



Annual Vestry Meeting

Sunday, February 26, 2017

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Deaths 3
Baptisms 4
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PAROCHIAL STATISTICS

Baptized persons 16 years of age and over on Parish Roll	282
Households on Parish Roll	164
Total Members on Parish Roll	301
Average Attendance at Weekday Services	7
Average Attendance at Sunday Services:	
08:00 a.m.	11
10:00 a.m.	74
Number of Sunday School Teachers & Children's Program Leaders	4
Number of Children in Church/Sunday School and Children's Program	9

LAY ADMINISTRATORS OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
See list in minutes of 2016 Annual Vestry Meeting.

CHURCH COUNCIL – 2016/17
See list in minutes of 2016 Annual Vestry Meeting.

**HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
FEBRUARY 28, 2016**

The 2016 Annual Meeting was called to order at 11:50 A.M. by The Reverend Dale Yardy. He welcomed the fifty-eight members present and said the opening prayer.

Motion: A motion to accept the Agenda was made by Brian Dobbin, and seconded by Terry Godkin. Carried.

Motion: A motion to accept the Minutes of the 2015 Vestry Meeting was moved by Marney Godkin and seconded by Greg Kennelly. Carried.

Motion; Approval of the receipt of the 2016 Annual Reports was moved by Bob Merrison and seconded by Doug Parker. Carried.

Report of the Building Committee:

Pamela Tennant read a report titled “Rehabilitation Project Status Report” (attached). Stuart Thomas from Terra Housing and Pamela then took questions and comments from the members. After much discussion about the changes to the original plans, Bruce Macdonald moved a vote of confidence in the Building Committee. It was seconded by Sybil Collett. Carried

Report of the Nominating Committee for the 2016/17 Church Council:

Birgit Petersen presented the names for Church Council. It was moved by Birgit Petersen and seconded by Morgan Montgomery that the nominees be approved. Carried

Church Council:

Rector’s Warden	Carla Jones (Appointed)
People’s Warden	Sybil Collett
Assistant Wardens	Birgit Petersen
	Mikhael Magaril
Synod Delegates	Joyce Harwood
	Greg Kennelly
Alternate Synod Delegates	Morgan Montgomery
	Pamela Tennant

Youth Delagate	<i>currently vacant</i>
Alternate Youth Delegate	<i>currently vacant</i>
Treasurer	Betty Macdonald
Recording Secretary	The Reverend Carole Neilson
Envelope Secretary	Susan Stensgaard
Members –at- Large	Lisa Boustcha-Eta Don Neilson

Lay Administrants for 2016/17:

Peter Dyson	Carla Jones	Mikhael Magaril
Birgit Petersen	Vi Calhoun	Marney Godkin
Jackie Lewis	Rob Sider	Sybil Collett
Terry Godkin	Joyce Harwood	Morgan Montgomery
Gordon Cool	Brian Dobbin	Carol Murdoch
Susan Stensgaard	Robert Rothwell	Dinali de Fonseka
Kiffer Card	Meghan Hafting	Kirk Hepburn
Greg Kennelly	Alysia MacGrotty	

Motion: It was moved by Marney Godkin and seconded by Gerry Stensgaard that the Lay Administrators for 2016/17 be approved. Carried.

The Reverend Dale Yardy thanked Don Neilson for his dedication as a warden and welcomed him on Church Council as a Member-at-Large with a gift of Purdy’s chocolates.

Report of the Treasurer:

Betty Macdonald presented the Annual Treasurer’s Report.

Motion: to receive the Financial Statements. Moved by Betty Macdonald and seconded by Doug Parker. Carried.

Motion: to accept the Operating Budget for 2016/17. Moved by Betty Macdonald and seconded by Greg Kennelly. Carried.

Motion: to accept signing authority and deposit box signatories for 2016/17. Moved by Betty Macdonald and seconded by Terry Julian. Carried

* The signatories are: Carla Jones, Sybil Collett, Birgit Petersen, Mikhael Magaril, Betty Macdonald, Bruce Macdonald, Glynn Crew, and Don Neilson.

