

# Vestry 2017



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## 2016 ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING Sunday, February 26, 2017

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Glory to God,  
 whose power, working in us,  
 can do infinitely more  
 than we can ask or imagine.  
 Glory to God from generation to generation,  
 in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

## Archbishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2017

*to be read or circulated on the Sunday of the parish's annual vestry meeting*

To the Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners  
**My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,**



Grace and peace in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

What a privilege it is to serve you as the Bishop of this wonderful Diocese and to represent you in the wider councils of the Church in Canada and across our Communion. We have been truly blessed in the breadth of the gifts God has given us in the resources of peoples who have come from every part of the globe, in the physical resources we have inherited, and in the rich diversity of our spiritual life all rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There have been many significant changes in this past year. Three of our Area Bishops have moved or retired. All of them began their ordained ministry in Toronto and have served our Church with great faithfulness, gracious wisdom and effective leadership. I am immensely grateful to Bishops Linda Nicholls, Philip Poole and Patrick Yu for their service.

In September, Synod met to elect three priests of this Diocese to be Bishops in the Church of God. They have now been ordained and consecrated, and have begun their episcopal ministries in their assigned areas. Joining Bishop Fenty and me, they bring new energy, their own specific gifts, and their deep commitment to the Anglican expression of the Christian Faith that will be a blessing to our Church for years to come.

Bishops, even though they are formed in a particular spiritual and theological tradition, do not serve a special-interest party; they are bishops of, and for, the whole church. The Area Bishops have particular oversight under my direction for a region of the Diocese but they are also Suffragan Bishops and so have concern and responsibility for the whole as well as the parts. They have concern for all of the people of God – and who isn't a child of God? – who live within the boundaries of the Diocese, including those who are not part of any Anglican congregation. They link the parts to the whole and the whole to the parts. The new bishops are still in learning mode as they assume the wonderful and onerous responsibilities of the ministry, so your prayers for all of us are deeply appreciated.

We have also adopted a new strategic plan in 2016 that will set the direction for our work over the next five years. "Growing in Christ," as it is titled, identifies five focus areas for our attention as a Diocese: identifying and raising up leadership both lay and clergy; building a culture of trust; strengthening our stewardship of resources, both people and property; encouraging innovation based on good evidence; and, simplifying our governance structures. This is rooted in our Vision:

***"An Anglican community committed to proclaiming and embodying Jesus Christ through compassionate service, intelligent faith and Godly worship."***

Our Mission is the work that we as Anglicans in this Diocese are being called to do:

***"We build healthy, missional Anglican communities that engage faithfully with the world and share the gospel of Jesus Christ."***

This vision and mission continue the ministry that we have undertaken for decades. They can easily apply to parish life as well and inform both what we do and how we engage in it to join in God's work of transforming lives.

A third change this year continues to affect our life together. General Synod met last June and approved the first step to amend the Marriage Canon to formally permit same-sex marriages in the church. Over the next three years further consultation about this will take place as we prepare for a second reading at General Synod in 2019. As an interim pastoral measure, in a restricted number of parishes where it has been requested after consultation, I have authorized some marriages to be solemnized in certain limited circumstances. Neither parishes nor individual clergy will be required to celebrate marriages contrary to their convictions.

We live in a very diverse Church. That diversity means that we are called to witness to the faith in a variety of ways. Although our witness is rooted in differing interpretations and understanding of Holy Scripture and the tradition, the ways are recognizably Anglican. We are enriched by the breadth of our diversity and would be lessened by the loss of any voice. In the pastoral guidelines for same-sex marriage, you will note that there are strong assurances for a continued, honoured place in all aspects of diocesan life for those who do not agree with this response. I am engaged in a serious and mutually committed consultation with those objecting, to find effective ways that our ministries might flourish together in the highest degree of communion possible. I am also committed to continue the long practice of this Diocese to reflect this authentic diversity in the selection and appointment of clergy, in honoring parish traditions, and in the membership of committees and councils of the diocese. All of us together need to extend to each other the most generous Christian charity that our Redeemer calls us to exercise as we seek to discern and live out God's will.

On this day of the annual Vestry Meeting, I want to express my gratitude to the leadership of your clergy and lay leaders without whom our Church would not flourish. I want to say a special thank you to the Churchwardens, those now completing terms, continuing in office or newly chosen. It is a big responsibility, and you are in my prayers as you take on this trust on behalf of the parish and diocese.

May you be strengthened in all you undertake this year by the riches of Christ's grace and mercy.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Colin R. Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross at the beginning.

The Most Rev'd Colin R. Johnson  
Archbishop of Toronto

The Right Reverend  
KEVIN ROBERTSON  
Area Bishop of York-Scarborough  
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January 25, 2017

The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

Dear friends in York-Scarborough,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Cor. 1:2)

It is my privilege to write this first Vestry letter to you as your new area bishop. As a parish priest for twenty years, I was fortunate to have served for twelve of those years in York-Scarborough – first in the Scarborough Deanery and then in the Eglinton Deanery. I now look forward to ministering in new ways within the area, the diocese, and the wider Church.

Firstly, I want to thank you for your very warm welcome. I was delighted to see so many of you at the consecration of the new bishops on January 7 at St. Paul, Bloor Street, and then again at my service of installation at St. John, York Mills on January 22. I have been grateful for the many prayers and good wishes over the past few months. Ours is a tremendous corner of God’s vineyard, and we are privileged to labour in it together, for the glory of God and the extension of God’s reign.

Secondly, I have been asked about my initial priorities as I take on new leadership within our Church. One of my first goals is to get to know the clergy and people of the 55 parishes in this area. I have a rigorous schedule of parish visits, meetings, and conversations lined up for the coming months, and I am eager to learn about the joys and challenges you face in your own contexts. I cannot promise to “fix” everything, but I do bring a strong desire to build the Church, and I believe that nothing is impossible with God. I look forward to visiting with you as soon as possible to find out how I can support you in the work of ministry, and also to offer a word of hope and encouragement in challenging times.

Another priority is to be a bridge between people of different perspectives. The decisions arising from General Synod in July and our own Electoral Synod in September have created deep concern for some, and great joy for others. Regardless of the differing perspectives, I hear an earnest desire to be faithful to God, and to walk in the way of Jesus. This is a difficult time for us, and I am deeply committed to the unity of our Church. In these challenging times, I will endeavour, by God’s grace, to be a bishop for the whole Church. I hope you will give me an opportunity to do so.

I would also like to convey my sincere thanks to Bishop Patrick Yu, our recently retired area bishop. For the past decade, Bishop Patrick has shepherded the people of God in York-Scarborough with faithfulness and courage. I served as Bishop Patrick’s Liturgical Officer for many years, and then as his Regional Dean in the Eglinton Deanery, and I have been grateful for the opportunities to work closely with him. He has been a faithful servant of Christ and the Church.

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Please pray for the new College of Bishops of our Diocese. I am honoured to join Archbishop Colin Johnson, Bishop Peter Fenty (York-Simcoe), Bishop Riscylla Walsh-Shaw (Trent Durham) and Bishop Jenny Andison (York-Credit Valley) in the work of episcopal leadership in our Diocese. As we build a new team together, we are grateful for your prayers and support.

I want to thank Karen Isaacs, who has served as Administrative Assistant for Bishop Yu, and now for me. Karen so capably manages the office of the Bishop of York-Scarborough, and is always the friendly voice at the end of the phone when you call my office. Karen will be moving out of this role in the spring in order to respond to a call to ordained ministry in our Church, so please take a moment to thank her for her excellent work before she goes.

Finally, I want to thank all of you, and especially those who exercise leadership in your own parishes. In the course of my ministry, I have had the pleasure of working with deeply committed clergy, churchwardens, lay leaders and staff in every place. Whether you are stepping down from a particular ministry, or continuing on, or taking up a new role at this annual Vestry meeting, thank you for your commitment and faithfulness. You are a blessing to the Church in our Diocese.

I am writing this letter on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. As our Church celebrates the beginning of Paul's evangelistic ministry to the Gentiles, please join with me in praying and working for the extension of the Gospel in every place, and for the renewal of the Church in our midst.

Yours faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson  
Area Bishop of York-Scarborough  
Bishop Suffragan of Toronto

**Annual Vestry Meeting Minutes**  
**Sunday, February 28, 2016**

Chair: The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan, Incumbent  
Congregation: 58 members attended

The congregation met in the Parish Hall at 10:30 a.m. for the service of Sung Eucharist.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:45.

**Appointment of Vestry Clerk**

The Chair appointed *Chip Barkel* to be Vestry Clerk.

**Signing of the Vestry Declaration**

The declaration was read by *Canon Mark* and all in attendance who feel they qualify to participate as members of Vestry were invited to sign the Vestry Book.

**Pastoral Letters from the Archbishop and Area Bishop**

Received and circulated with Vestry Report. **MOVED** by *Doug Heyes* and **SECONDED** by *Hazel Perkin* **THAT** they be recognised. **CARRIED** All are encouraged to read the letters.

**Minutes of the 2015 Annual Vestry Meeting**

**MOVED** by *Geraldine Sperling* and **SECONDED** by *Laura Pummell* **THAT** the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and that the minutes of the meeting of Vestry on Sunday, February 22, 2015 be adopted and confirmed. **CARRIED** It was pointed out that there were 3 additional names in the Vestry Book than in the minutes of 2015.

**Acceptance of Reports**

**MOVED** by *Hazel Perkin* and **SECONDED** by *Ruth Ross* **THAT** the reading of the reports to Vestry be dispensed with, and that they be accepted as presented in the written Vestry report.  
**CARRIED**

*Egan Done* was awarded the Order of St. George for his work and dedication to the parish.

**Table Conversations**

Each person was asked to list 5 words which describe St. George on Yonge. Then all were invited to form groups and the groups invited to agree on 5 common words.

The Liturgy continued with prayers for parish ministries and the celebration of the Eucharist.

There was a break for coffee and lunch.

Leonard offered prayers for our finances and the projections for the coming year.

**Auditor's Report**

Canon Mark asked Anne Wynter to present the unaudited financial reports of 2015.

Revenue: Internal Support, Seasonal Offerings, Rector's Discretionary, Capital Fund Contributions, Faithworks Contributions.

Total Collected: \$142,817                      Total Budget: \$164,850                      87% shortfall: - \$23,121.03

Envelope offerings are down at an alarming rate.

