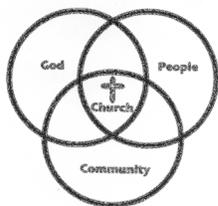


Vestry 2020



St. George's mission is to nurture our relationships with God in Christ, with one another, and with our community.

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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 24, 2019

Chair: The Rev. Leonard Leader, Priest-in-Charge
Congregation: 35 members attended

Vestry met in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 service and a brief break for lunch.

Welcome

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. He gave a warm welcome to everyone, and offered opening prayers.

Appointment of Vestry Clerk and Scrutineer

The Chair appointed Geraldine Sperling to be Vestry Clerk.

Reading and Signing of the Vestry Declaration

The Chair read the Vestry declaration, and asked all in attendance who qualify to participate as members of Vestry to sign the Vestry Book.

Approval of Agenda & Additional Items of New Business

The Chair added one item to the agenda: memorial on April 23, 2019 for the Yonge Street van attack on April 23, 2018.

MOVED by Izunna Umezinne and **SECONDED** by Hazel Perkin **THAT** the agenda for the meeting be accepted as amended. **CARRIED**

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Vestry Meeting

MOVED by Aili Maki 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 25, 2018 be adopted and confirmed as printed. **CARRIED**

Items Arising from Minutes of the 2018 Annual Vestry Meeting

Hazel Perkin inquired about additional funds for Church School that she had suggested at the 2018 Vestry meeting. This will be addressed in the Budget presentation.

Hazel also inquired about the balance remaining on the mortgage principal. This figure is in the audited financial statements. The amount was \$1,471,023 at year-end 2018.

Pastoral Letters from Bishop Asbil and from Bishop Robertson

Letters were circulated with Vestry Report (pages 7 – 9) and acknowledged by Vestry. The Chair encouraged all to read the letters.

Acceptance of Reports from Priest-in-Charge, Wardens, and Committees

The Chair explained that he had elaborated on his written report at both services earlier in the day, and asked if there were any questions. There were none.

MOVED by Margie Lyttle and **SECONDED** by Anne Baillie **THAT** the reading of the reports to Vestry be dispensed with, and that they be accepted as presented in the written Vestry Book. **CARRIED**

Report from the Wardens

Max Wynter outlined the financial report for 2018, and said that even though offerings declined and maintenance costs increased, the operating surplus of \$64,547.27 was one of the best in memory, due to financial contributions by the daycare corporation, parking revenue from the developer next door, and Diocesan grants for Curacy, Mandarin Ministry, and New Hope. However, Max reminded parishioners that the revenue windfall from parking by the developer's staff will come to an end, and we must increase parish membership.

Major maintenance costs included repairing the heating and ventilation systems, and moving and replacing heat pumps.

Two major positives are the growth of Mandarin ministry, and St. George's emergence from Diocesan administration in a healthy financial state. As well, we now have a modernised accounting system, due in large measure to the work of Anne Wynter, which allows the Parish Administrator to do much of the input of financial charges, with oversight by the Auditor.

Max expressed the canonical wardens' regret that their comments about music ministry may have caused hurt; this was not the intention. Rather, their hope is that the music ministry can be strengthened further.

The outgoing canonical wardens noted the significant contributions of and expressed thanks for the work of Laura Pummell on the Administration team and with Yonge-Churchill Community Centre Inc.; for Anne Wynter's work on the Administration team, her efforts as parish Treasurer for three years, and the design of attractive postcards promoting the parish, that were delivered by Canada Post at Christmas, and new ones that will be delivered before Lent, before Easter, and again later this year; for Egan Done's devotion to building maintenance since the building was completed; and for Lorraine Baillie's untiring efforts in many areas. They also expressed thanks to Aili Maki, Geraldine Sperling, Rev. Leonard and Felicity Leader, and Bishop Kevin Robertson.

Presentation of and Acceptance of Unaudited Financial Report for 2018

Alan Sperling commented on the importance of setting up a fund to handle building maintenance issues as they arise, similar to reserve funds maintained by condominium corporations, based on regular building assessment studies. Lorraine Baillie indicated that the building study required by the Diocese is expected to supply the information on maintenance needs.

Laura Pummell cautioned that the parish cannot depend on rental income forever to support our financial needs, and we need to place more emphasis on stewardship.

MOVED by Anne Baillie and **SECONDED** by Laura Pummell **THAT** the unaudited financial report for 2018 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Presentation and Acceptance of Proposed Budget for 2019

Lorraine Baillie reviewed the proposed budget for the 2019 fiscal year, going over the items in detail. There were minor changes from the printed Vestry Book figures, based on input from parish Advisory Board subsequent to printing.

MOVED by Hazel Perkin and **SECONDED** by Laura Pummell **THAT** the proposed budget for 2019 be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Hazel Perkin commented on how realistic, sensible, and well-presented is the 2019 operating budget.

Acknowledgements and Thanks

The Chair commented that the process of discernment is ongoing, in terms of God's will, both for us as a parish, and for our partners in the community and at the Diocese. We must persevere and continue, and trust God for the results.

He thanked all volunteers for their efforts, especially those who work silently behind the scenes, the leadership, staff members, and committee chairs. Thanks be to God. He invited any parish member without a job to step forward. We need more people to participate on Advisory Board; in this regard he has asked the Rev. Morning Wang if there are members of the Mandarin community who might join, and he has asked Izunna Umezinne and Roanna Randive to consider joining as well, to represent their age demographic.

The Chair also expressed thanks to the Diocese of Toronto for their support during Administration. He offered a prayer of thanks.

The assembled members of Vestry sang the Doxology.

Prayer for the election of Officers and Committee Chairs

The Chair offered prayer for guidance to the electors.

Presentation of Nominating Committee Report

Kien Siu expressed thanks to the members of the Nominating Committee for their work in developing the slate for 2019, and presented the report to Vestry.

MOVED by Laura Pummell and **SECONDED** by Margie Lytle **THAT** the Report of the Nominating Committee be accepted. **CARRIED**

MOVED by Colette Lytle and **SECONDED** by Izunna Umezinne **THAT** nominations be closed. **CARRIED**

Election of officers and committee chairs

MOVED by Sister Connie and **SECONDED** by Doug Heyes **THAT** the slate presented by the Nominating Committee be accepted, with the following changes: Kwan Luk will become People’s Warden, and Margie Lyttle will be a member of Advisory Board. **CARRIED**

Appointments by Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens

Rector’s Warden	Lorraine Baillie
Treasurer	Vacant
Envelope Secretary	Anne Baillie

Report of the Nominating Committee for 2019

Rector’s Warden	Lorraine Baillie
People’s Warden	Kwan Luk
Deputy Wardens	Aili Maki
Treasurer	
Envelope Secretary	Anne Baillie
Advisory Board	Nancy Dodsworth, Egan Done, Doug Heyes, Margie Lyttle, Hazel Perkin, Laura Pummell, Kien Siu, Geraldine Sperling, Maxwell Wynter, Kay Yuen, Young Adult Rep, Mandarin Fellowship Rep
Lay Members of Synod	Laura Pummell, Geraldine Sperling Doug Heyes (alternate)
Parochial Tribunal	Eleanor Gilbert, Doug Heyes, Geraldine Sperling
YCCCI Board	Laura Pummell, Hazel Perkin, Geraldine Sperling, Eleanor Gilbert, Clavel Lyttle
Church Groups & Committees	
Altar Guild	Roshni Sircar
Archives	
Church School	Kathy Baillie
Coffee Hour	Lorraine Baillie
Community Connection	Doug Heyes
Counters	Richard Snider
Discernment for a Deacon	Max Wynter
Don Valley Refugee Resettlers	Aili Maki, Max Wynter
English as a Second Language (ESL)	Craig Robertson, The Rev. Morning Wang
Intercessors	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Joyful Giving	Geraldine Sperling
Legacy Giving	Alan Sperling
Library	Eleanor Gilbert
Mandarin Ministry	The Rev. Morning Wang, Kwan Luk
Marketing	Max Wynter
Social Media, Website, Signage	Egan Done, Max Wynter, Craig Gustafson

Report of the Nominating Committee for 2019 (continued)

Music	Michael Leach
Music Knights	Alan Sperling, Chris Hayward
Parish Life Committee	Kathy Baillie
Parish Newsletter	Kathy Baillie, Craig Gustafson
Pastoral Care	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Prayer Ministry	Margie Lyttle
Property Support	Richard Snider
Responsible Ministry	The Rev. Leonard Leader, Craig Gustafson
Ushers	Anne Marie Powell
Wednesday Morning Group	Ann Beecham
Welcome Desk	Craig Gustafson
Worship Support (Anointers, Chalice, Readers, Servers)	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Young Adult Ministry	Anne Wynter

Banking Resolution

MOVED by Max Wynter and **SECONDED** by Doug Heyes **THAT** the signing officers of the St. George on Yonge accounts be any two of the following: Lorraine Baillie, Kwan Luk or Aili Maki. **CARRIED**

Acceptance of Audited Statements

MOVED by Anne Baillie and **SECONDED** by Hazel Perkin **THAT** the audited statements for fiscal years 2017 and 2018 be accepted. **CARRIED**

Appointment of Auditor for 2019

The wardens have appointed J. Michael Mulholland, Chartered Professional Accountant, to be the auditor for 2019.

