groups studied the same passages from the lectionary, but using different study approaches. Some of the lessons learned included: a) the 'leader and host' model worked well and should be repeated; b) the finite duration of the series appeals to parishioners who wish to participate, but with a clear understanding of the longevity of the commitment; c) the preparation of resource material by the Rector would be easier to facilitate if the study series follows rather than precedes the Sunday at which the readings form part of the lectionary; d) the next series should continue to have multiple groups all considering the same material, but with as wide a diversity of approaches as possible to appeal to a broad cross-section of the congregation; e) leaders should continue to be encouraged to develop creative themes for their groups that build upon their own strengths, interests, and creativity; f) we should consider reducing the number of passages being studied on a given week (for example, using one of the three passages in the lectionary), though they were opposing views on this matter.

2. *Fall Study Series*

The fall study series ran for seven weeks from the week of 8 October to the week of 22 November. The book of Hebrews, up to Chapter 11, was the subject of the study series. The central questions of the book and the study series were: who is Christ?; how does the Son of God share our humanity?; and what is the consequence? Once again, five groups met with themes including: prayer, meditation, and music; poetry; issues; a group for our youth; and a group meeting with the Rector to discuss his sermon.

Retreat 2006

The topic of our 2006 Parish Retreat was 'Youth Ministry'. A group of approximately 40 parishioners, including youth and children, met at the Fairbanks Interpretive Centre in Shubie Park. It was a memorable day that all participants hope will serve as the catalyst to re-invigorate youth ministry at St. Paul's.

Our speaker was Michael Janz, the new Diocesan Youth Ministry Co-ordinator. He led three sessions. The first used a series of questions to initiate a dialogue between adults and youth concerning their definitions of 'youth' and 'adulthood', and their respective understandings of what young people and adults want from church and need from God. The session ended with a comparison of our actions, and more specifically ministries, that are motivated by anxiety versus those motivated by love. (Michael argues that many youth ministry initiatives are generated and ultimately fail because they are motivated by anxiety). The second session examined the 'Faith Factor Study' – eight critical factors commonly reported to have been experienced by young people who profess a vibrant faith as adults. These were considered in terms of our individual and collective opportunities and responsibilities for youth ministry at St. Paul's. The third session concerned resource material for youth ministry. Rather than simply discussing the topic, we trialed a video resource, discussing its subject matter and the attributes of poor and high quality resources. (The full series of videos, entitled 'Nooma', are the resource material that is being used for the bi-weekly series of winter and spring 2007 Sunday evening youth group meetings that Michael and Yvonne Messenger have organized and various parishioners are leading). The day ended with a service of Holy Eucharist, including prayers written by retreat participants expressing their hopes for the youth of St. Paul's.

A common theme throughout all the sessions was the need for genuine and authentic discourse between adults and young people. There is a place for formal programs in youth ministry. However,

these should be developed in response to the needs expressed by young people and be built upon a foundation of informal and widespread relationships between adults and youth that are motivated by love.

Retreat 2007

The speaker for our 2007 Fall Retreat will be Jeff Barneson, co-ordinator of the Harvard Graduate School Christian Fellowship. The dates are the weekend of 3 and 4 November, 2007 and the location will once again be the Fairbanks Centre at Shubie Park. The general theme will be 'Campus Ministry'. In addition to the 'Day-Away' for St. Paul's parishioners, it is anticipated that there will be some additional events in conjunction with organizations such as InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, Diocesan Campus Ministry, and Dalhousie University Chaplaincy.

Isherwood Scholarship Program

The aim of the awards is to encourage Christian students worshipping at St. Paul's to integrate their spiritual lives with their scholastic pursuits. The jurors for the 2005 awards made a number of recommendations concerning the awards program. As requested by Parish Council, the SDC has worked on implementing the recommended revisions to the program and advertising material, with the result that the program did not operate during 2006. On 22 January 2007, Parish Council approved the details of the revised Isherwood Scholarship Program, brochure, and application form. For the 2007 program, application material will be distributed in February, submissions will be due on 7 May 2007, and the awards will be announced on 10 June 2007.

Children's Ministries

The SDC wish to express their gratitude to Yvonne Messenger for her exceptional commitment as our Director of Children's Programs and the excellent program that she developed. We wish her well in her new endeavours. The SDC are also grateful for the efforts of Sharon Bennet and Tony Otley, the Children's Program Advisory Committee, and the many teachers and volunteers for their leadership and operation of our children's ministries, especially since Yvonne's resignation. We look forward to the hiring of a new Director of Children's Programs in 2007.

Prayer Chain

Please see Bill Lord's report later in this report. As he mentions, a coordinator is required to collect prayer requests, disseminate them, and provide updates and feedback as appropriate.

SDC Membership

In the last two years, four parishioners and one staff member have retired from the SDC due to illness, relocation, or change in employment status. The Chair is extremely grateful for the enthusiastic participation of the staff and wardens in the work of the committee, but would like to encourage additional parishioners to become involved in the vital work of the SDC and reverse the declining membership.

*Respectfully submitted,
John Osler*

■ Choir Report

This past year has been a blessing, and perhaps the most successful choral year I have experienced yet at St. Paul's. We now have a solid group of singers, which has opened the door for a lot of new repertoire. At Holy Eucharist services, we now generally sing a mass setting, an anthem and a communion hymn, all unaccompanied.

One of the biggest developments is that we are now capable of singing 4-part mass settings, unaccompanied. In 2006, we performed the William Byrd *Mass for 3-voices*, the *Missa Brevis in A* by former Haligonian, David Creese, and we will soon be performing the *Missa Brevis* by Palestrina. This is an achievement that should not be overlooked, and I sincerely hope these settings are enjoyed by the congregation. We have also added to the anthems to our repertoire, and selections by Byrd, Gibbons, Josquin, Willan, Palestrina and many other choral masters are commonly heard.

We were sorry to lose soprano Danielle Andres at the end of the year. She has headed to Russia for her studies, but fellow King's student Kristi Assaly has stepped in and is doing a marvelous job. On alto we have Carolyn MacDonald, Nora-gene Goodwin and Stephanie Francis. Our tenor section includes Nick Veltmeyer, and has been bolstered by the additions of Ian McKinnon and Bruce Archibald. Our bass section includes Ryan Veltmeyer, and, of course, Kees Zwanenburg.

Some choral highlights this year were the Good Friday service, Christmas Eve and of course Lessons and Carols. It is a joy collaborating with the 9:00 am music team (particularly Maggie) in these services, and I look forward to continuing that in the New Year.

On the organ side, we had Toronto organ guru Robert Hillier make a couple of stops at St. Paul's during the east coast leg of his regular organ rounds. He put in significant time on the organ this year, fixing broken stops and of course tuning. We look forward to having him back again soon.

*Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Killawee*

■ Music Team Report

Week after week, throughout 2006, the Music Team at St. Paul's continued to meet to practice, prepare and present the songs and hymns for the 9:00 am worship services. Many of its members also balanced contributions to Sunday School, youth group, reading the lessons, leading the prayers, greeting and preparing coffee. At this time I wish to thank them all for their dedication to this ministry and all the support they continue to give me in my role as director.

The 9:00 am services offer new opportunities to extend the role of music in supporting the liturgy. We are all committed to using music to deepen the worship experience of the congregation and to making the liturgy as seamless as possible. Songs, hymns, choruses and instrumental pieces all have their place in the service, helping us to feel God's presence, connect with Him, and offer our lives to Him. This year we have introduced the practice of singing a psalm refrain before and after the responsive reading of the daily psalm. This refrain is often drawn from another song used in the service, and reflects the tone and content of the psalm. It is our hope that this will help us all to experience the psalms in their historical, musical context, while not breaking with the comfort of reading them. I am encouraged by positive feedback from many in the congregation regarding this new role of music.

The music team has also supported special services. At combined and single services, our musicians have blended with Andrew and the 11:00 am choir. Equally happy to sing as well as to play, the music team members themselves could be considered a very fine choir. During the summer, we were asked to play for three weddings, which we were delighted to do. On Christmas Eve, we once again worked with the children in preparing a pageant, this year with a special Posada (procession) and pinata (full of treats). We dedicated that experience to solidarity with our sponsored children in Guatemala, many of whom would be doing the same thing on Christmas Eve.