**License Fees**

(Include Toronto Korean Methodist Church)

Collected: \$47,362                      Budgeted: \$55,750

Total Shortfall: - \$8,388                      Total Achieved: 85%

**Licensed Events**

Collected: \$2,519                      Budgeted: \$19,525

Total Shortfall: - \$8,006                      Total Achieved: 24%

**Fundraising**

Collected: \$5,351                      Budgeted: \$3,981

Total Gain: \$1,370                      Total Achieved: 135%

**Revenue Investment**

Earned: \$35,068                      Budgeted: \$27,000

Total Gain: \$8,068                      Total Achieved: 130%

**Revenue Grants**

Curacy: Received: \$25,000                      Curacy: budgeted: \$0

Mandarin: Received: \$0                      Mandarin: Budgeted: \$21,000

**Revenue - Miscellaneous: Interest, Our Faith Our Hope, York Rectors' Fund**

	<u>Jan-Dec 2015</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
<b><u>CIBC Interest Income</u></b>	<u>70.48</u>	<u>350.00</u>	<u>(\$279.52)</u>
<b><u>Our Faith Our Hope</u></b>	<u>\$7,931.49</u>	<u>\$5,300</u>	<u>\$2,631.49</u>
<b><u>York Rectors' Fund</u></b>	<u>\$6,800.04</u>	<u>\$6,800.04</u>	<u>0.00</u>

**Revenue Total**

Collected: \$272,918                      Budgeted: \$321,565                      Shortfall: \$48,738

**Expenses**

**EXPENSES – Capital Redevelopment and Allotment**

Jan–Dec 2015: \$17,570                      Budget: \$20,473                      Difference – SAVED: \$2,903

**EXPENSES – External Ministry, Fellowship, Programming, and Service**

Jan–Dec 2015: \$11,987                      Budget: \$16,396                      Difference – SAVED: \$4,409

**EXPENSES – Finance, Admin, & Professional Fees**

Jan–Dec 2015: \$21,605                      Budget: \$22,525                      Difference – SAVED: \$920

**EXPENSES – Personnel**

Jan–Dec 2015: \$286,523                      Less Grant Received –\$25,000  
Net Expense: \$261,523                      Budget: \$265,659                      Difference – SAVED: \$4,136

**EXPENSES – Mortgage Interest**

Jan–Dec 2015: \$58,971                      Budget: \$63,600                      Difference – SAVED: \$4,629

**EXPENSES – Occupancy and Property**

Jan–Dec 2015: \$136,715                      Budget: \$113,900                      Difference – OVER BUDGET: \$22,815  
Includes a \$1,927 insurance bill from 2012 not been paid and emergency repairs of \$19,398

**EXPENSES – Total 2015 Unaudited**

Jan–Dec 2015: \$533,371                      Budget: \$502,553                      Difference – OVER BUDGET: \$33,818

Why the deficit difference:

1. Mandarin Ministry granted missing
2. Unplanned Curacy
3. Unplanned building expenses

**MOVED** by *Max Wynter* and **SECONDED** by Aili Maki **THAT** the unaudited financial reports for 2015 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

**Proposed Budget for 2016 (Aili Maki)**

Aili Maki presented the 2016 budget as proposed in the distributed vestry report

- Concerns about numbers. St. George has approached the Diocese for financial help. They have promised to work with us.
- Sign approval from *Diamante* is stalled at city hall and money is therefore stalled.
- Budgeted expenses expect to remain stable over next year.
- Deficit projected.
- No significant increase is expected from the Korean community use of the church.
- If someone is willing to take on a Marketing Committee, it is possible that we could attract new revenue through facility rental.

The Diocese says that church revenue must be at least 75% from offerings in order to remain viable.

**MOVED** by *Max Wynter* and **SECONDED** by Aili Maki **THAT** the proposed budget for 2016 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

### **Appointment and Election of Parish Council**

Council is dissolved to be re-elected and reappointed.

*Max Wynter* expressed thanks to volunteers who are leaving their positions in the leadership of St. George on Yonge: Clavell Lyttle and Margie Lyttle.

Also thanks to Anna Siu for work on flowers which are always so beautiful.

Angela Goodwill was awarded the Order of St George for her work in the parish.

Everyone in the room has volunteered in some capacity. Thank you for what you do.

Anne Wynter was acknowledged and thanked as she has revamped our accounting system, which should reduce cost and effort in future audits. Anne will only be Treasurer for one more year. A request has been issued for a replacement.

Thank you from ***The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan***

- Parish executive and the work they do in a congenial manner.  
Aili Maki, Max Wynter, Anne Wynter, Egan Done, Kien Siu, Sherwin Ferdinands
- Anne Bailie for her efforts on envelope givings and tax receipts.

Leonard led in prayer for elections and appointments to Parish Council

Appointments for 2016: (warden) Aili Maki, (deputy warden) Sherwin Ferdinands  
(members of parish council) Chip Barkel, Colleen Happi, Geraldine Sperling, Doug Heyes

Elections for 2016:

**MOVED** by *Chip Barkel* and **SECONDED** by *Geraldine Sperling* **THAT** *Max Wynter* and *Kien Siu* be ratified in their current roles. **CARRIED**

Lay Delegates to Synod are in the middle of the current terms

Moved that vestry ratify Margie Lyttle and Max Wynter continue as our Synod delegates and Eleanor Glibert be the alternative delegate. **CARRIED**

### **Nomination Report**

#### **Parish Tribunal**

Eleanor Gilbert and Doug Heyes trying to keep parish list up-to-date. Required by canon. No other nominations. **CARRIED**

#### **YCCCI**

Laura Pummell, Hazel Perkin, Chris Hayward, Geraldine Sperling, Lorraine Baillie will form the executive for the coming year. **CARRIED**

<b>Church Groups &amp; Committees</b>	
Altar Guild	Angela Goodwill
Anointers	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Archives	< vacant >
Chalice	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Church School	Geoff Clennett, The Rev. Leonard Leader
Coffee Hour	Jean Ferdinand
Counters	Richard Snider
Don Valley Refugee Resettlers	Max Wynter, Chip Barkel
English as a Second Language (ESL)	Craig Robertson, Morning Wang
Finances	Anne Wynter
Intercessors	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Joyful Giving (Stewardship)	Doug Heyes
Library	< vacant >
Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Music	Michael Leach
Music Knights	Alan Sperling, Chris Hayward
Natural Church Development	Colleen Happi
Neighbourhood Ministry	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Nominating Committee	Sherwin Ferdinands, Kien Siu
Parish Life Committee	Kathy Baillie
Parish Newsletter	Kathy Baillie, Craig Gustafson
Pastoral Care	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Prayer Ministry	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Property	Egan Done
Pub Knights	Doug Heyes
Readers	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Responsible Ministry	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan, Craig Gustafson
Servers	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Social Media	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Telephone Tree	Anne Marie Powell
Ushers	Anne Wynter
Website	Egan Done, Craig Gustafson
Wednesday Morning Group	Ann Beacham
Welcome Desk	Craig Gustafson
<b>Appointed by the Wardens</b>	
Envelope Secretary	Anne Baillie
Treasurer & Deputy Warden – Finance **	Anne Wynter
Deputy Warden – Property **	Egan Done
<b>Parish Executive</b>	
Max Wynter, Alili Maki, Sherwin Ferdinand, Kien Siu, Egan Done, Anne Wynter	

**Ask for Acceptance of Leadership Slate CARRIED**

### **Banking Resolution**

“That the signing officers of the St. George on Yonge accounts for the year 2016 be any two the following: Maxwell Wynter, Aili Mackie, Sherwin Ferdinands or Kien Sui.” **CARRIED**

Appointment of Auditors for 2015 and 2016.

MOVED THAT Jeffrey D Millgram be appointed as Auditor. **CARRIED**

### **New Business**

1. Truth and Reconciliation:

MOVED by Angela Goodwill and SECONDED by Muriel Thompson THAT the vestry of ST. George on Yonge commit ourselves to work to implement the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. As part of this effort, we call on the Governments of Canada and Ontario to address the recommendations which the Commission’s final report directs toward them. In particular, we affirm the Government of Canada commitment to establish a public inquiry into the issue of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls and will continue to advocate for on-going action on this issue. We also call on the Government of Ontario, in consultation with the aboriginal peoples, residential school survivors, and the churches to develop an age-appropriate, mandatory curriculum on residential schools and the contribution of Aboriginal peoples to Canada for all grade levels. **CARRIED**

2. DVRR: It was discussed how we can be supportive for our newly arrived Refugees.

3. Screening in Faith: It will be a priority in the next few months to have everyone who is in medium- and high-risk ministries attend a Screening In Faith workshop to have everyone on the same three year cycle required by the diocese. This will ensure that we are on track with diocesan expectations.

**Anne Baillie MOVED THAT** the 2016 Vestry Meeting be adjourned.

Vestry adjourned at 1:29 p.m. with a prayer, the doxology, a blessing, and the dismissal.

## Incumbent – 2016

First, as I begin, there is so much to be grateful to God for in our shared life together here at St. George on Yonge. We are abundantly blessed, even though at times we may not feel so. It is always imperative that we recognise, name, and acknowledge the joy and delight we feel in being together as the body of Christ in this place at this time. We are and will continue to go through times of transition and change. But that is the nature of the times we are in. As Heraclitus, a Greek philosopher, is quoted as saying, *“change is the only constant in life.”*

Change has always been part of the spiritual rhythm experienced throughout the ages. The writer of Ecclesiastes reminds us, *“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens”* (Eccl 3:1). Change has been inevitable since the beginning of creation; the Israelites were faced with change on a regular basis; Moses knew change personally when God called him to go and lead His chosen people out of slavery; Mary knew change when the angel Gabriel appeared to her and laid out God’s plan, not to mention Joseph whose life and expectations were completely rewritten; the first disciples who were called to leave their nets and life as they knew it experienced change; Paul in his Damascus Road conversion experienced a radical change. And all the while, through the whole story of God’s people, faith may have been compromised from time to time, but it also invariably grew even, and in spite of, the many challenges along the way.

The same is true today for us. Change is inevitable and constant. Sometimes I think the reality of change is becoming more and more rapid day by day in our quick paced world, and in church life too. We live with realities we have never had to experience as we do today . . . declining membership, financial short falls, aging congregations, few children and young people attending, fewer volunteers who are already overtaxed in their work and home lives, a compromised relevance in the world around us, and likely many more too.

And yet, for us as with our spiritual ancestors, our faith in Jesus Christ is what grounds us and brings us together in the sacred relationship we have with one another. And out of that comes our shared calling and vocation as the parish church of St. George on Yonge to live out our baptismal covenants, and all by the grace of God. The essence of what we believe is the same as in years gone by; that doesn’t change because it is at the heart of who we are as followers of Christ and children of God. As Paul reminds us in his letter to the Hebrews, *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”* (Heb 13:8). The prophet Jeremiah also reminds us, *“‘For I know the plans I have for you,’ declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future’* (Jer 29:11).

Yes, things are changing for us; we are discerning the way forward into the future here on the corner of Yonge Street and Churchill Avenue. We need to hold on to the faith and trust that God has placed us here to make a difference in our own lives, but equally in the life of our Willowdale community. We can’t lose sight of that truth, because that is the rock of our foundation. God has something wonderful in store for us and our ministry. Each time we gather we have a glimpse of that truth. Let’s move on forward with faith, hope, and trust that God working in us and through us can do more than we can ask or imagine!!

In his letter to vestries across the diocese, Archbishop Johnson said, *“We have also adopted a new strategic plan in 2016 that will set the direction for our work over the next five years. Growing in Christ, as it is titled, identifies five focus areas for our attention as a Diocese: identifying and raising up leadership both lay and clergy; building a culture of trust; strengthening our stewardship of resources, both people and property; encouraging innovation based on good evidence; and, simplifying our governance structures.”* I’d like to use my vestry report this year to reflect on how St. George on Yonge is living out that mandate to “Grow in Christ” in each of the five identified focus areas.

### **1. Identifying and raising up leadership both lay and clergy**

As I mentioned above, volunteers who are actively involved in ministry here at St. George on Yonge is an issue we struggle with and discuss regularly among parish leadership. However, we first need to acknowledge and give thanks for those who do give of their time and talents to all that happens in this place and in our life together. There may be few, but each one is most appreciated and valued for all you do and all you offer. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

For the forming of clergy, we are grateful to have The Rev. Leonard Leader as our Assistant Curate. His time with us will likely come to an end soon. However, St. George on Yonge has been a wonderful learning opportunity for him. I have enjoyed the experience of collegial ministry, working together as a team. As well, I am pleased that we welcome and encourage theological students to serve their placements here. Forming future clergy in these early stages of their studies is an important and vital ministry in which parishes like St. George on Yonge need to be involved.

We have been blessed with strong leadership in our executive. I want to commend them for taking the initiative to approach the Diocese for assistance through the appointment of a Diocesan Administrator. They have been prudent and proactive in times when financial resources were lean and when the future looked unsettled financially.

We need to continue to identify and raise up those who can and will provide active leadership in our life together. Although we won’t be electing or appointing wardens at this vestry, we will need them when our time of Diocesan Administration ends; we need various committee chairs; there will be a vacancy in the leadership of our children’s ministry when Geoff concludes in this role in June.

As well, we need individuals to volunteer to serve on the various committees and working groups. It is important to have plans for ministry. However, we always need the people in place to see these through to realities. If you are not involved at the present moment, please consider where you might like to be involved. It is by working together that our ministry not only thrives, but grows more and more into what God desires for us here at St. George on Yonge.

In addition, this focus area of the Diocesan strategy encourages a commitment to spiritual growth and faith formation. Key to leadership in the church in these rapidly changing times is a strong faith and spirituality. The areas of spiritual and faith formation need our attention here at St. George on Yonge.