MOVED by Max Wynter and **SECONDED** by Laura Pummell **THAT** the appointment of the Auditor for 2019 be ratified. **CARRIED**

New Business

1. Motion from the Diocese re: Standing in Solidarity

Aili Maki presented the motion, with the recommended actions by the parish.

Because we follow Jesus Christ as Lord, who preached good news to the poor who declared that whatever we do for those who lack food or drink or clothing, the sick, the stranger, and the prisoner, we do for Him, and who commands us to love our neighbours as ourselves,

And because our baptismal covenant calls us to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being,

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We, the vestry of the parish of St. George on Yonge commit to standing in solidarity with those living in poverty by taking the following actions:

1) Increasing our direct outreach activity by a) Increasing our parish FaithWorks giving by 10% over last year; b) Researching and pursuing options to expand our outreach to our neighbourhood, with a report on results to the 2020 vestry.

2) Increasing our advocacy by Standing in solidarity with Indigenous people whose treaty and other rights are under threat, and working to support justice for them.

MOVED by Laura Pummell and **SECONDED** by Margie Lyttle **THAT** the parish accept the Social Justice and Advocacy Vestry Motion on poverty. **CARRIED**

2. Memorial for Yonge Street van attack

Alan Sperling reported on the meeting with the local councillor's committee on February 20, to memorialise the van attack. One suggestion made at the meeting is to have local churches open their doors on April 23, the anniversary of the attack, for people to come from Mel Lastman Square and Olive Square, for food and possibly some celebration.

Alan suggested that we repeat the walk that was done from Yonge and Finch to St. George a year ago, around midday on April 23, followed by a short service and light refreshments. This will be discussed at a meeting on February 27 with The Chair, Lorraine Baillie, Alan, and a representative from the Councillor's office.

3. New renter

Lorraine Baillie reported that a Persian missional church will be using the sanctuary on Friday evenings for Bible study for 60 – 100 people. In the event that we need the space for concerts or other St. George events, the group will move their meeting to Thursday.

Closing

The Chair extended thanks to those who prepared for the Vestry meeting. He offered prayers and a Blessing.

Adjournment

MOVED by Anne Baillie and **SECONDED** by Hazel Perkin **THAT** the 2019 Vestry Meeting be adjourned. **CARRIED**

Vestry adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Bishop's Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2020

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

To our Clergy, Churchwardens and Parishioners

Beloved in Christ, peace and grace be with you.



“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit . . .” These words from the Gospel of John, chapter 15, were spoken by Jesus to his disciples at the Last Supper. They are tender – words spoken in the shadow of the cross to disciples who would become the Church. John 15 was also the centerpiece text for my charge to Synod in November 2019. If you have not had a chance to watch it, I invite you to consider doing so (www.toronto.anglican.ca/2019/11/08/watch-the-bishops-charge-to-synod/). The imagery of the vine, the grower, and pruning for growth form the roots of the Priorities and Plans of the Diocese for the next two years, as they have done for our strategic plan *Growing in Christ* beginning in 2016.

Recently at a meeting I was asked by a lay member of Diocesan Council, “Bishop, what is your vision for the Diocese? In a word or two what do you want us to do?”

And I said, “Simple . . . Grow!”

At its root the strategic plan calls us to “grow” in Christ. What does this mean, to grow in Christ?

It means, that in all that we do, whether in our parishes, outreach ministries, diocesan ministries, chaplaincies and communities, we are summoned to flourish; in number, in maturity of faith, in our life of prayer and worship, in our leadership, in our embrace of a mission that calls us to move beyond the walls of the Church. To grow in Christ means to trust the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. To grow in Christ means that we sometimes have to let go of old structures and ways of doing things that keep us from taking the risks necessary to pursue the One we pledge to follow – Jesus.

Vestry provides one moment for every congregation to consider the challenge to grow in Christ. No matter the size of the community, no matter how large or small the budget, no matter the number of lay leaders or clergy, no matter the obstacles to balancing a budget . . . Are we doing all that we can to grow in our faith in Jesus Christ? What is one thing that we can do to deepen our discipleship? What is one thing that we can do to serve the needs of our neighbours? What is one thing that we can do to strengthen the bonds of affection that we have for each other?

Each year at vestry we ask you to consider supporting a social justice initiative through a particular motion. In the past we have asked vestries to consider addressing issues of poverty, raising the minimum wage and affordable housing. In 2020, we are asking you consider being good stewards of creation as we grapple with the growing climate emergency. We invite you to consider setting a goal to reduce our collective carbon footprint.

Sometimes we can focus only on what we don't have at our annual vestry meetings, not enough money, not enough time, not enough people, not enough . . . Sometimes we can spend too much time only thinking about how on earth we are going to balance the budget. That's not to say that balancing the budget isn't important . . . it is. Rather, consider the words of Jesus in John 15. In the face of a future that doesn't always seem very clear, lift up your hearts. Reach out and grow in Christ.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Andrew Toronto". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rt. Rev. Andrew J. Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

The Right Reverend
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January 25, 2020

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)

I have the privilege of writing once again as you gather for your annual Vestry meeting. Vestry is an important moment in the life of any parish. We are given the opportunity to look back with thanksgiving on the past year, and look forward with hope as we catch a vision of what God is calling us to be in the year ahead.

As I look back on 2019, I remember with joy and thanksgiving the opportunities to visit many of the 58 parishes and ministries of York-Scarborough. I was with you for Sunday worship, ordinations, confirmations, celebrations of new ministry, anniversaries, meetings with parish leadership, and many wonderful meals and receptions. I want to thank the clergy and people of the area for the warm welcome as I have travelled across the five deaneries of York-Scarborough. I have been grateful for your prayers, and your desire to be co-workers in the building up of God's Church.

One of the priorities I have identified over my three years as your bishop is being more intentional about mission. I often preach about the mission of the Church, grounding it in our baptismal promises. I am so pleased to report that there are now over two dozen parishes in York-Scarborough that have developed Mission Action Plans (MAPs) and have begun to implement them. Others are on the way. In 2019, the York-Scarborough Area Council set aside \$20,000 to assist parishes with the MAP process. Please consider applying for these funds through the Area Council.

As I look forward to the coming year, I want us to be people of hope. The statistical data about the Anglican Church of Canada released late last year paints a bleak picture. Yet my experience of being out and about in the parishes of York-Scarborough is that there is renewed energy, passion for the Gospel, and a commitment to try new things. We are not dead! Every time we celebrate a baptism, or welcome a newcomer, or allow the transforming love of Christ to work through us into the world, we are reminded that our Church is very much alive. I don't want us to live in denial about the realities around us, but I do want us to embody the living hope that is at the core of the Gospel. Please join with me in being agents of hope and positive change in our Church and in our world.

As I reflect on my ministry over the past year, I realize that my work would not have been possible without the support of my amazing assistant, Sue Willoughby. Sue does a great job of managing my calendar and correspondence, and ensuring that I am able to keep up with a ministry that has many moving parts. Sue works closely with our exceptional synod office staff. They are all just a phone call or email away.



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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 Lisa Newland (York Mills). The Reverend Heather Gwynne-Timothy became the Chaplain to the Retired Clergy of York-Scarborough in 2019, and I am so grateful for her ministry. Along with our area liturgical officers – the Reverend Canon Geoffrey Sangwine and the Reverend Greg Carpenter – our Regional Deans are excellent resources for parishes, and provide me with invaluable advice.

Our episcopal area is also blessed with many incredible youth leaders, who are ably led by our two York-Scarborough Youth Coordinators, Jillian Ruch and Ian Physick. Just a few weeks ago, I attended the 3 Annual York-Scarborough Youth Leaders' Summit, where those involved in this important ministry were able to share ideas and strategies for ministry with our youth.

In our Diocese, we are blessed with a College of Bishops, with whom the joys and burdens of episcopal ministry are shared. I am grateful to work alongside my colleagues: Bishops Andrew Asbil, Peter Fenty, Riscylla Shaw, Jenny Andison, and Canon Mary Conliffe.

Finally, I want to express my thanks to all those who exercise leadership in the parishes, missions, schools, fresh expressions and community ministries of the York-Scarborough area. 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. Please be assured of my prayers each day as you carry out your ministry in the name of Jesus Christ.

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 proclamation of the Gospel in every place, and for the renewal of the Church in our midst.

Yours faithfully,

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

Priest-in-Charge – 2019

For almost a century, St. George on Yonge has been a place of Christian worship, service, fellowship, and outreach. Last year was a time of repositioning the parish in keeping with our mission: “to nurture our relationships with God in Christ, with one another, and with our community.” We continue to work towards the goal of being a healthy, missional Anglican community.

Worship remains firmly at the centre of parish life, with three Sunday services at 8:00 a.m. Said Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. Mandarin Fellowship, and 10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist. The Wednesday midday Eucharist in the spring and the fall attracted our own seniors, a faithful few, and drop-ins. Evening prayer was offered in Lent and Advent with limited success.

The support teams of subdeacons, readers, intercessors, chalice administrators, lay anointers, altar guild, ushers, organists, choir, and many others faithfully committed their gifts and energy for the worship services to run smoothly.

Faith formation was organised around two study series: “It’s all about Jesus” in Lent, and “From Visitor to Disciple: Eight ways your church can help” in the fall. Both study series were well received and had an average attendance of 10-12 persons per session. As a sequel, we look forward to welcoming Professor John Bowen to facilitate a conversation about discipleship-making, to transform our lives, and equip us to take a stand for Christianity in the world. Meanwhile, we continue to explore options for faith formation particularly for our children and youth, new Christians, and newcomers to the parish.

