

Vestry 2018



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2018 ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING Sunday, February 25, 2018

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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.

Annual Vestry Meeting Minutes
Sunday, February 26, 2017

Chair: *The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan, Incumbent*
Congregation: 47 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 10:35 a.m.

Appointment of Vestry Clerk

The Chair appointed *Lorraine Baillie* to be Vestry Clerk.

Pastoral Letters from the Archbishop and Area Bishop

Received and circulated with Vestry Report. All are encouraged to read the letters.

Minutes of the 2016 Annual Vestry Meeting

MOVED by *Muriel Thompson* and **SECONDED** by *Hazel Perkin* **THAT** the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and that the minutes of the meeting of Vestry on Sunday, February 28, 2016 be adopted and confirmed. **CARRIED**

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.

Acceptance of Reports

MOVED by *Doug Heyes* and **SECONDED** by *Aili Maki* **THAT** the reading of the reports to Vestry be dispensed with, and that they be accepted as presented in the written Vestry Report.
CARRIED

A video of "St. George on Yonge – A Year in Review" was shown.

Max Wynter presented the Order of St. George to Geoff Clennett and Kathy Baillie, for their dedication to the work of the church school programme.

Table Conversations

In small groups, people were asked to discuss in what social and fellowship events they would enjoy participating as a regular part of our life at St. George on Yonge, and how they would be willing to make these happen.

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

There was a break for coffee and lunch.

Prayer for St. George on Yonge's Finances

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

Acknowledgement of Auditor's Report for 2015

The Auditor's Report for 2015 was acknowledged. The complete report is available for anyone who would like to have a copy.

Presentation and Acceptance of Churchwardens' Financial Report for 2016 (unaudited)

Anne Wynter presented the report. She went through each area of revenue and expense with a clear explanation, assisted by slides.

There were no questions.

Revenue

Membership Total Givings	\$208,037	(139% achieved)
(Internal Support, Seasonal Offerings, Rector's Discretionary, Bequests and Memorials, Capital Fund Contributions, FaithWorks)		
Fundraising and Church Groups	2,982	(50%)
(Book and Calendar sales, concerts, church social events)		
External Support	38,572	(76%)
(Toronto Korean Methodist Church, Wave Ministries)		
Non-licensed Groups and Reimbursed Expenses	18,009	(105%)
(Hall rentals, fees paid for custodial services)		
Other Income	42,781	(100%)
(Bank interest, Diocese Dividend income, Our Faith-Our Hope, York Rector's Fund)		
YCCCI Daycare	203,000	(\$192,000 budgeted)
Grants	75,700	(\$43,000 budgeted)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$589,082	

Expenses

External Ministry, Programme, Outreach, Service	\$18,486	(\$18,300 budgeted)
Personnel	315,487	
(less grants of \$75,700 actual net payroll \$239,787; budgeted net payroll \$254,966)		
Occupancy and Property Costs	139,601	(\$139,425 budgeted)
Mortgage Interest Expense	60,137	(\$56,000 budgeted)
Finance, Admin., Professional Fees	21,639	(\$18,990 budgeted)
Allotment Fee (to Diocese)	33,687	(92% increase)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$591,710	
NET INCOME	- \$2,628.47	

MOVED by Anne Wynter and **SECONDED** by Hazel Perkin **THAT** the unaudited financial report for 2016 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

It is planned to have a session on will planning in the future.

Doxology

Mark reminded the congregation that all our resources are from God. There are many variables in what happens with our finances. Some of our blessings from the past year cannot be counted on for this current year. He led the group in the Doxology.

Report from the Diocesan Administrators

- Michael Farrell introduced himself and the team. Our Management Team includes Michael, Lance Wilson, Marilyn Yeung, Anne Wynter, and Laura Pummell. Max Wynter has been involved in some consultation.
- Michael said that he enjoys coming to St. George on Yonge and finds it a place filled with integrity. The role of the administrators is to get things done well and quickly. They focus on 3 or 4 issues. First they were involved in the renewal of the Daycare licence (5-year). Second, Marilyn is working with Morning to continue to develop the Mandarin Ministry at St. George.
- Two other issues are to be discussed later.
- Michael asked if there were any questions.
- Kwan Luk commented that we are lacking in numbers and young people. He asked if the team was looking at this concern. The response was not yet, but soon.

Mark explained that the Administration Team brings insight and fresh eyes but does not fix the situation; the membership does it with their help.

Presentation and Acceptance of Proposed Budget for 2017

Anne Wynter presented the proposed budget for 2017, again with the use of slides. This budget was developed by the Diocesan Administration Team.

BUDGET AT A GLANCE by stream

Proposed Expenses

Service and External Ministry	\$32,515
Personnel	283,550
Occupancy and Property Costs	144,590
Mortgage Interest and Principle	132,020
Finance, Admin., and Professional Fees	19,415
Diocesan Allotment	33,687

Total Proposed 2017 Operating Budget **\$645,777**
(includes \$72,000 mortgage principle)

Proposed Income

Membership Support	\$159,003
Rentals – Tenants and Events	59,031
Fundraising and Committee	7,250
Other Income	43,120
Daycare YCCCI	230,000
Grants	30,000

Total Proposed Income 2017 **\$528,404**

Total Cash Flow Deficit **\$117,373**

Michael explained that we are asset rich but cash poor. We will be given a loan from the Diocese to help with cash flow until we have developed a long-term plan.

MOVED by *Anne Wynter* and **SECONDED** by *Laura Pummell* **THAT** the proposed budget for 2017 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Hazel Perkin asked about the financial help being given to us. Michael explained that it is a loan without interest.

Acknowledgements and Thanks

Mark thanked Michael and the team for developing the budget. Michael thanked the Wardens for all their assistance.

Muriel Thompson was acknowledged for receiving the Order of the Diocese of Toronto.

Thank you to Anne Wynter for her work with the ushers, and Geoff Clennett for the Sunday School programme.

Prayer for the election of Parish Council

Leonard offered prayer for guidance to the electors.

Presentation of nominations for Parish Council

Mark explained that our situation is different this year with the Diocesan Administration Team. There will be no election of Wardens, and no Executive.

Appointment and Election of Parish Council

MOVED by *Ruth Ross* and **SECONDED** by *Chris Hayward* **THAT** we accept the slate of names listed in the Vestry Report to be our Parish Council for 2017, to include former Wardens and the Treasurer. **CARRIED**

The following people will form the Parish Council: Lorraine Baillie, Chip Barkel, Nancy Dodsworth, Egan Done, Collene Happi, Doug Heyes, Kwan Luk, Hazel Perkin, Anne Marie Powell, Laura Pummell, Kien Siu, Geraldine Sperling, Izunna Umezinne, Kay Yuen, Raymond, Max Wynter, Aili Maki, Anne Wynter.

New members to the Council were acknowledged.

Lay Members of Synod

MOVED by *Anne Baillie* and **SECONDED** by *Doug Heyes* **THAT** Margie Lyttle and Max Wynter will be our Lay Members of Synod, and Eleanor Gilbert will be the Alternate. **CARRIED**

Election of Officers and Committee Chairs

MOVED by *Laura Pummell* and **SECONDED** by *Aili Maki* **THAT** the listed people for Parish Tribunal, YCCCI Board, Church Groups and Committees be accepted and ratified as listed in the Vestry Report. **CARRIED**

Acknowledgements – To Anne Marie for taking on ushers, Eleanor for the library ,and Anna and Roshni for their leadership with the Altar Guild.

Church Groups & Committees	
Altar Guild	Anna Siu, Roshni Sircar
Anointers	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Archives	< vacant >
Chalice	The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan
Church School	Geoff Clennett (until June 2017)
Coffee Hour	Jean Ferdinands, Lorraine Baillie
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	Eleanor Gilbert
Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Music	Michael Leach
Music Knights	Alan Sperling, Chris Hayward
Natural Church Development	Collene Happi
Neighbourhood Ministry	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Nominating Committee	Hazel Perkins, 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 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

Banking Resolution

MOVED by *Laura Pummell* and **SECONDED** by *Hazel Perkin* **THAT** the signing officers of the St. George on Yonge accounts for the year 2017 be any of two of the following: Maxwell Wynter, Aili Maki, Kien Siu, or Michael Farrell. **CARRIED**

Appointment of Auditor for 2016 and 2017

The Board has appointed J. Michael Mulholland, Chartered Professional Accountant to be the auditor for 2016 and 2017. **MOVED** by *Anne Wynter* **SECONDED** by *Max Wynter* to ratify the appointment of the Auditor for 2016 and 2017. **CARRIED**

New Business

1. Motion from the Diocese re: Answering the Call for Reconciliation

Leadership is needed to act farther on this issue. We are hoping to have a special speaker at our Indigenous Ministry Sunday this year.