During the year, the membership of the music team changed a bit, as people left and people came, but God always provides us with a full team. The current members with their instruments are:

- Gillian Sisley, Bill Lord & Meagan Hancock - flute
- Gordon Flowerdew, Martin Gibling, David Gibling - violin
- Krista Gallagher, Bill Lord, David Gibling - trumpet
- Victoria Mason, Maria Redden - clarinet

- Ben Duinker, Jack Bennet, Kate Therien - percussion
- Ben Duinker - bass
- Oriana Duinker - french horn
- Mark Flowerdew, Maggie Duinker - trombone
- Judith Emery, Ellen Gibling - harp
- Ellen Gibling, Nelle Duinker - recorders
- Peter Duinker, Donna Smith, Fiona Day - vocals
- Alex Sisley - guitar
- Maggie Duinker - piano

We eagerly await the contribution of Luc Therien (5 months) who is already showing signs of talent at the piano.

The biggest challenge to the music team continues to be the difficulty in finding the best placement of musicians. With the constraints of the fixed furniture in St. Paul's, we are often unable to see or hear each other clearly. This group is extremely versatile in this regard and most of the time we are actually playing together. But ensemble playing often suffers because of this difficulty and we continue to strive to find solutions. We are also in need of a constant presence at the soundboard, so that balance of microphones can be coordinated. It is not a complicated sound system and anyone interested could certainly be shown how to make it work. Volunteers are most welcome to make themselves known to us.

It is my great pleasure to lead the music team into a new year with faith that God will continue to support my ministry at St. Paul's.

*Respectfully submitted,
Maggie Duinker*

■ Children's Program Advisory Committee

Committee Members:

Sharon Bennet (chair), Tony Otley, Dawn Henwood, Linda Carpenter, Pamela Hartling, Bill Lord

The Children's Program Advisory Committee (CPAC) is comprised of a few dedicated parents who willingly agreed to take on a number of the tasks deemed necessary for maintaining St. Paul's Sunday School Program in the absence of a Director. CPAC is supported by a great many parishioners who volunteer their time to teach on a weekly basis and without whom the program would not be able to continue.

In September 2006, CPAC determined it could not begin to replace Yvonne Messenger and all the tasks that she managed as Director of Children's Programs. So CPAC decided to limit itself to two functions: first, to maintain the Sunday School Program with weekly lessons for all children from toddlers up to and including teens in Grade 9; second, to recruit and hire a new Director. A search committee, chaired by Patrick Hartling, has undertaken the latter task.

Each member of CPAC undertook one or more tasks related to the on-going management of the Sunday School Program. Curriculum is being ordered, supplies are being maintained, volunteer teachers are being recruited and Children's Talks continue. We have been blessed to have had a full roster of volunteers for two teaching terms. That means a total of 21 volunteer teachers have worked with the toddlers, children and youth of the Parish on a weekly basis since October. Some are parents, some have taught for years, and we are thankful for their initiative, for their experience with the curriculum and their familiarity with the children. Several of our teachers are new to St. Paul's and we are so grateful for the new enthusiasm and talents they bring. We are also grateful to have the on-going involvement of Michael and Yvonne Messenger once a month when all the children gather as a group to worship together at Celebration! Sunday.

Approximately 35 children participate in the various classrooms on a weekly basis. Although we are succeeding in maintaining the program there are areas that need substantial work. The Nursery numbers are up but volunteer support is down. We are also "space-challenged" in the Memorial room. Work needs to be done on this program if we are to succeed in keeping new, young families at St. Paul's. We also have a large number of amazing teens and young adults in our Parish but the lack of permanent youth leadership is disheartening. Bill

Lord, Maggie Duinker and Michael Messenger are doing an admirable job of providing youth support and offering Bible studies but again, much more needs to be done if we hope to provide a supportive place for our young people to grow in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

In short, as always, there is much to be thankful for but much work yet to be done.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Bennet*

■ Report of Director of Children’s Programs

The following is a condensed version of a report and overview submitted by Yvonne Messenger to the Rector and Wardens upon her resignation in June 2006 after five years as Director of Children’s Programs.

F.R.O.G. Junction at St. Paul’s Church: A Place for Kids Learning to “Fully Rely On God”

*Trust God from the bottom of your heart;
don’t try to figure out everything on your own.
Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;
He’s the one who will keep you on track.
Proverbs 3:5-6*

Overall thoughts/reflections

As I began to work at St. Paul’s Church in 2001, I brought my experience as a classroom teacher, along with my deep desire to allow children to begin or deepen a living relationship with Jesus. Early on I read a book (*Godprints: Hearts, Brains and Growing Pains*) which helped me to frame my understanding of what “Sunday School” could be. The Children’s Program Advisory Committee and leaders talked about “Going for the Godprint” in all of our classes and activities. This means that we allow God’s Spirit to work – to go beyond the “who” and “what” of our Bible stories and themes so that kids can understand how faith can be worked out in their daily life. Our goal has been that in everything we do, we show these kids that we love them, that Jesus loves them through us. We also work to present the Bible to them in creative ways – ways that connect with them as kids of the new millennium. In everything we do, we strive to present the gospel in a way that makes sense for kids, draws them to Jesus and encourages them to become fully devoted followers of our Lord.

Sunday School evolved into **F.R.O.G. Junction** (which stands for “Fully Rely On God”). It is a place where kids feel welcomed, respected and safe and where they are learning to rely fully on God. They enjoy coming and have fun both in large group and small group settings. We strive to be “the best hour of every kid’s week” (a quote and idea from Willow Creek Community Church in Illinois). We sing, worship, pray, read and listen to God’s word, paint, draw, act, play – all of these are ways in which kids can experience God’s presence in their lives and respond to Him. We have simply and clearly outlined

our behaviour expectations (respect, cooperate and participate) and both leaders and kids follow these expectations consistently. I have attached a copy of our behaviour expectation poster that is displayed in each classroom and reviewed each October and then, as need be.

We want to be a place where children are not only taught what it means to be a follower of Jesus, but where they can see other friends (young and old) following Him, where they can develop relationships with other children and adults that will help them to develop a vital and growing relationship with Jesus.

Part of my role has been to represent the interests and needs of the children of the parish on the Spiritual Development committee and on the Liturgy Planning Group. The voice of the children is one that can easily be overlooked so I hope that someone will continue to represent the needs of the children on these two committees. I am also sometimes in contact with the FISH coffeehouse committee. I have often wished that I was able to be more involved with the FISH ministry – or at least have a working relationship with those who are “in charge” of the weekly running of the coffeehouse. There are sometimes issues that arise with the shared use of space that I think would be more easily dealt with if we had a relationship between the two ministries. Perhaps this is something that will happen in the near future.

I have also been involved with preparing young people for confirmation. This required a weekly class, preparation work, and stretched over a number of months. In the past, I have also assisted with the preparation of families for baptism, attending the classes along with parents and providing support and information for them as they bring their little ones to be baptized.

My role also included a great number of administrative details, such as ensuring that sponsorship money is sent to World Vision for our child in Guatemala, managing the information that goes into the bulletin every week, preparing the budget for Youth and Children’s Programs each year, monitoring the expenses, purchasing and organizing supplies and materials. I have also assisted with many parish events, such as Seder Suppers, Parish Picnics, Pool Parties, and other family oriented events. I have assisted the Rector with the purchase of gifts and certificates for baptisms and confirmations.

Structure of the F.R.O.G. Junction Program

The F.R.O.G. Junction program has been geared for children aged 3 to 15 (ish), although my role has been to oversee, to some extent, all programs for children from birth to university age.

There is a nursery available for infants and toddlers in the Memorial Room during the 9 a.m. service. Over the years, **the Nursery** has sometimes been supervised by a paid volunteer (usually a teen or university-aged person) and depending on the age of the children in the Nursery, there has been a simple program of Bible stories, crafts, and songs. I have usually planned the curriculum and organized the volunteers for this, as well as making sure that the room was organized and the necessary materials (crafts, snacks, drinks) were available. I would often wash and clean the toys on a regular basis for safety reasons. It continues to be a great challenge to have the Nursery in the Memorial room. The space is not ideal for babies and the “multi-purpose” nature of the room has meant that it is often disorganized and messy, with more furniture than needed. It has also been a challenge for me this past year to give the Nursery the attention it deserves. I think that there needs to be someone who oversees just the whole Nursery program and is able to stay in the church on a weekly basis. I think that this would help a great deal.