Leonard and I would be thrilled to offer programmes geared to growing in our faith and spirituality as individuals and as a community. We want to hear what would be helpful to you and what would interest you. At the vestry meeting, you will be asked to fill out a survey asking for your input around this part of our parish life. Teaching is a part of our ministry that Leonard and I enjoy as we share with you and as you share with us. We can learn from one another. Please let us know what spiritual formation opportunities you would enjoy participating in.

## **2. Building a culture of trust**

I have experienced a genuine level of trust in our life here at St. George on Yonge, and especially trust in those who are providing leadership. We elect and appoint individuals to various positions of responsibility. We also have to give them our trust that they are making decisions and taking actions with the best interest of St. George on Yonge. It has been a joy to work with an Executive and Parish Council that definitely are committed first and foremost to the ministry we do together here.

We need to continue to perpetuate a positive spirit in our life together. Bishop Kevin Robertson in a recent visit to the parish commented on his experience of a positive spirit and energy despite the challenges before us. Negativity can be so destructive. Let's continue to build on the positive sense of who we are and who God calls us to be going forward.

We need to grow and remain trusting of our relationship with the centre of our Diocese. We are not an island on our own, but rather are integrally part of the wider church beginning with the Diocese of Toronto. Together with the resources available to us, we are all desiring St. George on Yonge to foster ministries here that are faithful and living out our gospel mandate. We are grateful for the appointment of our Diocesan Administrator and the team that is working with him. They are here to work alongside us and to further equip us going forward.

Most importantly, though, we need to always build a spirit of trust in God. That may sound obvious. However, it is very easy to think we need to solve the issues before us on our own, and that we in fact can. We need to remember that it is God working in us and through us that accomplishes ministry here. And in that light, God also provides resources that we can never expect. I've seen that happen over and over again, most recently at the end of the past year with a bequest and various donations I could have never imagined. Let's be sure to honour that reality and gift of God's grace, and to give thanks as we know God will continue to bless us going forward too.

## **3. Strengthening our stewardship of resources, both people and property**

Stewardship is often a topic of conversation in which many in the church don't like to engage. However, it is necessary always to keep this aspect of our parish life before us. We have seen an increase in our identifiable offerings due in large part to our participation in the Diocesan programme "*Joyful Stewards.*"

Each year, we need to clearly let parishioners know of our various needs for both financial resources and the gifts of time and talent. Whatever each of us is able to offer, it is by combining that together that we are able to do and be what God asks of us and invites us into.

FaithWorks is an area where we can improve. Through contributing to Faithworks, we are assisting the many good and wonderful social and justice projects and initiatives supported by the Diocese of Toronto including Flemingdon Park, the Bridge, LOFT, and many more. As well, 15% of donations remains at St. George on Yonge to support our own outreach ministries. When we enter into the FaithWorks campaign this year during Lent, please consider how you can support this faithful work of our church locally, in our Diocese, across Canada, and throughout the world.

This past year, we were blessed to receive a generous bequest from one of our members. There have been indications that there will be similar legacies coming to St. George on Yonge in the coming year. These are donations that we cannot budget for or count on. However, there is no doubt that they support both day to day and long term ministry initiatives in which we are involved. I encourage each of you to think about and consider any legacy you can make to St. George on Yonge in your will. Planned giving is important and does make a difference. Thank you to those who have already done so.

#### **4. Encouraging innovation based on good evidence**

The gospel of Jesus Christ, in and of itself, is a calling to take risks trusting in the hoped for and anticipated outcome. As I have said before, my definition of failure is, *“choosing not to do something because we don’t know what the result will be or if we will be successful.”* There will always be something to learn out of trying something differently and embracing change that comes upon us. And the success may be nothing like what we expect or plan for. God has a wonderful way of surprising us when we are faithful and venture out with trust.

We have begun to use social media and the internet more in promoting ourselves and what is happening here at St. George on Yonge. There are countless ways of reaching the mission field that is right at our doorstep. We need to develop a comprehensive marketing plan that reaches out and invites others in, especially those actively seeking out a spiritual home in their neighbourhood community.

In all of this, we need to be attentive to spiritual discernment as God guides us forward into the future. Over the years, we have spent a great deal of time visioning as we have listened to God and to each other, and the community around us. That kind of visioning never ends, as is evidenced by our Diocese’s recent development of a new strategic plan.

It is my hope that together we will enter into an intentional appreciative enquiry summit that celebrates who we are and what we are about, and allows us to see where our energy and God’s spirit is leading us going forward. This will likely come about naturally through the process of Diocesan Administration we are involved in at the moment. Please get involved when the time comes. It takes all of us together to develop and share ownership of our strategic and spiritual plan for St. George on Yonge.

#### **5. Simplify our Governance Structure**

As a parish, we function under the canons and guidelines of the Diocese of Toronto. However, there is latitude in some areas including how we govern ourselves and the role of various leadership positions in the parish. How can that most facilitate a governance model here at St. George on Yonge that encourages and enables creativity, taking appropriate risks, faithful decision making, that allows for flexibility and encourages and builds trust in one another and in God?

This does not necessarily mean that our current way of doing things isn't working or should be radically changed. However, are there things that could enhance and build upon our present way of doing things? We have begun to ask the various working groups and parish initiatives to come to Parish Council meetings occasionally to report on what they are doing and to ask how the leadership of the parish can be supportive. So far, this has been appreciated and valuable conversations have ensued.

Being under Diocesan Administration naturally simplifies our governance structure. We need to support our Diocesan Administration team in any way we can. They are working with us to help us become more financially sustainable and viable into the future.

To summarise, I think there are many things we are doing very well and faithfully in line with our calling from God. There will always be areas we can improve on and grow in. It is when we are open to God's grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we can continue effectively as the body of Christ in relationship with each other and with our local community.

It is important that our strategic plans for St. George on Yonge are in line with the strategic plans of the Diocese of Toronto. We are each starting from that statement of vision which we share, to be *"An Anglican community committed to proclaiming and embodying Jesus Christ through compassionate service, intelligent faith, and Godly worship."*

**Thank you . . .**

- ✦ To each person who is part our parish of St. George on Yonge; for your support and encouragement; for all you do and give to our shared life here; for the gift of your faith
- ✦ To the Diocese of Toronto for the resources available to us to grow in our ministries, and especially for our Diocesan Administration team
- ✦ To both Bishop Patrick Yu and Bishop Kevin Robertson for your support and encouragement
- ✦ To the ministry team: Craig, Michael, Morning, Leonard, and Phillip; for your dedication and the privilege in working with you here at St. George on Yonge
- ✦ To the executive: Max, Aili, Kien, Sherwin, Anne, and Egan; for your faithfulness in the various responsibilities you have taken on and for your diligence in attending to the various administrative aspects of our life together as a parish community
- ✦ To God: for blessing me and us in what we do together; we have much to celebrate and give thanks for in the joy and delight we share in being together here

Brothers and sisters in Christ, may the God of hope always fill us with joy and peace in believing through the power of His life giving Spirit. Thanks be to God!! Amen!!

Respectably Submitted,  
The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan

## **Churchwardens – 2016**

In 2016 St. George on Yonge faced many challenges but we also had achievements and signs of God's presence with us to celebrate.

In particular, financial challenges loomed large. We had projected that we would exhaust our cash reserves by the end of 2016, based on the budgeted deficit and projected cash flows. The financial challenges increased this summer as we saw a large increase in our electricity bills, lost a number of members, and we saw a decrease in our average weekly attendance. In addition, the building required repairs to the eaves and lighting, and we had the garage cleaned for a substantial charge. However, finances did not turn out to be all doom and gloom. As the result of some special bequests and one-time donations, we came close to breaking even, instead of running the approximately \$50,000 deficit that we had projected at Vestry. This means we have not yet run out of cash reserves, thanks be to God and to all those who made financial contributions or special prayers.

Based on the projected depletion of our reserves in 2016, in December of 2015 we met with Bishop Yu and Bishop Johnson to ask for assistance from the Diocese. In response to our request, in early June of 2016 Bishop Yu appointed a commission to look into our affairs and provide recommendations. The report from this commission was made available to us in October of 2016. Based on the contents of the report and feedback from Bishop Yu, we decided to request that St George on Yonge be put under Diocesan Administration in order to secure assistance from the Diocese. The Diocese appointed an administrator in November – Michael Farrell who formed a management committee consisting of Lance Wilson and Marilyn Yeung, and our own Laura Pummell and Anne Wynter. They have been working with the leadership to sort out our finances, most notably renewing the contract for YCCCI, which is up for renewal this year, and drafting the budget for 2017.

A shortage of volunteers also continues to be a challenge. It is difficult to find people to sit on committees or to help run parish events. If you want to be more involved in anything, don't wait to be asked – ask any of the leadership what's involved and how you can contribute. Despite our volunteer shortage, we held successful events this past year – including (but not limited to) the Pancake Lunch, a Barn Dance, the summer barbecue, the Jazz Knights Concerts, and the York Minstrels Concert - which raised over \$2,000. We also opened our doors to Out-of-the-Cold clients waiting for a bus to the shelter, and held a community lunch for people in our area who are dependent on our help for groceries and subway tokens every month. Thanks to all who contributed to the success of these initiatives, either by organising or attending.

We thank you for your prayers and the contributions of your time, talent, and treasure towards doing God's work here and we look forward to seeing where God leads our church in the year to come.

Respectably Submitted,  
Max Wynter and Aili Maki

**Record of Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals For 2016**

<b>Baptisms</b>	<b>Confirmations</b>	<b>Marriages</b>	<b>Funerals</b>
Jackie Coxworthy Azita Golpour Lillian Mulholland Krystal Poplolek Mahboubeh Shayesteh	none	Justin Edmead & Maya Tyson Christopher Puljiz & Giuliana Ulacco	Eileen Embleton Gertrude Farrell Vernon Gilbert * Angela Goodwill * Wayne MacDonald Sonia Mooradian Thelma Moore Janet Myles* Sandra O'Driscoll Nancy Phillips-Amodeo Carole Russell Joseph Scott Kenneth Seymour Stephen Simpkins Joyce Taylor * Albert Walsh Geoffrey Walton * St. George Parishioner

We also give thanks for the life, faith, and witness of Christopher Umahaeyo, a parishioner of St. George on Yonge, who died in December.

## Statistics 2012 – 2016

### Average Attendance

Year	8:00 a.m.	Average	Mandarin Fellowship	Average	10:30 a.m.	Average	Total	Average
2012	397*	8*			5,090	98	5,487	106
2013	372*	7*			4,337	83	4,709	91
2014	388*	7*			3,982	77	4,370	84
2015	624	12	292‡	6‡	3,631	70	4,547	87
2016	715	14	505‡	10‡	3,313	64	4,533	87

\* For several Sundays, only one English service was held

‡ Attendance records began in 2015. For several Sundays, no service was held.

### Sacramental and Pastoral Services

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Marriages</b>	3	2	1	0	2
<b>Funerals</b>	10	13	16	17	16
<b>Baptisms</b>					
<b>Children</b>	6	6	5	4	1
<b>Adults</b>	0	2	0	2	4
<b>Private Communions</b>	53	61	30	16	7
<b>Confirmations</b>	0	5	0	0	0

## **Assistant Curate – 2016**

***“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*** (Colossians 3:17)

Since my ordination to the priesthood a year ago, the opportunities for ministry have been abundant; and this report provides a few highlights, including areas where I have had a staff role, or have been given lead responsibility, consistent with my learning covenant.

**Pastoral Care:** I have had the pleasure of calling on parishioners, and to be with members of the congregation in the hospital and in their homes. There have also been informal openings for me to listen, to share, and to care, in the hope that these interactions were useful.