Sacramental and Pastoral Services are ongoing ministries of the parish, offered faithfully by clergy and trained lay leaders. Statistics are provided elsewhere in this vestry package. However, some teams like the prayer group and prayer shawl ministry function discretely behind the scenes to support the visible aspects of pastoral care. They have remained faithful in serving people in their most vulnerable conditions and in times of greatest need.

Highlights from 2019 appear in the various reports which point to a full and successful year for the parish. Allow me to report, however, that I received very positive feedback from you about the confirmation of five of our young people by Bishop Asbil at St. James Cathedral. Their preparation was part of a collaborative approach across the Deanery.

The Episcopal visit of Bishop Robertson, with the celebration of St. George’s Day and volunteer recognition, was an occasion for the entire parish to get together; and the ordination of the Rev. Morning Wang was a time of great celebration. The family services on Good Friday and Christmas Eve, with the involvement of the children and youth, were well supported.

The Mandarin Ministry continued under the leadership of the Rev. Morning Wang, who was ordained a priest by Diocesan Bishop Andrew Asbil on May 25.

Spiritual, Attractional, and Missional

Mission Action Planning (MAP) is a process which helps parishes to vision, plan, decide, and act. Janet Marshall, director of congregational development for the Diocese, facilitated a number of sessions with parishioners throughout the year. The result of that work can be found elsewhere in this vestry package, with a proposed implementation of this phase over an 18-month period.

Looking beyond the parish, we have continued to engage the local community and connect with our neighbours. Monthly worship at Delmanor and Lansing retirement residences continued throughout the year. In addition, the parish started a monthly service at Canterbury Place with the Rev. Morning Wang as the presider.

Maintaining ecumenical partnerships included our participation in the annual World Day of Prayer service, which the parish is now preparing to host on March 7. In addition, our community carol sing-along received lots of kudos and considerable community support. There is growing consensus to make it an annual event for welcoming people into the church. Details of other community engagement appear elsewhere in this vestry package, and confirm the parish's intention to keep looking for bridges to the community, and opportunities to share God's love with others.

Looking ahead – some ideas for consideration

- Build capacity to implement the mission action plan (MAP).
- Keep before us the priority of resourcing our children and youth ministries, by hiring a Children and Youth Ministry Leader.
- Facilitate worship in people's homes, house blessings, and Christian fellowship outside the church.
- Prepare for the 100th anniversary of the parish.
- Nurture small support groups.
- Enhance pastoral support and resources for seniors.
- Validate and reinforce "Keep In Touch" (KIT) programs, including the telephone tree.

The ministries of St George on Yonge could not happen without the commitment and dedication of the staff and volunteers, and I am especially grateful to all who have contributed to the work of the parish over the years. Our parish has been well served by Sister Connie, the Rev. Morning Wang, our music director Michael Leach, the corporation, parish advisory board, envelope secretary, Sunday school staff, synod delegates, YCCCI board, and the members of all working committees and groups.

Thanks for your dedication and our shared ministry, as I do my best to be an example of faithful service, and a catalyst for spiritual enthusiasm in the parish.

May God grant us the strength and the courage to persevere.

Respectfully Submitted,
Leonard+
The Rev. Leonard Leader

Wardens – 2019

This was a busy year at St. George on Yonge, with regular and special worship services, many events, and many meetings. The Advisory Board met regularly to give advice to the Executive, with Nancy Dodsworth taking on the role of Chair in the fall. Most members are involved in several ministries and we thank them for their faithful service, as well as the leaders of all ministries active at St. George. Please read their reports contained in this Vestry Report to get a real sense of what is happening in our parish.

Finances and Stewardship

The financial statement looked very healthy at the end of the year. This was partly due to a large bequest we received, as well as donations toward the Capital Fund to pay down part of the principal of our mortgage. Some of the surplus reflects that it was not possible to proceed with some of the plans we had hoped to implement. We were not able to find people to provide additional pastoral and children/youth support this past year, but it is a focus for 2020.

Internal support donations were close to what was hoped, with seasonal and PAR givings increased. Licence rates, most which were higher this year, helped us as well. This included the fees from YCCCI, the Toronto Korean Methodist Church, and the parking spots rented by the developer for their contractors. We also have licences with AA, Al-Anon, and Living Water Ministry, which is a newly formed group meeting on Friday evenings with Bible study and worship in Farsi. Additionally, there was fundraising with concerts, thanks to Alan Sperling, and our fall craft sale.

There are still some unknowns which we hope to resolve early in the year. We are continuing to look for someone to take on the role of Treasurer, whether volunteer or paid. With this absence, we have relied on advice and assistance more often than usual from our Auditor, Michael Mulholland, and we appreciate his help.

With a better financial state, we now have a much larger assessment from the Diocese for the coming year. We are also repaying deferred payments that helped us with cash flow during the time we were under Administration.

We had speakers for FaithWorks Sunday and Stewardship Sunday. Thanks to Geraldine Sperling for creating the Joyful Giving booklet and organising the campaign. We hope to receive commitment cards from everyone, to help us determine where we are at with givings of time, talent, and treasure.

Growth

Our focus needs to be on growing the congregation. We welcomed quite a few new members this past year who have felt that we are a friendly, welcoming place. This is encouraging.

We have had help developing our Mission Action Plan from Janet Marshall, Director of Congregational Development, which will be central to our planning for growth. The plan and how it is unfolding will be communicated to the congregation on a regular basis.

This year we continued the post card campaign that was begun in December of 2018, with 5 more post cards inviting the community to join us. We thank Anne Wynter for the wonderful designs on the first 4 cards, Max Wynter for overseeing the project, and Naomi Dodsworth for the designs on the last two cards. The post cards were delivered to the condos in the immediate vicinity, and also to local houses with the final two cards. We had people bringing them in, and we feel that the cards increased the awareness of “the church on the corner.” We are currently working on getting a vinyl banner on the exterior of the building to further increase our presence in the neighbourhood. Events such as our concerts, sales, and Christmas Sing-Along also helped to bring the community into our building.

Building Management

Many projects took place throughout the year to keep our building looking good, clean and, safe. With our daycare’s assistance, the main level floor was replaced, rugs and upholstery were cleaned, heat pumps that keep our air circulating were repaired, as well as other smaller jobs done by their capable handymen. They also replaced the stoves in the kitchen and had backsplash installed above the sinks. We hope to have the main floor walls painted early in the year.

The Diocese has a program requiring all churches to undergo a Property Condition Assessment every ten years. We had this done and the report will help in long-term planning and financing of necessary maintenance work. It was a costly project but we did receive a grant from the Area. We entered into a new annual plan with Perfect Degree for our HVAC system, continued with Chubb security and Onyx Fire safety. Bruce Elevator has been doing a good job with monthly maintenance and emergency calls, and Garage One has repaired our garage door a couple of times this year.

Egan has been able to retire from most of the property jobs he did for many years, but continues to monitor our heating and cooling system and to be available for advice and to help out when needed. This is much appreciated.

At the end of July we were very pleased to welcome Ramey (Faisal Ramme) to our staff team, as our Assistant Custodian. He is working on Sundays, Tuesday nights, and when we have special events going on. Philip continues to work Monday to Friday nights. Thanks to both of them for their efforts. We are working on our waste management plan to dispose of our waste correctly and try to minimise garbage. Thanks to Nigel for his initiative and efforts in this area.

Volunteers

A record number of parishioners attended the required screening workshop for their ministry. Thanks to all who gave up their time to take part, and to Craig for his leadership in our Responsible Ministry program. We need to complete the task of developing ministry descriptions for all the jobs we ask people to take on.

Many of our ministries need additional members and people to lead them. Please consider taking on a new role this year or encourage others to try something new. Ushers, Children’s Ministry, and Outreach are three areas that would benefit from more help.

We thank the congregation for placing your trust in us, to oversee the administration of the church. We look forward to continuing to work with our dedicated Priest-in-Charge, Leonard; with Morning and our Mandarin Ministry; Sister Connie, who we enjoy and benefit from. We thank Michael for his excellent music, Craig for all his hard work in the office, and our custodians as previously mentioned. A final thanks to all our hardworking volunteers and a warm welcome to our newest members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Your Churchwardens,
Lorraine Baillie, Kwan Luk, Aili Maki, and Kay Yuen

Record of Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals For 2019

Baptisms	Confirmations	Marriages	Funerals
Guichun Fu Ruozhen Mao Tahereh Rezaei Cooper Smith Guan Ya Wang Bo Wei	none	Alexander Shafe & Farayi Mundangepfupfu	John Battice Sr. * Tomas Brand * Richard Colyer Keith Gould * Arnold Handley Humphrey Looby Lucretia Wattle * St. George Parishioner

We give thanks for the celebration of Confirmation for Amina Adams, Andreas Bloomquist, Cameron Cadogan, Owen Snider, and Peter Snider which took place at the Cathedral Church of St. James.