Motion: to appoint accountants from Kaushal and Co. or as selected by Church Council. Moved by Betty Macdonald and seconded by Anne Haywood. Carried

Motion: to waive the appointment of an audit for the year 2016. Moved by Betty Macdonald and seconded by Marney Godkin. Carried

Motion: to accept the Capital and Memorial Budget for 2016. Moved by Betty Macdonald and seconded by Brian Dobbin. Carried

Other Business: None

Moment of Remembrance:

The Reverend Carole Neilson read the names of those who died in 2015, followed by a moment of silence.

Motion of Thanks:

The Reverend Carole Neilson gave the motion of thanks to the members of the many groups and everyone in our congregation for their dedicated service to the life and vitality of Holy Trinity Cathedral. The motion was seconded by Don Neilson. Carried.

A standing round of applause followed.

Motion to Adjourn: Marney Godkin/ Angus Brady

Closing Prayer: The meeting was closed with everyone saying the Grace.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Submitted by: The Reverend Dale Yardy

Dear Friends,

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire."

- Catherine of Siena (mystic)

As we commence a new year at Holy Trinity Cathedral, we are given the gift of reflecting on where we have been and where we are headed. Our passion for God and this community is key as we move into 2017. In the quote above, Catherine is really asking us to consider, who are we called to be - for in identifying this, we discover our passion & purpose. This is true individually as well as collectively. "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire".

Who is God calling us to be as a community of faith in this place and how might you contribute? Where should our passion and energy be focused in 2017 and beyond?

We have a lot of passion and energy in this parish already, and I suspect there is much more out there just waiting to be tapped. Over the years, so many of you have given so much of your passion to the church and served it faithfully in so many different ways. It was your passion that drove you to consider your gifts and talents and through that discernment process, energy was released - new ministries were enabled, and existing ministries, strengthened. So thank you, for all you have done, and all you continue to do!

We live now in challenging times. It is not easy to be Church in the 21st century, even less so here on the West Coast with so many different spiritualities/activities constantly competing for our attention. Yet, this is also a strength, for it holds great potential for the Church. When Jesus invites Peter, Andrew, James, and John to follow him that they might become "fishers of men", this call was counter cultural to the prevailing wisdom of the time that would have them stay in their roles and responsibilities they had always known. Jesus recognized their gifts as evangelists and they in turn recognized their passion in Him and so they follow, allowing their gifts and talents to flourish in the establishment of the emerging Church.

We have a unique opportunity to model our discipleship on these disciples - to say "yes" to the call of discipleship, to set free our passion and energy in

the Church today and work to share the good news, invite people to church, and nurture discipleship so that lives might be transformed through an experience of the living Christ.

We already see evidence of this happening in our Hot Breakfast Program that feeds around 100 people every week, led by our Deacon Carole and Don Neilson and a team of committed volunteers from around our community and beyond. We have seen real growth in our Home Groups that meet, a Midweek Healing Eucharist has been established, a parish weekend in the works (June 2, 3, & 4) designed to help us identify and celebrate our gifts, video webinars to enable more convenient trainings of some lay ministries, as well as an intentional exploration this year of devising a youth ministry model for the next generation of children. Our Young Adults Group continues to meet and encourage one another in the faith. In March, a Lenten program with Eucharist will begin as we prepare for Easter. You will notice a Stewardship campaign being launched in March as well that will have a year-round focus designed to keep us attentive to utilizing our passion and resources for the building up of God's kingdom in and around this place.

For those of you in key leadership positions and lay ministries we will be offering Team Building Coaching sessions throughout the year. We will be holding Parish Fun Nights on a monthly basis designed to help all of us get to know one another more and to enjoy fellowship together. These are but a few of the new and existing ministries we have on offer this year which we encourage you to be a part of. For more information about our Church's ministries and how you can share your passion, see our Ministry Plan on the parish website which contains a great deal of information on who we are and how you can be involved.