MOVED by *Mark Kinghan*, **SECONDED** by *Muriel Thompson* **THAT** 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. **CARRIED**

2. Parish Council – the size of this group has been questioned, however, Mark feels that all should be welcome to serve. He explained that he would like to see this group function as a working group. Two topics to be dealt with are developing guidelines for the use of bequests and developing a vision and plan for our 100th anniversary to be celebrated in 2022. Goals need to be realistic, attainable, and measurable.

3. Laura Pummell explained that most buildings have contingency funds for emergency repairs.

MOVED by *Laura Pummell*, **SECONDED** by *Egan Done* **THAT** the Administration Team and Parish Council work toward incorporating a contingency fund into future budgets. **CARRIED**

Adjournment

MOVED by *Anne Baillie*, **SECONDED** by *Max Wynter* **THAT** the 2017 Vestry Meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED**

Vestry adjourned at 1:35 p.m. with prayer, a blessing, and the dismissal.

Archbishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2018

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.



Diocese of Toronto
Anglican Church of Canada

I am joined with the Area Bishops in bringing you greetings and assurance of our prayers as you gather in the annual Vestry Meeting to set parish priorities and budget and choose churchwardens and officers to lead your ministry together. I am so grateful for the commitment and contributions that these people make to the life of the Church and the mission of Christ in the community you serve. Thank you, especially, to those who are finishing their terms of office or moving into different responsibilities. My prayers are offered for those of you who are taking on new ministries today.

Today, as has been the custom for several years, I ask you to consider a Vestry motion advocating for affordable housing and dealing with homelessness. We, as a church, have a long and effective history of providing both temporary and emergency housing, long term housing projects and counselling and support for the under housed. These programs are vital for providing relief on a day-to-day basis for many who do not have access to affordable housing. However, any effort to address the long-term needs underlying this crisis requires more resources than churches and community agencies can provide alone. The church has an advocacy role as well as providing front-line service. The two go together; both make a difference. Whatever you decide to do today, I think it is important that we discuss in our meetings to conduct the “business” of our parishes, the issues that affect the well-being of our whole community.

A key priority in our diocesan strategic plan, *Growing in Christ*, is leadership development and formation. In my Charge to Synod, I asked every parish to participate in at least one intentional formation programme during the year. May I invite you to join me this Lent in *Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*. Resources are available on-line and can be used by individuals and groups. I commend several other programmes – some developed in the Diocese – that will help you to be more intentional and confident in your Christian discipleship. Suggestions will be also available on-line.

I will retire at the end of this year. It has been an incredible honour to have served for some fifteen years as your bishop and over forty years in ordained ministry in this diocese. What a joy it has been to be invited into people's lives at the most profound level – at moments of deep joy or sorrow, at times of vocational discernment, at times of challenging crisis or productive stability. In all this, to witness the faith and compassion and engagement of Anglicans has strengthened my faith, expanded my horizons and confirmed my love of Christ and his Church. This June, Synod will choose a coadjutor bishop who will automatically succeed me on my retirement, becoming the 12th Bishop of Toronto. I posed some questions at Synod for people to consider in preparation for the election:

- From your own experience of bishop(s), what are two qualities you have admired in a bishop?
- What are two critical issues affecting the life and mission of this Diocese today?
- Considering that, what two qualities (maybe the same or different from #1) does the next bishop need to have to lead this Diocese in its mission into the next decade?

Please pray for the members of Synod that they may discern wisely and faithfully for this challenging and complex role of leading the largest and most diverse diocese in North America.

I hope to have the opportunity over this year to thank you for entrusting me with this awesome responsibility.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, starting with a cross symbol and followed by the name "Colin R. Johnson" in a cursive script.

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

January 18, 2018
The Feast of the Confession of St. Peter



Diocese of Toronto
Anglican Church of Canada

Dear friends in York-Scarborough,

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

I recently marked the first anniversary of my consecration as a bishop. In reflecting on the past twelve months, I am reminded of the tremendous privilege of serving as your area bishop. I am pleased to say that I have now visited most of the 58 parishes and missions in York-Scarborough. These visits have included being with you for Sunday morning worship, ordinations, confirmations, celebrations of new ministry, anniversaries, and meetings with parish leadership. Thank you for your warm welcome as I have travelled across the area. I have been grateful for your prayers and good wishes, and your desire to be co-workers together, for the glory of God and the extension of God's reign.

One of the priorities I identified a year ago was getting to know the clergy and people in my episcopal area. I am pleased to say that I have now met with all the active clergy, including our deacons, and many lay leaders as well. I have heard your hopes and concerns, and have tried to offer words of encouragement and guidance in these rapidly changing times. In spite of the challenges around us and within, I see signs of life and growth everywhere I go. There are renewed efforts to engage our neighbours and share the good news of God in Christ. I see clergy and lay people recommitting themselves to study and Christian formation in order to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Anglicans are mobilizing and collaborating with people of other faiths and traditions to feed the hungry and give shelter to the homeless, often doing more with less. These are all signs of the Kingdom of God in our midst. We are also now being guided by our diocesan strategic plan, *Growing in Christ*, which I hope will set the stage for healthy and more dynamic ministries across the area. You may be interested to know that 25% of the parishes in the Diocese of Toronto are growing, and many of them are right here in York-Scarborough.

The past year was a time of change in the York-Scarborough episcopal office. We said farewell to Karen Isaacs, who had briefly served as my Administrative Assistant. Karen left last spring in order to respond to a call to ordained ministry. We then welcomed Sue Willoughby as the new Administrative Assistant, and she has been tremendous. Sue does a great job of managing my calendar and correspondence, and ensuring that I am able to stay on top of 58 very different and dynamic communities. Sue works closely with our exceptionally capable synod office staff, who are always just a phone call or email away!

I want to acknowledge the excellent work of our five Regional Deans: the Reverend Ian LaFleur (Eglinton), the Reverend Greg Carpenter (Scarborough), the Reverend Sherman Hesselgrave (St. James), the Reverend Shelley McVea (Toronto East) and the Reverend Heather Gwynne-Timothy (York Mills). Along with our area liturgical officers – the Reverend Geoffrey Sangwine and the Reverend Greg Carpenter – they are excellent resources for parishes, and provide me with invaluable advice.

Our area is also blessed with many youth ministers, who are ably led by our two York-Scarborough Youth Facilitators, Jillian Ruch and Ian Physick. In the fall of 2017, we made the decision to increase their time in that ministry, and we are already seeing the fruits of that decision. Just a few weeks ago, I attended the York-Scarborough Youth Leaders' Summit, where those involved in this important ministry were able to share ideas and strategies for ministry with our youth.

One of the joys of being a bishop in the Diocese of Toronto is our College of Bishops, with whom the joys and burdens of episcopal ministry are shared. I am grateful to work alongside wonderful colleagues: Archbishop Colin Johnson, Bishop Peter Fenty (York-Simcoe), Bishop Riscylla Walsh-Shaw (Trent Durham), Bishop Jenny Andison (York-Credit Valley), and Canon Mary Conliffe (Diocesan Executive Assistant).

As we look ahead to a new year, we face significant change. Archbishop Colin Johnson has announced his intention to retire at the end of this year. His leadership over the past few decades has left an indelible mark on our Diocese and on the wider Church. He has provided wise, steady and faithful leadership in a time of immense change, and we look forward to opportunities to express our thanks to Archbishop Colin and Ellen in the coming months. On June 9, we will elect a coadjutor bishop, who will become the new diocesan bishop at the beginning of 2019. Please keep this process and the candidates in your prayers.