**Community Ministry:** Looking beyond the walls of the church, this parish has been intentional in reaching out to the wider community to forge links and enhance cooperation. Believing that this is an opportunity to publicly acknowledge Christ and to share his love with those around us, our parish team including Lorraine Baillie, Doug Heyes, and Kien Siu has focused on:

- Building bridges with groups like the Friends of Dempsey Park, as we continue our conversations with a view to more joint activities
- Hosting evenings of poetry reading, in the format of a *Poetry Café*, to encourage Church-Community interaction
- Seizing the opportunity at the weekly farmers’ market at Mel Lastman square to connect with the local community
- Organising a Community Luncheon in November for those who benefit from the St. George on Yonge gift card ministry on the first Tuesday of every month
- Facilitating worship and fellowship for community groups, through the St. Kitts-Nevis Consulate and the Anguilla Cultural Society

**Liturgical:** I have been on the roster as celebrant and preacher at both 8:00 and 10:30 services; and I have also shared the responsibility for presiding at the monthly Eucharist for the Delmanor and Lansing seniors’ communities. Planning and assisting in the Lenten and Advent midweek services, and working with Lansing United Church to plan the combined Black Heritage Service, were positive teamwork experiences for me.

**Children and Youth Ministry:** As the staff resource person to the Sunday School, I have thoroughly enjoyed supporting and working with our children’s ministry volunteers, and to be present with the Sunday School when the schedule permits. It was also a special pleasure to facilitate the “Spontaneous Christmas Pageant” at the Christmas Eve Eucharist.

**The Wider Church:** In serving the church beyond the parish, I have participated in Diocesan-sponsored mandatory basic training called “Momentum;” attended the Electoral Synod in September 2016, The Clergy Conference, Deanery Clericus, and other Diocesan events; I continue to serve on the York-Scarborough Area Council and the “Our Faith Our Hope” allocations committee of the Diocese.

It has been a special privilege to serve on the parish ministry team with Canon Mark as my supervisor, with the staff and parish leadership, and all who participate in ministry here at St. George on Yonge.

Our ministry together has been reinforced by your prayers, words of encouragement, and our teamwork.

Thanks be to God.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Leonard Leader

### **Music Director – 2016**

It is very fulfilling, musically, to have both a fine grand piano and a marvellous organ in the Sanctuary. The piano gives a nice contemporary sound to modern songs, while the organ can accompany the hymns and liturgy with a traditional grandeur. The acoustics in the Sanctuary are wonderful and vibrant, and show off not only the instruments, but our singing congregation, to their best advantage. I am thankful for all these blessings.

It has been wonderful to work with The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan this past year. Mark and I continue to meet regularly and consult closely on the usage and place of music in our liturgy. We continue with our attempts to raise the profile of music in our parish, and of involving as many parishioners as possible who have interests and talents in this area. It is our aim and goal to integrate different styles, eras, genres, and aesthetics of sacred and spiritual music into our liturgy, in an ongoing way, that not only appeals to our diverse congregation, but serves the needs of our liturgy as well.

The third Sunday of each month has generally become our “AWE” (Alternative Worship Experience) service. We welcome anybody who plays an instrument, or who would just like to sing, to join us on these occasions. My thanks go to my merry little band of instrumentalists and singers for their dedication and hard work, preparing for these services. We welcome anybody who might wish to join us, at any time.

It has also been a joy to work with The Rev. Leonard Leader, this past year. We have frequent, interesting, and far-ranging conversations and discussions, in our shared office, and our mutual shared love of poetry has found an outlet in the ongoing “Poetry Café.”

Working with Fr. Mark, Leonard, Morning, Sr. Connie on occasion, and Craig, has been a pleasure.

Last but not least, a big thank you to the choir, who have all been wonderful and very supportive of my efforts here.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Leach

## **Associate, Mandarin Ministry – 2016**

I'm honoured and privileged to summarise the Mandarin Ministry for the past year. Time flew, and the Mandarin Ministry has been over 2 years at St. George. In the past time, we had lots of laugh and tears, however, we still believe that we are taken care and loved by God. His blessing hand has been guiding us, so that we may become God's testimony.

In the past 2 years, the Mandarin Ministry has grown into a very healthy ministry, from the one to one Bible study at the kitchen to a weekly Sunday service of 10-15 people.

We believe that the Church traditional liturgy is our Anglican treasure. Therefore, we continue our *Basic Catechism Course*, the one consists of 25 lessons, which we wrote and edited according to our worship service liturgy. We have been continuing our Thursday evening Bible study. The attendance has grown from 1 person to somewhere between 5 to 10 people. And our *Basic Catechism Course* is taught immediately after the Bible Study on Thursday evenings. At the same time, we continue to use the BCP Morning Prayer liturgy as our Mandarin Fellowship Service liturgy. According to our plan, we also completed the Lenten Retreat, which resulted to great feedback from our Mandarin people. After completing the *Basic Catechism Course* and the Retreat, one person received the Confirmation at the Easter Vigil at the Cathedral. So far, this cycle of the *Basic Catechism Course* is approaching the end. We have two people who have expressed their desire for Baptism and Confirmation.

During last year's Holy Week, we organised a Stations-of-the-Cross event to experience Christ's love toward us. We tried very hard to encourage our people to attend the series of the Holy Week services, such as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Resurrection Sunday. On Easter Sunday, we also had a Resurrection Taizé Prayer Testimony sharing, where we shared our own spiritual journey of meeting the Lord. Upon hearing each other's story, it greatly encourages us to walk our spiritual journey ahead. After this Taizé, we started to plan a new ministry, the Taizé Service. We bought many candles with many candle-holders, and officially started the bilingual monthly Taizé Service at the 1st Thursday of each month.

In the Mandarin Ministry, the importance of reaching out can never be over emphasised. Having been cooperating with St. George's ESL class, we started a Mandarin ESL class, of which the attendance has been increasing. Currently, there are almost 100 people to our ESL class at the peak time. Working on this, we have opened an extended ESL class, the English Proverbs class on Thursday mornings. In addition to that, we also opened a choir according to the desire and the needs of the students. Despite the fact of learning from scratch, they enjoy the learning process and start to appreciate the beauty of the church music. In the meantime, we had several events, whether sushi or dumpling events; we had great fun and people were very engaging. These events have become our approach of sharing Christ's good news to more people. We hope that through these programmes and events, that more people can be attracted, not only into the church building, but the real Church, which is Christ's body.

In a nutshell, I'd like to thank Fr. Mark Kinghan's support to our ministry and his care and teaching as our Supervisor. I'd like also to thank all St. George's co-workers' help, whose diligent work are truly worthy our appreciation. I'd very much like to thank every parishioner's care and support; not only do they welcome and sit beside the Chinese newcomers, but they also help by turning pages of the bulletin for them. When seeing this, my eyes were filled with tears of joy. I can see that even though we come from different cultural backgrounds, we are still walking on the same spiritual journey, for we worship the same God in harmony despite the language barriers.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Morning Wang

## Envelope Secretary's Weekly Giving Report – 2016

St. George's has 79 families and individuals who make their offerings with envelopes, Pre-Authorised Remittance Programme, or a personalised designated system. The table below summarises the distribution of the weekly givings by all individuals. The amounts include only Regular Givings and PAR. They do not reflect FaithWorks or Capital Campaign or special donations (Christmas, Easter, etc.).

The Parish of St. George on Yonge Anglican Church encourages all members to consider using the PAR system of donation. We presently have 32 parishioners taking part in PAR. It provides your parish with a regular income even when you are not able to attend worship services. Our expenses do continue, even if parishioners are not with us. We thank you for considering this option. PAR forms are available from the office.

Please remember that tax receipts, which are tax deductible, are issued for all offerings \$10.00 and over.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne L. Baillie  
Envelope Secretary

Range	Number of Givers	Average per week
0 – \$1.99	10 (17)	1.04 (1.21)
\$2.00 – \$3.99	6 (9)	2.97 (2.95)
\$4.00 – \$5.99	5 (9)	5.42 (4.87)
\$6.00 – \$9.99	7 (9)	7.46 (7.49)
\$10.00 – \$19.99	13 (14)	15.41 (14.74)
\$20.00 – \$29.99	13 (14)	23.25 (24.03)
\$30.00 – \$39.99	5 (6)	33.20 (34.36)
\$40.00 – \$49.99	4 (8)	45.09 (44.81)
\$50.00 +	16 (12)	82.35 (84.19)
	79 (98)	28.79 (23.23)

Numbers in brackets are last year's figures.

## **Property – 2016**

### ***1) Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)***

The regularly scheduled service and maintenance from Johnson Controls keeps the HVAC systems running smoothly. Philip continues to perform regular filter changes across all 30 or so heat pumps in the building.

### ***2) Alarm system***

The Chubb alarm system in our building monitors for fire and security as well as in the elevator should someone become trapped. There were no major issues with this system in 2016.

### ***3) Elevator***

Thankfully we have had minimal issues with the elevator this year. Bruce Elevator, our elevator service company, continued their monthly inspections and performed maintenance as required.

### ***4) Fire and sprinkler system***

The regular yearly fire inspection was performed in December. As of January 28, there is one minor repair to emergency lighting on the top floor that needs to be completed before the formal compliance certificate will be issued.

Another health and safety system in the building is the carbon monoxide detectors in the garage that trigger the exhaust fans to activate should there be a build-up of gas in the garage. This system also requires regular inspection which has been neglected. As of January 28, this inspection is expected to be completed by the end of February by the same company that inspects and maintains the fire system. In the future, this inspection will be included with our yearly fire/sprinkler inspection to ensure it is completed regularly.

### ***5) Landscape and grounds***

The church school again did a great planting job this year that brightened up several of the flower beds around the building.

As identified last year, there is still outstanding work to remediate the landscaping to release the remaining letter of credit from the city from the original building.

### ***6) Sanctuary lighting***

Since the building was finished 5 years ago we have managed to replace burned out bulbs around the building as required. However, the fixtures in the sanctuary are not accessible because they are so high above the floor. It became clear by the summer that enough of the bulbs had burned out that we needed to hire an external company with a portable power lift to perform the bulb replacement. This work was completed successfully in late November along with repairs to outside driveway lighting.

### ***7) Garage Door***

The garage door required another major repair this year when one of the counter weight springs failed. As suggested by our garage door service contractor, the replacement springs are a high duty cycle model that last longer.

### **8) Other Building repairs**

Several problems/issues have evolved over time in the building, which are large and potentially expensive to resolve. Some examples:

- Broken window (stair case from Narthex down to lower level)
- Cracking and shifting of the stairs/landing at the Yonge Street entrance
- Water penetration/damage in the skylight above the Sacristy

In January, Geraldine and I met with Mark Butt and Fernando Costa from Buttcon, the general contractor company that built the church. Overall, it was a productive meeting and opened the lines of communication between St George and Buttcon to consult and assist in resolving our problems. One of the key points that Mark made is that our church is not like our old building which needed minimal care and attention. We have a modern “living and breathing” building that requires regular maintenance to ensure it continues to operate as designed. Mark stressed that we really need to come up with a regular maintenance schedule programme to keep the building running properly. He was surprised that we did not have a facilities management contract with anyone which would create and manage this kind of schedule.

As of January 28, Buttcon has tasked an aluminium and glass contractor to quote on the window repair. The hope is that the repair will be covered under the extended 5 year glazing warranty we have on the windows. As for the landing cracking and Sacristy skylight, Buttcon is willing to assist to resolve these problems but work must wait until the rise of snow/ice has passed.

### **9) Thanks**

Finally, just a quick thanks to Geoff Clennett for helping and consulting with building maintenance as well as filling in for Philip when necessary. Also, thank-you to Geraldine for initiating and arranging the meeting with Buttcon. This is a huge step forward to getting the bigger property issues resolved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Egan Done

### **Counters – 2016**

I am pleased to report that the counting of the offerings has gone very smoothly this year. We currently have four two-person teams that are organised to each count approximately once a month.

I would like to thank all the counting team members for their hard work and dedication to this important ministry.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Richard Snider

## **Responsible Ministry – 2016**

The Anglican Diocese of Toronto adopted the *Responsible Ministry: Screening in Faith* Policy in 2003 to assist parishes to ensure their places of ministry are safe and healthy, especially for vulnerable children and adults who come to them in trust. As well, this initiative facilitates appropriate training to ensure the handling of sensitive information and the appropriate dealings with anything financial in our parish life. It is very important to ensure that those we place in positions of power and trust be trained and supported, so that their ministry may be life-giving.