Part of my responsibility as Rector also pertains to overseeing the Building Project as Chair of the Steering Committee. I'm pleased to report that after a very productive meeting at the Mayors Office a few weeks ago, the Senior City Planner has outlined for us "next steps" which begins with a meeting with the Land Use and Planning Committee (LUPC) which consists of the Mayor and a couple of City Council Members in March. The Steering Committee deeply appreciates your continued prayers and patience during this process. We are currently in preparations for our meeting with LUPC and we will keep you informed as to how things unfold. As previously mentioned, the original plans for the Project have needed to be scaled back in order to conform to City specifications as well as financial limitations. We

do believe the end result will enable us to still achieve what we set out to do - ie: seismically upgrade the Cathedral, improve the parking situation and build new parish facilities that will help make Holy Trinity Cathedral “shine” in the community. As always, you can keep informed on all stages of the Building Project process by accessing our Parish Council Minutes each month which are on the parish website. I am most happy to answer any questions also in person.

In your AGM packages you will find some really helpful information on helping our Cathedral shine by making a regular donation every month. Pre Authorised Donation forms are located at the back of the Cathedral for your convenience. In your packages, you will also find a list of ways you can help the Cathedral through donating your time and talents in a myriad of ways. You will receive a breakdown of our expenses this year and where your donations actually go.

We are asking all parishioners to keep their donations coming in regularly. The Stewardship Committee is set with the task this year to find 21 new household pledges to build on the financial offering of our current membership. This is to help move us closer toward a balanced budget. The forms enclosed contain more detail on how you can help donate if you have not yet had the opportunity to contribute. If you currently do give financially to the parish – thank you! Please continue to do so faithfully as we seek to increase our income by inviting another 21 households to make a regular financial commitment to the parish also. This will enable HTC to thrive as a centre for faith and spiritual formation in our local neighbourhood today and into the years ahead.

Thank you as always to all of our volunteers. To all of you involved in key ministries in the parish and who have submitted reports. It is so exciting to read about your passion for God and the many ministries you have been called to. Thank you to our Wardens, Carla Jones, Sybil Collett, Birgit Petersen, and Mikhael Magaril for your vision, your tireless efforts, and hard work in more ways than I could ever keep count. To our Parish Council, thank you for the passion and dedication you have brought to the parish this year. To Betty & Bruce Macdonald for the enormous amount of work you put into keeping the financial records and preparing budgets and keeping us all on track - my heartfelt thanks to you both as well. To our Steering Committee members, Susan Stensgaard, Betty Macdonald, Don Neilson, Don Paul, Sheila McLaughlin, Stuart Thomas, Pamela Tennant

thank you for your commitment to this important work, for your dedication to this project and offering your gifts of time and expertise so freely.

To our Deacon, The Rev'd Carole Neilson who serves our community incredibly faithfully assisting me at the Altar at our worship services, preaching, offering pastoral care, as well as other ministries such as The Hot Breakfast Program, Thornebridge, Social Fun Nights and so much more - I sincerely thank you for all you do. To our Adjunct Priests, The Rev'd Neil Fernyhough and The Rev'd David McKenzie - for your preaching and teaching and for the gifts you share so generously with this community, I am so grateful to have you here. To our staff; Marcia our Parish Secretary, Morgan our Caretaker, and George our Music Director - our community is enriched beyond measure through the faithful work you do every week. My sincere thanks to you all.

This year, we have much to look forward to and we have many opportunities to shine. But it does require a concerted effort on all our parts to reflect on how might we each give back to this Cathedral a measure of the richness we all receive here every week. So, take a look at the resources enclosed and please make a commitment to God and yourself to help us as a community become what we should be, so that we might set the whole world on fire. Together let us each contribute and make a difference by offering back to God and God's mission, a portion of the blessings we have all received. On February 26, please bring your completed Pledge Forms to church and place them in the Offering Plate as a sign of your commitment to God and the ministry of our beloved Cathedral.