We also give thanks for the life, faith, and witness of Fred Maranduik and Georgette Meehan, relatives of 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 2015 – 2019

Average Sunday Attendance

Year	8:00 a.m.	Average	Mandarin Fellowship	Average	10:30 a.m.	Average	Total	Average
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
2018	573	11	1,139	22	2,631	51	4,343	84
2019	562	11	1,262	24	2,508	48	4,332	83

Sacramental and Pastoral Services

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Marriages	0	2	0	1	1
Funerals	17	16	9	3	7
Baptisms					
Children	4	1	2	3	1
Adults	2	4	0	1	5
Private Communion s	16	7	8	12	14
Confirmations	0	0	0	0	0

Assistant Curate – 2019

On behalf of our St. George Mandarin congregation, I am very pleased to introduce what we experienced in faith last year. It was a year full of challenge for the Mandarin Ministry. However, we have seen and experienced a lot of God's presence and grace; each of these signs is telling God's faithfulness.

1. Sunday Worship

On May 25, 2019 I was ordained to the priesthood here at St. George, which leads to our Mandarin Ministry as a sacramental ministry. The Mandarin Ministry strives to hold the balance of the Anglican's spirit of Word and Sacrament, paying attention to the various kinds of details, such as liturgical wording as well as the liturgical colour, trying our best to keep the traditional Anglican standard. Almost every week, we celebrate the Eucharist Service in the Nave, so that we can meet our Lord in the complete service. It is not an easy thing to teach and establish the form of worship, considering the majority of the Mandarin congregation are either very new believers or faith seekers, since it is a missional ministry. We can say that we are at the forefront of the diocesan Mandarin Ministry.

2. Gospel Outreach

We have done lots of Gospel outreach activities, mainly through the church calendar and the major festivals. After being invited to come to the church, through our church worship service and other kinds of fellowship, new people can learn the knowledge of faith and join our faith community, the church. Therefore, our outreach method and focus are more than liturgy, but also sharing the Gospel through the worship, such as the Thanksgiving youth gathering, All Saints' Eve Family Service, Advent Lessons and Carol Service, Christmas Day Carol Service (a Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols service), the Chinese New Year Evangelical Rally, etc.

During services, parents were coming in with their children from the neighbourhood community. Not only do they learn more about our faith, but they also feel the love of God.

3. Retreat and Other Spiritual Development

In order to nurture the spiritual growth of our brothers and sisters, we continued our Lenten Retreat at St. Thomas Huron Street parish. Father Mark Andrews was the leading priest of our Lenten Retreat. His wonderful sharing and spiritual leading brought huge benefit to us.

Also, we invited Father Pearce Carefoot, the head of the Thomas Fisher Rare Book Library, University of Toronto, as our Advent guest speaker. He really broadened our faith vision and deepened our faith.

Being conscious of building and sharing the main stream culture, we invited the Rev. Leigh Kern, the Coordinator of Indigenous Ministries and Reconciliation Animator of the Diocese, to share about reconciliation with us.

4. Pastoral Care

We have done lots of pastoral care work, not only to better understand the situations and to know the needs of parishioners and faith seekers, but also to better hear the voice of the local neighbourhood community. For example, we had the Prayer Meeting immediately after the coronavirus breakout of China. It was a successful prayer meeting that both strengthened people's faith and comfort their souls.

5. Christian Education

Based on the weekly distributed *Daily Office*, we have continued our Thursday evening Bible Study, establishing our lives on the Word of God by literally reading the Bible on the same page every day. Every first Thursday evening, we have a bilingual Taizé Service, which builds a bridge within the Mandarin and the English congregation for the benefit of the "one big family" vision.

This "one big family" vision is the most important part of the Mandarin Ministry. It is not only taught but also seen in our practice. For example, we imported a pair of beautiful Altar candles, hoping to share with the English congregation. Likewise, we also bought a brand-new Advent Candle stand in 2019, expecting to share with the English congregation for the benefit of the whole St. George.

6. Baptism

After my priesthood ordination, the Mandarin Ministry are able to have our own baptism. In 2019, we had the total number to 15 people who joined the Church through baptism.

7. Choir

It is inevitable to notice that a functional choir has been established. The weekly practice is Wednesday morning. Previously, the Psalm during the Sunday service was usually said, but now it can be sung. We believe the Chant is part of our Anglican treasure, and needs to be preserved. Of course, most chants are in English. We have spent invested time and energy to translate them to Chinese, not only with wording, but also matching the music notes and the sound; we have endeavoured to improve the process. We also ordered 10 choir robes, and bought choir hymnal books and choir binders. Now we have ordered another 10 robes because of the increase of the choir members.

The choir members are so committed and engaging, even though everyone began learning to sing here. Through hard work both in the choir practice and at home, their spiritual growth is obvious, having a closer relationship with our Lord.

8. Mandarin Parishioners' Involvement

The Mandarin Ministry is actively involved in the whole St. George ministry. We especially encourage our parishioners to serve the church as volunteers. For example, they have been helping to package the promotion postcard into bundles. They are also very engaged in the community dinner, the church crafts sale and other events.

In a nutshell, from the beginning of our Mandarin Ministry, we have been consistently teaching our Mandarin parishioners that we are part of St. George family, not a renter. And this “one big family” vision is deeply rooted in the heart of each parishioner. We are thankful for everyone who cares and supports us. We have journeyed together and completed God’s workmanship in our lives.

At the time of writing this Vestry Report, our parishioners are experiencing huge fear because of the outbreak of the coronavirus, especially when their family and friends are still living in China with an unknown future. Please pray with and for China, for the people who are affected, especially for our Mandarin Ministry, for the Chinese people who are in our Willowdale neighbourhood. Let us stand together, facing this difficult time.

Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Morning Wang

Music Director – 2019

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 a joy to work with The Rev. Leonard Leader, this past year, 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.

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

It is also a blessing to have the talents of both Geraldine Sperling and Judy Bradshaw to fill in on the organ and piano, when I take the occasional Sunday off, and for playing at mid-week services, when I am unavailable due to my work obligations outside of the parish. I thank them both.

I also appreciate the talents of Jeff Chong, who contributes his talents on the trumpet every year on Easter Sunday.

Last but not least, a big thank you to the choir, who have all been wonderful and very supportive of my efforts here. Although we are small in number, we are mighty in effort! We always invite and welcome anybody to come and sing with us, at any time. A larger choir will be a natural outgrowth of a growing congregation, so we embrace all ongoing efforts to expand our congregational family.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Leach

Envelope Secretary's Weekly Giving Report – 2019

St. George's has 88 families and individuals who make their offerings with envelopes, Pre-Authorized 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 31 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 request. 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	13 (17)	1.28 (1.37)
\$2.00 – \$3.99	13 (11)	3.11 (3.10)
\$4.00 – \$5.99	9 (4)	4.65 (5.12)
\$6.00 – \$9.99	5 (7)	7.96 (7.95)
\$10.00 – \$19.99	20 (19)	14.28 (14.99)
\$20.00 – \$29.99	9 (9)	23.65 (24.71)
\$30.00 – \$39.99	3 (3)	33.49 (35.17)
\$40.00 – \$49.99	1 (1)	46.15 (46.15)
\$50.00 +	15 (16)	92.46 (87.32)
	88 (87)	24.64 (25.17)

Numbers in brackets are last year's figures.

Wednesday Morning Group – 2019

In 2019, the Wednesday Morning Group went on hiatus as several of its regulars were beset with health challenges that impacted their participation. When we were able to get together, we enjoyed going to the Wednesday mid-day services in the Chapel. Our last gathering was on December 18, 2019, when we enjoyed a Christmas Communion and shared in a lunch provided by Lansing Retirement Residence.

Our new session will begin later in February 2020 when we look forward to hearing about Rev. Leonard and Felicity's meaningful trip to Africa.

Bad weather may impact our scheduled meetings. 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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Beecham

Ushers – 2019

A sincere thank you to all those dedicated individuals who devote time with this important ministry of ushering, providing guidance to those new to the church, as well as being available to assist when required. Thank You!

If anyone is available 30 minutes before the start of the service and would like to contribute to building our team, please let us know. This is a good way to meet those new to St. George and to interact with current parishioners.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann-Marie Waithe Powell

Prayer Ministry – 2019

The Prayer Group consists of a dedicated number of church members who have committed to pray for the needs of others. In praying for others we also pray for ourselves. James 5:16b states “and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.”

The Prayer Group receives many prayer requests throughout the year. Requests are not limited to our church members only. The person needing the prayers should give permission for the request to be shared by the entire group. When the request comes through the office we are unable to ensure this. It is great when we get a feedback so we can give thanks for answered prayers.

It is absolutely important that all prayer requests are kept confidential! You may have friends who are prayer warriors but they do not belong to the group; you cannot share with them.

We are hoping that there are other men and women who have a burning desire to pray for others, to help bear another’s burden. We are hopeful that you will join us. So we keep praying for all in need and will rejoice with you as our prayers are answered.

Respectfully Submitted,
Margie Lyttle

Counters – 2019

I am pleased to report that the counting of the offerings has gone very smoothly this year. We currently have five 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

Concert Committee – 2019

During the year, several chamber music concerts were presented by the INTERRO String Quartet.

In April, St. George on Yonge participated in the anniversary memorial day for the Yonge Street Van Attack. At the dinner hosted by St. George, the Music Committee arranged for a Toronto Symphony Orchestra violinist to play for our guests and lead community singing.

In December, we invited the congregation and the community to participate in a Christmas Carol Sing. More than 75 people attended in spite of a winter storm, most of them friends and neighbours.