F.R.O.G. Junction runs from October 1 to the end of June. We have 3 terms (October to December, January to March, April to June) and leaders are asked to commit to one of those terms. Some leaders sign up for more than one term a year, and a few are very dependable, teaching every year for at least one term. It is a challenge to find new leaders each year, especially as I would like to have mature and growing Christians who love to work with children volunteer their time.

We have been using the Scripture Union “light” Sunday School curriculum for the past four years. It is Biblically-based and the teachers find it easy to use. I use it to develop the weekly Children’s Talk and Celebration! Sundays. The curriculum runs on a three year plan and each week all classes are focusing on the same text and theme. I have found that this is very helpful for planning, and for family discussions as everyone is learning about the same thing at the same time. Each age group takes a different focus on the passages though, so that it is relevant and applicable to the older ones in a different way than it is for the younger ones. I have really enjoyed using this material. We have found that because it is developed in the UK, the cultural references often need to be changed or “translated.” I have looked around for other curriculum, but have not found anything that matches the way our program runs as well as the Scripture Union material.

The classes are organized by age and change from year to year, based on the numbers and the make up of the kids in each age group. There is some flexibility for children who feel they do not fit with

their peers as we have had some children move to a group older than themselves and others stay with a younger group. We do try to keep ages together however. We usually have either 4 or 5 classes. Each class has 2 leaders who are expected to attend each week of the term they have committed to. If there are more than 8 to 10 children in a class, I try to split the class so that there are never more than 8 children in a class. Last year we had a Preschoolers and Primaries class (ages 3 to 5), Grade 1 and 2, Grade 3 and 4, Grade 5 and 6, Grade 7 and 8. I think that in October [2006], because of the children we have, it might be better to have the 3 year olds stay in the Nursery and have a 4 and 5 year old class. The other classes seem to work well. In other years we have had a high school group also. However we found that the Scripture Union material did not work as well with this group and we tried other things.

We have classes on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays of each month. On Sundays where there are classes, the children begin in the service and walk to the Parish House after the Children's Talk (usually after the Collect of the Day). We have fluctuated each year as to whether the children stay at Parish House until their parents collect them, or if we return to the church at a set time. This past year (2006), we decided to return to the church at 10:20. This has worked well this year. The only drawback is that the parents very rarely get to visit Parish House and have no opportunity to see what their children have been doing.

We serve a snack each week. Gretchen Gillis has very graciously over the past two years organized this aspect of our program. She phones families from the church and asks them to donate a snack for a specific Sunday.

The 4th Sunday is **Celebration! Sunday**. On these days, the children begin at Parish House and meet together for singing, a Bible story told in a creative (usually dramatic) way, praying, and activities. We return to the church for communion. These Sundays have really evolved over the past few years. I like to have a team of people, separate to the weekly leaders, who are gifted in music and drama. Regular leaders are not expected to supervise during Celebration! Sundays. My goal has been to make Celebration! Sundays really relevant to the kids and to let them have fun and learn with all ages. Sometimes we follow the Scripture Union "light" curriculum and other years I have developed something different that runs as a theme throughout the year, just on Celebration Sundays. It worked really well when Dave and Kate Turner led these Sundays with some of the youth. This past year, Michael [Messenger] and I have led these Sundays on our own. The kids have really learned to sing and enjoy it! They also enjoy the games and activities. I just don't think that Michael and I are as creative as Dave and Kate were!

During the summer (July, August and September) the children meet in the **Summer Garden Program**. They go out to the Garden after the Children's Talk and return for communion or at the end of the Morning Prayer service. I try to have as many families as possible volunteer to lead one of these Sundays. I prepare all of the curriculum and materials so that all the volunteers have to do is read over the material, set up the garden and lead on the Sunday. It has been a challenge to find enough volunteers to serve. I have ended up doing most of the Sundays myself over this year and last.

Youth is an area that technically was not part of my role. However, as the preteens grew into teens I felt a great burden to provide programming for them. We have tried a number of things. Hannah Falcon-Lang worked with some of the teens when she was here. Dave and Kate had a fabulous year last year with the group. This year, John Batchelder and Oriana Duinker have been leading. I think that the kids have enjoyed the social aspect of the Youth Group this year, but I feel that they are missing the discipleship and Bible study that kids of this age group so desperately need. We have tried in the past to have a Bible study class in the mornings (not this past year). This might be a good option for the future as there are a number of teens who are moving into Grade 9 and 10. My hope would be that we would find a good Bible teacher who would be able to motivate and encourage this age group as they enter a very challenging time of their lives.

Each year, the children at St. Paul's are involved with **leading a service or two, putting on a pageant and sometimes a musical**. I have usually been the person who does most of the planning for these events, organizing and running rehearsals (usually with Maggie Duinker), recruiting people to help with costumes, sets, artwork, etc. The Christmas Eve family service has often taken a great deal of preparation and organization, both before the event and on Christmas Eve.

The challenge of recruiting volunteers

The greatest challenge in my role over the past five years has been the recruitment of leaders. Each year I try to encourage people to volunteer who may have never worked with the children before. I do a lot of phoning and asking specific individuals to join the leadership team for a certain role. Apart from two or three new people, it tends to be the same people volunteering each year. I think that parents of children should not feel obligated to teach if this is not their gift, however, we do need them to get involved somehow as it is their children we are serving. I wish that there were a greater pool of

people (who don't have children in the programs) who would step up and get involved. I know that we have a parish of growing Christians who have a great deal to offer if they would just give it a try.

Typical Sunday Mornings . . .

My role on Sunday mornings has been varied. Before the service, I make sure that the Parish House (or the Garden) is open and ready. I check the building, turn off the alarm, unlock interior doors, and turn on lights. Sometimes there are things from the Fish that need to be moved or cleared away so that the children's program will run smoothly. I know that Jack Stanton also does a walk through and makes sure that everything is ready; he checks the bathrooms and basic cleanliness from the coffeehouse the night before and makes sure that the heat is on if needed. There are days when classrooms need to be tidied, materials sorted and furniture set up for the children. The outside door to Parish House remains locked so it is necessary to have someone who has a set of keys to walk over with the children and lock up behind them. On Sunday mornings, the Parish House needs to be a safe place for children. The Nursery also needs to be set up and opened, sometimes requiring furniture to be moved. I try to hang around at the back to meet visitors with children or new families so that the children and their parents will feel comfortable about us walking across the street for their program.

Often my role has been to do the Children's Talk each week, or find someone to do it in my place. My goal about this part of our program is two-fold. It introduces the children to the theme, or the Bible story they will be looking at more closely in their classes. It also provides parents and other adults with an idea of what their children will be learning that day. During the school year, I also put a small note in the bulletin to let everyone know what the children are doing each week at F.R.O.G. Junction.

During F.R.O.G. Junction time, I make sure that there are enough teachers in each class, that the teachers have everything they need, and that new children are brought to the correct class and introduced. I try to keep track of families who are there less frequently and will phone to see if everything is OK. Usually I prepare the juice and snack and sometimes deliver it to classes. There are days when I have taught for a leader who was away, or helped out in a class with only one leader. Sometimes I have had a chat with a child outside the class if they have been disrupting their class. I also sometimes will help out in a class with a child who is not happy in their class (usually little ones) who shadow me and help me out for the morning. I think that the presence of someone consistently there

to support the leaders on a weekly basis has really helped with the classroom management issues that sometimes occur.

After the service, I spend a small amount of time closing up the Parish House, locking doors and making sure that everything is put away for the week. It is important that things are left each week in a way that makes it easy for the FISH to run smoothly on Saturday nights.

Looking Ahead

I think it is important that there continues to be someone who is focused on the children of our parish in a similar way as I, and those before me, have. St. Paul's has always shown its understanding of the importance of Christian education for the young and our rich history of Sunday School, by having someone who is dedicated to the children of the parish and who is a member of the paid staff. This person or persons has had different titles (Director of Christian Education, Director of Children's Programs...). It may be that the parish will search for someone who can assist with Youth in a more active way than I have been able to as well as overseeing the F.R.O.G. Junction programs and the Nursery.