In the coming months, a number of events will be of interest to the clergy and people of our area. Firstly, I am teaching a Lenten course called Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John, which comes to us from the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Boston, and was recommended by the Archbishop at our recent synod. The clergy of the Church of the Resurrection will join me in leading this study, which runs for five Monday evenings, beginning on February 26. On Saturday, March 3, I invite all of you to a York-Scarborough Visioning Day at St. Andrew, Scarborough, where we will share ideas and develop strategies for mission and growth in York-Scarborough. On April 30 and May 1, I will be gathering the area clergy together for an overnight retreat for the purposes of study and mutual support. We haven't done this in many years, and I look forward to restoring this annual time away.

Finally, I want to express my thanks to all of you, and especially those who exercise leadership in your own parishes. 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 Confession of St. Peter. As our Church celebrates Peter's claim that Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the Living God" (Matthew 16:16), may we have boldness in our own proclamation, so that others may come to the knowledge and love of God in Christ.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Robertson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

The Right Reverend Kevin Robertson
Area Bishop of York Scarborough
Bishop Suffragan of Toronto

Interim Priest-in-Charge – 2017

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” Mark 8:34

I am writing to you, as I reflect on the gospel reading for today, Vestry Sunday. It is the passage from Mark 8:31–38, in which Jesus summarises what it means to be his disciple, and what could be expected of us as we endeavour to follow Christ.

I am thinking about the significance of Jesus’ message to his disciples, and how relevant it is for Christians today, and certainly for the people of St. George on Yonge.

On Vestry Sunday we meet to look at what God has accomplished through the faithful ministry here at St. George on Yonge; and we plan for the future as we present our priorities for Christian service, which we will place before God in prayer.

And in all of this, I am thinking about the faithfulness of God’s people in the parish, our desire to serve Christ, and our yearning to be a beacon of hope to those around us.

Some Highlights from 2017

This past year the parish continued under Diocesan administration; and at the end of May, we bid adieu to Canon Mark Kinghan who is now Priest-in-Charge at St. Paul, Uxbridge. The parish appreciates Mark’s faithful service, and wish him, Beth, and family a fruitful ministry as he continues to serve elsewhere in the Diocese of Toronto.

Finances: With many challenges and opportunities, the persistent issue of finances remained a high priority; and the parish leadership explored ways to bring about financial stability. By now, you might be aware that the parish finances are healthier; thanks to all who worked diligently to achieve this goal.

Priorities: Three areas of emphasis were placed before the parish. The ministry of the whole people of God, to encourage everyone’s contribution to the work of the church; Nurturing intentional discipleship including a rhythm of Christian life and service, and a welcoming environment; Promoting growth in our spiritual life, increasing our parish membership; and Enhancing our presence in the community. These areas of emphasis remain foundational; and we continue to place them before God as the parish examines the areas of focus for 2018 and beyond.

Summer Conversations: Over the summer, parishioners discussed the areas of emphasis and shared ideas for improving worship and parish life at St. George on Yonge. Thanks to all who hosted these conversations, and to those who attended and shared ideas. Your suggestions have been acted upon where feasible.

Spiritual and Faith Formation: Spiritual growth was considered to be a high priority for the year. The Christian acknowledges that it is not enough to show up, so we must be formed and sent.

In the Fall, the parish held a six-week Christian Education series to encourage healthy spiritual habits. “God at the Centre: Habits for Spiritual Growth” attracted a good turnout, and received a favourable response from those who attended.

“For, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.” I Timothy 4:8 NRSV

Looking Ahead:

As we anticipate the end of Diocesan administration, St. George on Yonge will soon be returning to parish governance and stewardship with churchwardens, a parish advisory board, church officers, and volunteers. Our finances are healthier, with a proposed balanced budget in 2018.

In our transition planning from Diocesan Administration, we might consider an operational review to identify best practices, and the possible reallocation of resources to achieve further efficiencies; and it is clear that there is a need to explore how we could be more deliberate in our succession planning. The parish is exploring the possibility of raising up deacons. With the support of our Area Bishop, and the coordinator of Deacons, the parish is currently considering whether it needs and wishes to support deacons.

In our community outreach, we are exploring options to stabilise funding for the food voucher programme; potentially through a financial partnership with the York-Scarborough Episcopal Area, or other Diocesan sources; and we will be examining how the parish is engaging with the community, and what more can be accomplished.

As we continue to answer God’s call to share the Gospel, it is generally accepted that there is room for St. George on Yonge to grow. So as we grow to reach our full potential as a parish, it is imperative for us to consider a marketing plan to reach those around us; and explore ways of extending our invitation and welcome to others including our youth and young families.

Our appreciation to the Diocesan Administration team under the leadership of Michael Farrell supported by Lance Wilson, Marilyn Yeung, Anne Wynter, and Laura Pummell; and to the staff and volunteers, for your commitment to our shared ministry at St. George on Yonge.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, it has been a special privilege to serve with you in 2017; and may God’s work yield much fruit, and may our lives be enriched as we continue to walk with our Saviour in 2018 and beyond. Thanks be to God.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Leonard Leader

Diocesan Administrator – 2017

The Diocesan Administrator's Vestry Report is essentially a "year in review." Michael Farrell our previous administrator worked tirelessly in the past year and much of the achievements and successes of this parish has been directly linked to the effort that he has made. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the management team: Marilyn Yeung, Anne Wynter, Laura Pummell, and Max Wynter; also, more recently Kien Siu. We have been working in "lockstep" with Fr. Leonard to ensure a smooth transition back to regular parish life.

We have discussed existing and future programming, such as the Mandarin Ministry, Outreach and Marketing, and "Missional Church." In addition; we have been looking at new ways of increasing revenue streams.

We have had extraordinary results and successes, and here are just a few examples:

- We now have a balanced budget and have delivered a financial "turn around" as requested by our area bishop.
- We welcomed the Rev Leonard Leader as the new Interim Priest-in-Charge
- The Daycare license has been extended to May 2022. Incremental annual fee increases from 2018 to 2022 are in place. As well, a church loan to the Daycare originating from its inception is being repaid from July 2017 to May 2022.
- We have secured funding from the Diocese in the form of a grant for the Mandarin Ministry, which will carry into 2018. We also received an additional grant from the Diocese for operation for 2018.
- We have finalised the renewal license agreement for the Korean Congregation.
- We have secured a 0% loan from the Diocese for \$60,000 to help us with our financial situation. We were very financially challenged. Anne Wynter reviewed these challenges at 2017 Vestry.
- We are developing a marketing process and implementation strategy to enhance our growth as a Missional Church, thereby attracting folks in the local community. You will see this reflected in the 2018 budget.
- The weekly bible study/prayer group has been reactivated
- We have been working diligently to secure new revenue streams while being very mindful not to compromise the charitable status of SGY

As we move forward, and the parish comes from under administration, we are confident that your new Corporation will carry the "beacon of change." It has been an honour and a privilege to serve the parish of St. George on Yonge.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lance Wilson, ODT
Diocesan Administrator

Record of Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals For 2017

Baptisms	Confirmations	Marriages	Funerals
Alexis Baguyos Chloe Sims	none	none	Lucille Colson Irene Cunniam Michael Leader James McVicar Marilyn McVicar Daniel Pulbrook * Alwyn Richards Maureen Savage * Mildred Tuckett * St. George Parishioner

We also give thanks for the life, faith, and witness of Charles Wright, a parishioner of St. George on Yonge, and Lucy Browning, Gladden Daley, and Gerald Sturgess, former parishioners of St. George on Yonge. These names are not recorded in our Burial Register as our clergy did not officiate at the services.

Statistics 2013 – 2017

Average Attendance

Year	8:00 a.m.	Average	Mandarin Fellowship	Average	10:30 a.m.	Average	Total	Average
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
2017	559	11	696	13‡	3,298	63	4,553	88

* 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

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Marriages	2	1	0	2	0
Funerals	13	16	17	16	9
Baptisms					
Children	6	5	4	1	2
Adults	2	0	2	4	0
Private Communions	61	30	16	7	8
Confirmations	5	0	0	0	0

Music Director – 2017

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 was wonderful to work with The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan for the first part of this past year. Mark and I met regularly and consulted closely on the usage and place of music in our liturgy. Although Mark left St. George's mid-year, to take up a new posting at St. Paul's, Uxbridge, we, the Parish of St. George on Yonge, continue with our attempts to raise the profile of music in this place, 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, which 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 continue to explore the concepts of "alternative" in terms of liturgical style. 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 been a joy to work with The Rev. Leonard Leader, this past year – firstly, in continuation of his position as Assistant Curate, but latterly in his position as Priest-in-Charge. We have frequent, interesting, and far-ranging conversations and discussions, talks about the place of music in our corporate worship. Our mutual shared love of poetry found an outlet in the "Poetry Café," which is currently on hiatus.