Other concerts are in the planning stage for 2020. INTERRO is scheduled to perform again on Saturday, June 27; a classical pianist will present a concert, date to be decided; and hopefully we will have some jazz and choral concerts.

The support of the Parish is important to the success of these concerts and our efforts to reach out to the community with musical events.

What part does outside music play for St. George on Yonge? For those that have been with St. George prior to the new building are aware, our Sanctuary was designed with acoustics (and Organ) as a priority. For anyone that has attended concerts over the years the design sounds great. To have heard the live trumpet or clarinet in addition to a full band or voices has been a reminder how intimate and beautiful music can be in our space. The musicians that have come have all remarked on the sound, and would love to come back. Getting an audience is the usual challenge, and that takes determination and vision.

Music for its own sake is a noble and satisfying goal. Also, it potentially does much more. The concerts that we have arranged have brought in many people that otherwise would not have come through our doors, and have given them a wonderful and often spiritual experience. It raises our church's profile in the community, and musicians are more likely to want to play when they hear of other's experiences.

With the Jazz series (Louis Armstrong, Vocal Jazz standards, Django Reinhardt, Goodman/Shaw, Big Band, etc.), a growing base was developing. The tricky part is time and promotion, which takes time and coordination. At present I often cannot commit to these fully and would appreciate if someone can (realistically) step in to help or take over this area of which we have not yet made full use. There are musicians that are eager to step in (the Oktocats specifically in May and a Piano Vocal duo), to which I can only commit if there is real help to take over. (I can point/suggest help.) So while a tradition has started and has been viable, it will need some additional champions to grow into the vision we have for it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan Sperling and Chris Hayward

Parish Life and Hospitality– 2019

Our social time at special events and coffee hour is important to foster fellowship and support for others. We engage in conversation, greet new people and visitors, and, of course, enjoy many tasty treats, and tea or coffee.

Throughout the year the members of our hospitality team have helped to set up, serve, and clean up at the special events which included: our annual Pancake Supper and Parish BBQ; the celebration of St. George's Day and Bishop Kevin's visit; celebrations of Morning's ordination, and Geraldine and Alan's 50th wedding anniversary. Many of these same people, and others, helped when we invited the community to the special dinner during the commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the van attack, and with community lunches, seniors' lunches, and our Christmas Carol Sing-Along. We also took care of hospitality for two Diocesan events this year.

This year we had a field trip when we went to Glasstronomy Studios and created pendants under the wonderful leadership of Elizabeth Beecham. We sold these pendants at our successful Craft Sale in October. Thanks to all who helped with the lucky draw, greeting, lunch room, and craft table.

After our 10:30 services we have noticed that more people are taking part in Coffee Hour, and staying longer to chat and share this time with others. Thank you to our coffee hour team for their faithful service. We welcomed Lea-Lyn and Russell McAllister and said thank you to Jean and Sherwin Ferdinands, for their many years of service on this team. We can always use an extra pair of hands, so do not hesitate to volunteer to help out!

In our efforts to be more environmentally responsible, we have purchased 100 sets of cutlery to be used with the plates and cups we already had. We hope to use real dishes and cutlery at many of our upcoming events.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Parish Life, contributed food for potluck suppers and coffee hours, and helped in so many ways.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine and Kathy Baillie, & Nancy Dodsworth

Altar Guild – 2019

This competent team carried on as usual and everything got done even though we were short-staffed, especially during Christmas time. A special mention has to be made regarding Eleanor Gilbert and the wonderful work she does looking after the Altar linen.

We welcome anyone interested in joining the Altar Guild.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anna Siu and Roshni Sircar

Synod of the Diocese of Toronto – 2019

The Diocese of Toronto Synod was held on November 8 – 9 at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel. St. George on Yonge was represented by the Rev. Leonard Leader, Geraldine Sperling, Izu Umezinne, and Laura Pummell. The theme of this year’s Synod was **“Created and Recreated in Christ.”**

Central to this theme is the notion that “we need to celebrate the glory of God’s creation and reflect on our role as stewards of this diverse world. We are created and recreated by the grace and power of God’s Holy Spirit.”

In Bishop Andrew Asbil’s charge to Synod, he used the analogy of the vine with its strong trunk and many branches that spread but often need to be pruned to remove the dead wood and leaves in order to grow. Similarly, the mission of the church is our root of the vine and the pruning of its branches needs to give life and make room for new ideas. Communities (our parishes) gather to be pruned Sunday by Sunday. And it takes time for every parish and community to be pruned by God and shaped by God over time. The branches need to course through the community and live with expediency, always looking towards the future. Now is the time for us to repurpose our resources, accept that we have made mistakes, and move forward boldly.

This year’s guest speaker was Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, who is an adjunct professor at Trinity College and Wycliffe College. Dr. Keesmaat’s presentations discussed the creation process as a covenant between God and humanity as well as a covenant between God and earth. Using scripture verses, she told “The Biblical Story” using two paths, one highlighting positive (creation) stories and the other highlighting negative (destruction) stories that intersect at the center with Jesus, the Messiah. Then as the story is told by the disciples, how the church progressed through Pentecost and Early Church to a point where we are Now but then Revelations (New Creation) provides us with a map to re-create and establish a fertile environment, an environment where we, as stewards of God’s gifts, should invest in local initiatives, train all especially youth to observe and serve God’s kingdom, including both humanity and earth.

The Synod is also a time to deal with a host of business items (motions) that are drafted by the Diocesan Council, clergy, and laity. According to our Constitution and Canons, these motions are presented to Synod and voted on by the Synod representatives and cover a wide variety of topics.

There were also opportunities for Missional and Outreach presentations. This year there were two presentations that I felt were particularly impactful since the presentations were on topics with which SGY is wrestling. One was about how one parish (St. Martin, Pickering) has approached the topic of Social Media and how it has been a journey of learning how to develop and communicate via Facebook and websites. The other presentation concerned Youth Ministry and the Youth Ministry Appreciation Program (YMAP). This presentation offered insight into developing youth programs, stressing that not one model serves all, and that mentoring the youth and enabling them to connect so that learning can happen together yields the best results.

Another highlight of Synod for me is participating, in a room of close to 400 people, in the singing of hymns at various opportunities during the day. All together we all made some joyful noises!

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Pummell

Don Valley Refugee Resettlers (DVRR) – 2019

The Eritrean family that arrived in the spring of 2018 are doing well. The children are in school, the father drives a forklift and drives for Uber part-time, and the mother is training to be a childcare assistant.

The eldest daughter of the Syrian family (2016) and her partner arrived at the beginning of this year. The whole family is now safely reunited here in Canada.

We are sponsoring Iraqi family currently in Turkey – a mother with 3 young sons. The Canadian embassy in Ankara recently accepted their eligibility to come as refugees (and join the aunt who is already in Canada). We have yet to hear of the arrival date of this family.

We have also agreed to sponsor a transgender Ugandan woman from Nairobi, who will be getting funding from the Canadian government; our role will be to help with adjusting to life in Canada, and not to cover living expenses. We have yet to hear of the arrival of this person, but it is likely to be in the next month or two.

To date this year St. George's raised \$300 through honey and amaryllis sales. In addition, a contribution to DVRR was made from the outreach budget.

When the next refugees arrive, we will likely be looking for furnishings on very short notice. Several of you have approached me with generous offers of furniture. Unfortunately, we do not have anywhere to store furniture "in between" families, so that we cannot accept donations of items until we have an arrival date.

If you are interested in helping DVRR, here are some ways you can get involved:

- Donate to DVRR through St. George on Yonge. Tell your friends about DVRR – if they want to help refugees, donating to DVRR is a great way to have a direct impact.
- Help us collect gently used furniture and household items. If you can offer an empty garage to store furniture, that would be awesome.
- Join DVRR – we will need extra people to help with moving days, and with taking people to medical appointments and helping them navigate Canadian bureaucracy (OHIP, social assistance, learning TTC).

Respectfully Submitted,
Aili Maki
DVRR Member for St. George on Yonge

Community Connection – 2019

We continue to make efforts to connect with the people and groups in the community around us here in the Yonge and Churchill area. Each month we have distributed gift cards, as well as food donations generously submitted by the congregation in our food cart over the month, to a growing number of people who live in the Willowdale area. As the cold weather of winter approached, we also started to include items of warm clothing such as hats, mittens, scarves, and warm socks that have been donated to people needing help. These items may not seem like much but they are needed, welcomed, and appreciated by the individuals to which they are distributed.

Another example of our connecting with the community are the lunches held, and an example of offering a meal and conversation with people in the area who do not attend our services. Each of these events take a lot of effort and commitment to hold successfully; with only a small dedicated group, they can only be held a few times a year. Our guests look forward to these lunches (they often ask when the next one will be), and everyone involved either being a guest or a host has good food, and great conversation. We have always included background music to these events, and have also added a movie presentation as well to add to the festivities.

Looking to the future activities we are hoping to have a return to the seasonal Poetry Café events that were held in previous years, have more lunches and opportunities to connect with our community, including having “games nights,” and regular movie afternoon showings.

We also represented St. George on Yonge at the recent Willowdale Community Leaders Summit event at the invitation of John Filion. This was an opportunity to hear what other groups, whether church, government, and other, were doing in the area. It gave us a chance to see where we could be most effective, and fill the greatest need as well as to meet and share with others working with people in the region. More information will be shared on this as the year progresses.

