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Parish of Saint George

Halifax, Nova Scotia

1996 Annual Report

Annual Meeting: Sunday, February 23, 1997

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

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Agenda

Annual General Meeting Sunday, February 23, 1997

1. Opening Prayers
2. Approval of minutes of February 18, 1996
3. Unfinished business, or business arising from the minutes
4. Communications
5. Financial Statement for year ended December 31, 1996 (Parish and Restoration)
6. Report of Rector
7. Report of Wardens
8. Report of Synod Delegates
9. Consideration of Committee Reports
10. Reception of Organization Reports
11. 1997 Budget
12. New or special business
13. Elections
14. Nominations to Diocesan Council and King's College Board
15. Motion of Adjournment
16. Closing Prayers

Minutes

Annual General Meeting, Sunday, February 18, 1996

The meeting opened with Hymn 405 and prayers at 11:32 a.m.

Father Thorne chaired the meeting, 65 parishioners were present.

The Agenda was approved as amended.

UPON MOTION of Susan Harris and seconded by Michal King, the minutes were adopted as distributed.

There was no business arising from the minutes

There were no communications received.

THE RECTOR

Father Thorne addressed the meeting. He began by giving thanks that he is able to be at Saint George's and among the community of Saint George's. As well, he gave thanks for the community of Saint George's outreach. He referred to outreach among ourselves; outreach through the soup kitchen, outreach through youth groups; outreach through the Vineyard; outreach nationally with the Cree Mission and outreach through the refugee community. Father Thorne continued by thanking all members of the Parish for their many efforts. He particularly thanked the Music Search Committee for their good efforts in finding Sarah MacDonald. Father Thorne concluded by thanking retiring warden Anne West for all her support, her friendship, and understanding, her leadership and her spiritual encouragement.

1995 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Michael Johnston presented and addressed both the financial statements contained in the Finance Committee report and the draft unaudited financial statements of Fraser and Howatt. Note was made of the turnover of \$10,000 from Parish investments to a trust for the Little Dutch Church. There was a discussion about the difference between the deficit in the Finance Committee Report and that in the unaudited statements. Karen Wheeler pointed out that the difference was in the treatment of the flow-through accounts.

MOVED by Michael Johnston, SECONDED BY Robert Martin

BE IT RESOLVED that the Finance Committee Report and the unaudited statements be adopted.

CARRIED

Bruce Archibald introduced the Restoration Committee financial statements. Cynthia Watts raised the issue of the high cost of fundraising given the return.

MOVED by Karen Wheeler, SECONDED by Bruce Archibald

BE IT RESOLVED that the unaudited financial statements of the Restoration Committee be adopted.

CARRIED.

MOVED by Cynthia Watts, SECONDED by Jan Connors
BE IT RESOLVED that the financial statements of the Gabriel Guild be adopted.
CARRIED.

MOVED by Cynthia Watts, SECONDED BY Anne West
BE IT RESOLVED that the financial statements of the Soup Kitchen be adopted
CARRIED

MOVED BY Robi Matthews, SECONDED BY Vaila Mowat
BE IT RESOLVED that the financial statements of the Altar Guild be adopted.
CARRIED

MOVED BY Cynthia Watts, SECONDED BY John Krell
BE IT RESOLVED that the reports of the Parish Groups and organizations as printed in the Annual Report be adopted as reproduced.
CARRIED.

MOVED BY Michael Johnston, SECONDED BY Anne West
BE IT RESOLVED that the 1996 Budget as presented in the Annual Report be adopted.

Hugh Tilley questioned the accuracy of the projected increase in the offerings. This as well as what was to be done about deficit reduction was discussed. Following the discussion the motion was carried.

The meeting then proceeded to elections. The report of the Nominations Committee was reviewed. All nominations contained in the report were elected by acclamation. In addition, Rob Martin was acclaimed Diocesan Times correspondent. The appointment of Fraser and Howatt as auditors for 1996 was confirmed. The Nominations Committee report was amended to delete the words Restoration Committee in the last line. Special thanks were given to John Krell as Envelope Secretary and Bruce Duncan as Chair of the Finance Committee.

The meeting unanimously passed a motion thanking the Nominations Committee.

Jim Snyder then gave a presentation regarding stewardship.

Neil Robertson gave a presentation regarding a mission planned for the second weekend in May, 1996, to be lead by Michael Hawkins. The topic is to be the question of spiritual gifts.

There was no new business.

MOVED BY Neil Robertson, SECONDED BY Vaila Mowat
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED.

The meeting ended at 1:35 p.m. with prayers.

**ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996**

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ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET

(Unaudited)

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1996

	1996	1995
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 23,764	\$ 27,802
	23,764	27,802
INVESTMENTS (Note 4)	24,010	24,010
	\$ 47,774	\$ 51,812
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 30,000	\$ 15,130
	30,000	15,130
COMMITTED FUND LIABILITIES (Note 2)	20,967	11,915
	50,967	27,045
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(3,193)	24,767
	(3,193)	24,767
	\$ 47,774	\$ 51,812

APPROVED BY:

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REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of:
ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

We have reviewed the balance sheet of St. George's Anglican Church as at December 31, 1996 and the statements of receipts, disbursements and surplus and changes in financial position for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the fund.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Halifax, N.S.
February 8, 1997

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION

(Unaudited)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

	1996	1995
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:		
OPERATING		
Working capital from operations		
Excess(deficiency)of receipts over disbursements	\$ (22,374)	\$ (11,102)
Add : non working capital charges		
	(22,374)	(11,102)
Net change in non-cash working capital balances from operations	14,871	15,127
	(7,503)	4,025
FINANCING		
Repayment of committed fund liabilities (net)	9,051	(392)
Transfer of discontinued funds (Note 5)	(5,586)	
	3,465	(392)
INVESTING		
Net (increase) decrease in investments		11,859
		11,859
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	(4,038)	15,492
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	27,802	12,310
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, end of year	\$ 23,764	\$ 27,802
REPRESENTED BY:		
Cash	\$ 23,764	\$ 27,802
	\$ 23,764	\$ 27,802

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Long-term Investments

The company follows the cost method of accounting for its investments.

1.2 Disbursements

The church does not capitalize any disbursements. All costs are recorded as current disbursements.

2. COMMITTED FUND LIABILITIES

	<u>1996</u>	<u>1995</u>
Church School		695
Diocesan Times		181
Duetch Church		(8,218)
Ecology Gardens	1,695	1,695
Insurance Claims		2,659
Memorial Fund	7,681	7,621
Missions	3,054	3,991
Organ Fund	1,395	922
Poor Fund		293
P.W.R.D.F		654
Quashie Fund		773
Rectory Damage Deposit	820	820
Refugee Family		(171)
Curriculum fund	6,322	
	<u>\$ 20,967</u>	<u>\$ 11,915</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1996

5. TRANSFER OF DISCONTINUED FUNDS

	1996	1995
Insurance Claims fund	(2,659)	
Refugee Family fund	171	
Poor fund	551	
Little Deutsch Church fund	8,218	
Church School fund	(695)	
	<hr/> 5,586 <hr/>	

Saint George's Altar Guild

After six years of the most faithful and dedicated service, our president resigned this past summer. We are all grateful to Robi Matthews for her inspiring leadership, but oh, how we will miss her!

Although our rota membership is now only seven, the high privilege and honour of preparing the Lord's table for Sunday worship makes every task a joyful one. Thank-you once more to Helen Johnson, whose garden flowers adorn the altar from May until October; to Tillie Glover, who so faithfully and carefully launders and irons the altar linens; and to Anthony Helpard, who at Harvest Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter contributes his considerable talent to the decoration of the altar and the church.

December saw our temporary return to the round church on Sundays - a time for rejoicing indeed - but also the formidable challenge of coping with four altars and working out of two vestries! During 1997, we anticipate the refurbishing and renewing of vestments, vessels, altar frontals, and brass furnishings in order to make our permanent return to the round church a truly glorious occasion.

Vaila Mowat continues her valuable work of taking daily care of the flowers, setting up the altar linens and frontals, looking after all the altar needs at the Little Dutch Church, and doing much of the heavy work entailed in moving altar adornments from place to place. Thank-you very much Vaila. Your special efforts are essential and appreciated. Thank-you also to the many parishioners who contribute to altar guild funds. We survive on your generosity, whether for flowers on special occasions or for general donations to the expenses of the guild.

I ask any parishioners who feel that they could assist us in any way to come forward and offer their service. Saint George's Church needs the help of all dedicated people, and the altar guild would certainly welcome you to join us. church.

On behalf of Harry, Susan, Jane, Rosemary, Margherita, and Vaila

Respectfully submitted.
Dorothy Coons
February 23, 1997

Altar Guild Financial Statement

Balance at December 31, 1995	617.05
<u>Revenue</u>	
Donations	1381.00
Interest	.22
Subtotal	1381.22
<u>Expenses</u>	
Flowers	655.86
Brass followers	47.51
Cleaning supplies	35.58
Dry cleaning	15.19
Bank (cheques)	16.87
Subtotal	771.01
Balance at December 31, 1996	1227.26

Rector's Report: Loving our neighbour

Throughout this annual report, we read of an active parish determined, by the grace of God, to give its best in worship and in outreach. We are a diverse congregation called together to offer a response to the divine love of God which has touched our hearts. Loving God and loving neighbour defines Saint George's.

In this year's report, I wish to share with the congregation some of my activities in the Inner City community in 1996. Much of this will be news to you because there is seldom an opportunity to share this part of my ministry with you. I hope you will read this report carefully, not only to find out what I have been doing in these areas, but also to become more aware of the neighbourhood in which we worship. Allow me first of all to provide the context for this year's theme.