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

I would also like to mention Chinonyerem Ukabiala – a young man from Abuja, Nigeria. Chinon is a student at York University, and is learning to play the piano. He likes to play hymns, and occasionally plays one of the communion hymns. I am thankful for his dedication, and that I am able to offer him this opportunity.

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 – 2017

I am honoured and privileged to summarise the work of the Mandarin Ministry in 2017. Time flies, and we have now been at St. George on Yonge for 3 years. We have had lots of laughs and tears; through it all, we still believe that we are cared for and loved by God. His blessing hand has been guiding us, so that we may become His testimony.

In the past 3 years, the Mandarin Ministry has grown into a very healthy ministry and a ministry full of blessings. All of the co-workers that have been involved in serving can deeply feel God's faithfulness and grace. From the one to one or two Bible study, we have used the Sanctuary for our Sunday Service since the September 30, 2017. We can clearly see God's guidance in every and each step. Currently, our Sunday Service attendance is over 20.

We believe that traditional Christian liturgy is our Anglican treasure. We continued our Basic Catechism Course, consisting of 25 lessons to explain the liturgy to understand the significance of the theology and the faith. It is true that the Catechism is the core of our ministry, for we believe that people shall build their lives on the Words of God, and only growing from this foundation, our lives can be more abundant. Therefore, Christian Education is one of the most emphasised parts in the Mandarin Ministry.

We continue to use the BCP Morning Prayer liturgy for our Mandarin service. We also continued to offer a Lenten Retreat, which received great feedback from our Mandarin people. At the same time, we continue our weekly Thursday Bible Study, building our brethren and sisters' lives on the Word of God.

Starting from 2017, our monthly Taizé service changed to first week. Every first Thursday of the month, at 7:00 p.m., we have a bilingual Taizé Service. With many candles and peaceful light and singing, English is interwoven with Chinese, echoing each other from a distance, offering our cordial prayer. Every Taizé is a very serene moment, of which people can temporarily retreat from the noisy world into our beautiful Sanctuary, meeting God in person.

There have been many people who have gained the benefit from our weekly Tuesday ESL class in our immediate community. They could be new immigrants, or have been living near for a long time and yet still not understanding the local culture and language. At the peak time, there are almost 100 people coming for the Mandarin ESL class. We also received Diocesan support through a Reach Grant to this outreach ministry, which we successfully applied to purchasing a humongous white board for the purpose of teaching. Many people have become good friends while enjoying their study time here. Even the local police from District 32 used the ESL to promote safety awareness training. Through their study at ESL, people are drawn to the Bible, and some of them come to the Proverbs Class on Thursday morning. They have a taste of faith through the Thursday morning Proverbs Class.

During Holy Week, we organised “Stations of Cross” in Mandarin. We invited our people to attend a series of Holy Week services – Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and the Resurrection Sunday. On Easter Sunday, we held a Resurrection Taizé Prayer Meeting with testimony, where we shared our own spiritual experiences of meeting the Lord. Upon hearing each other’s stories, we are encouraged to walk ahead with hope upon our own spiritual journey. We also invited people to come for Christmas Eve, Christmas Service, etc.

We also encourage Mandarin parishioners to become actively involved in the English events, whether in the concert or the Bazaar, multiple Chinese parishioners are seen. Furthermore, almost every month, we have a themed event, such as Thanksgiving, Double 11, Christmas, and the Chinese New Year. Through these activities and events, more youth are drawn to our faith, and guided by the faith, so that their individual life can be established more abundantly.

In our immediate community, there have been more and more Mandarin people pouring in. God has brought such a people into us; hence, St. George on Yonge has become a good soil for the Mandarin Ministry. All of our core co-workers have put their focus on St. George on Yonge as well, and it has become our vision.

We offer our thanks to each and every St. George parishioner’s support and help. We believe in one St. George on Yonge family concept, and we trust that our church can see God’s blessing more and more clearly, and we can experience God’s abundant grace together.

Respectfully Submitted,
Morning Wang

Envelope Secretary's Weekly Giving Report – 2017

St. George's has 86 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 36 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 initiative. 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	11 (10)	1.00 (1.04)
\$2.00 – \$3.99	10 (6)	3.22 (2.97)
\$4.00 – \$5.99	8 (5)	5.05 (5.42)
\$6.00 – \$9.99	7 (7)	7.66 (7.46)
\$10.00 – \$19.99	16 (13)	14.66 (15.41)
\$20.00 – \$29.99	15 (13)	24.03 (23.25)
\$30.00 – \$39.99	2 (5)	35.21 (33.20)
\$40.00 – \$49.99	1 (4)	47.88 (45.09)
\$50.00 +	16 (16)	88.38 (82.35)
	86 (79)	26.38 (28.79)

Numbers in brackets are last year's figures.

Property – 2017

1) Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)

In general, the regularly scheduled service and maintenance from Johnson Controls keeps the HVAC systems running reliably. One of our two boilers required parts replacement this year and we are going to schedule repairs for the rooftop cooling units in the spring for a torn fan blade and a failed fan motor. At the time of writing, Johnson Controls is also actively working on repairing the main rooftop unit that supplies heat to the Sanctuary space.

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 2017.

3) Elevator

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, the remedial repairs from this inspection are scheduled to be completed by the end of February. The yearly inspection of the carbon monoxide detectors in the garage is also expected to be completed by the end of March.

5) Landscape and grounds

A big thank-you to John and Laura Pommel and Edukids for arranging the removal of the large tree that was situated at the very northeast corner of our property. The tree survived the rebuild of the church only to succumb to a bug infestation in the last couple of years. The falling branches posed a risk to the children on the playground and, therefore, had to be removed.

6) Garage Door

The garage door has required two repairs this year: one minor fix in the spring when one of the lift cables broke, and one major fix in the fall when the main drive motor failed and had to be replaced.

7) Other Building repairs

As discussed in last year's report the following two problems have been resolved with Buttcon's assistance:

- Broken window (staircase from Narthex down to lower level)
- Cracking and shifting of the stairs/landing at the Yonge Street entrance

The issue with the water penetration/damage in the skylight above the sacristy is still to be investigated/repaired this year.

8) Thanks

Finally, just a quick thanks to the Edukids daycare staff who are always quick to assist in helping get building issues resolved.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce my plan to make 2018 my last year as property warden. I hope to work with church executive to transition my property duties over the year to make for a smooth transfer of responsibilities in 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,
Egan Done

Joyful Giving (Stewardship) – 2017

In 2015 St. George on Yonge began a new programme, under Mark's leadership, 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 the majority of the year under Diocese Administration, who would have taken over this financial activity from parish individuals as part of their mandate of management of the parish. It would appear that they chose not to run a campaign in 2017 of encouraging further support and involvement for the congregation as no such activity occurred.

In late fall, when it became apparent that the Administrators were not going to run a Joyful Giving campaign we attempted to reform the previous team and do it on our own. However, none of the original members of the team were able to take part this year.

Congregational involvement, both physically and financially, has been very important in the year past as attendance has substantially declined, and we are not seeing people attend as often as they had previously. In order to aid the new leadership team we have asked Craig to forward information and forms related to financial support of your church. We hope that you will take a few minutes to carefully consider what gifts or talents that you can share in this coming year.

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 to be an ongoing process, not something we do every 5 years or so. Many thanks to everyone who accepted the challenge made last year in this process and who increased their support for ministry here at St. George on Yonge.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Heyes

Counters – 2017

I would like to thank all of the counters for their hard work and dedication to this important ministry. It is my hope that we can add even more members to the counting teams in the coming months.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Snider

Yonge-Churchill Community Centre Inc. (YCCCI) – 2017

YCCCI is a separate non-profit corporation created by St. George on Yonge. 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 daycare revenue minus management fees, employees expenses, cleaning, and other normal operating expenses come back to St. George on Yonge.

The centre offers all-day childcare for infants, toddlers, and children to school age as well as before- and after-school care for students. 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 telephone number is (416) 221-4747.