So remember, everyone is welcome to drop into one event/activity or to join us on a regular basis in the new year of 2020. We have a great group of members that work hard to make a difference in people’s lives, and to share God’s love and compassion to those around us. But with more people joining us, just think of how much more we could do.

Pub Knights

We continue to meet each month at the Frog (formerly the Frog & Firkin) at 6:00 p.m. on what is normally the 4th Thursday evening each month, unless this conflicts with a regular service during the month. We have been meeting like this since we were offsite worshipping at St Patrick during the building of our present church building. Each person who joins us is welcomed equally and is given the opportunity to share in a meal and beverage of their choice, but most importantly, joins in common conversation. Even if they just want to sit and listen they are more than welcome. The conversation is based on events occurring in the world,

our community, or in individuals lives as we celebrate the good or attempt to help each of us deal with the struggles or hardships that may be faced. It is our testimony, in amongst the world around us, to truly be what it means to be Christian in a modern world.

For those that have not joined us, and people come and go over the course of the year, attendance is by choice and attending once, or every month, includes you in our group. This is not a Bible study; it is a group of people experiencing and sharing life. Additionally, while we do meet in a ‘pub,’ the drinking of beer, or wine, is not required or expected if that is your choice.

So remember, everyone is welcome to drop in or join us on a regular basis in the new year of 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,
Doug Heyes

Children’s Ministry – 2019

We have been using the Lectionary-based Sermons 4 Kids program (www.sermon4kids.com). It includes songs, bible stories, and activity ideas that I adapt for our Sunday morning program.

It has been a challenging year and difficult to plan when I do not know how many children will be attending. It is also difficult to run a program for such a large age range of 3-11 years old in one class. Another challenge is not having someone to run the program on the days that I am unable to be there. But the smiles on the kids’ faces and their enthusiasm when they are able to attend is why I have been continuing.

I would like to thank Debbie for her ongoing assistance and welcome Sofia.

We have been looking to hire a Children and Youth Ministry leader, with the Youth Ministry Apprenticeship Program, but so far have been unsuccessful in finding a candidate for the job. At this time I am committed to continue until June when we break for the summer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Baillie

Responsible Ministry – 2019

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 2019, 36 people attended the policy workshop and 18 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 \$379.68 for criminal records checks in 2019. 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

Yonge-Churchill Community Centre Inc. (YCCCI) – 2019

YCCCI is a separate non-profit corporation created by St. George on Yonge. YCCCI owns the Yonge-Churchill Child Care Centre that operates in the church building. Under a license agreement, the day-to-day operations of the daycare are managed by EduKids on behalf of YCCCI. All daycare revenue net of operating expenses, employee payroll, cleaning costs, and management fees are donated to St. George on Yonge.

The centre offers an important service to young parents in the local community, providing all-day child care for infants, toddlers, and pre-school-age children, as well as before- and after-school care for students. Daytime capacity is 88 children and after-school capacity is a further 60 children. The centre is open year-round, and also offers all-day spring break and summer programmes for children. Information sheets about the child care centre are available at the welcome desk on the main floor lobby; the centre's management office is on the parish hall level "M" and their phone number is (416) 221-4747.

Three years ago, licenses between St. George on Yonge and YCCCI, as well as between YCCCI and EduKids, were negotiated and renewed for 5 years. The new agreements provided for a 2.5% increase in monthly payments each year plus an additional contribution each December when feasible. This income continues to make up a significant part of the church's annual revenue.

In 2019, YCCCI's monthly payments to St. George on Yonge amounted to \$226,935 plus an additional \$10,000 contribution received in December. YCCCI also made payments of \$20,000 towards an outstanding advance for initial set-up costs before the original Provincial daycare license was granted. Some of the additional major building expenses that were paid for through the partnership of the daycare and SGY are: the new floor tiles on level "M;" the new stoves in the kitchen; the tile backsplashes behind the sinks; and the repairs to the garage door, heat pumps, and air conditioning units. Again in 2019, the daycare donated food supplies for the church's Pancake Supper event.

Current members of YCCCI's Board of Directors are parishioners Eleanor Gilbert, Clavel Lyttle, Hazel Perkin (Vice-President), Laura Pummell (President), and Geraldine Sperling (Recording Secretary). The Board holds regular meetings with staff of EduKids and *ex officio* parish representatives of the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens.

YCCCI and St. George on Yonge continue to have a cordial and constructive working relationship, and we look forward to another successful year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Pummell

ESL Programme – 2019

The ESL programme has continued at St. George through 2019 and into 2020, in three different group formats under the leadership of Angela Ducharme (conversation), Craig Robertson (beginner/instructional), and Morning Wang (Mandarin – beginner). As in past years, we offer our sessions once a week, Tuesday from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. (Many students have asked for additional sessions, but we would require additional leader resources to accommodate that request.)

Numbers range widely week by week, within a usual range of 40 to 60, across the three groups. The Mandarin group is significantly larger than the other two groups, the usual attendance being around 50 to 70. However, because of fearing the possible spreading of the virus, due to the sudden breakout of the coronavirus, the group has been radically shrinking. In 2019, Morning used the Ontario Grade 1 textbook as the teaching material, while in 2020 using the teaching material from the “ESL Library” website.

We attract a wide range of participants of different backgrounds, but primarily from the Mandarin, Korean, and Persian communities.

Class formats can be free-form according to the talents/personality of the leader and the group, and do not require a high degree of preparation or teaching experience. **We are always looking for people to come forward to lead or help to lead.**

The value of the sessions is not only in assisting in developing English language skills. Greater benefits to the participants are:

- Sharing the Gospel and introducing Christian faith to them;
- The opportunity for social interaction among the participants themselves – and especially among people from different cultural and language backgrounds;
- The opportunity to acquire more exposure to Canadian news and issues – it is striking how frequently they admit to being isolated within their communities and their families; and
- An increased sense of comfort, and reduced anxiety, about their ability to communicate in English in the community.

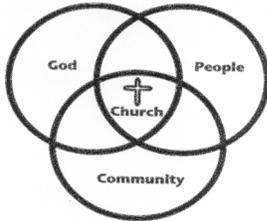
How does our ESL programme fit into St. George’s mission and evangelical obligations? We do not seek overtly to gain converts. We are trying to practise Christ’s charge to us to be a gift and a resource to the community – and to show Christian love and welcome to newcomers and help them to become at home in Toronto.

That said, Morning has successfully increased the ranks of the Mandarin ministry through our ESL sessions, which our broader English language support network assists. And we demonstrate to Yonge Street that we are here and working in Christ’s name.

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Ducharme, Craig Robertson, and Morning Wang

Mission Action Planning (MAP) – 2019

For the past year, several St. George parishioners have been meeting with Janet Marshall, Diocesan Director, Congregational Development, to develop a proposed Mission Action Plan (MAP) for St. George on Yonge. Self-selected participants include some Advisory Board members and other interested volunteers.



Our long-time mission statement remains intact: ***St. George's mission is to nurture our relationships with God in Christ, with one another, and with our community.***

However, updating priorities to support that mission, and identifying realistic activities given our resources, have been the focus of discussions.

An important conclusion is that a priority must be made to build a culture of invitation and hospitality. We want to convey that St. George on Yonge is a place where people experience God – the One who is holy, greater than us; where people experience joy; where people can grow; where people feel supported.

Hopefully, more seekers who come to St. George will continue to attend; and newcomers will make St. George their home.

Action to support this priority could include developing a new tradition at St. George, for example, a regular event which brings in the community; initiating at least one new event with worship; finding new options for feeding community people in need; improving external and interior signs; and enhancing contacts with groups who use St. George, especially worshipping communities. For our actions to be realistic, we need to go out into the community and find out what the community needs.

Changes we hope to see within two years are these: young people feel there is something here for them; at worship, people participate more in the music and feel they can sing the music they like (although we know that music tastes vary widely); that St. George is seen as a place where people can turn; that St. George becomes more integrated with the community – more people come in, and more of us go out.

Already, the process itself is raising awareness and producing some joyful results: a new Christmas Carol Sing event for the public, which attracted 75 people in spite of a storm, most of whom were not parishioners; more joy than ever in our Christmas pageant; increased attendance at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services; a small delegation of parishioners to a Christian Iranian service in our building, to express our sorrow and support following the Ukrainian Air tragedy; seeing new people and interacting with them; more people coming to coffee hour and staying longer.

Our MAP process is a work in progress, and we ask that members of the parish hold us in their prayers, and give us their ideas about St. George's mission and plans, and their hopes and dreams for the parish.

Respectfully Submitted,
Geraldine Sperling

Stewardship – 2019

In November 2019, members of the parish received a Guide for Joyful Giving, together with a green Commitment Card. We were all asked to return the card in December with our commitment of money, time, and talent. Sadly, very few commitment cards have been completed and returned.

The Guide for Joyful Giving outlined the many parish ministries and operations that need everyone's time and talents to succeed; described Pre-Authorised Remittance (PAR) as a way of giving on which the church can depend; proportional giving as a way of deciding how much to give; and planned giving (or legacy giving) to help St. George's ministries continue, not just this year but also into the future. Please ask for a copy of the Guide if you do not have one.