With gratitude to God & to you all,
The Reverend Dale Yardy.
Rector

DEACON'S REPORT

Submitted by: The Reverend Carole Neilson

I am pleased to report that 2016 was a busy year. My ministry at Holy Trinity Cathedral includes a variety of programs and activities as well as participating as deacon in worship.

Serving at the altar with Fr. Dale and other clergy is a privilege. Working with HTC's other deacon, The Rev'd Chris Magrega, has also been

important to me. Being involved with the Women's Prayer Group, and attending the Diocesan Leadership Course with her for two years, gave me the opportunity to see her ministries in action.

Services at Thornbridge twice a month are an outreach that includes several of our parishioners. Their musical talent and reading of the lessons give these services depth and meaning. Fr. Dale conducts a Service of Holy Communion on the first Thursday, and I lead Morning Prayer on the third Thursday.

The Breakfast Club (separate report) continues to be a weekly highlight. Because several of us set up the lower hall for the Breakfast Club on Wednesday mornings, we have invited anyone interested to 'drop in for coffee & tea and a chat'. There have been as many as 12 folks come along – nothing fancy, just a casual, fun time

Beside the Breakfast Club, Holy Trinity Cathedral is a member of the New Westminster Homelessness Coalition Society. This group includes many service providers to homeless and at-risk persons. The I's on the Street is a program that hires people to keep the sidewalks clean in various locations of New Westminster. There is a group assigned to Columbia Street, which includes Clarkson and Church Streets right here at our grounds. The membership fee is \$5.00/year. It is important for our parish to be an active member of these outreach services.

We support NWHCS during Action Week in October by hosting a Connect Day, which begins with breakfast on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. There is an Annual Dinner and Auction held on Thursday evening. Our parish reserves a table for ten and all participants pay for their own tickets.

The Fun Night Program has been quite popular this year. We met about every six weeks from September to June on Friday evening. There are games for our youngest members and a game called dinking for everyone (the young folk wanted to join the adults). Dinking is similar to curling but we play on a wooden floor. The concept here is to encourage the generations to 'play and visit' together. It has been awesome to see the youngsters playing chess and scrabble with adults as well as throwing the wooden disks across the hall floor. Those who wish, bring dessert to share.

The Home Study Group is an opportunity to study and experience the

camaraderie of learning together. Our group is small but enthusiastic. We meet Monday mornings in Delta.

I have been secretary of Church Council for four years and have acted as secretary for our Annual Vestry Meeting during that time too. I appreciate the support I have received while in these positions.

I am looking forward to another exciting year at Holy trinity Cathedral. Many thanks to everyone for assisting me in my ministry. Your support and enthusiasm inspire me.

WARDENS' REPORT

Submitted by: Carla Jones, Sybill Collett, Birgit Petersen, Mikhael Magaril

The Wardens are pleased to present a short summary of some the work that they have accomplished for this year. One of our priorities was to keep the parish aware of the activities of the church. We have increased awareness through the use of the telephone team, postings in the weekly bulletin, and the website. We have also begun posting monthly council minutes on the website.

The wardens also work hard on navigating our church through the challenging financial weather we have been having. We look to reduce expenses wherever possible while not blocking timely repairs where they are so needed. We also look for cost-effective ways to engage the parish and increase membership.

Two other issues that were paramount this past year included the security/safety of the church and regulatory compliance. We have had our fair share of issues with the homeless that have needed to be addressed, though we still follow the example of Christ and treat them as our neighbours. We have also greatly reduced the likelihood of a slip and fall on the stairs when wet. In terms of regulatory compliance we have revised our rental agreements, employment contracts, and attended to addressing some issues under the Employment Standards Act and ensured that all major repairs performed in the church would have access to workers' compensation if there was an accident.

ALTAR GUILD REPORT

Submitted by: Nadine Wilkes-Smith & Geoff Clements

This was a year of transition for the Altar Guild. After 20+ years of Ministering for HTC as the Altar Guild president, Valerie Hobson decided it was time to hang up her burse and veil. Fr. Dale maintained the scheduling until we were asked to be the new leaders in March of 2016. The learning curve has been steep but we have managed to scale the mountain—at least part way.