In 2017 licenses between St. George on Yonge and YCCCI and between YCCCI and EduKids negotiated and renewed for another 5-year term. This renewed agreement will see a 2.5% increase in the monthly payments each year plus an annual contribution (where feasible) made in December. This source of income continues to be a substantial portion of the church's annual revenue.

In 2017, YCCCI's monthly payments to St. George on Yonge amounted to \$216,000 plus an additional \$10,000 contribution received in December. EduKids also made payments of \$10,000 towards an outstanding advance for initial set-up costs before the Province granted the original daycare license. The daycare also paid for the removal of a dead tree in the side yard. Again in 2017, the daycare assisted in donating food for the Pancake Supper event.

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). The Board has regular meetings with staff of EduKids and ex-officio parish representatives of the incumbent and churchwardens.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Pummell

Responsible Ministry – 2017

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 2017, 4 people attended the policy workshop and 7 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 on your income tax receipt. The parish paid \$117.52 for criminal records checks in 2017. 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. Leonard Leader and Craig Gustafson

Altar Guild – 2017

It has been a challenging year for the Altar Guild attempting to fill the very big void left by the tragic loss of Angela Goodwill. We have carried on thanks to new members coming on board, ladies of exceptional talent and enthusiasm. We meet a few times a year to clean thoroughly all areas, including the brass and silver. Anna does an amazing job with flowers and decorations, working on a very tight budget. We welcome new members, including men, who would like to join the Altar Guild.

We would like to conclude by saying how much we appreciate the help and encouragement given to us by Doug Heyes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Roshni Sircar and Anna Siu

Wednesday Morning Group – 2017

In 2017, the Wednesday Morning Group enjoyed another year of interesting weekly meetings. Whether we chatted about health and family over coffee, tea, and cookies, or enjoyed stimulating travelogues, Wednesdays have been a great time for fellowship. We are very thankful for our church friends who took time out to visit us. Geraldine Sperling gave us a show of South America, including Machu Picchu. Craig Robertson took us on a virtual tour of southeast Asia, Thailand, and Vietnam. Sangeeta Randive spoke about Christian life in India and treated us to some tasty Indian food. We can't wait to see what 2018 will bring!

We always have fun when we make palm crosses for Palm Sunday services, create cards for homebound parishioners, and interact with visitors from Delmanor Senior Community.

We take turns bringing refreshments and are grateful to Craig Gustafson for making the coffee each week. From the 2017 refreshment donation offerings we regularly contribute, we were very pleased to present Rev. Leonard with \$511 for the Rector's Discretionary Fund.

Our new session begins on February 7, 2018. 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, have 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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Beecham

Coffee Hour – 2017

The Coffee Hour team continued to provide refreshments after the 10:30 service each week. During the warm weather months we enjoy Lemonade on the Lawn or in the Narthex. In the colder months we are now back to having our coffee in the Parish Hall. We find that many people enjoy the time of fellowship, being able to have their treats and talk with one another at tables.

With input from the Parish Life Committee, the coffee hour team hosted some special day and event coffee hours. We celebrated Mark's and Geoff's ministries at the church with lunches, and celebrated special days such as St. George's Day, Canada Day, and others. Many members of the coffee hour team also helped at special events throughout the year.

We welcomed back Colette Lyttle to the team. A job description for Coffee Host is now available for anyone thinking of joining us. We welcome new members.

Thanks to Jackie Coxworthy, Nancy and Michael Dodsworth, Jean and Sherwin Ferdinands, Collene Happi, Olga Joloud, Colette Lyttle, Aili Maki and children, Laura and John Pummell, Sangeeta Randive, Anna Siu, Laura Snider, and Lorraine Baillie for their faithful service this year. Thank you also to parishioners who have contributed to help pay the costs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Baillie

Pub Knights – 2017

We have undergone a change in membership this year with the loss of Mark and his family from our outings, but have had a few new faces when we meet each month again this year. For those that may wonder what it is that we do, and 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 an example, at our January 2018 meeting we spent some time talking about what each of us would do and where the church's energy would be guided if we were to replace Colin Johnson as Bishop of Toronto. We encourage each of those at this Vestry to think about what they would do in such a case. We also celebrated the 95th birthday of one of our participants with a cake and singing of Happy Birthday. 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

Music Knights – 2017

We have had several successful concerts given by the Korean Canadian Chamber Presents group. It was disappointing that the concert entitled “Music For the Soul” had to be cancelled due to an injury to the violinist. Arrangements are being made to reschedule that concert for the Fall. Also, a group of steel band musicians has approached us with a view to perform at St. George and we are hoping that a mutually acceptable date can be arranged. We continue efforts to work with a classical group to perform a series of concerts under the banner of “Music at St. George on Yonge.”

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan Sperling and Chris Hayward

Don Valley Refugee Resettlers (DVRR) – 2017

The DVRR wrapped up our financial assistance for the Al Damook family in 2017, but continued with emotional and integration support.

The Al Damooks arrived in January 2016, as part of the Syrian refugee crisis. This family of seven left Aleppo Syria six years ago and fled to Lebanon. Mom, Dad, and the three youngest sons came to Canada under the Canadian refugee programme with the support of the DVRR. Ramadan, the father, has been working at Tabouli, in the Bayview Village mall, for close to a year now. The boys have had challenges in school. Having been refugees in Syria during the most important learning years, they did not have much experience with a structured education system prior to their arrival. Their limited English has made the school experience very challenging, especially for the older boys. They have been able to find jobs, however, and are working part-time. There have been many medical and dental appointments and expenses with which the DVRR has assisted the family. DVRR’s assistance has extended far beyond our legal requirements and the family has shown appreciation for this assistance.

DVRR is now working with the Anglican United Refugee Alliance (AURA) to sponsor the family’s 22-year-old daughter and her husband and reunite one more member of this family, which has meant numerous hours of filling out forms and paperwork. We were blessed with the assistance of a young interpreter who helped to translate answers to be input into long detailed reports. Due to the time difference between Toronto and Lebanon, much of this work was done at odd hours. We are very thankful for this help. Great progress has been made and we are anticipating news from the Canadian government soon regarding the next steps. AURA has also asked DVRR to consider sponsoring another family, along with St. John, York Mills who would provide financial support. DVRR’s biggest challenge is having the volunteers necessary to support sponsored families, and we welcome any volunteers from St. George on Yonge who would like to contribute their time to this very fulfilling ministry.

In 2017 St. George on Yong contributed \$1,000 to DVRR. \$500 of this amount was from a private donation by one of our members. The money raised goes to rent, food, clothing, dental care, medicine, and transit. For more information and to learn about our fundraising efforts, visit our website at **www.DV-RR.com**

Respectfully Submitted,
Max Wynter, Chip Barkel, and Aili Maki

Synod of the Diocese of Toronto – 2017

Synod began with a beautiful Communion Service, 700 Anglicans worshipping together, led by the Archbishop, in song, dance, and prayer.

The Archbishop then presented his Charge to Synod. He began with a tribute to John Strachan – the 1st Bishop of Toronto who died 150 years ago. Noted that Bishop Strachan was the first and only Bishop of Toronto to be appointed (by HRM Queen Victoria) and not elected. Noted Bishop Strachan’s work in Leadership and church formation, Acquiring property and resources for ministry, and Developing a culture of trust.

Archbishop Johnson then tied Strachan’s work into the Diocese’s new strategic plan called “Growing in Christ.”

Growing in Christ – The strategic plan of the Diocese of Toronto

Archbishop Johnson noted the features of the strategic plan, which will be guiding the Diocese for the next few years. These features include:

Our vision: An Anglican community committed to proclaiming and embodying Jesus Christ through compassionate service, intelligent faith, and Godly worship.

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

Strategic plan:

Leadership and formation: a renewed catechetical process, the forming of disciples who are formed and being formed in their faith. To this end he asked us all to participate in a Diocesan-wide Lenten reflection titled “Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John.”

The Archbishop then invited us to take advantage of funds available under “Our Faith, Our Hope” to develop leadership and growth and our capacity in apologetics: to give a cogent reason for the hope that lies within each of us.

Governance: A review of how the Diocese is governed, including a review of the size of Synod (the largest in Canada and one of the largest in the world) and issued an invitation to each parish to review its own system of governance.