The Commitment Card has two sides: one side is a donation pledge, and the other side is a time and talent pledge that lists the many areas where skills and effort are needed. Our financial contributions are very important to St. George on Yonge. But make no mistake; our contributions of time and talent are equally needed. It is estimated that about 11,500 hours per year of volunteer time are needed to support the 5 key areas of Worship, Pastoral Care, Learning, Building Community, and Outreach. That is the equivalent of **five full-time staff!**

Please return your green commitment card as soon as possible, so that church leaders are able to plan budgets and programmes with confidence that support will be available. And please remember that the cost of living goes up every year, not only for individuals, but also for church maintenance and mission.

The Stewardship Committee still hopes to hold information sessions on three key areas:

1. Estate planning, wills, and powers of attorney (important for younger people as well as seniors)
2. Different ways of making legacy gifts, and possible tax advantages
3. Funeral planning (not as gloomy a subject as you might think; several members of the parish have already pre-planned and pre-paid their funerals as a way of sparing the next generation from having to deal with these decisions, and making sure their favourite hymns are sung!)

Respectfully Submitted,
Geraldine Sperling

Profit & Loss Budget versus Actual for 2019 (Unaudited) and Budget for 2020

	Jan - Dec 19	Budget 19	Budget 2020
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4001 · INTERNAL SUPPORT			
4010 · Envelope Offering	34,488.69	41,000.00	38,000.00
4020 · Open Offering-Receipted	3,645.00	5,000.00	4,000.00
4030 · Open Offer'g-Non Receipted	6,069.50	6,189.70	6,000.00
4040 · Pre-Authorized Giving	78,017.20	77,000.00	82,000.00
4050 · Flowers & Decorations	730.00	1,000.00	800.00
4052 · Church School	0.00	75.00	0.00
4001 · INTERNAL SUPPORT - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 4001 · INTERNAL SUPPORT	122,950.39	130,264.70	130,800.00
4080 · RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY	2,873.70	6,000.00	2,000.00
4060 · SEASONAL OFFERING			
4062 · Lent & Easter Offering	2,391.00	2,000.00	2,500.00
4064 · Thanksgiving Offering	1,452.10	1,000.00	1,500.00
4066 · Christmas Offering	2,433.55	3,000.00	2,500.00
Total 4060 · SEASONAL OFFERING	6,276.65	6,000.00	6,500.00
4100 · NON OFFERING			
4110 · Bequests & Memorials	26,210.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
4120 · Specific Purpose-Special	300.00	1,500.00	3,000.00
4130 · Capital Fund Contribution	21,703.36	5,000.00	5,000.00
Total 4100 · NON OFFERING	48,213.36	16,500.00	13,000.00
4200 · FUNDRAISING			
4230 · Special Sales	10.00	250.00	0.00
4240 · Other	3,555.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
4260 · Bazaar	1,592.40	2,500.00	2,000.00
Total 4200 · FUNDRAISING	5,157.40	3,750.00	6,000.00
4250 · FELLOWSHIP EVENTS			
4270 · Pancake Supper	325.00	200.00	200.00
4275 · Picnic/Barbeque	91.00	200.00	100.00
Total 4250 · FELLOWSHIP EVENTS	416.00	400.00	300.00
4290 · FAITHWORKS	248.50	500.00	500.00
4300 · EXTERNAL SUPPORT			
4320 · Tor Korean Methodist Church	40,687.19	40,687.25	41,907.70
4350 · Parking	32,745.00	31,640.00	33,600.00
4420 · Alcoholics Anonymous	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00
4332 · Al-Anon			900.00
4434 · Living Water			5,040.00
4530 · Hall Rentals	9,350.00	10,000.00	5,000.00
Total 4300 · EXTERNAL SUPPORT	84,582.19	84,127.25	88,247.70
4500 · MISCELLANEOUS			
4510 · Weddings	265.00	200.00	250.00
4520 · Funerals	0.00	200.00	250.00
4540 · Hospitality	284.35	500.00	500.00
4590 · Custodial	7,261.65	10,000.00	8,000.00
4500 · MISCELLANEOUS - Other	107.00		0.00
Total 4500 · MISCELLANEOUS	7,918.00	10,900.00	9,000.00
4600 · OTHER INCOME			
4620 · Mandarin Ministry Funding	14,500.00	11,500.00	4,500.00
4916 · New Hope Funding	34,999.92	36,420.00	15,000.00
4615 · Curacy Grant	35,000.04	36,420.00	15,000.00
4610 · CIBC Interest Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
4710 · Diocese Investment Income	31,932.04	30,000.00	32,000.00
4810 · York Rectors Fund	6,800.04	7,000.00	6,800.04
4811 · Diocese Grant	500.00	0.00	0.00
Total 4600 · OTHER INCOME	123,732.04	121,340.00	73,300.04
Total Income	402,368.23	379,781.95	329,647.74
Gross Profit	402,368.23	379,781.95	329,647.74

Profit & Loss Budget versus Actual for 2019 (Unaudited) and Budget for 2020

Expense	Jan - Dec 19	Budget 19	Budget 2020
5020 - EXTERNAL MINISTRY			
5030 - Diocesan Allotment	15,477.72	15,477.72	28,497.00
5040 - Outreach	1,000.00	2,000.00	6,200.00
5050 - Synod Expense	780.00	600.00	800.00
Total 5020 - EXTERNAL MINISTRY	17,257.72	18,077.72	35,497.00
Total 5101 - CLERGY PAYROLL	145,215.43	142,513.76	104,255.84
5220 - STAFF AND PASTORAL SUPPORT			
5300 - Supply Clergy & Honoraria	923.19	2,000.00	6,000.00
5305 - Pastoral Support	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
5310 - Supply Organist	600.00	750.00	700.00
5320 - Organist Prof Development	155.00	200.00	200.00
Total 5220 - STAFF AND PASTORAL SUPPORT	1,678.19	12,950.00	16,900.00
5401 - WORSHIP SUPPLIES			
5410 - Wine	210.00	300.00	300.00
5420 - Bread	82.98	100.00	100.00
5430 - Linens & Vessels	37.28	100.00	100.00
5440 - Flowers & Decorations	797.27	1,000.00	800.00
5450 - Miscellaneous Supplies	440.62	800.00	500.00
5475 - Music	879.20	3,000.00	3,000.00
Total 5401 - WORSHIP SUPPLIES	2,447.35	5,300.00	4,800.00
5500 - CHURCH PROGRAMMES			
5591 - Mandarin Ministry Expenses	15,721.44	13,500.00	4,500.00
5546 - FaithWorks Grant Expenses	876.87	1,500.00	600.00
5475 - Music	879.20	3,000.00	3,000.00
5550 - Children and Youth Ministry	230.65	7,000.00	4,000.00
5570 - Adult Education	803.68	400.00	1,000.00
5572 - Screening Expenses	336.00	400.00	300.00
5580 - Hospitality Supplies	1,405.24	1,000.00	1,500.00
5582 - MAP	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
5590 - Special Events	743.42	800.00	1,200.00
5595 - Other Events	314.56	1,000.00	500.00
Total 5500 - CHURCH PROGRAMMES	21,311.06	28,600.00	21,600.00
5805 - RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY .	5,515.00	6,000.00	2,000.00
6200 - ADMINISTRATION			
6220 - Advertising	6,303.13	9,000.00	6,000.00
6230 - Postage	487.37	800.00	600.00
6240 - Paper	1,013.78	1,000.00	1,000.00
6250 - Other Office Supplies	468.01	500.00	500.00
6260 - Photocopier Expenses	1,898.65	1,700.00	4,000.00
6270 - External Copying/Printing	33.89	900.00	100.00
6280 - Telephone	4,195.28	4,000.00	4,200.00
6290 - Computer Equip & Exps	670.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
6294 - Internet Access	1,078.58	1,000.00	1,200.00
6295 - Website Maintenance	551.94	400.00	1,000.00
6297 - Professional Fees			
6297-1 - Audit & Accounting Fees	6,450.59	6,000.00	8,000.00
6297-2 - Legal Fees	0.00	500.00	500.00
Treasurer			3,000.00
Total 6297 - Professional Fees	6,450.59	6,500.00	11,500.00
Total 6200 - ADMINISTRATION	23,151.22	26,800.00	31,100.00
Total 6400 - BANK CHARGES	2,029.07	2,700.00	2,200.00
Total 6600 - PAYROLL EXPENSE	95,972.75	109,000.00	119,000.00
6700 - WSIB EXPENSES	402.76	800.00	500.00
7200 - BUILDING EXPENSES			
7210 - Electricity Church	62,645.72	60,000.00	62,000.00
7220 - Water Church	5,463.76	5,300.00	5,500.00
7230 - Natural Gas Church	10,797.37	12,000.00	11,000.00
7240 - Insurance Church	20,827.49	23,000.00	22,000.00
7250 - Grounds Service	4,750.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
7200 - BUILDING EXPENSES - Other	3,544.75	2,000.00	4,000.00
Total 7200 - BUILDING EXPENSES	108,029.09	109,300.00	111,500.00
7300 - BUILDING MAINTENANCE			
7320 - Electrical	369.00	500.00	500.00
7330 - Heating System	14,567.55	30,000.00	20,000.00
7350 - Cleaning & Sanitation	771.14	500.00	800.00
7360 - Elevator	4,918.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
7370 - Other Maintenance	6,940.01	13,000.00	8,000.00
7390 - Repairs Church	9,782.16	5,000.00	14,000.00
Total 7300 - BUILDING MAINTENANCE	37,347.86	54,000.00	49,300.00
9000 - FINANCIAL EXPENSES			
9101 - TD Mortgages Interest	63,500.39	64,000.00	63,500.39
9200 - YCCCI Payments	-236,935.00	-246,935.00	-242,608.36
Total 9000 - FINANCIAL EXPENSES	-173,434.61	-182,935.00	-179,107.97
Total Expense	286,922.89	333,106.48	319,544.87
Net Ordinary Income	115,445.34	46,675.47	10,102.87
Net Income	115,445.34	46,675.47	10,102.87

Nominating Committee Report for 2020

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

Corporation

Rector's Warden (appointed)	Lorraine Baillie
People's Warden	Kwan Luk
Deputy Warden	Kay Yuen
Deputy Warden	_____
Treasurer	_____

Envelope Secretary (appointed) Anne Baillie

Advisory Board

Membership includes Corporation and the following members-at-large.