I feel strongly that the children's program needs to continue to be a place where God's love and grace is presented to children in a way that is relevant to them, and where they have fun and are able to use their God-given creativity, youthful attitudes. They need to be able to worship in a way that makes sense to them, along with helping them to understand and appreciate the conventions of worship in the church.

Paul Friesen and I have had some conversations about involving the children in more active ways within the services on a more regular basis. We have talked about increasing the number of services that the children help to lead from one to perhaps one in each season of the church year or about the possibility of ending each teaching term with a "Celebration! Eucharist." This could mean the end of November (with December as an Advent program and preparation for Christmas service involvement), end of April and end of June.

It is challenging to balance the time children spend in programs that are dedicated to meeting their needs in a way that is relevant and age appropriate with introducing them to the liturgies and worship style that they are a part of when in church. Children have different needs from adults and it is not always easy to bring the two needs together. I am supportive of wanting to have the children involved more in the services, as long as it is meaningful to the children. Whatever

arrangements that are made for Children's Programs in the near future, my hope is that we will always think about how our decisions are making Jesus and following him relevant to these young people as they live their daily lives.

I think that the youth of our parish deserve to have a deeper and more significant program than has been the case over the past year or so. I would like to see a group meeting for discussion based on Biblical truths and life situations, discipleship for those who are interested in figuring out how to integrate their personal faith with their daily lives, prayer, service-oriented opportunities, along with involvement in the weekly service.

I have also been thinking about the youngest children in our parish. I think it is important for our babies to have consistent care in the nursery. I don't think that the parents of infants should be the ones to care for the infants. They need the opportunity to have a break from their little ones. It may be a good idea to have a simple program (Bible story and song) for the 2 and 3 year olds in the Nursery. This would be a change from last year, as the 3 year olds have been coming to the preschoolers' class. It may work better for all involved in the preschoolers' class only has 4 and 5 year olds.

Finally, it has been a great privilege to serve the children and families at St. Paul's Church in my role with Children's Programs over the past 5 years. Thank you for all of the opportunities I have had to see the growth of faith in the children as well as the opportunities I have had to deepen my own faith life. I will continue to pray that God's guidance will bring the right person or people to lead the children.

*Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Messenger*

■ Chancel Guild

Honorary President	Janet Friesen
Director	Margaret Bateman Ellison
Treasurer	Millie Wagner
Secretary	Julia Atkins
Flower/ Wedding Coordinator	Amy (Tinker) McKay
Duty Captains	Stephanie Francis
	Marian Fraser
	Dorothy Kelly
	Millie Wagner

Members: Margaret Bateman Ellison, Madge and Brian Burnell, Angela Bryant (retiring), Marion Conrad, Joan Fitzgerald, Stephanie Francis, Marian Fraser, Pamela Hartling, Dorothy Kelly, Tinker McKay, June and Tom Sellers, Joan Stead, Millie Wagner, Maureen White (retiring).

In 2006, the sixteen members of the Chancel Guild provided support services for Sunday services, annual festival services, Wednesday services, monthly services at Parkland Estates, weddings and funerals. In addition, flowers were delivered after services to parishioners on the shut-in list or celebrating milestones. This was accomplished under a new organizational system whereby Duty Captains served for a month at a time for a total of three months as main contact person; members worked in pairs to cover Sunday services. Members are now able to sign up for a week at a time rather than a month. This means during the year each member covers six to eight weeks of the duty roster. Dot Kelly and Marian Fraser continued to provide support service for Wednesday communion in the Chapel in addition to Sunday services and Marian assisted at the celebration of communion at Parkland Estates on the third Friday of the month.

The Guild held a semi-annual meeting on June 5, 2006 and an Annual General Meeting on December 12. These meetings allowed to Guild to report on activities and address the following topics:

1. The need to have a portable credence table was identified in June and in December it was decided that the Chancel Guild would address providing one in memory of deceased Guild members.
2. Cushions in the Chapel and Sanctuary were repaired and the cushion on the chair in the Sanctuary was recovered. The white set of markers for the bible and prayer books

in the Chancel were replaced in time for the Christmas services.

3. Two members resigned during the past year bringing the membership down to 14 making it even more necessary to seek new members. Suggestions and volunteers should speak to the rector or a member of the Guild.

4. Flowers for the weekly services and Christmas and Easter are provided through donations, usually as memorials, and out of Guild funds. It was noted at the AGM that several people who faithfully made floral tributes annually have passed away and it will mean there are voids in the Flower Calendar. Parishioners who may not have given flowers in the past need to be encouraged to make contributions. Tinker McKay organizes the annual calendar and would welcome people who wish to make pledges for flowers.

5. Two donors have come forward wishing to gift St. Paul's with new sets of hangings. After discussion at the AGM the Guild has suggested that white and green sets would be welcomed and the Rector reported that the donors were happy to take direction from the Chancel Guild. A meeting to work out the details was arranged for January 2007 to address the specific details and process to follow. This should allow the gifts to be procured as soon as possible in 2007.

The Chancel Guild's Treasurer's Report presented at the AGM was as follows:

Balance brought forward 8/12/05	\$2,230.53
Receipts:	
Flowers	\$4,136.00
Dues	85.00
Wedding Fees & Flowers	290.00
HST Rebate	425.54
Bank Interest	<u>.80</u>
	\$4,937.34
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	\$7,167.87
Disbursements:	
Weekly Flowers	\$3,798.55

Christmas /Easter Flowers	1,098.90
Christmas Greenery	25.00
Palms (2005 & 2006)	80.40
Linen & Cruets	91.00
Keys for Members	53.00
Bank Charges (Cheque books)	<u>30.91</u>
	\$5,177.76

Balance (December 12, 2006)

\$1,990.11

As Director of the Chancel Guild, I am thankful for the devoted service of each member and especially the Duty Captains and Executive. We pray that God will continue to guide each of us as we serve him through this “behind the scenes” ministry.

*Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Bateman Ellison*

■ Synod Delegates' Report – 2006

Thank you to the clergy and congregation of St. Paul's for the opportunity to attend the 139th session of Synod as your delegates. For each of us it was a stimulating, enjoyable and encouraging experience.

We very much appreciated our Rector, Dr. Paul Friesen, and Divinity Intern, Kees Zwanenburg, attending most of the sessions with us, and the seating arrangement in tables of eight allowed us to share our experience and enjoy their company. The seating arrangement also resulted in much more mingling of the delegates. It was soon apparent that it was, indeed, a gathering of delegates and clergy from all regions of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The keynote speaker, Bruce Rockwell, is the Financial Officer and Assistant to the Bishop for Stewardship in the Episcopal Diocese of Western Massachusetts and President of the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Network for stewardship (T.E.N.S) in the United States. Bruce spoke on two occasions and each time his talk was stimulating, thoughtful and penetrating. Some of the many challenging things he said are:

- *There is enough from everyone's need but never enough for everyone's greed*
- *Stewardship involves joyous acts of Thanksgiving*
- *Thanks is a tonic which taken in the morning arranges our mind set for each day*

It was good to see our music director, Andrew Killawee, involved in campus youth ministries. His presentation, with student choir at the service of Compline was an island of beautiful music in a sea of talk.

We listened very attentively to Dawn Dickieson's account of her experiences in India and her deep concern about the ravages of H.I.V./AIDS in that country. This was part of a P.W.R.D.F presentation. You will recall Dawn was with us in the summer of 2005. We also had a fascinating video session of a probing interview a young lady conducted with the Primate.