“The rethink is not a rearrangement of deck chairs, but putting our structures at the service of our core mission –to be flexible and urgent in our response to the mission of Christ in our communities.”

Innovation based on evidence: Evidence-based innovation is about making decisions based on good data that marry the hunches we have with facts, so that our interpretations and decisions are based in reality, not just wishful thinking. Complacency is not sustainable.

Stewardship: Stewardship is not only about money, but people. We need to identify and call our potential leaders from all the cultures and traditions with which we have been blessed in our Diocese.

He noted that a major opportunity for us is the gift (and the burden) of our property – 1.5 billion dollars’ worth of it; exploring new ways to manage these resources wisely and consistently, and seeking new ways to leverage these for the long-term benefit of the mission of our Church.

Culture and Trust: “We live in a polarizing world: distrust of the ‘other,’ however the other is defined; a society that has tolerated bullies and abuse, that has normalized highly charged discourse that publicly divides and mocks and diminishes opponents. It is often cloaked in a false tolerance in the name of free speech or expression of personal opinion. It is a worldview that has infiltrated the way we in the Church speak and act. It is wrong! It is not healthy debate. It is contrary to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is contrary to the vows we make in baptism to respect the dignity of other. It destroys communion.”

In the alternative, we are called in scripture to “Build all up with love.”

“Let us build a stronger culture of trust, for it is an essential component of Christian discipleship”

Part of this culture of trust is our process of consultations as we consider amending the marriage canon to permit formally same-sex marriages in the Church.

The Archbishop then announced his retirement at the end of 2018 and asked Synod to elect a Coadjutor Bishop at a special Synod to be held in June of 2018. This was put to the vote later on in the day and was approved by the synod.

Archbishop’s appointments

The Rev. Canon Byron Gilmore, Christ Church, Brampton

The Rev. Canon Christopher (Kit) Greaves, Christ Memorial, Oshawa

The Rev. Canon Gary van der Meer, St. Anne, Gladstone Ave., Toronto

Deacon Canon Jacqueline Boutheon, Christ Church, Scarborough

The Rev. Canon Joan Cavanagh-Clark, Parish of Kinmount, Minden and Maple Lake

The Rev. Canon Joanne Davies, chaplain at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre and St. John Rehabilitation Hospital, Toronto

The Rev. Canon Philip Der, St. Christopher, Richmond Hill

Canon Mary Conliffe, Diocesan Executive Assistant to the Archbishop

The Ven. Kyn Barker, coordinator of Deacons, Archdeacon of Toronto

Other Decisions made by Synod

- Received and accepted the report on the progress made in the strategic plan
- Received and accepted the report of the Diocesan Council to Synod
- Received and accepted the financial reports for 2016
- Received and accepted the financial budgets for 2018 and 2019
- For 2018 – income \$7,940,000 Expenditure - \$7,918,000 Surplus - \$22,000 For details of these please ask the church office
- Received and accepted the parish assessment rates for 2018 and 2019 (unchanged from 2017 rate of 24.7%)

Changes to the canons of the church

On dealing with late-comers to synod

- Not easier for persons to arrive at Synod late and still be able to vote

On the constitution of the Parish Selection Committee

- At least one churchwarden must be on the committee

On the time for deposit of offerings received

- Must be counted and deposited within 48 hours

Finally

Representatives to synod are elected annually for a maximum of 3 consecutive years. Margie Lyttle and Max Wynter will have served for three years and at Vestry we must elect new representatives.

Two synods are planned for 2018. One is June to elect a Coadjutor Bishop and another special synod to take care of business that could not be covered this year.

It has been our honour and a real privilege to serve St. George in this way.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margie Lyttle and Max Wynter

Parish Life Committee– 2017

The Parish Life Committee was re-established this year under the direction of Kathy Baillie. She was happy to welcome a team of people including: Eleanor Gilbert, Collene Happi, Aili Maki, Laura Pummell, and Lorraine Baillie. The committee met to discuss possible events and a survey was designed to find out which events would be popular and have people willing to organise them.

Coffee Hour was an important part of the Parish Life events (see separate report on page 25). The Pancake Supper and Church Picnic were successful. Thanks to the Daycare for providing much of the food for the supper. In the fall, the committee provided the leadership for Cheers, Cheese, and Chatter; as well as supporting the work of the Bazaar Committee. A New Year's Eve Party was good fun for a small but enthusiastic group of people.

Many thanks to Collene for making a large number of tablecloths (white and red & white checked) for us to use at parish events. Thank you also to those parishioners who donated money to purchase dishes. We now have cups, dinner plates, and dessert plates for 100, as well as a cart for storage.

The committee is planning to meet to go over the survey results again. Other ideas and new members are always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy and Lorraine Baillie

JMM

J. Michael Mulholland

Chartered Professional Accountant

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, 2016, and the statements of changes in net assets and operations for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

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. I conducted my audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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 organization's preparation and fair presentation 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 organization's internal control. 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.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT, continued

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

Basis for Qualified Opinion

St. George on Yonge derives a material amount of revenue from donations. I was not able to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence about the completeness of the reported amounts for donation revenue, revenue in excess of expenditure and changes to net assets because there is no direct relationship between assets or services given up in exchange for amounts received or receivable. Consequently, I was unable to determine whether any adjustments to these amounts were necessary.

Qualified Opinion

Except as noted in the above paragraph, in my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at December 31, 2016 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL
ACCOUNTANT
LICENSED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Richmond Hill, Canada
May 10, 2017

ST. GEORGE ON YONGE
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
Year ended December 31, 2016

	2016		
	Total	Operating fund	Restricted fund
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 8,447,492	\$ (125,850)	\$ 8,573,342
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	<u>(242,050)</u>	<u>(69,593)</u>	<u>(172,457)</u>
Balance - end of year	<u>\$ 8,205,442</u>	<u>\$ (195,443)</u>	<u>\$ 8,400,885</u>

	2015		
	Total	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 8,780,604	\$ (25,450)	\$ 8,806,054
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	<u>(333,112)</u>	<u>(100,400)</u>	<u>(232,712)</u>
Balance - end of year	<u>\$ 8,447,492</u>	<u>\$ (125,850)</u>	<u>\$ 8,573,342</u>

ST. GEORGE ON YONGE
Statement of Operations
Year ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
Revenues		
Membership giving - operations	\$ 266,952	\$ 210,392
Fee for licensed use of space	56,581	52,261
Investment income	31,924	28,400
Faithworks	7,179	7,349
Miscellaneous	6,920	6,800
Membership givings - capital	6,030	3,170
Fundraising	2,604	666
Committee revenue	378	4,685
	<u>378,568</u>	<u>313,723</u>
Expenses		
Occupancy and property costs – Church	142,907	139,521
Personnel - services	172,911	148,401
Personnel - administrative	105,397	104,126
Personnel - maintenance	36,357	33,906
Mortgage interest	59,723	58,971
Capital and redevelopment	34,212	17,906
Finance and administration	12,146	20,126
Professional fees	11,807	8,351
Programming and service	7,007	9,246
External Ministry	6,374	5,495
Worship supplies	4,286	3,706
	<u>593,127</u>	<u>549,755</u>
Reimbursement of expenses by licensee	<u>(203,000)</u>	<u>(178,000)</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenses before undernoted items	(11,559)	(58,032)
Amortization	(269,687)	(269,687)
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments - adjustment to fair market value	<u>39,196</u>	<u>(5,393)</u>
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	<u>\$ (242,050)</u>	<u>\$ (333,112)</u>

ST. GEORGE ON YONGE

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN RESTRICTED NET FUND BALANCES
ADMINISTERED BY THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Faithworks	Capital and Redevelopment	New Rectory Fund	Outreach Fund	Other Funds	Total
Opening balance	\$ (918)	\$ 7,753,719	\$ 814,392	\$ 6,049	\$ 100	\$ 8,573,342
Revenue during the year	479	13,874	28,755	100	-	43,208
Expenditures during the year	-	(254,687)	-	(174)	-	(254,861)
Adjustment to market	-	-	39,196	-	-	39,196
Fund transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-
Closing Balance	\$ (439)	\$ 7,512,906	\$ 882,343	\$ 5,975	\$ 100	\$ 8,400,885

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

Treasurer's Report – 2017 & 2018

Looking back at 2017

A look at unaudited 2017 actuals vs. the budget:

- Internal Support was 3% below budget
- Seasonal Offerings was below budget by approximately 10%
- Total Fundraising was below budget by 43%
- Total income was below budget by 5.7%
- External Ministry expenses which mainly consist of Diocesan Allotment was re-assessed and led to a 38% reduction
- Rector and Curate salaries were 20% below budget – \$27,304 – due to the Curate remaining on staff after May 31 and the Priest-in-Charge leaving May 31
- Payroll expenses were \$12,364 below budget due to changes in employee contracts
- Church Building Expenses including maintenance were just slightly over budget
- Total Expenses were approximately 18% below budget
- Net income difference between actual and the budget is better by \$45,600

Looking forward to 2018

Summary:

For the first time in some years the financial projections are for a “break even” situation with income expected to match expenditure at the end of 2018. This compares favourably with an unaudited cash shortfall of \$62,959.94 in 2017 and \$45,977.87 in 2016. This improvement is primarily due to the following factors.