Nancy Dodsworth, Egan Done, Doug Heyes, Margie Lyttle, Aili Maki, Hazel Perkin, Laura Pummell, Kien Siu, Geraldine Sperling, Young Adult Representative

Candidates for Lay Members of Synod

Laura Pummell, Geraldine Sperling, Doug Heyes (Substitute), Izunna Umezinne (Youth Representative)

Parochial Tribunal Eleanor Gilbert, Doug Heyes, Geraldine Sperling

YCCCI Board Eleanor Gilbert, Clavel Lyttle, Hazel Perkin, Laura Pummell, Geraldine Sperling

Church Groups and Committees

Altar Guild	Roshni Sircar
Archives/Heritage Room	_____
Children's Ministry	Kathy Baillie
Community Connection	Doug Heyes
Concert Committee	Alan Sperling
Counters	Richard Snider
Deacon Discernment Committee	Max Wynter
Don Valley Refugee Resettlers	Aili Maki
English as a Second Language	Craig Robertson, The Rev. Morning Wang
Library	_____

Church Groups and Committees continued →

Mandarin Ministry	The Rev. Morning Wang, Kwan Luk
Marketing	
Music	Michael Leach
Parish Life and Hospitality	Lorraine Baillie, Kathy Baillie, and Nancy Dodsworth
Parish Newsletter	Kathy Baillie, Craig Gustafson
Pastoral Care	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Prayer Ministry	Margie Lyttle
Property Support	
Responsible Ministry	The Rev. Leonard Leader, Craig Gustafson
Social Media, Website, Signage	Egan Done, Craig Gustafson
Stewardship	
FaithWorks	
Joyful Giving	Geraldine Sperling
Legacy Giving	Alan Sperling
Ushers	Ann-Marie Waithe Powell
Wednesday Morning Group	Ann Beecham
Welcome Desk	Craig Gustafson
Worship Ministries (Anointers, Chalice Bearers, Intercessors, Readers, Servers)	The Rev. Leonard Leader

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Pummell

Deacon Discernment Committee – 2019

Two years ago the parish raised a committee to explore the Diaconate ministry and to discern if the parish is called to support such a ministry. After consultations with the Venerable Kyn Barker, Coordinator of Deacons, and months of coaching by deacons appointed by the diocese to assist in discernment, the committee concluded that the parish is ready to raise up a deacon.

An invitation was sent to members of the parish and two members have offered themselves for service, believing that they have been called to this ministry. These persons have been interviewed by Archdeacon Barker and are ready to start the long journey to become Deacons.

The committee therefore recommends that the parish raise up these persons to the order of deacons and moves that the parish pass these resolutions at Vestry.

Resolutions to raise up deacons

1. Be it resolved that this parish will support deacons.
2. Be it resolved that the parish nominates Mr. Douglas Heyes and Ms. Margie Lyttle to be considered by the diocese of Toronto for ordination as Deacons.

Respectfully Submitted,
Maxwell Wynter
Chair, Deacon Discernment Committee

Backgrounder – Diaconate Ministry

Those who make up the Community of Deacons are ordained persons who have been called to a special ministry of servanthood, directly under the authority of the bishop. In the past they were called “Permanent Deacons,” “Perpetual Deacons,” or “Vocational Deacons,” but now they’re called just “Deacons.” Those persons who are temporarily deacons on the way to ordination to the priesthood are called “Transitional Deacons.”

Deacons exercise a ministry of service beyond the Church, particularly to the vulnerable and marginalised. Their focus is on the Church active in the world rather than on parochial activities.

Becoming a Deacon

The process for applying for ordination as a deacon requires the full involvement of a sponsoring parish, parish priest, and bishop. Together with the Coordinator of Deacons, the applicant and his or her sponsors enter into an intensive discernment process, both for the individual and the parish.

Parishes interested in exploring this ministry should contact the Coordinator. Individuals who are interested in this ministry need to talk to their incumbent before contacting the Coordinator. Permission must be granted from the area bishop before any discernment process can proceed.

For information about the Community of Deacons and diaconal ministry in the Diocese of Toronto, please contact the Ven. Kyn Barker, Coordinator of Deacons, at (416) 371-4305 or **barkerk@rogers.com**

From the Diocesan Website (**www.toronto.anglican.ca/about-the-diocese/careers-and-vocations/ordination-process/diaconate-ministry/**)

For more information, please see “Information on the Diaconate in the Diocese of Toronto,” “(Vocational) Deacon Process: Discernment to Ordination,” and “Resources for the Diaconate” links on the webpage above.

Social Justice & Advocacy Vestry Motion 2020
Taking Action on Climate Change

We, the vestry of St. George on Yonge in the Diocese of Toronto, recognise that there is a global climate emergency. We acknowledge that all sectors of society, including government, business, churches, and other non-profit organizations, and private individuals, have an obligation to do what they can to minimise their contribution to climate change.

We call on the government of Canada to commit to the following:

- End public financing of the fossil fuel industry
- Bring Canada’s climate and energy policy into alignment with the Paris Accord emissions targets to do our part to limit the rise in global average temperatures below 1.5 degrees Celsius
- Support a just transition to a low-carbon economy through investment in renewable energy sources and infrastructure, energy-efficient technologies, and skills development and retraining for high-quality, sustainable jobs in the renewable energy sector
- Assist Indigenous, northern, and coastal communities, and other vulnerable populations, to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change on their local environments.

As Christians, we have a particular obligation to care for the earth as God’s beloved creation (Genesis 1:26–28; 2:15), as well as for the most vulnerable among the human family (Matthew 25). Accordingly, we also commit our parish to the following goal(s):

Some examples of possible parish goals:

- Reducing our parish energy use by _____ %
- Encouraging use of active and public transportation by parishioners, and carpooling where these options are not practicable
- Eliminating (or reducing by _____ %) our use of single-use plastic products
- Divesting from investments in oil, gas, and coal, and/or investing in renewable energy projects
- Planting [x number of trees] this year [on church or private property, or participating in community tree-planting projects]

Other Ideas:



Backgrounder – Taking Action on Climate Change

Climate change is already disrupting life on Earth as we know it. Average global temperatures have already increased 1°C over pre-industrial levels, bringing about melting glaciers and polar ice caps, rising seas, deadly heatwaves, and more intense storms. Canada is warming twice as fast as the rest of the world, and the Arctic region, three times as fast, with permafrost thawing 70 years ahead of projections.¹ Even in southern Canada, climate change impacts such as more intense storms, flooding, greater occurrence and severity of wildfires, and hotter, dryer summers, have become the new normal.² Ocean levels are rising, and oceans are getting warmer and more acidic, resulting in the decimation of fisheries stocks and threatening “100-year floods” on an annual basis.³ Lakes, too, are warming, with Lake Superior one of the fastest-warming lakes in the world.⁴ Seasonal shifts disrupt wildlife breeding and migration, and insect pests that used to be controlled by long, cold winters are increasing their range and activity, leading to impacts on forests, agricultural crops, and the spread of disease.

The human costs of climate change affect low-income people most, as they have fewer resources to protect themselves or recover from a disaster, but the costs are borne by all of us. The July 2013 storm that caused flash flooding across the GTA resulted in \$850 million in property damages, making it the costliest natural disaster in provincial history.⁵

If we were able to maintain global temperatures at this level, it would be challenge enough, but we are on track for much more devastating impacts. In October of 2018, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued a report warning that “Climate-related risks to health, livelihoods, food security, water supply, human security, and economic growth are projected to increase with global warming of 1.5°C and increase further with 2°C.” Furthermore, the report cautions that “limiting global warming to 1.5°C . . . require[s] rapid and far-reaching transitions in energy, land, urban and infrastructure, and industrial systems . . . [and] can only be achieved if global CO₂ emissions start to decline well before 2030.”⁶ This leaves us only a decade to bring about the transitions we need. The time to act is now.

The Canadian House of Commons and over 50 municipalities in Canada, including at least 8 within our Diocese (as of October 15, 2019) have joined over a thousand jurisdictions worldwide in declaring a climate emergency. This past July, General Synod passed Resolution C003 recognizing a global climate emergency, encouraging dioceses, parishes, and all members of the Anglican Church of Canada to make the Baptismal Covenant and fifth Mark of Mission a priority, and urging Anglicans to collaborate with other Canadian faith communities to strengthen our voices on climate change. This past September, millions of people worldwide joined student-led protests calling for climate action.

Addressing climate change will take commitment from every sector of our society: governments, businesses, churches and other faith and community organizations, and individuals. Let us encourage our governments and each other to take up the challenge.

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