In order to comply with the Policy and ensure our place of worship is a safe place for everyone, following Vestry each year we assess risk for any new ministries, and reassess (if needed) existing ministries, to determine what actions need to be taken for each ministry. We contact all ministry leaders for names of members in each ministry. Then we update our list of status of risk for ministries and members, and determine who needs to complete a criminal records check, and who needs to attend a policy workshop. Both need to occur every 3 years.

Members who participate in ministries that are assessed as low-risk (such as readers and ushers) are not required to do either. Members who participate in ministries that are assessed as medium-risk (such as counters and anointers) need to attend a policy workshop; these ministries allow their members and/or leaders to have some access to resources or information, and/or exercise some authority. Members who participate in ministries that assessed as high-risk (such as wardens and pastoral visitors) need to attend a policy workshop and complete a criminal records check; these ministries allow their members to have significant access to resources and information, and/or require them to demonstrate significant authority.

In 2016, 37 people attended the policy workshop and 19 people completed criminal records checks. Many years ago the leadership decided that members would not be required to pay for their criminal records checks to be completed. We certainly welcome donations, however, to help cover the costs; donations will be included in your total givings for the year for your income tax receipt. The parish paid \$415.84 for criminal records checks in 2016. The policy workshop consists of reviewing the policy, and discussing a relevant Bible passage and case studies as a means to practise applying the policy, so that we can recognise situations in our ministries that may compromise use of resources or a safe environment.

We express our thanks to ministry leaders for supplying lists of participating members; to people who attended the policy workshop and for engaging in the discussion and asking insightful questions; and to members of the congregation for seeing that requirements are met to ensure our parish continues to be a safe and healthy place for everyone.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan and Craig Gustafson

## **Altar Guild – 2016**

The Altar Guild has pulled together with the help of Mark and Leonard, and through God's grace, to complete another successful year of ministry and to prepare for the celebrations of the Christmas services after the sudden and unexpected passing of our leader and inspiration for many years, Angela Goodwill.

Some of the things which we do are: preparing the Lord's table for all services; laundering the linens; maintaining the candles, hangings, and vestments; floral arrangements; and generally making the Sanctuary and Chapel welcoming spaces through seasonal art installations.

In preparing the church for worship services as Christmas approached, it became increasingly clear to all of us how much Angela had quietly done every week for all of us, so that our spiritual lives could be enriched. It is often said that all Christians are called to be saints, and that each one of us is to live out our life guided by that faith, and to become the living light of Christ in this world. Here in the altar guild each of us was blessed to have had the privilege of having Angela as a friend. She was always there to offer a helping hand, a friendly smile, and an encouraging word to anyone who needed it. Angela was truly a person who took her faith extremely seriously, and she was our guiding light. Angela was called to a saint here in our midst and it was a calling that she answered without hesitation. She will be sadly missed by all of us.

As many hands make light work, and there are many ways both large and small to contribute, we would warmly welcome anyone who feels the call to aid in this important ministry. Please contact Anna Sui or Roshni Sircar, who have agreed to co-chair this ministry going forward, or through the Church Office, or talk to one of our members if you see them going about their weekly activities, if you are interested in joining this vital ministry here at St. George on Yonge.

Respectfully Submitted  
in memory of Angela Goodwill  
by Doug Heyes

## **Church School – 2016**

The year started the same way 2015 ended with an average of 4 to 5 children attending classes each Sunday.

Good Friday came upon us quickly; Leonard and I arranged and carried out progressive stages of the cross with scripture readings and art work ending in the church with the closing of the tomb. On Easter Sunday the tomb was opened for everyone to find a stained glass cross in place of an empty one.

The Garden on the south side of the church looked beautiful with all the bulbs blooming that had been planted in the fall of 2015, including a cross of red tulips. Spring came and the gardens were planted with annuals and some perennials.

After the summer break classes started again with renewed energy from Kathy, Leonard, Debbie, and myself. We are now getting about 1 to 4 children each week.

Fall planting of the garden went well with generous donations from the church members. There is enough money remaining to purchase flowers in the spring.

The spontaneous Christmas pageant co-ordinated by Leonard went off really well and was enjoyed by all who attended. Thanks to all the volunteers and participants.

And on a closing note, after 20 years of teaching in the Sunday school for St. George, and the last 2 years as co-ordinator, I am retiring from the Sunday school in June 2017. I have really enjoyed working with all the different teachers, co-ordinators, and especially the children. This will mean that the Sunday school is in urgent need of a replacement for me. If anyone is interested please talk to Leonard or Kathy.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Geoff Clennett  
Sunday School Co-ordinator

## **Joyful Giving (Stewardship) – 2016**

In 2015 St. George on Yonge began a new programme of structured and ongoing stewardship, making use of the Diocesan-developed and supported programme known as “Joyful Giving.” The activities centre on the three supports of Christian life: the sharing of our personal gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure.

The past year saw us undertake another, modified approach, process where we attempted to remove the aspect of a “relay” from our distribution of informational packages and forms. This change was due to comments that we received back from people after our first “Parish Relay” last year. We held two sessions in November and December at the 10:30 and then the 8:00 services at which time short presentations were made by individuals in the parish, and the relay packages were distributed to people in attendance on those days. In addition, in an attempt to both reach everyone connected to the parish and to reduce costs associated with producing the electronic documents prepared by the team, we asked Craig to make a mass distribution to people who were connected to the parish electronically.

Results of the responses to the “relay” have been encouraging, and we hope that the increasing awareness of everyone who attends St George on Yonge will provide benefits to our parish, both financially as well as with more people getting involved. We had 12-15 inquiries from individuals who expressed interest in assisting with the various ministries needed. We also had 12 pledge requests received with people indicating that it would be possible to increase their monthly financial contributions. The shifting of these financial gifts from envelope to PAR offerings has been seen as a result of these activities in 2015 and 2016 as well, with increased offerings being available to the leadership to fund the church on a more regular and intentional basis each month. This has been very important in the year past as attendance has declined and we are not seeing people attend as often as they had previously. While much is said regarding the weekly or monthly offering, another aspect of these activities is the inclusion of legacy giving, or the inclusion of the parish in estate planning, by members of the congregation. While these gifts are not immediately seen by the church, remembering to make St George on Yonge a part of your estate can, without burden to a person during their life, allow ministry that meant much to a person while they are here with us to continue, or even expand, long after they are no longer with us.

These activities are not new to long time members of St George on Yonge, but through Joyful Giving the process is handled in a different way and is an ongoing process, not something we do every 5 years or so. Many thanks to everyone who participated in this process and to all the members of our team here at St George on Yonge (Max, Geraldine, Chip, Hazel, Laura, Leonard, and Mark) who continue to work to support ministry here.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doug Heyes

### **Coffee Hour – 2016**

Throughout the year refreshments have been served after the 10:30 service – Coffee Hour and Lemonade on the Lawn. This is able to take place thanks to a small group of volunteers who take turns to set everything up, serve, and clean up each week. We appreciate receiving donations towards the cost of the food and beverages.

This year we thanked Anna Siu and Carolyn Poon Woo for their service as they stepped down due to other commitments. We thank the following people who continue to help: Jackie Coxworthy, Nancy and Michael Dodsworth, Jean and Sherwin Ferdinands, Collene Happi, Olga Joloud, Aili Maki and children, Sangeeta Randive, Mahi Shayesteh, Laura Snider, Lorraine Baillie, and Laura and John Pummell who have recently joined the group.

We welcome anyone who would like to join this ministry. Everything is provided unless you wish to bring something in yourself. Please contact Jean Ferdinands or Lorraine Baillie if you would be interested in taking part.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorraine Baillie

### **Music Knights – 2016**

The Sanctuary has an acoustically valuable entity. We continue to make efforts to have a classical chamber group run a series of concerts as an anchor for our Ministry. Several contacts have been made. The Korean “Canadian Chamber Concerts Presents” has its 3rd concert at St. George on Yonge planned for April 23rd, and discussions for a series will hopefully follow. We continue to look for other potential users of our space.

Several concerts have been joint efforts between the Church and the performing group. In these cases, our mantra is that the Church must risk no funds. There is usually a gate-sharing potential, and we usually provide volunteer assistance for performance.

From time to time, we are offered free concerts as fund-raisers for the Church and the music group. In these cases, we jointly sell tickets, assist in publicity, provide event volunteers, and the concert revenue is split as agreed (this can change from group to group). There have been several such concerts.

Our focus has been that we seek potential groups that would make St. George on Yonge their *series* performance venue – the achievement of this objective can then be used to show St. George on Yonge as an ideal location for performance, thereby justifying our rate schedule. This is slow work, but we continue to focus on being part of our local community, making the Church accessible and augmenting Church revenues.

The Music Knights have had a quieter but successful 2016. Chris Hayward and Alan Sperling along with the invaluable assistance of Lorraine Baillie, Geraldine Sperling, Egan Done, Doug Heyes, & Phillip have put up great shows and people are noticing. Tickets have been \$10 each (very affordable). We had our most ambitious Jazz Concert on April 15 with The Octokats, an 8 piece West Coast jazz band (who would love to come back).

All the musicians love the sound of our space and loved the attention given by the audience. All would like to come back. The musicians were paid a respectful amount. The past concerts have all had between 60 - 90 people in the audience. Between  $\frac{2}{3}$  and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the audience have been from outside the church, finding a fresh expression with the music. These have been people from the community that otherwise would have not come in the door. All events have been covered by Snap'd, the community newspaper, enhancing our exposure. While extra funds are nice, this is NOT our mandate. Our mandate is to service the community by bringing great music in our great space to our great community.

We have made steps in branding St. George on Yonge Music Knights. We have a T-shirt (let Chris know if you would like to order one for \$10), an e-mail address, a growing reputation for jazz, and a future Facebook page in the works.

Our connection with a local music school, Sesaya, for their yearend concert continues. (They have also written spotlight web-journal pieces on the musicians for the past concerts). People who love what we are doing are starting to offer services and advice (like marketing through e-mail capture programmes) and the Mariachi Concert in January was because someone else saw what was possible and inspired to make it happen. Co-productions with the community will be a very exciting area to explore. The TV screen with PowerPoint is helping enhance performances with pictures and information. We continue to learn how to more effectively market and how to better welcome the audience.

Our Sanctuary is extraordinary for acoustic music. We have had inspired music performances. We have musicians eager to return. Many in the audience are enthusiastic and we are building up an e-mail base. People are getting inspired for new performance ideas.

If we can grow our audience to over 100 people, that will make so many more concerts possible; this is our goal. We would like to be seen as a little Koerner Hall north: accommodating Swing, Classical, Blues, folk, and different world music, and even Comedy performances.

St. George Music Knights:  
Dedicated to Quality, Affordable, All-Ages Live Music in our Community  
Honour the Music, Honour the Audience, Honour the Musician

We already have something special and successful and would love for you to join us. As always any ideas or questions can be sent via e-mail to [jazz@stgeorgeonyonge.ca](mailto:jazz@stgeorgeonyonge.ca) or talk to Alan Sperling or Chris Hayward.