We had some people leave us: Corrine Anderson, Kiffer Card and Kirk Hepburn moved on to other congregations. Jackie Lewis and Dinali de Fonseka have continued in the weekly service preparation, while Peter Dyson and Doug McRae continue with cleaning the brass and plaques throughout the church. Welcome additions to our team this year are Kate Abel, Sue Heller, and Ian and Carol Murdoch. We now have sufficient members to accommodate a commitment of one month per quarter.

Birgit Petersen continues to diligently take care of flowers, decorating for High Festivals and special services for the Cathedral.

Through a generous donation, we have purchased and prepared proper seasonal frontal cloths for the low altar. So far, we have red, green and blue. The white and purple should be ready within the next month, in time for Lent. Some repair work has been done on the aging high altar frontals to extend their life.

The Altar Guild manual, originally created by Valerie, required some editing of language. Pages with additional seasonal colour options were added as well as an explanation of the Tabernacle, Burse and Veil so that everyone performing this ministry might better understand the significance of the preparation of the elements performed for every Communion service. Each member now has their own copy sent electronically.

We are grateful for the patience, understanding and assistance of our clergy, servers, wardens and Morgan Montgomery as we have made this transition. We truly appreciate the support of the congregation of HTC as we continue to serve in this most important sacred Ministry.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM REPORT

Submitted by: The Reverend Carole Neilson

The Breakfast Club functions very well because of the dedicated crews in the kitchen, the servers, the set-up and clean-up teams, and the shoppers. There are 25 regular volunteers from our parish and from St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, St. Alban's Burnaby, and from the community. This number expands with the student volunteers from St. Thomas More Collegiate. During vacation times and in the summer, former students volunteer along with parents and staff members from STMC.

We serve approximately 5,200 breakfasts each year. We are always open on Thursdays from 8:00am – 9:00am. With the change in fare payment on sky train, our numbers have lessened slightly, but we still see new faces most weeks.

The program has an excellent reputation for friendliness and good food. Each week we serve scrambled eggs and ham, toast, hash brown potatoes, orange juice, banana and orange sections, and baked goods from local supermarkets. Extra buns and loaves of bread are also available for taking away.

Telus provides breakfast twice a year, in June and December. They purchase all the food and donate several boxes of toiletries, including towels. In December, Santa Claus pays a visit, which adds to the festivities at this breakfast. Because of Telus' generosity, we have toiletries available for most of the year.

We have a sock program during the fall and winter. Each person can have two pairs of socks as supplies last. It is hoped the recipients can dry a pair of wet socks and have another pair to wear. We also have toques, gloves and scarves donated to this program. Again, these donations come from a variety of churches and individuals.

Holy Trinity Cathedral is a member of the New Westminster Homelessness Coalition Society. This group sponsors an Action Week every October. We host the Connect Day the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. Breakfast is served at 8:00am (and on Thursday as well). At 9:00am, agencies and societies are in the upper hall to offer various services to those in attendance. There

are haircuts, hearing tests, flu shots, housing information, pet advisors, legal advice, mini clothing boutique, and First Nations organizations. The Sikh Community provides a delicious lunch at noon. Beginning and ending the Connect Day with a meal is a sign of the hospitality our community offers to its citizens in need of assistance.

Bruce Macdonald, Jeff Yip and I deeply appreciate the support we receive from the parish and community as we co-ordinate the program each week. This year we will be actively seeking financial support as our grant from a few years ago is nearly used up. (see the financial statement).