Amongst all this business we had two evening services of worship, one led by the youth contingent, and three services of Holy Eucharist. Most moving of the communion services was that at which the Primate officiated. He evoked a palpable aura of holiness that was deeply moving. Although we spanned the years from teen to octogenarian we all enjoyed our time at the 2006 Synod and left enriched by the experience.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora-gene Goodwin

Victoria Mason

David Redman

■ St. Paul's Prayer Chain

Once again, I am happy to submit this brief report on behalf of the Prayer Chain. During the past year, we received about 36 requests for prayer and/or thanksgiving. As I've noted in previous reports, many of those for whom we have prayed affirm the tremendous support and encouragement they have felt as a result. Clearly, then, the Prayer Chain is meeting a real need. However, we do have some on-going concerns. First of all, we still need someone to take over the rôle of Prayer Chain Coordinator. As I mentioned last year, I initially assumed this function simply as a stop-gap measure. However, with my other responsibilities, I feel I am unable to give requests the degree of follow-up they require and deserve. As you read this report, therefore, please consider whether or not this might be a ministry you could undertake and, if so, speak to the Rector or to me. Secondly, as noted in past reports, we feel that, because of the Prayer Chain's low profile, there may be parishioners, particularly those who have recently joined St. Paul's, who are unaware of this ministry. If you are one such, I encourage you to find out more about the Prayer Chain. You will find that it is one of the practical ways we can demonstrate our commitment to each other as a church family, not only in times of crisis but in the many and varied situations that confront us in our daily lives. Please note that the fifteen faithful Prayer Chain members are committed both to confidentiality and to regular prayer.

Should you be interested in becoming a member of the Prayer Chain, please do not hesitate to contact me (at 477-0094 or whlord@hfx.eastlink.ca) or any of the other members; you can find their names on the Prayer Chain list at the rear of the church.

*Respectfully submitted,
Bill Lord*

■ Scripture Union

Scripture Union Canada is part of a world-wide, non-denominational movement whose aim is, “to make God’s Good News known to children, young people and families and to encourage people of all ages to meet God daily through the Bible and prayer ...”. This goal is accomplished primarily through their daily Bible reading guides whose use St. Paul’s Church has long encouraged. However, SU Canada employs many other programs and publications to achieve its stated aims. If you’re interested, you can find out more about these at their web-site: www.scriptureunion.ca.

I’m pleased to report that, in 2005, twenty-five parishioners subscribed to the various daily Bible-reading guides produced by Scripture Union. And, of course, for the past several years, Scripture Union learning materials have been used as the basis of Frog Junction’s curricula. I understand that both teachers and children continue to be very happy with them. The Guides themselves are of a consistently high quality and, as one who has used them for over sixty years, I can testify to their value in helping Christians grow in and better understand their faith. I realise that some parishioners use other publications, while some may prefer simply to read and meditate on the Scriptures without any commentary. However, for those who feel they need to be more consistent in their Bible reading but are unsure of where or how to begin, I strongly encourage the use of Scripture Union daily bible reading guides. If you are already using them and find them helpful, why not encourage other members of your family and friends to take advantage of this systematic, stimulating and practical approach to reading the Bible.

If reading the Bible is not already a regular part of your daily routine, but you think you may be ready to consider it, get in touch with me at church, or contact me by telephone (477 0094) or e-mail: whlord@hfx.eastlink.ca; I’ll be happy to provide you with information on the various SU publications and help you to choose the one which best suits your needs.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bill Lord
S.U. Representative*

3 Outreach and Mission



■ Pastoral Outreach and World Mission Committee

The outreach and world mission committee is a small but mighty group! Although this past year has been particularly quiet, through prayer and financial support we continue to encourage our church family in Halifax and to serve our brothers and sisters around the world.

Gatherings and Worship

In November 2004, an Outreach and Mission Sunday service was held with a focus on PWRDF's "Partnership for life: life without AIDS" initiative. Since that time, we had hoped and planned to offer parishioners a workshop/service where they would have an opportunity to continue to be informed and to share their thoughts around the topic of "Life without AIDS" in our world. This planning finally came to fruition in May 2006 in "An evening of study and prayer with the Ribbon of Hope."

In an interactive workshop, guest speaker, Dawn Dickieson, described some of her recent experiences with AIDS in India, and Kees Zwanenburg led a discussion on issues related to HIV/AIDS in Canada. Dawn then led a service of prayer and devotions while Maggie Duinker and team provided music for reflection and praise. This event was part of a 2-week visit by the Ribbon of Hope (from the PWRDF Partnership for Life: Life without AIDS initiative), a banner initially created at General Synod in 2004 and which continues to grow thanks to individual prayers, concerns and memorials to remember loved ones affected by AIDS.

This multi-faceted focus on AIDS was organized by the Mission and Outreach Committee, using materials from PWRDF, as a stepping off point for group and individual responses toward the goal of LIFE without AIDS. We recognize that we are called to PRAY, ACT and GIVE. Following the workshop and service a total of \$335.00 was donated from St. Paul's parishioners via small collection boxes, and commitments for additional donations were sent directly to PWRDF. A table at the back of the church was set-up containing a number of

printed resources, including wallet-sized prayer cards, for people to take home and consider.

If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together.(1 Corinthians 12:26)

Examples of Outreach Support and organizations provided with prayerful and financial support:

- Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship and Inter School Christian Fellowship
- Mission to Seafarers
- World Vision
- (OMF) Ron and Leng Kue Viergutz
- South American Mission Society
- Diocese of the Arctic
- Barnabas
- Metro Pregnancy Centre
- Canadian Bible Society
- Evangelical Fellowship Canada
- Christian Blind Mission International
- Institute of Evangelism
- Ministry for the Deaf
- Jesus to the Nations
- FISH Coffee House
- St. George's Hot Meals
- Scripture Union
- Christmas Programs
- Welcome Table
- Just Us! Fair Trade Coffee

It has been another year of membership changes, and sadly our committee continues to shrink— a reminder that new members are always welcome! Please join if you have a particular interest in outreach and mission, or contact us, as we are open to new ministry ideas. We give thanks for your continued support and ask your prayers that we may discern His will in all that we do.

*Respectfully submitted,
Maureen White and Kate Therien*

■ St. George's Hot Meals

This ministry to those less favoured members of our community has continued throughout 2006. St. Paul's parishioners have given great support through monetary donations, and the provision of food and/or help, and we are most thankful for them. If there is excess food on a Saturday afternoon, which cannot be preserved, it is taken to the FISH for their outreach programme.

In all, St. Paul's served on six occasions and 759 meals have been provided.

*Respectfully submitted,
June and Tom Sellers*

■ The FISH Community Coffehouse

The Fish Community Coffeeshouse serves the downtown community of Halifax, with patrons coming from throughout Halifax and Dartmouth, providing them with a quiet place to enjoy coffee, cookies, games and conversation. The ministry of The Fish is an outreach program under the Mission and Outreach Committee and is located in the St. Paul's Parish House. It operates on Saturday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

Volunteers come to The Fish from a variety of local churches and Christian groups associated with area universities. One of our most active leaders, Megan Shand, has been instrumental in encouraging members of her home congregation, Grace Halifax, to be involved as regular volunteers. Their enthusiasm for the program has provided much needed consistency in the volunteer network. Volunteers provide helping hands with dish washing, coffee and tea making and serving, and cleaning up, but more importantly, a listening ear, someone to pray with, a partner for games, and some wonderful music on pianos, guitars and violins!

Special Events during 2006 included a Valentines party, monthly birthday parties, outdoor BBQs in July and October, a "Fall Festival" party, a Christmas party and a New Year's celebration. For part of the year we sponsored a weekly Bible Study. It was well received and sparked many interesting discussions. At the present time it isn't a regular program, but we have found patrons much quicker to begin discussions about their faith and ask for prayer since the studies.

The primary source of funding for The Fish is the Mission and Outreach Committee. Money from the committee is used to purchase ongoing staples such as paper towels and cleaning products as well as weekly perishables such as milk, fresh fruit and veggies, and cheese. The Just Us! Fair Trade Café on Barrington Street generously provides us with all of our coffee free of charge, and many members of St. Paul's use the "Fish Tank" at the back of the church to make donations of cookies, sugar, juice, tea, and hot chocolate. Members of St. Paul's, as well as outside supporters of "The FISH", have made additional monetary gifts, which pay for extras such as party decorations, birthday cakes, Christmas gifts and this year's BBQs.

We thank all the members of St. Paul's for their generous support of all aspects of The Fish.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Kalix, on behalf of the FISH Leadership Team*

■ St. Paul's Home (President's Report)

It is with gratitude to God that we look back over the past twelve months and review the continued positive impact St. Paul's Home has on the lives of young people, particularly those at risk. As Dr. Mary Lynch noted in her President's Report last year, our partnership with Phoenix Youth Programs and HomeBridge continues to thrive, due in no small part to the excellent relations we enjoy with the staff of both organizations.