We hope to have 2 concerts before June 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alan Sperling and Chris Hayward

## Ushers – 2016

The work of the church ushers is undergirded by scripture found in Psalms 84:10 – *“For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.”*

Ushers are often the first voice and the first interaction visitors experience at a church. It is important that an usher be friendly, honest, and willing to serve. It is an honourable position in the church, requiring integrity, cordiality, and wisdom. Ushers are responsible for bringing comfort, compassion, and the spirit of God’s blessings to all who enter the church doors. Our overall mission is to be of service to the church family when needed in order to further the Lord’s message of loving one another even as God has loved us. Ushers fulfil this mission by:

- Greeting each person with a smile, shaking hands, answering questions, and handing out bulletins;
- Escorting people to the proper Sunday School classroom or Nursery;
- Ensuring that worship services are orderly by determining when people enter the Sanctuary, directing people to seats, and extending extra help in seating those who need assistance;
- Assisting worshippers, as needed, to be comfortable and to have the necessary tools during service, e.g. hymnals, church bulletins/programmes, hearing assistance aids, offering envelopes, or, at times, water or tissues;
- Having the distinct responsibility to ensure the safety and security of all people in the building by practicing the Emergency Evacuation protocol and to take the lead in getting people to safety in an orderly manner. Additionally, Ushers inform those in the Sanctuary and building of any urgent matters;
- Ushers count and record the number of people present and inform the officiants;
- Provide guidance for worshippers during the offertory period and Communion;
- After the service, ushers will again be at the door to greet the congregation as they leave and provide assistance as needed, the ushers will then gather all discarded bulletins for recycling and making sure that the Sanctuary is tidy;
- Newcomers will be invited and encouraged to stay for refreshments and will be introduced to the Incumbent;
- Assist during funerals, and other functions held in the building.

Thank you to all the Ushers and Greeters who have responded with the sacrifice of their time and efforts to help us provide worship to the congregation and community.

For this coming year it is my hope that those of you who may have been tempted to volunteer for this ministry in the past will be able to commit for one Sunday in the spirit of trying something new. I can almost guarantee that you will enjoy it. This is an ideal opportunity to meet and talk with other members of St. George on Yonge, as well as an opportunity to give back to the church community. It’s also a very rewarding way for a family to serve and do something together. Please consider joining this group and helping to welcome those new among us, as well as those who have already found a home at St. George’s.

Again, special thanks to those who have continued to serve the church in this capacity.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Wynter

## **Social Media – 2016**

***“Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.”***

*Psalm 19:14*

Personally, I find that social media is fun and engaging as I am connected with many individuals, some of whom I have been friends since childhood. But I am learning more and more how technology and the advancements in social media can be used effectively to promote the gospel and ourselves as the parish church of St. George on Yonge.

We have a Facebook page for St. George on Yonge. If you are not connected, search for us and join. There are regular posts of a spiritual- and faith-based nature that encourage and sometimes challenge. I also enjoy writing a weekly update which is sent out to those for whom we have e-mail addresses and which is then posted on our website.

This year, for our Christmas services, we decided to experiment with advertising through our Facebook page. We ended up reaching approximately 5,000 people within a 25-mile radius from St. George on Yonge. We also saw a marked increase in the number of individuals who had “liked” our page who will now be receiving regular updates. Did this translate into individuals attending our services who otherwise would not have? Who is to know for sure? In any case, it increased our profile and maybe name recognition further afield than our own membership. I think this is something to build on for future festivals like Holy Week and Easter, and perhaps more regularly too as part of a more comprehensive marketing plan.

Social media often gets a bad name because it is abused and misused. I believe, though, that it can be and is a way of doing evangelism moving forward. I look forward to exploring more how we can use the tools at our disposal to help those around us recognise and hopefully desire to join us on a Sunday morning or some festival.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan

## **Prayer Ministry – 2016**

***“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”***  
*Ephesians 6:18*

We are called to be a people of prayer, offering thanksgiving for the grace and blessing we have received from God and laying our petitions before God confident He hears and responds. And, we are called to listen to God in prayer as God speaks to us.

I am grateful to the prayer network for their prayers when requested. Many of you have asked for specific prayers; we have received prayer requests through our web site from far abroad; we always know there are things in our parish life and in the world that need prayer too.

Through prayer, we trust that God seeks out what is best for us, which may not always be the result for which we hope or expect, but nonetheless, it undoubtedly is what is healthiest and most beneficial for us and for the world.

I am hoping in the coming year, starting in Lent, to have prayer offered in the chapel following our 10:30 service. At this time, it will be twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays. If you have any need, please use this opportunity and find spiritual strength and comfort in prayers that are offered for you.

We are bound together in Christ; may we also be bound together in our prayers for each other and for the world around us.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan

## **Parochial Tribunal – 2016**

***“So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”***  
*Romans 12:5*

From year to year, the question is raised regarding what exactly is the role of the Parochial Tribunal. We are required under the Diocese of Toronto’s Canon law to elect a tribunal each year. Their primary responsibility is to assist in maintaining an accurate list of the members of St. George on Yonge. As such, Doug Heyes, Eleanor Gilbert, Craig Gustafson, and I, assisted by Geraldine Sperling, checked the parish list and contacted those who have not appeared to be attending. E-mails and letters were sent out in the hope that the membership list, the vestry list, and the list of friends of St. George on Yonge can be as accurate and up-to-date as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan

## **Yonge-Churchill Community Centre Inc. (YCCCI) – 2016**

YCCCI is a separate non-profit corporation created by St. George on Yonge. Through YCCCI, St. George on Yonge owns the Yonge-Churchill Child Care centre in the church building. Under a license agreement, the day-to-day operations of the daycare are managed by EduKids on behalf of YCCCI. It is important to note that all revenue minus management fees, employees expenses, cleaning, and other normal operating expenses come back to St. George on Yonge.

YCCCI makes substantial monthly donations to our church. In 2016, YCCCI donated \$203,000 to St. George on Yonge. The daycare also paid for the replacement of the broken floor tiles in the elevator with a new vinyl laminate floor. Again in 2016, the daycare assisted in donating food for the Pancake Tuesday event. For 2017, YCCCI will donate \$18,000 per month plus a year end donation depending on results during the year.

Current members of YCCCI's Board of Directors are parishioners Lorraine Baillie, Christopher Hayward, Hazel Perkin (Vice-President), Laura Pummell (President), and Geraldine Sperling (Recording Secretary). Lorraine replaced Sarah Evans who left our parish in 2015. The Board also includes some staff of EduKids and ex-officio parish representatives of the incumbent and church wardens.

The centre offers all-day care as well as before- and after-school care for infants, toddlers, and children to school age. Daytime capacity is 88 children and after-school capacity is an additional 60 children. The centre is open year-round, and also offers all-day summer programmes for children. Information sheets about the centre can be found on the welcome desk in the main floor lobby; the centre's direct telephone number is (416) 221-4747.

Like many other child care centres in Ontario, Yonge-Churchill was seriously impacted by the implementation of full-day kindergarten in the school system in 2014. However, with great effort, the full-time children enrolment is now at maximum. However, there remains some spaces for the before and after-school programmes.

YCCCI and St. George on Yonge continue to have a great working relationship. We look forward to another successful year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Laura Pummell

## **Anointers – 2016**

***“Then you shall take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and anoint him.”***

*Exodus 29:7*

The ministry of anointing is a holy and sacred privilege as we offer God’s grace and mercy to those who are in need for whatever reason. It may be something going in their own lives; it may be about walking alongside someone who is need, either a family member or friend; it may be about anxiety surrounding what is happening in the world. There are no wrong reasons to seek out anointing and every right reason if that is your desire.

Thank you to Margie, Doug, Kien, and Raj who have been licensed by the bishop for this ministry here at St. George on Yonge. They have been trained and participate in regularly-offered retraining sessions surrounding the theology and practice of anointing in the Diocese of Toronto.

I have seen and heard of people who have felt a real transformation through the sacrament of anointing. God is very present in the words spoken; in the holy oil blessed each year by our bishops; and the sign of the cross marked on the forehead. I encourage you if you have a need for which you would like to have prayer, please approach the anointers on the designated first Sunday of the month.

***May God in love and mercy uphold you  
through the grace and power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan

## **Pub Knights – 2016**

We have been pleased by the addition of a few new faces again this year at various times when we meet each month. For those that may wonder what it is that we do, while the format each month may vary, the underlying theme of our group remains the same. We gather together to share a meal and conversation. Our goal is to build relationships of trust and friendship among people who otherwise may never be in a position to share time together. We offer support and comfort to each other as needed, celebrate all successes, and talk about what it means to be a Christian in this modern society. We discuss issues or events that have occurred in our lives, in the community around us, or in the world, and try to determine what our response should be as followers of Jesus. As always, we meet from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the 4th Thursday of every month at “The Frog,” on Yonge Street just north of Sheppard, and everyone is always welcome to join in as a regular or just drop in for an occasional visit. Hopefully you will feel the urge to join us one evening.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Doug Heyes

## **Pastoral Care Ministry – 2016**

***“Who comforts us in all our affliction,  
so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction,  
with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”***

*II Corinthians 1:4*

I am grateful to the members of St. George on Yonge who share with me the ministry of caring for those who are not able to attend church regularly. Our shut-ins need to feel connected and included as their spiritual needs continue to be cared for by their parish church.

We have experienced a number of deaths among our shut-ins over the past year. This loss provides a level of grief for our visitors who have built significant relationships with those they visit. However, there are always more of our members who find it stressful to be a regular part of our parish life. As such we will be reassigning people to others who need the contact and care provided.

As well as our individual members, St. George on Yonge provides pastoral care to Delmanor and Lansing through monthly celebrations of the Eucharist. Residents appreciate that as they are not able to attend church easily, so that the church comes to them. That is a form of neighbourhood ministry. As well, we have a visitor who regularly goes to Canterbury Place to minister to residents there.

Three times over the past year we have invited the residents from our local facilities to attend a special communion service, at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. We will do so again in the coming year. Delmanor has agreed to provide lunch for those attending. This is a good example of the kind of partnerships that can be formed to reach out and meet specific needs.

If you feel called to this kind of ministry, please speak to Leonard or I and we can facilitate the necessary training required.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan

## Worship – 2016

***“Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly  
as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom  
through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit,  
singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.”***

*Colossians 3:16*

Worship as we experience it week after week is meant to inspire us, nurture us, feed us, empower us, and challenge us, and to remind us of who we are as followers of Jesus Christ filled with the Holy Spirit. The essence of what Paul is talking about in this passage from Colossians make up the essential pieces of our worship experience.

Worship is a community event meant to involve all of us taking part in various liturgical roles and ministries. Thank you to everyone – servers, subdeacons, readers, intercessors, lay administrators, ushers, altar guild, and those who in the background prepare our slides for the screen each week. It is by working together alongside one another that liturgy happens as “the work of the people” faithfully coming together to offer our praise and thanksgiving to God and to present before God our prayers of petition for ourselves, those we know who are in need, and the state of the world in which we live.

For us as Anglicans, our sacraments are foundational in our liturgical experience. We gather at the table to share in the mystery of God’s unending presence with us. There is room for everyone at the table of St. George on Yonge . . . young and more senior, long time member or newcomer, no matter where you come from or how long you’ve been an Anglican, or even a Christian.

Besides the Eucharist, Baptism is also central to our shared worship life. We have had the joy of welcoming new members into the body of Christ, and especially a number of adults who have made this choice for themselves. I am always thrilled by our parishes’ response to those who come for baptism and their families. We are welcoming and inclusive and hospitable as we join together in celebrating this sacrament of initiation.

Lent and Advent were times when again we gathered for the simplicity of our candlelight Eucharists in the chapel. They were very meaningful, meditative, contemplative, and quiet in the midst of often busy and hectic lives. The music too added to the ambiance and spirituality of our gathering together.

As well, of course, is the intentional following of our lectionary liturgical calendar, taking us through the year in stages and highlighting certain times of festival and celebration. We do our best in each liturgy that is offered and shared, but it is the major feasts that stand out as times to pull out all the stops. I enjoy these times and the opportunity they afford to be creative. In particular, experiencing the whole of Holy Week is so meaningful with liturgies each evening with a slightly different focus.

Thank you to Leonard and Morning who share in the ministries of preaching. It is helpful to be part of a team, sharing in the privilege and responsibility of proclaiming God's Word. As well, thank you to the various individuals who have offered testimony over the year. It is good to hear from lay people too and often brings a slightly different focus and practicality in what is shared.

May our worship continue to be joyful; may our prayers always be faithful; may we listen to God's word with ears to hear; may we gather together and praise God always because of what God has done for us.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan

### **Wednesday Morning Group – 2016**

In 2016, our little group enjoyed our weekly fellowship sharing in our faith and life experience.