We are certain that in responding to the needs of those persons in the community, we will receive the resources needed to continue this ministry in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Financial Statement for the Breakfast Club

Donations:

General Donations	1,485.00
St. Vincent de Paul	1,440.00
St. Peter's Women's League	200.00
Elks Club	500.00
Sock Donations	500.00
	<u>4,125.00</u>

Expenses:

Food	9,904.37
Repairs	1,500.46
Supplies	239.44
Utilities	2,400.00
Socks	802.01
	<u>14,846.28</u>
Net (loss) for the year	-10,721.28
Opening Fund Balance	15,067.11
Closing Fund Balance	<u>4,345.83</u>

BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by: Morgan Montgomery

As the saying goes, “another year older and deeper in debt”. As we all are finding, it is costing more to get things done. My hours are back to 32 per month and I am still doing 1.5 hours on Sundays. There were no major disasters. We did get the front of the hall painted, as well as getting the washrooms painted and new floors in the women’s and Handicapped washrooms.

What I was able to get done:

- Lower hall stripped and refinished
- Gutters cleaned and repaired
- Fence repaired around Cathedral and Hall
- Windows cleaned inside and out
- Air filters replaced

One concern: the wall in the chapel needs repairing. Anyone remember when it was done last time?

I am now keeping a record on the computer of the extra things I do.

COMMUNICATIONS (TELETEAM)

Submitted by: Rose Paisley

The mandate of the Communications Committee is to inform all parishioners of upcoming events of a religious or social nature at HTC. This is accomplished through a dedicated group of phoners who call approximately 15 parishioners each to pass this information down the line. The system works well and, in addition to providing information, it gives us contact with parishioners who do not or cannot attend regular services. We always welcome new members to our team.

ENVELOPE SECRETARY’S REPORT

Submitted by: Susan Stensgaard

At the close of 2016, Holy Trinity Cathedral had 114 envelope subscribers, up 9 from 2015. As well as donations for general running of the parish, envelope givers also designate funds for P.W.R.D.F., flowers, the breakfast

program, building improvements, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, Deacon education, Altar Guild, Taize and a variety of other programs.

A growing number of people are choosing to donate via PAD (pre-authorized deposit). This program allows you to specify a monthly donation amount by direct debit or Mastercard/Visa.

If you have any questions regarding the envelope program, would like to become a program participant, or would like to go on PAD please contact me at susan@holytrinitycathedral.ca. Thank you for your continued commitment to this program.

MUSIC REPORT

Submitted by: George Ryan

Music continues to play an important part in the life of our church, and it has been my privilege to serve as your Director of Music for another year.

Our choir remains the centrepiece of the music and their faithful service, week after week throughout the year, continues to be an inspiration to me and a wonderful example of using one's talents in the service of God. They have sung at every regular service throughout the year, and, even on Sundays when the weather prevented the Music Director from making it to church, provided vocal and keyboard leadership for the congregation. I thank them for their tremendous contribution.

Choir numbers have remained stable and we have been pleased to welcome Diane Rowse as a full-time member. I am also grateful to Renée Bucciarelli, Anne Norman and Gordon Cool for assistance at special services and events. The choir has also appreciated the musical contributions over the years of Chris and Dennis Magrega and wish them well.

A major disappointment was the cancellation of the Annual Christmas Concert with the New Westminster Regimental Band due to dangerous weather conditions. We always look forward to this event, and the augmented choir had spent a lot of time preparing special music for the occasion. However, the good news is that we have a large part of next year's program already prepared!

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Wardens, the Congregation, our Priest Fr. Dale Yardy and Deacons Carole and Chris for tremendous support and encouragement throughout the year. Your support makes my task so much easier. I would also like to thank our Secretary, Marcia, for her help in preparing music copies for us.

Finally, to all those who have made it possible for me to continue as your MD despite my disability, by providing transport to and from the church throughout the year, many thanks for your kindness and help, without which I would not be able to continue to serve.

PWRDF REPORT

Submitted by: Margaret Cool

Mission Statement: "As an instrument of faith, PWRDF connects Anglicans in Canada to communities around the world in dynamic partnerships to advance development, respond to emergencies, assist refugees, and act for positive change."