In April of this year, we served notice to the Provincial Government that we would be terminating our lease of Genesis House with them, effective October 31, 2006. Our meeting with Community Services staff to inform them of our decision was most cordial, and our reasons for the lease termination received with understanding. We look forward to the re-opening and dedication of Genesis House early next year as part of Phoenix's Supervised Apartment Program.

One of the most rewarding aspects of being a Board member of St. Paul's Home is the knowledge that we are making a difference in the lives of young people. This is particularly true of our Awards program because it is one way in which we can have direct involvement with the youth we seek to help. Most of our other activity, i.e. the provision of houses to HomeBridge and Phoenix, is more of an 'arms-length' nature. That said, the implementation of our 'prayerful walks' a couple of years ago has also enabled us to forge closer links with both the youth and the staff, not to mention Board members, of these two organizations.

I should mention here what is possibly the largest grant St. Paul's Home has ever made. Following a presentation given by Rob Pattison, Chairman, Bread of Life Ministries, and Keith Dexter, former St. Paul's parishioner, the Board voted unanimously to donate \$50,000 towards the purchase and refurbishing of a new bus for use as the Street Connection Mobile Soup Kitchen. We look forward to participating in the dedication of this vehicle once it is ready to begin operating.

A considerable amount of work has been undertaken this year to ensure that our properties remain in first-class physical shape. During the year, Capt. Tom Sellers took on the role of property liaison. Shortly after assuming this role, Tom visited all seven properties we own, making a note of work required. Since then, he has had several meetings both with Phoenix Youth Programs and HomeBridge representatives and with engineering consultants to identify and to resolve physical deficiencies in our various buildings.

Although progress on development of the Rocky Lake lands has been glacially slow, an important step forward was signaled by the receipt in April 2006 of just over \$1.85 million from Banc Developments. While this significantly increased our financial strength, it also served to remind us that we need to be more intentional and focused in the deployment of our resources. For this reason, we have embarked on a series of planning exercises which, we trust, will guide us into the future. We are most grateful to Frank Kempster, who, for many years, has represented our interests in the sale and acquisition of our land, for his diligence, enthusiasm and, not least, his sense of humour, maintained throughout the protracted series of negotiations that have marked the Rocky Lands venture.

One of the areas where we have not moved very far ahead is with respect to the youth advocacy coalition, inaugurated in September 2004. While all three boards endorsed the initiative, we have yet to devise a strategy for approaching Government on behalf of youth. Hopefully, the planning exercise noted above will help us move in this direction.

I regret to report that, after several years on the Board, Lisa Letto offered her resignation, effective at the end of her first five-year term (November 2006). Lisa was a valued member of the Board, having not only served as Treasurer but having also taken a lead role in updating our policies and procedures. We were, however, fortunate to find a new, and very effective, Treasurer in the person of Bill Day, and also, during the year, to welcome three new Board members – Isobel Napier, Patrick Hartling and Thomas Storrington. We have already benefited from their contributions and look forward to their continuing involvement on the Board. At our Annual General Meeting, held on November 6, 2006, two additional members, Kathleen Flowerdew and Nadine Wentzell, were appointed to the Board, Martine Osler was elected President, and Bill Day and Megan Farquhar were re-elected Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

In conclusion, I would like to pay tribute to all Board members for their continuing support and generous contribution of time and talent. *Deo Gratia*

Respectfully submitted,

*Bill Lord,
Past President*

4 Property



■ Property Committee

This year the Property Committee was reformed and David Sisley took the chair, with Jack Stanton as the only other member. However, during the year Neal Lade and Ted Reynolds joined, bringing with them practical experience and qualifications in the construction industry.

During the year, more than \$20,000 was spent on repairs, maintenance and improvements. Here are some of the areas in which the money was spent.

Fencing- Church

Due to the deteriorating condition of the cast iron fencing surrounding St Paul's, Masontech and RKO Steel, who had just completed the fencing around Government House, were asked to quote on refurbishing our fencing. The quote, which included repairing the walls, rebuilding pillars and repairing and sandblasting the fencing to give a 50-year plus life, came to \$761,000. As this amount was way more than we originally had in mind, alternative approaches, and means of financing are being sought. In the meantime the fencing has been stabilized by welding additional bracing – not very pretty, but functional.

Eavestroughing - Church

To avoid the expense of having to clear the eavestroughing every year and to improve the water run-off, leaf guards were fitted, and larger downspouts installed and redirected. As a result the run-off is no longer going under the building, and so the crypt area under the Chancel is now dry for the first time in a good many years. The Parish House eavestroughing also needs repair, but it was decided to hold off on this until the roofing is repaired.

Roofing

We continue to monitor the state of the main church roof. The last report in 2003 stated that the main roof needed to be replaced; this is a cause for concern as the shingles are only 13-15 years old. We plan to get a second opinion and also tackle the lack of ventilation in the

side wing roof spaces. The Parish House roofing definitely requires attention and this will be tackled in 2007.

Furnaces - Church

All the church hot-air furnaces were in need of replacement; unfortunately the 25 year old Chancel one did not make it through the winter and was condemned. It was replaced with a smaller high efficiency unit just before Christmas, with the probability of 30% future fuel savings. The furnace was procured on a 5-year lease to own plan. It is planned to replace the two main furnaces this summer in order to avoid any untimely failures. Again it is expected that with high efficiency units we will be able to realise substantial fuel savings. The Parish House hot water furnace, although inefficient, is just about indestructible and will be eventually replaced. This will probably be done in conjunction with the plumbing repairs/replacement that needs to be done.

Electrical Work

Following an insurance inspection, an electrical survey was conducted. Many minor anomalies were corrected. Additional lighting in the Chancel crypt and main furnace areas were also installed.

Bell Tower

A structural inspection was made of the bell tower and bells. Although still safe to operate, the bells and the operating mechanism need work to ensure their integrity.

Naval Columbarium

During Spring 2006, the Navy constructed a new Columbarium next to the old choir room. St Paul's contributed by carpeting and painting the entrance area. The Navy have indicated that they would also like to paint and carpet the vestry alcove in order to complete the entryway to the Columbarium. This may happen in 2007.

Clearing Out

During the year, accumulated detritus was removed from the balcony, crypt areas and the Parish House basement. More has yet to be done in the balcony.

Parish House – 3rd floor

Our Sexton Jack Stanton has slowly refurbished the 3rd floor from its very deteriorated state. This task is just about complete.

Organ Blower

The organ blower motor bearings finally cried enough. Due to the age of the motor and its very substantial construction, it was deemed easier and faster to rebuild the electric motor than try to replace it.

Office Equipment

In conjunction with the obsolete (leased) photocopier and to make better use of time and personnel, the regular office printing load was sent to a local printing company. A laser combination printer, copier, scanner and fax machine was purchased for the office in conjunction with a colour inkjet for the Rector's office.

Parking

The Executive through Sandra MacLennan have been working with HRM to keep St Paul's requirements front and centre in their future plans for the Grand Parade. Our position is that we want to see St Paul's Hill returned.

Future Plans

In order to get away from the reactive approach to building repair and maintenance, a spreadsheet listing all the capital tasks and preventative maintenance has been developed for the church and Parish House. With this, it has been possible to prioritise and price what has to be done, in order for the Finance Committee to plan for anticipated expenditures. This more deliberate approach should avoid some of the unexpected building surprises and hopefully will enable the focus to be more on the future overall plan for St Paul's congregation.

In conclusion, we offer special thanks to our talented Sexton, Dr. Jack Stanton, who when not teaching, turns his hands to caring for St Paul's. His handyman skills continue to amaze me. Thank you also to Neal Lade and Ted Reynolds for bringing their expertise to the property conundrum.

*Respectfully submitted,
David Sisley
Property Chair*

■ Archives Committee

Members: Fiona Day; Tinker McKay; Don Lordly; Sandra MacLennan; Joan Fitzgerald and Carol Vaughan; with Deb Mann, a Dalhousie University (archives) student.