On Ash Wednesday, 25 church members joined us in the chapel for a special service. We invited them to share our refreshments in our meeting room.

We were thankful when Rev. Canon Mark and Rev. Leonard gave us time to prepare for Lent. We always have fun when we make palm crosses for the Palm Sunday service.

We take turns bringing refreshments and are grateful to Craig for making the coffee each week. From the 2016 refreshment donation offerings which we regularly contribute, we were very pleased to present our minister with \$449.55 for the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

On occasion, visitors have come to explore the church, wandered into our room, shared refreshments with us, and learned about our church history. We have had people join us just to learn about our Seniors' social activity so that they could take the experience back to their own countries.

The Wednesday Morning Group is looking forward to another busy and interesting year. Guests will be sharing their travels to Scotland and Ireland, Israel, and maybe Italy!

If you are interested in joining us, you can find us most Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. in our meeting room. If you have a topic you would like to share, a travelogue you would like to present, have out-of-town guests you would like to bring, or simply want to see what we are all about – no matter your age – you are all welcome.

Respectively Submitted,  
Ann Beecham

## **English as a Second Language Programme – 2016**

During 2016, St. George has continued the active ESL programme that for many years has been an integral part of its mission to welcome newcomers to Canada into our community.

We continue to offer three sections of ESL each Tuesday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.:

- A section led by Morning Wang that offers basic English instruction and Christian fellowship to Mandarin-speaking visitors; Morning uses Mandarin to teach this class for the basic English, because their English level is very basic. However, with the language that is more familiar and comfortable to the students, this class has continued to grow, to a peak of 90 + people in the summer.
- An Intermediate Conversation section led by Angela Ducharme.
- A second Beginners section led by Craig Robertson.

Attendance in each of the two latter sections typically ranges from 15-25 students. Many people have been coming faithfully for a number of years, whereas many others attend for shorter periods before perhaps going back to their home countries or successfully settling into new jobs or neighbourhoods. The period of Chinese New Year usually is the lowest attendance for Morning's basic English class; the attendance of this class usually is between 40-50 people.

At the end of December, we said goodbye to Zari Moeini who had generously offered her time to our programme for the last three years, working with Angela Ducharme in the Conversation section.

Our gift to the students is not only English language instruction, but also very important are the deeper glimpses they get into the Canadian community. As well as the opportunities for fellowship and new friendships with the co-students, it is wonderful thing to watch an Asian student in deep relationship with a Persian or a Portuguese student.

We can always welcome more St George people into our groups, either to assist with the students in small group activities, or just in making coffee for the fellowship times. Speak to Morning Wang or Craig Robertson if this opportunity interests you.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Morning Wang and Craig Robertson

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board Members of St. George on Yonge:

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of St. George on Yonge, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2015 and the statements of operations and fund balances, general operations, operations and changes in net fund balances of restricted funds administered by the Trustees and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

*Management's responsibility for the financial statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

*Auditor's responsibility*

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit. Except as explained in the reservation paragraph, I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. I am also required to comply with applicable ethical requirements.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair representation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, the auditor expresses no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as, evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained in my audit is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my qualified audit opinion.

*The presented financial information is an extract of the fiscal yearend financial statements, a complete copy of which is available on request.*

**Basis for Qualification**

**In common with many charitable organizations, the Church derives revenue from donations and fundraising, the completeness of which is not susceptible of satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, my verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Church and I am not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to these revenues, excess of revenue over disbursements, current and net assets.**

**Qualified Opinion**

**In my opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which I might have determined to be necessary had I been able to satisfy the completeness of donation and fundraising revenues, referred to in the preceding paragraph, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Church as at December 31, 2015 and the results of its operations and its unrestricted cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.**

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey D. Milgram", is written over a horizontal greyed-out line. The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

**JEFFREY D. MILGRAM PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION  
Authorized to practise public accounting by  
The Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario**

**TORONTO, ONTARIO  
MAY 26, 2016**

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ST. GEORGE ON YONGE  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	\$	\$
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3)	193,386	563,259
Investments (Note 4)	811,131	816,524
Goods and Services Tax recoverable	12,789	16,730
Prepaid and sundry receivables	26,397	42,187
Due from licensee (Note 5)	<u>99,939</u>	<u>99,939</u>
	1,143,642	1,538,639
CAPITAL ASSETS (Notes 6)	<u>9,147,430</u>	<u>9,417,117</u>
	<u>10,291,072</u>	<u>10,955,756</u>
<u>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</u>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	33,032	261,157
Government remittances payable	56,102	64,353
Current portion of long-term debt (Note 8)	<u>73,000</u>	<u>70,790</u>
	<u>174,281</u>	<u>396,300</u>
DEFERRED		
Deferred contributions relating to capital assets (Note 7)	<u>64,343</u>	<u>75,066</u>
LONG-TERM		
Mortgage (Note 8)	<u>1,617,103</u>	<u>1,703,786</u>
NET ASSETS		
Restricted Funds – administered by the Trustees (Page 17)	8,573,342	8,806,054
General operating	<u>(125,850)</u>	<u>(25,450)</u>
	<u>8,447,492</u>	<u>8,780,604</u>
	<u>10,291,072</u>	<u>10,955,756</u>

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

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**ST. GEORGE ON YONGE  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND FUND BALANCES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	<u>Unrestricted</u> \$	<u>Restricted Funds</u> \$ (Page 17)	<u>2015 Totals</u> \$	<u>2014 Totals</u> \$
REVENUES	270,925	42,797	313,722	516,546
DISBURSEMENTS	(371,325)	(270,116)	(641,441)	(623,038)
UNREALIZED INVESTMENT GAIN/ (LOSS)	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,393)</u>	<u>(5,393)</u>	<u>31,241</u>
EXCESS OF DISBURSEMENTS OVER REVENUE	(100,400)	(232,712)	(333,112)	(75,251)
FUND TRANSFERS	-	-	-	-
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>(25,450)</u>	<u>8,806,054</u>	<u>8,780,604</u>	<u>8,855,855</u>
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	<u>(125,850)</u>	<u>8,573,342</u>	<u>8,447,492</u>	<u>8,780,604</u>

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**ST. GEORGE ON YONGE  
STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	\$	\$
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Membership givings - operations	203,526	188,841
Membership givings - capital	11,101	20,602
Faithworks	1,205	4,525
Fee for licensed use of space	52,261	50,132
Fundraising	666	1,164
Committee revenue	4,685	499
Investment income	28,400	27,484
Miscellaneous	<u>11,878</u>	<u>13,889</u>
	<u>313,722</u>	<u>307,136</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Capital and redevelopment	17,906	42,575
Donations	-	5,000
External Ministry	5,495	1,002
Finance and administration	20,126	12,465
Interest expense	58,971	60,418
Personnel – services	148,401	102,023
Personnel – administrative	104,125	92,382
Personnel – maintenance	33,907	33,968
Professional fees	8,351	23,519
Programming and service	9,246	11,184
Occupancy and property costs – Church	139,521	122,190
Occupancy and property costs – Rectory	-	408
Worship supplies	<u>3,705</u>	<u>6,135</u>
	549,754	513,269
Reimbursement of expenses from licensee (Note 10)	<u>(178,000)</u>	<u>(160,017)</u>
	<u>371,754</u>	<u>353,252</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS OVER REVENUE BEFORE UNDERNOTED ITEMS</b>	<b>(58,032)</b>	<b>(46,116)</b>
Sale of rights	-	209,410
Depreciation	(269,687)	(269,786)
Unrealized gain/(loss) on investments – adjustment to fair market value	<u>(5,393)</u>	<u>31,241</u>
<b>NET DISBURSEMENTS OVER REVENUE FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b><u>(333,112)</u></b>	<b><u>(75,251)</u></b>

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**ST. GEORGE ON YONGE  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
	\$	\$
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net disbursements over revenue for the year	(333,112)	(75,251)
<b>Add: Items not requiring an immediate outlay of cash:</b>		
Depreciation	269,687	269,786
Amortization of deferred capital contributions (Note 7)	(10,723)	(10,723)
Unrealized gain/loss on investments for fair value adjustments in year	<u>5,393</u>	<u>(31,241)</u>
	(68,755)	152,571
<b>Net changes in working capital balances:</b>		
Other current assets	19,731	(17,505)
Deferred revenue	-	45,789
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	<u>(236,376)</u>	<u>314,235</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED (USED) OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>(285,400)</u>	<u>495,090</u>
<b>INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Capital asset additions	-	-
Due from related party	-	-
Line of credit	-	-
Mortgage	(84,473)	(70,709)
Investments	<u>-</u>	<u>122,256</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS PROVIDED BY INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>	<u>(84,473)</u>	<u>51,547</u>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents during the year</b>	<u>(369,873)</u>	<u>546,637</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year</b>	<u>563,259</u>	<u>16,622</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year</b>	<u>193,386</u>	<u>563,259</u>

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**ST. GEORGE ON YONGE**  
**SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET FUND BALANCE OF RESTRICTED**  
**FUNDS ADMINISTERED BY THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	Faithworks	Capital and Redevelopment	New Rectory Fund	Outreach Fund	Other Funds	Totals
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Opening balance	(2,940)	8,012,175	791,456	5,263	100	8,806,054
Revenue during the year	2,022	11,444	28,329	1,002	-	42,797
Expenditures during the year	-	(269,900)	-	(216)	-	(270,116)
Adjustment to market	-	-	(5,393)	-	-	5,393
Fund transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing Balance	<u>(918)</u>	<u>7,753,719</u>	<u>814,392</u>	<u>6,049</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>8,573,342</u>

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## Treasurer's Report – 2016 & 2017

Our life together is so much more than numbers on a page. A line-item report is only a set of figures, a necessary accounting tool. It can tell the “what” of our expenses and income, but it cannot tell the whole story of “how” we create our lives together. These reports attempt to show the fullness of our life together. For our life and ministry are not mere numbers, but the active service of God our creator, Jesus our redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our sustainer.

The church depends on the generosity of its members and thankfully the people of this congregation gave generously in faith. It was a way of saying, “God is still at work in us, calling us to ministry in this place,” even if the bank statements and the attendance sheets reflected a more worldly kind of truth. But years of faithful stewardship are bringing a new truth, a new kind of abundance, into reality. In a climate of economic uncertainty, in an “unchurched” culture, we put the good news in motion, each and every day.

### **A look at unaudited 2016 actuals vs. the budget figures:**

- Internal Support – right on track
- Seasonal Offering – Easter Offerings – we did receive a one-time \$3,000 donation from a visitor which is not expected again. Christmas Offerings – attendance was down and we received \$2,600 less than projected.
- Bequests + Memorials – we received \$49,587 more than budgeted
- Specific Purpose – these funds were donated to offset specific expenses
- Capital Fund Contribution – we did receive \$2,830 more than budget, however \$5,500 has been applied directly to the mortgage as per the donor's request
- Fundraising and Church Groups – projections were not met
- External Support – we had projected income from leasing parking spots to the condo developer but construction has not yet started
- Non Licensed fees – \$4,500 below projections
- **Total Income – in all \$43,919 over budget**
- Clergy salaries – below budget
- Disbursements Re: Rector's Discretionary – partially offset by line entry in income
- Administration Costs – over budget by \$2,650 mainly due to legal fees
- Payroll Expenses – this amount over budget because Morning's wages were increased to pay her for the hours that she actually works. As well, custodial fees were reimbursed by various groups.
- WSIB Expense – higher than budget due to a charge for 2014 being paid in 2016
- Building Expenses – balance almost exactly to projection
- Mortgage Interest – over projections by \$4,137
- Daycare Payments – \$11,000 received more than budgeted
- **Total Expenses – \$19,632 over budget**
- Net Ordinary Income – 2016 finished \$24,287 better than projected
- Mandarin Ministry Grant – we received \$32,700 more than projected of which \$18,000 pertained to 2015 which arrived late. \$14,700 helped offset Morning's change in salary
- **Net Income – 2016 almost break even at a loss of \$2,628 vs. a loss of \$59,615 as projected**

### Looking back on 2016

We are a not-for-profit organisation and all of the money earned by or donated to St. George on Yonge is used to pursue the church's objectives and to keep it running. We seek to be a faithful witness to God's love in worship, community service, and spiritual growth.