PWRDF was created in 1959 by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, after 167 coal miners died in a 1958 coal mine disaster in Springhill, Nova Scotia, as Anglicans wanted an efficient way to respond quickly to emergencies and disasters. PWRDF is our Anglican international aid agency. It carries out much of the same work that high profile agencies do, but without the glossy advertising and high administration costs.

PWRDF works with ACTION BY CHURCHES TOGETHER (ACT), and through partnerships with other churches or agencies in the areas involved. ACT works to create positive and sustainable change in the lives of poor and marginalized people.

PWRDF Response To Disasters in 2016

- \$300,000 grant to aid 8 million displaced people in Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan, due to on going violence in Syria
- PWRDF received over \$200,000 in response to the wild fires in Fort McMurray, which will be used to support the community as needed.
- \$40,000 to be used for relief work in Ethiopia.
- PWRDF is working on several projects in Nepal to help rebuild homes, and help people with their businesses after a series of earthquakes. Also, through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, it is providing meal rations to 950 families in the Raswa district, and

helping them to return to their work as farmers, by repairing their irrigation system.

- Grant of \$40,000 to Haiti and \$20,000 to Cuba after the destruction by Hurricane Matthew in October, 2016,
- Grant of \$15,000 for relief efforts in Ecuador after earthquake in April, 2016.

Other PWDRF Projects

- Gifts for Mission program decreased infant mortality by using solar panels to produce electricity in health clinics in rural Tanzania. Now the clinics are used 24 hours a day, and are able to refrigerate vaccines and medications.
- PWRDF supports the Canada Foodgrains Bank Good Soil Campaign to improve food production by small scale farmers.
- In Burundi, PWRDF works in partnership with the Diocese of Masasi in preventive health and food security by empowering women.
- PWRDF lobbied the government in Canada to restore health care to refugees arriving in Canada.
- PWRDF contributed over \$30,000 to support refugees in Cairo and Alexandria, a project based at the Anglican Cathedral in Cairo. PWRDF has supported this work for over 20 years through two children's clinics operated by Refuge Egypt. The Well Baby and the Well Child Clinics provide health care, health education, and a food basket to children 0 – 5 years and their families.

SOCIAL CONVENOR AND FLOWER CO-ORDINATOR

Submitted by: Birgit Petersen

2016 was a busy year with a lot of fun socials. Activities included:

- The traditional pancake supper was held on Shrove Tuesday and, as usual, Susan and Gerry Stensgaard arranged this.
- A number of Fun nights were held, with Don and Carole Neilson in charge. It is a very good way to meet with each other in a social setting.
- In September, a wine and appetiser party was held to celebrate the wedding of our Rector Dale and Jordan. Birgit arranged this.
- December was ushered in with a pancake breakfast and wreath-making morning, enjoyed by all who came.

- The following Sunday we had a bake and jam sale, an event many were looking forward to, and this year was better than ever before.

The flowers you see every Sunday at the Altar are a labour of love. We are always looking for donations to this project. You can celebrate a happy occasion or remember someone special. Please contact Birgit for details.

We would like to be able to do more fundraisers, but are lacking manpower. If you feel you can help, please contact Birgit.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Submitted by: Susan Stensgaard

During 2016, Sunday School ran concurrently with the 10:00 am service. After the first hymn, the children joined their class teachers to proceed over to the hall for classes that lasted approximately 45 minutes. We were called back to church to join in the Eucharist.

Starr Switzer taught the three to six year olds and had seven children attend. Seven to ten year olds were taught by Susan Stensgaard, who had two attendees.

The first Sunday in Advent, Starr made child-friendly Advent wreaths with attendees. We also practiced a new play called “New Star” on the first three Sundays and, with the help of parents and some very “wise people”, presented it at the 10:00 service on December 18th.

SYNOD DELEGATE’S REPORT

Submitted by: Greg Kennelly & Joyce Harwood

As Diocesan Synod was not convened during 2016, there is nothing to report at this time. We thank the Parish for the opportunity to have served as your delegates to Synod for the past two years.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Submitted separately