2006 was both an exciting and a disappointing year in the life of the St. Paul's Archives Committee. The disappointment, in the spring, was that we did not receive a grant for which we had applied. We had intended to use the grant to employ an archivist properly to document the archival holdings, and put descriptions online for researchers to know what we have. We were devastated when we did not get the grant, but it turned out to be a blessing in disguise, because it forced us to try and do it ourselves. Both Sandra and I have taken archives courses, but we did not feel we knew how properly to tackle documenting the archives, and putting it on a universal archival standards computer database. However, with the help and advice of the Education Officer of the Council of Nova Scotia Archives, we made a start. It took all summer, but we finally had the information sorted into two main subjects, that pertaining to the Rector, and that pertaining to the Vestry. This gave us a much better idea of what we have, and to some extent, where it is located. However this is a paper record, and we do not know how to put it online. So we have applied again for the grant, but this time with a far clearer idea of what we are asking for, and a much better idea of how to fill in government application forms! We shall not know until May 7, 2007, whether or not we have been successful.

We have been most fortunate this year to have Deb Mann, a Dalhousie archives student, helping us as part of her study experience. She has done a lot of work, and has been a most useful resource when we have had queries ourselves. She is now working on a Records Management proposal for St. Paul's as her term project, and we are fortunate to have her input. She worked in the Diocese of Huron archives last summer, so came to us with invaluable experience of working with church archives. We were also excited to have the entire class of archives students from Dalhousie visit us, with their professor, to see an example of what can be achieved by an all volunteer run archives, working in an environment not designed to house an archival collection. We boasted about, and put up, all the awards we have won in our nine years as your archives committee – they were impressed!

And....Tinker has won another award! At the Council of Nova Scotia Archives Annual Conference, Tinker was presented with the **Anna Hamilton Award for Outstanding Voluntary Service to the Nova Scotian Archival Community**, which Fiona received on her behalf.

The award was richly deserved as Tinker was the main driver behind the push to create the St. Paul's Archives Committee in 1996/97, thereby rescuing the church's archival holdings from their then condition of mould, mildew and general disintegration, for which we must all be very grateful. Once again, congratulations Tinker! Meanwhile the Hatchment Project has continued, with the conservator John Thomson working on the last one, that of de Seitz. There is still some work to be done on improving the Durrell hatchment, and that will be done when the de Seitz is finished. The delay in finishing this work has been somewhat due to the conservator relocating his studio. The Old Burying Ground deed has also been conserved, and a proper box is being made to house it.

Don has been working hard on the photographic collection. He requests that **anyone donating photographs would please write the names of the people and the event on the back of each photograph, or they cannot be accepted.** We have a backlog of photographs of unidentified people in the collection already. We plan to have a display, requesting parishioners' input as to who is in the photographs. Joan continues with her subject index work on the Parish News. Carol is doing the same with the Churchwardens' records, and Tinker has now more than 19,740 entries on her database of baptisms, as well as doing the Searches. Fiona took another course in archival management this year, and is finding her way more confidently in documenting the records.

Note: *Please could you look through your own collections of St. Paul's "stuff", and see if you have copies of the **Annual Reports for the years 1961 and 1962**, as these seem to be missing from our collection. If you have been the chair of a committee, or even a member of a committee, and still have your papers from meetings etc., please let us have them, as they may be the only copies.*

*Respectfully submitted,
Fiona Day*

■ Archive Searches 2006

2006 was another very busy year for searches. We received by mail and e-mail questions from the U.K., New Zealand, the United States, and many parts of Canada.

One query from the Dunham Family Bible Museum in Houston, Texas, included two digital photographs of a service book titled *A Form of Service for the Consecration of a New Church*. The service was held on September 12, 1750, and the question asked was whether or not the new church was St. Paul's.

Another inquiry asked for assistance in straightening out an eighty-year old problem with a birth registration held by the Department of Vital Statistics. Their records stated that a certain baby was named Francis. The lady with this name had been struggling with this mistake for years. What did the Register of Baptisms of St. Paul's hold as her name? Frances, of course, so I sent a certificate stamped with the seal of the church to the Vital Statistics Department, and they corrected their record.

A very interesting request came from the Archivist of the Campbellford-Seymour Heritage Society in Campbellford, Ontario. Our registers of Baptism, Marriage and Burial were able to expand her knowledge of the founders of Campbellford ... two sons of a military family with roots in Virginia and Halifax. I was delighted to receive a grateful message beginning, "You have made my day!"

*Respectfully submitted,
Tinker McKay*

5 Finance & Stewardship



■ Finance and Stewardship Committee Report

Members: Randy Ball, Raymond Carman, Robert Ellison, David Hancock, Derek Hounsell, Val Powell and Carolyn Sisley

A review of recent annual financial reports shows several common themes - the concern about continuing deficits, the need for funds for capital expenditures, the desire for ministry expansion and, *this time*, the fond hope for a balanced budget. Yet again, the same themes will be considered in this report and ensuing budget.

1. 2005/2006 – Some Comparative Figures – current account

Revenue

	2005	2006
1. Envelopes/United Way	141,565	155,429
2. SONCO/rentals	97,000	105,533
3. Total revenue	276,068	310,547
4. Trans from invest.	46,000	71,000
Total	322,068	381,547

Financially, 2006 was a highly successful year. We join in giving thanks to God for the gifts He so generously bestows. In addition to the above indicators, it can be noted that most areas of income exceeded 2005 totals and 2006 budget expectations. Some were one time occurrences; for example, \$2,350 rental for the November 2005 movie filmed partly at St. Paul's. Nevertheless, on December 31, 2006, all current bills were paid, including all monies owed to the Diocese. However, our capital expenses, covered by a line of credit at RBC, owed \$11,000. Funds for capital expenditure will follow later in this report.

Investments

2003	2004	2005	2006
1,183,843	1,223,755	1,632,781	1,733,262

We remain thankful for parishioners, past and present, whose generous gifts continue to support our work at St. Paul's. Our management firm, McLean Budden Ltd., in common with most investment firms, reported a successful year. In accordance with last year's accepted plan:

• Transferred from investments	67,000.00
• Management fees (for 3 quarters)	8,112.18
• Committee decision at request of OBG	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total	79,112.18

The recommendation for 2007 is:

• Transfer from investments @ 4.5%	78,000
• Management fees	<u>12,000</u>
Total	90,000

Distribution of funds

• Current account	71,600
• Capital fund	<u>6,400</u>
Total	78,000

2. Meeting Capital Needs

During the past few years we have been most fortunate in being able to finance several capital projects without having any agreed plan in place to secure necessary funding. The work of the Property Committee during the past year shows the considerable number of capital projects that still need to be carried out. We cannot delay in addressing the challenge of planned capital funding.

Your committee has considered a number of options, and, at this time we propose:

- (a) Expanding the use of our line of credit so that property-related projects can begin in the spring.
- (b) Using several sources to meet the terms of the line of credit.

(1) Monies from the Visitor's Box and Thanksgiving Appeal will be designated for capital fund. The committee plans to promote the Thanksgiving Appeal as an expression of gratitude for the 258-year witness of St. Paul's in downtown Halifax.

(2) Our HST rebate (now directed to current account) and a portion of the investment income will be used.

(3) We also anticipate the inclusion of personal gifts and donations that are received by the church throughout the year.

It is expected we could need \$60,000 – \$80,000 over each of the next several years. Thus, our line of credit will become a long-term venture, but should be manageable. Our capital fund should be viewed as an ongoing responsibility; just as we have other responsibilities in maintaining and operating our properties.

An Overview

Capital Fund 2006		Capital Fund 2007	
January 1, 2006	108	Visitor's Box	8,000
Donations, gifts, bequests	7,400	Thanksgiving Appeal	6,000
Transferred from current account	2,800	HST rebate	8,000
Expenditures 2006	21,705	Transfer from invest	6,400
Bank Charges	252	Donations, gifts, bequests	5,000
Balance	(11,649)		
Total	33,400	Expenditures	60,000 – 80,000

3. Budget Objectives

Given the progress made in 2006, and our identified goals, what are our expectations for 2007? At this stage there are four:

- A manageable, balanced budget – designed to facilitate St. Paul's mission throughout 2007 and beyond.
- Initial steps towards creating a multi-year budget.
- Proposal and specifics to ensure capital needs of church are accommodated.
- A budget format, which can be the basis for meaningful reports to the congregation in June 2007, September 2007 and February 2008.