Net Income – a loss of \$2,628 vs. a loss of \$59,615 as projected. Expenses were strictly managed by the Wardens and we were also extremely grateful to have had large bequests and donations as well as extra Mandarin Ministry Grants come through in 2016. In total, we received \$95,787 more in funds than we expected.

<b>Non repeating items that positively affected the bottom line:</b>	<b>(2,628.47)</b>
<u>4062 Lent &amp; Easter Offering</u>	<u>(3,000.00)</u>
<u>4110 Bequests &amp; Memorials</u>	<u>(54,587.00)</u>
<u>4130 Capital Fund Contribution – Applied to Mortgage</u>	<u>(5,500.00)</u>
<u>4620 Mandarin Ministry Grant</u>	<u>(32,700.00)</u>
<b><u>Where we would have ended up:</u></b>	<b><u>(98,415.47)</u></b>

Cash Flow – Our cash flow ran short by \$80,128. This is calculated by taking our deficit of \$2,628 plus the mortgage principal payment of \$72,000 minus a \$5,500 capital fund donation applied directly to the mortgage. This cash shortage depleted our operating account and was taken from cash reserves which are quickly dwindling. We started the year with \$102,000 in GICs and now have approximately \$65,000.

### Looking ahead to 2017

This story provides just a glimpse of our shared vision for the coming year. The “price tag” will show you what we need to bring it to life. But know that, in addition to your pledge card, there are other invitations to commitment. Along with faithful giving, we also need your attendance in worship, your service to others, and your accounts of God moving in your life. This kind of good news requires the living investment of a whole community. By the grace of God, and by your generosity, we're looking to a year of fruitful witness to the love and grace of God.

As in past years, we are faced with increasing expenses. We have optimistically budgeted a 5% increase in Internal Support income from collections. Even so, the budget presented this year is not balanced in order to continue the same level of St. George's activities and services within and beyond our community. We are anticipating a shortfall of \$45,373 and a cash flow deficit of \$117,373.

***2017 Cash flow deficit calculation = \$45,373 shortage plus mortgage principal payments of approximately \$6,000 per month or \$72,000 for the year = \$117,373 cash shortage.***

This story of the coming year is exciting, but we can expect a few unexpected twists and new directions. As we live this story out, it is this vision and these priorities which will guide our decisions throughout the year. As a congregation, we are committing ourselves to be part of this story, to support it with our money as well as with our hearts and hands. This is our story and it is only together that we make it real. Please prayerfully consider all that you are able to give to creating this congregation's story.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anne Wynter  
Treasurer

**St. George on Yonge Budget & Actual 2016 (unaudited)**  
**St. George on Yonge Budget 2017**

	Jan - Dec 16	2016 Budget	Budget 2017
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4001 · INTERNAL SUPPORT			
4002 · Offering	45,513.84	49,190.00	47,789.53
4020 · Open Offering-Receipted	1,987.00	1,650.00	2,086.35
4030 · Open Offer'g-Non Receipted	4,843.16	5,865.00	4,875.32
4040 · Pre-Authorized Giving	73,722.20	69,500.00	77,408.31
4050 · Flowers & Decorations	2,270.00	2,295.00	2,383.50
4052 · Church School	200.00	0.00	210.00
Total 4001 · INTERNAL SUPPORT	128,336.20	128,500.00	134,753.01
4060 · SEASONAL OFFERING			
4062 · Lent & Easter Offering	4,483.00	2,950.00	1,500.00
4064 · Thanksgiving Offering	1,730.00	1,350.00	2,000.00
4066 · Christmas Offering	5,872.99	8,500.00	6,500.00
Total 4060 · SEASONAL OFFERING	12,085.99	12,800.00	10,000.00
4080 · Rector's Discretionary	3,857.10	0.00	10,000.00
4100 · NON OFFERING			
4110 · Bequests & Memorials	54,587.00	5,000.00	500.00
4120 · Specific Purpose-Special	2,861.75	0.00	3,000.00
Total 4100 · NON OFFERING	57,448.75	5,000.00	3,500.00
4130 · Capital Fund Contribution	6,030.00	3,200.00	-
4200 · Special Fund Raising	2,803.95	4,102.50	2,950.00
4250 · Church Groups	378.09	1,860.00	4,300.00
4290 · Faithworks Contributions	479.25	500.00	750.00
4300 · External Support	38,571.80	50,600.00	40,556.00
4400 · Non-Licensed Groups	6,930.12	11,400.00	7,150.00
4500 · Reimbursed Expenses	11,078.97	5,850.00	11,325.02
4600 · Other Income	42,861.49	42,650.04	43,000.00
4900 · Transfers from Funds	120.00	0.00	120.00
Total Income	310,381.71	286,462.54	288,404.03
Gross Profit	310,381.71	286,462.54	288,404.03
Expense			
5020 · External Ministry	34,212.36	34,687.36	38,203.00
5101 · Clergy Salary	172,787.11	177,390.52	137,482.64
5220 · Music Ministry	745.00	0.00	1,500.00
5401 · Church Supplies	4,134.04	3,885.00	3,824.00
5500 · Church Programmes	1,179.99	2,150.00	3,500.00
5501 · Fellowship	5,702.15	5,465.00	8,175.00
5805 · Disb. Re:Rectors Discretion	6,373.94	0.00	10,000.00
6200 · Administration Costs	21,638.64	18,990.00	16,915.00
6400 · Bank charges	2,498.37	2,510.00	2,500.00
6600 · Payroll Expenses	140,842.13	119,675.00	145,067.40
6700 · WSIB Expenses	1,857.62	900.00	1,000.00
6855 · Marketing Expense	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
7200 · Building Expenses & Maintenance	135,272.83	135,000.44	140,090.00

	<u>Jan - Dec 16</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>Budget 2017</u>
7400 - Rectory	4,328.08	4,425.00	4,500.00
9000 - Financial Expenses			
9101 - TD Mortgages Interest	60,137.92	56,000.00	60,020.00
9200 - YCCCI Payments	-203,000.00	-192,000.00	(230,000.00)
<b>Total 9000 - FINANCIAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-142,862.08</b>	<b>-136,000.00</b>	<b>(169,980.00)</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>388,710.18</b>	<b>369,078.32</b>	<b>343,777.04</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>-78,328.47</b>	<b>-102,615.78</b>	<b>(75,373.01)</b>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Other Income</b>			
4615 - Curacy Grant	25,000.00	25,000.00	-
4620 - Mandarin Ministry Grant	50,700.00	18,000.00	30,000.00
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>75,700.00</b>	<b>43,000.00</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<b>75,700.00</b>	<b>43,000.00</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-2,628.47</b>	<b>-59,615.78</b>	<b>-45,373.01</b>

## Nominating Committee Report for 2017

<b>Former Wardens *</b>	Aili Maki, Max Wynter
<b>Parish Council</b>	Lorraine Baillie, Chip Barkel, Nancy Dodsworth, Egan Done, Collene Happi, Doug Heyes, Kwan Luk, Hazel Perkin, Anne Marie Powell, Laura Pummel, Kien Siu, Geraldine Sperling, Izunna Umezinne, Kay Yuen, Raymond
<b>Lay Members of Synod Alternate</b>	Margie Lyttle, Max Wynter Eleanor Gilbert
<b>Parish Tribunal</b>	Eleanor Gilbert, Doug Heyes, Geraldine Sperling
<b>YCCCI</b>	Laura Pummel, Hazel Perkin, Chris Hayward, Geraldine Sperling, Lorraine Baillie
<b>Church Groups and Committees</b>	
Altar Guild	Anna Siu, Roshni Sircar
Anointers	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Archives	
Chalice	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Church School	Geoff Clennett (until June 2017), The Rev. Leonard Leader
Coffee Hour	Jean Ferdinand, Lorraine Baillie
Counters	Richard Snider
Don Valley Refugee Resettlers	Max Wynter, Chip Barkel
English as a Second Language	Craig Robertson, Morning Wang
Finances	Anne Wynter
Intercessors	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Joyful Giving (Stewardship)	Doug Heyes
Library	Eleanor Gilbert
Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Music	Michael Leach
Music Knights	Alan Sperling, Chris Hayward
Natural Church Development	Coleen Happi
Neighbourhood Ministry	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Nominating Committee	Hazel Perkin, Kien Siu
Parish Life Committee	Kathy Baillie

\* also a member of Parish Council

Parish Newsletter	Kathy Baillie, Craig Gustafson
Pastoral Care	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Prayer Ministry	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Property	Egan Done
Pub Knights	Doug Heyes
Readers	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Responsible Ministry	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan, Craig Gustafson
Servers	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Social Media	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Telephone Tree	Anne Marie Powell
Ushers	Anne Marie Powell
Website	Egan Done, Craig Gustafson
Wednesday Morning Group	Ann Beecham
Welcome Desk	Craig Gustafson

**Appointed by the Diocesan Administrator**

Envelope Secretary	Anne Baillie
Treasurer *	Anne Wynter

\* also a member of Parish Council

**Social Justice Vestry Motion 2017**  
**Continuing the Call for Reconciliation**

Over the course of many years, Indigenous communities in Canada have engaged the government, the Anglican Church, and other Christian denominations in a process geared toward reconciliation. This process has included official apologies from many denominations for their participation in the Indian Residential School system, as well as participation in the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC). The final report of the TRC included 94 Calls to Action aimed at addressing the ongoing marginalisation of Indigenous peoples in all aspects of Canadian life. Last year, parishes throughout the Diocese of Toronto passed vestry motions calling for action on two key Calls to Action, resulting in opportunities for ongoing engagement and education on the still-unfinished work of reconciliation in our communities and in our governments.

As part of our efforts to continue to respond to this call, the 2017 social justice vestry motion will once again focus on addressing Calls to Action of the TRC by encouraging parishes to carry out reflection and study within their congregations, as well as calling on the government to implement one of the key elements of the TRC’s calls. We hope that your parish will join us in undertaking this work by passing the motion below and committing to continue working towards reconciliation at every level of the church and in all parts of the country.

We, the vestry of St. George on Yonge, commit ourselves to continue to work to implement the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. As part of this effort, we call on the Government of Canada to address Call to Action #43: to fully adopt and implement the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* as the framework for reconciliation. In particular, we call on the Government of Canada to immediately develop policies requiring free, prior, and informed consent be obtained from Indigenous communities in Canada and abroad with respect to developments affecting their lands and resources, as outlined in Articles 10, 19, and 32 of the *Declaration*.



**Diocese of Toronto**  
Anglican Church of Canada

“Indigenous peoples shall not be forcibly removed from their lands or territories. No relocation shall take place without the free, prior, and informed consent of the indigenous peoples concerned and after agreement on just and fair compensation and, where possible, with the option of return.”

– *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Article 10*

“States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the Indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them.”

– *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Article 19*

“Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources.”

– *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Article 32, section 1*

“Recognizing Indigenous peoples’ human rights, including the free, prior and informed consent [FPIC] to development on our traditional lands and territories, will lead to greater peace and security for all. FPIC, very simply, is the right to say yea, and the right to say no. It is much more than a process of consultation.”

– *National Chief Perry Bellegarde, Assembly of First Nations, Statement to UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues*

“My heart is heavy with the burden of our many sins against the Indigenous Peoples throughout Turtle Island. For every way in which we insulted their dignity and took their lands, silenced their languages and suppressed their culture, tore apart their families and assaulted their children, I must never weary of saying on behalf of our church, “I am sorry.”

“My heart is humbled by the call to honour – in word and action – the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

“With many others, my heart yearns for that future in which – in the sight of the Creator – we are walking together in ways that are good and holy, right and just for all.”

– *Primate Fred Hiltz, Anglican Church of Canada, “Let Our ‘Yes’ be Yes”*