- Anticipated revenue of \$28,000 from the rental of parking spots to the developers of the condo building on property adjacent to the church. This agreement has already been signed and the licensee is expected to begin using the parking spaces in February 2018
- A significant reduction in the Diocesan allotment which has been applied to 2017 and 2018
- A reduction of \$45,000 in the amount paid to Clergy
- A reduction in the cost of the Mandarin Ministry (approximately \$17,000) as we expect that any costs beyond May will be fully funded by the New Hope ministry
- An increase in the licence fees paid by the daycare and a reduction of the debt of \$100,000 owed by the daycare to the church

As a result of these changes, the church leadership will have resources to explore new ways of Ministry and reaching out to the community around the church. The budget for these items includes:

- a. An increase in parish outreach activity projected to cost \$6,500
- b. Enhancement of the music ministry by hiring professional voices to compliment the volunteer voices now in the choir – \$13,000
- c. A Saturday evening evensong service with music and messages for youth and young families – \$4,800 plus \$13,000 for music
- d. A new marketing programme inviting our surrounding community to worship with us – \$6,900

Details

A detailed examination of the budget shows the following significant changes:

Income

- Total Internal Support – 5% increase due mainly to projected increase in offering line
- Seasonal Offering – 29% (\$2,500) increase projected
- External Support – Parking – A licence agreement with Diamante for 18 parking spaces (\$27,700)
- Total income is projected to increase by 18.5% from \$254,000 to \$301,000 – without the income from the parking licences this increase would be a modest 7.6%

Expenses

- External Ministry– Diocesan allotment – Originally projected at \$45,000 after a re-assessment this is now only \$19,000
- Rector and Curate – Reduction in clergy results in decreased costs
- Worship Expenses – Music – It is proposed that the church’s music ministry be enhanced with professional voices complimenting the existing voices in the church choir as well as hiring a band to play at a new Saturday evening weekly service
- Church programmes – in keeping with the leadership’s desire to increase the ministry to youth and young families in the area, it is proposed that a Saturday evening service with contemporary music, possibly with a band be held, initial funding for this service is \$4,800
- Other Administration – Marketing – It is proposed that funds be spent marketing to the condominiums surrounding the church and \$6,900 has been budgeted
- Payroll Expenses – we expect that, if the Mandarin Ministry continues after June 1, it will be fully funded by the New Hope ministry, which will reduce the payroll expenses by approximately \$20,000

Total expenses are expected to be reduced from \$283,287 to \$262,652, a reduction of 8% and the operating loss for the year is expected to be zero dollars.

The critical financial challenge we face at St. George on Yonge continues to be generating sufficient revenue to meet the annual obligations of our operating fund and to fund ongoing capital requirements. While we have made tremendous financial progress in recent years, aggregate annual expenditures (operating plus capital) remain higher than total revenue. The shortfall continues to be covered by cash reserves; however, this is not sustainable over the long-term. It is imperative that annual revenue continue to increase so that we can close this gap. Since there is little room for growth in revenue from property, the increase must come from higher stewardship giving.

2017 is my fourth and final year as your treasurer, and it has been an honour and a privilege to serve. I am particularly appreciative of the help and support I received from all members of SGY with whom I worked as well as the dedicated members of the St George on Yonge staff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Wynter
Treasurer

SGY – Unaudited Financials
Profit & Loss/Budget 2017 – 2018

	2017 Budget	Jan - Dec 17	Budget 2018
Ordinary Income/Expense		*Unaudited	
Income			
4001 · INTERNAL SUPPORT			
4002 · Offering	47,789.53	44,821.80	46,805.00
4020 · Open Offering-Receipted	2,086.35	2,722.00	3,450.00
4030 · Open Offer'g-Non Receipted	4,875.32	8,109.25	9,300.00
4040 · Pre-Authorized Giving	77,408.31	74,122.20	77,000.00
4050 · Flowers & Decorations	2,383.50	1,100.00	1,200.00
4052 · Church School	210.00	-	200.00
Total 4001 · INTERNAL SUPPORT	134,753.01	130,875.25	137,955.00
4060 · SEASONAL OFFERING			
4062 · Lent & Easter Offering	1,500.00	3,053.00	3,630.00
4064 · Thanksgiving Offering	2,000.00	1,540.00	2,500.00
4066 · Christmas Offering	6,500.00	4,393.00	5,500.00
Total 4060 · SEASONAL OFFERING	10,000.00	8,986.00	11,630.00
4080 · Rector's Discretionary	10,000.00	4,742.00	5,400.00
4100 · NON OFFERING			
4110 · Bequests & Memorials	500.00	1,542.00	5,000.00
4120 · Specific Purpose-Special	3,000.00	1,370.00	1,500.00
Total 4100 · NON OFFERING	3,500.00	2,912.00	6,500.00
4130 · Capital Fund Contribution	-	8,050.00	8,500.00
4200 · SPECIAL FUND RAISING	2,950.00	190.25	245.00
4250 · CHURCH GROUPS	4,300.00	3,947.90	4,650.00
4290 · Faithworks Contributions	750.00	442.35	500.00
4300 · EXTERNAL SUPPORT	40,556.00	38,444.50	67,222.60
4400 · NON-LICENSED	7,150.00	8,296.50	9,300.00
4500 · MISCELLANEOUS	11,325.02	9,666.66	11,150.00
4600 · OTHER INCOME	43,000.00	37,303.66	37,450.04
4900 · TRANSFERS FROM FUNDS	120.00	-	-
Total Income	268,404.03	253,857.07	300,502.64
Gross Profit	268,404.03	253,857.07	300,502.64
Expense			
5000 · EXPENSES	-	-	-
5020 · EXTERNAL MINISTRY	38,203.00	23,818.24	26,684.49
5101 · RECTOR	110,282.72	45,330.50	66,678.15
5180 · CURATE	27,199.92	64,848.29	-
5220 · SUPPLY HELP	1,500.00	1,600.00	2,750.00
5401 · WORSHIP EXPENSES	3,824.00	2,937.75	28,620.00
5500 · CHURCH PROGRAMMES	3,500.00	3,287.36	8,050.00
5501 · FELLOWSHIP	7,350.00	4,725.90	5,350.00
5520 · LAY PAST ASSOC P/R TAXS	825.00	692.78	850.00
5805 · DIST. RECTOR'S DISCRETION FUND	10,000.00	3,625.00	5,400.00
6200 · OTHER ADMINISTRATION EXP	16,915.00	18,041.88	22,095.00
6400 · BANK CHARGES	2,500.00	787.29	850.00
6600 · PAYROLL EXPENSES	145,067.40	132,703.13	110,000.00

SGY – Unaudited Financials
Profit & Loss/Budget 2017 – 2018

	6700 · WSIB Expenses	2,000.00	922.61	825.00
	7200 · BUILDING EXPENSES	120,000.00	113,279.56	114,100.00
	7300 · CHURCH MAINTENANCE	20,090.00	29,968.61	31,300.00
	7400 · RECTORY	4,500.00	2,440.12	-
	9000 · FINANCIAL EXPENSES			
	9101 · TD Mortgages Interest	60,020.00	60,257.99	60,500.00
	9200 · YCCCI Payments	(230,000.00)	(226,000.00)	(221,400.00)
	Total 9000 · FINANCIAL EXPENSES	(169,980.00)	(165,742.01)	(160,900.00)
	Total Expense	343,777.04	283,267.01	262,652.64
	Net Ordinary Income	(75,373.01)	(29,409.94)	37,850.00
	Other Income/Expense			
	Other Income			
	4615 · Curacy Grant	-	-	-
	4620 · Mandarin Ministry Grant	30,000.00	29,650.00	15,350.00
	Total Other Income	30,000.00	29,650.00	15,350.00
	Net Other Income	30,000.00	29,650.00	15,350.00
	Income	(45,373.01)	240.06	53,200.00
	Additional Cash Flow Expense/Revenue			
	<i>plus: Loan Repayment from Daycare</i>	10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00
	<i>less: Mortgage Principal</i>	(73,200.00)	(73,200.00)	(73,200.00)
		(108,573.01)	(62,959.94)	-

Nominating Committee Report for 2018

The following persons have been nominated and have agreed to serve in these positions subject to the approval of, or their election at, Vestry.