*Respectfully submitted,
St. Paul's Finance and Stewardship Committee*

■ **Offering Envelope Contributions - 2006**

Annual regular contributions by members of the Parish are summarized as follows:

Range	Number of Contributors
\$ 0 - 100	16
\$ 101 - 200	8
\$ 201 - 300	8
\$ 301 - 500	21
\$ 501 - 1,000	33
\$ 1,001 - 2,000	39
\$ 2,001 - 3,000	19
\$ 3,001 - 5,000	7
\$ 5,001 - 10,000	3

Total number of contributors to regular offering: **154**
 Total amount of regular offering recorded: **\$154,645**

Summary of the 2006 envelopes contributions by both envelope holders and others, by category, are as follows:

Regular Offering	\$154,645
Donation	\$ 7,443
Renovation Fund	\$ 500
Christmas Gifts	\$ 6,922
Easter	\$ 4,408
PWRDF	\$ 6,354
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,410
Flowers	\$ 4,961
Food Bank	\$ 1,706
Other Miscellaneous giving	<u>\$ 6,660</u>
Grand total	\$195,009

There are 15 members who contributed through a pre-authorized distribution system during 2006.

Respectfully submitted:
Siew Kim Secord,
Envelope Secretary

■ **St. Paul's Church, Budget 2007**

1. **Goals (see Finance and Stewardship Committee report)**

2. **Overview – Current Account**

	Budget 2006	Actual 2006	Budget 2007
Revenue	290,200	310,547	297,200
Transfer from Investments	67,000	71,000	71,600
Total	357,200	381,547	368,800
Expenses	373,592	380,723	368,800
	(16,392)	824	0

3. **Revenue (current account)**

	Budget 2006	Actual 2006	Budget 2007
1. Envelopes (inc. U.W.)	148,600	155,429	159,500
2. Loose offerings	4,500	5,437	5,400
3. Donations	10,000	10,717	10,000
4. Initial offering	300	332	300
5. Easter	4,500	4,512	4,500
6. Harvest	2,500	1,400	<i>Capital</i>
7. Christmas	5,600	6,684	5,500
8. Visitor's Box	9,000	7,450	<i>Capital</i>
9. Bookstall	1,600	1,018	1,500
10. SONCO	75,000	75,000	75,000
11. Rental income	24,000	28,033	26,500
12. Govt. grants	5,200	9,165	9,000
13. Misc.			5,370
	290,200	310,547	297,200

4. Expenditures

(a) *Wages/Benefits/Related Expenses*

	Budget 2006	Actual 2006	Proposed
1. Salaries/Benefits	173,300	167,515	163,240
2. Summer Guides	8,000	11,313	11,000
3. Ministry Assistant			5,400
4. Choir Honoraria	7,200	5,800	7,000
5. Bookkeeper		400	2,000
6. CPP/EI	7,000	7,338	7,200
	195,500	192,366	195,840

(b) *Parish Ministry*

1. Spiritual Dev./LPG	6,100	3,850	5,750
2. Honorarium/Gifts	1,200	3,594	1,200
3. Sunday School	3,500	3,598	3,500
4. Youth	750	445	750
5. Music Resources	700	363	800
6. Special Events	600	480	500
7. Library	200	256	200
	13,050	12,586	12,300

(c) *Mission and Outreach*

1. Diocesan Allot. '07	54,370	54,570	39,000
'08			9,000
2. RDF	1,000	1,000	1,000
3. Hospitality	750	844	900
4. Advertising/publicity	2,000	2,192	2,000
5. Tourist brochures	400	1,641	600
6. Mission & Outreach grants	20,500	18,864	20,500
	79,020	81,952	73,000

	2006 Budget	Actual 2006	Proposed
<i>(d) Property</i>			
1. Church utilities	20,000	16,867	16,900
2. Church taxes	700	909	900
3. Church Insurance	10,500	7,885	8,000
4. Church R&M	20,000	19,527	20,000
5. Church organ	1,350	3,300 (<i>capital</i>)	1,000
6. Parish House utilities	6,500	6,304	6,300
7. Parish House taxes	650	763	800
8. Parish House ins.	1,600	1,093	1,100
9. Parish House R&M	2,000	1,237	1,400
10. Prince Street taxes	5,000	4,904	5,000
11. Prince Street insurance	500	381	400
12. Prince Street R&M	1,000	129	200
13. Prince Street utilities	500	2,217	
14. Janitorial supplies	600	660	700
15. Security	400	100	300
16. Snow removal		6,865	6,200
17. Archival Resources	1,300	1,100	1,400
	72,800	70,941	70,600
<i>(e) Administration</i>			
1. Bank charges	3,000	3,231	3,000
2. Office Supplies	1,800	2,404	1,500
3. Equipment	500	673	675
4. Printing	6,500	5,954	6,000
5. Professional fees	250	4,572	250
6. Audit	5,500	5,375	5,000
7. Postage	1,800	669	675
	19,350	22,878	17,100

5. Proposed 2007 Budget Summary

1. Revenue

Current account 297,200
From Investments 71,640

Total 368,840

2. Expenditures

1. Wages etc 195,840
2. Parish Min 12,300
3. M&O 73,000
4. Property 70,600
5. Admin 17,100

368,840

6. Budget approval includes:

- Investment withdrawal 4.5 %
- Capital Plan Budget as presented above

6 Other Parish Organizations and Activities



■ St. Paul's Book Club

We are a group of parishioners who get together to read and discuss books we have read, propose new books, and enjoy refreshments and fellowship. We usually choose one book for the group to read and discuss, but suggest and share other books among ourselves also. We met five times in 2006, and read:

- *Sisters in the Wilderness* by Charlotte Gray;
- *Victoria and her Daughters* by Nina Epton;
- books by Anya Seyton;
- *Kitchen Privileges* by Mary Higgins-Clark;
- *Suite Francaise* by Irene Nemirovski;
- *Just for a Day or Two* by Truman Layton, with a most enjoyable evening spent with the author, reading from his own book.

Far from Home by Nellie Strowbridge is the book we are currently reading.

If you have an interesting book you want to share, or ideas for books to read, please come and join us for evenings of interesting conversation and discussions. We try to meet the second Monday of each month at 7.30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Fiona Day

■ St. Paul's Ladies Guild, Anglican Church Women

President	Miss Millie Wagner
Secretary	Mrs. Jill Alexander
Corresponding Secretary	Miss Marion Conrad
Treasurer	Mrs. Vivian Fleming
Telephone Committee	Mrs. Eve Finley

Members at large:

Mrs. Parnell Perry, Mrs. Lois Pepper, Mrs. Stella Pierce, Mrs. Rita Palmer, Mrs. Rose-marie Dennis, Mrs. Jodie Knowles, Mrs. Joan Stead, Mrs. June Sellers, Mrs. Sandra Bringloe, Mrs. Barbara Fisher, Mrs. Hilda Ridgeway, Mrs. Kay Mack

The Ladies Guild met ten times during the past year. Eight meetings were held in the Memorial Room. The June meeting was held at the Ashburn Golf Club, and the December meeting at the Saraguay Club. The average attendance at the meetings was 11, the highest was 13.

Flowers were given to the Church on June 25, in memory of past members.

The Guild had a very successful yard sale on July 1, which was held in front of the Church. A sum of \$1,479.72 was realized. The parishioners were very generous with their donations.

Our annual sale was held at the Halifax Shopping Centre on November 17. This was successful and a sum of \$1,227.30 was realized. Guild members would like to thank the congregation for donations of food, crafts and money.

Easter cards, Christmas cards and gifts were sent to shut-in members of the Church, as well as special andn absent members. Get-well cards were sent to sick parishioners.

Guild members made a decision that many hymn and prayer books were too damages to repair. They have purchased 24 new hymn books and 24 new prayer books. This was done at a cost of \$821.97.

The Church calendars for 2007 were sold by the Guild in November and December.

An amount of \$150 was given to the Mission to Seafarers, \$100 to Phoenix House and \$100 to the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

We have had a good year with good attendance, but would appreciate having new members join our group.

*Respectfully submitted,
Jill Alexander
Secretary*

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