The Parish Executive Committee

Rector's Warden	Max Wynter
People's Warden	Kien Siu
Deputy Warden, Building	Egan Done
Deputy Warden	John Pummell
Deputy Warden	Kwan Luk
Deputy Warden	Nancy Dodsworth
Deputy Warden	Lorraine Baillie
Treasurer	Izunna Umezinne

Parish Advisory Board

Membership includes Parish Executive Committee and the following members-at-large.

Chip Barkel, Doug Heyes, Margie Lyttle, Aili Maki, Hazel Perkin, Laura Pummel, Geraldine Sperling, Kay Yuen

Candidates for Lay Members of Synod (2 Members to be elected and 1 Alternate to be appointed)

Doug Heyes, Eleanor Gilbert, Laura Pummell, Geraldine Sperling

Parish Tribunal

Eleanor Gilbert, Doug Heyes, Geraldine Sperling

YCCCI

Laura Pummel, Hazel Perkin, Chris Hayward, Geraldine Sperling, Lorraine Baillie

Church Groups and Committees

Altar Guild	Anna Siu, Roshni Sircar
Anointers	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Archives	_____
Chalice	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Church School	Kathy Baillie
Coffee Hour	Lorraine Baillie
Counters	Richard Snider
Discernment for a Deacon	Max Wynter
Don Valley Refugee Resettlers	Aili Maki, Max Wynter, Chip Barkel
English as a Second Language	Craig Robertson, Morning Wang
Envelope Secretary	Anne Baillie

Church Groups and Committees continued →

Intercessors	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Joyful Giving (Stewardship)	Doug Heyes
Legacy Committee	Alan Sperling
Library	Eleanor Gilbert
Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang, Kwan Luk
Music	Michael Leach
Music Knights	Alan Sperling, Chris Hayward
Natural Church Development	_____
Outreach	_____
Parish Life Committee	Kathy Baillie
Parish Newsletter	Kathy Baillie, Craig Gustafson
Pastoral Care	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Prayer Ministry	Margie Lyttle
Pub Knights	Doug Heyes
Readers	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Responsible Ministry	The Rev. Leonard Leader, Craig Gustafson
Servers	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Social Media	_____
Ushers	Anne Marie Powell
Website	Egan Done, Craig Gustafson
Wednesday Morning Group	Ann Beecham
Welcome Desk	Craig Gustafson

Respectfully Submitted,

Max Wynter (Chair), The Rev. Leonard Leader, Anne Wynter, Doug Heyes, Eleanor Gilbert
Nominating Committee

Social Justice & Advocacy Vestry Motion 2018
Affordable Housing and Homelessness

All levels of government need to work together to build and sustain affordable housing. We, the vestry of St. George on Yonge in the Diocese of Toronto, urge the provincial government to:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive plan to increase and maintain the available stock of affordable housing in Ontario.
2. Develop specific strategies to address the needs of communities and populations experiencing disproportionately high levels of inadequate housing, including members of Indigenous and racialized communities, newcomers to Canada, seniors, youth, survivors of domestic violence, and people living with mental illness or addictions.
3. Work with the federal government to maximise the impact of the National Housing Strategy on housing in Ontario.
4. Work with municipalities to ensure that emergency shelters are adequately funded to meet the needs of their communities.

For further information and resources on this issue, please see www.toronto.anglican.ca/sjac



Housing Vestry Motion Backgrounder

My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

Isaiah 32:18

Homelessness and lack of affordable housing have emerged as major social problems in Canada over the last three decades. Over this period, there has been a sharp decrease in public investment in affordable housing, with fewer units being built and existing units falling into disrepair. Together with reduced spending on social programmes, the rise of precarious work, and rising housing costs, this has left more and more people unable to afford shelter, increasing poor health, marginalisation, and social isolation for many of our most vulnerable citizens. This crisis affects communities large and small, urban, suburban, rural, and Indigenous. Across our Diocese, nearly half of renters pay more than 30% of their income on housing costs, and one in five pay more than 50% of their income on housing.¹

Housing people appropriately makes economic sense. Homelessness and inadequate housing cost Canadian taxpayers over \$7 billion annually, due to the increased expenses imposed upon the health care, social service, and justice systems.² In Peterborough, for example, the cost of renting a bachelor apartment is 57% cheaper than that of supplying emergency shelter for one person.³

More importantly, homelessness and inadequate housing are associated with social and human costs including personal risk, increased stress, poor health, increased emergency hospitalisation, increased rates of addiction and incarceration, lower academic performance of students, and social isolation. Providing safe, adequate, and affordable housing is the right thing to do.

As Christians, we cannot turn our backs on this urgent need. The Bible recognises the need of each person for dignity, shelter, and security. We are called to see the face of Jesus in those who are at the margins of our society, and to provide for their needs (Matthew 25:31-45; I John 3:17–18). Anglicans throughout our Diocese have been working to address this crisis in a number of ways. We have helped to build affordable housing units in our communities. We support FaithWorks ministries that provide housing and housing supports for vulnerable people, help connect people with housing options, and highlight the humanity of those at risk. Parishes throughout our Diocese have hosted Out-of-the-Cold emergency shelters and drop-in programmes with housing support workers available to guests. Many clergy provide pastoral support to parishioners and community members experiencing homelessness or precarious housing.

¹<http://rentalhousingindex.ca/>

²<http://homelesshub.ca/about-homelessness/homelessness-101/cost-analysis/homelessness>

³[http://www.peterborough.ca/Assets/City+Assets/Housing/Documents/Reports/Housing+is+Fundamental\\$!2c+AHAC/2017+Housing+is+Fundamental\\$!2c+AHAC.pdf](http://www.peterborough.ca/Assets/City+Assets/Housing/Documents/Reports/Housing+is+Fundamental$!2c+AHAC/2017+Housing+is+Fundamental$!2c+AHAC.pdf)

These programmes are vital for providing relief on a day-to-day basis for many who do not have access to affordable housing. However, **any effort to address the long-term needs underlying this crisis requires more resources than churches and community agencies can provide alone.**

At the end of 2015, 171,360 households in Ontario were on active waiting lists for affordable housing, with average wait times of four years overall, and over twice as long in the GTA.⁴ In the city of Toronto, homeless shelters operate at over 95% capacity, and even Out-of-the-Cold programmes have started having to turn people away. Smaller communities in our Diocese report even higher shelter occupancy, while in rural areas there may be no shelters at all. Public policy and funding measures are needed to make significant inroads on this issue.

While there will always be crises which cause people to lose their homes temporarily, **chronic homelessness, which is a relatively recent phenomenon, can be ended.** Several Canadian cities, including Medicine Hat and Hamilton, have seen significant progress toward this goal by using the “Housing First” approach, which seeks to move people out of homelessness quickly and prevent people from losing their homes in the first place. For Housing First to work, however, there must be an adequate supply of affordable housing units, repairs to maintain existing units, and ongoing health, social, and income supports to keep people in their homes. In the short term, and for certain high-need populations, emergency shelters continue to be needed. The provincial government has issued a Long Term Housing Strategy, but this **must be backed by clear and measurable goals, and significant financial investment, if homelessness is to be ended.**

⁴Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association 2016 Waiting Lists Survey Report, <http://qc.onpha.on.ca/flipbooks/WaitingListReport/files/assets/basichtml/page-1.html>