Since coming to Saint George's in 1990, I have tried to forge healthy links between the Parish and its neighbourhood. In the first few years, I was thrilled to see God's hand guiding us more and more into the community. In addition to the Soup Kitchen outreach which had operated since 1985, the Sunday School became intentional in reaching out to neighbourhood children, our scouting movement expanded with beaver and cub sections, a new girls' group (Rainbow Girls) was established for neighbourhood children ages eight to 12, parishioners taught Christian Education classes in two Inner City schools, we offered summer programmes to neighbourhood children, and we hired a 'lay evangelist' with a specific mandate to create a greater trust between parish and neighbourhood.

Then the fire of June 2, 1994. Our work in the community did not lessen, but increased with the hiring of a youth worker with a neighbourhood focus. But of greatest significance was the basis of the parish's decision to allow the restoration of the Round Church. I was at every meeting and heard all the voices. Although there were many reasons that many individual parishioners may have had for

wanting to restore the Round Church, there is no doubt that the place and role of Saint George's in the neighbourhood was the determining factor. As was said at the meeting with the Bishop on January 9, 1995, "We shall not abandon the people of the Inner City". **Love of neighbour.**

In 1996, we have been more active than ever in our neighbourhood and outreach programmes, as evidenced by the various committee and organizational annual reports. Let me add to these reports by sharing some of my work in the community in 1996.

I continue as a board member on the Halifax Association of Community Living, chairing both the Personnel and Education committees in 1996. I also continue as a board member of Saint Joseph's Children Centre. I am the North End Council of Church's representative on the Inner City Education Advisory Committee. From March to August, I was active in helping to resolve the community crisis occasioned by the decision of the HRDC to close the Gottingen Street Canada Employment Centre. In May, I agreed to sit on the Site-Based Management Team for Saint Patrick's-Alexandra School. At a public meeting in October, I was elected to the Halifax Regional School Board Review Committee for Saint Patrick's-Alexandra and Joe Howe schools. I continue to minister to young people as chaplain at the Halifax Armouries.

The Halifax Association of Community Living has a much broader focus than our neighbourhood, but I want to highlight the very special Developmental Pre-School which operates within Joe Howe School on Maynard Street. This facility is equipped especially to meet the needs of young children who face significant physical and cognitive challenges. Teachers and staff at the Developmental Pre-School give of themselves in sacrificial ways, not only for these challenged children but also to support their parents and guardians. In May, I organized a session at this location for parents of children with special needs who were

entering school in September 1996. The dwindling resources of the School Board puts these children, with special needs at high risk of losing essential programmes. This uncertainty causes tremendous pressure and stress upon parents and guardians who, at the best of times, sometimes are managing only barely to maintain a balance in their lives. I intend to continue to do what I can for these children and their parents. This will probably require increased advocacy for them at the School Board level. **In my work here, Saint George's is reaching out.**

The Saint Joseph's Children's Centre is the largest childcare system in Nova Scotia, operating seven centres and three associated services, supported by a budget of \$1.6 million and 60 full time staff members. Saint Joseph's is based only a few steps away in the annex of Saint Patrick's-Alexandra closest to the church. It is an integrated childcare system that combines early childhood education instruction, special needs and therapeutic classes and interventions and quality, affordable childcare. Because of its significant presence in our neighbourhood and its proximity to us, **my presence on the board helps to integrate Saint George's into our community.**

The Inner City Education Advisory Committee is the most powerful and effective advocate for children in the Inner City. It is a formal committee of the School Board and over the years has established innovative strategies and policies on behalf of Inner City children. These include compensatory initiatives such as the Four Plus Programme (Children in the Inner City begin school one year before children in other parts of the city so that when they enter grade primary they are socially and cognitively on a par with non-Inner City children who have the benefit of a more economically stable community environments), small class size, extra resource help, additional materials and alternative strategies for developing programmes. These programmes are all presently at risk because of the

increasing financial strain on the Halifax Regional School Board and the Inner City Education Advisory Committee must continue its intense, time consuming efforts to advocate on behalf of Inner City children. **My participation on this committee speaks of the commitment of Saint George's to the neighbourhood.**

In March, the federal agency, Human Resources and Development, announced the closure of the Gottingen Street Canada Employment Centre. This was unacceptable to the residents of the Inner City who have seen far too many essential services pulled away from this community. The stripping of this Inner City must stop. The unemployment rate for blacks in the Inner City is between 35 and 40 per cent, in a city which has an overall unemployment rate of 10 per cent. The residents occupied the building and refused to move until the government demonstrated some substantial goodwill and understanding of the actual needs of this community. The original occupation of the CEC offices happened just before Holy Week and thus our Palm Sunday procession was diverted from its customary route to the Little Dutch Church. Instead, with other churches joining our procession, we walked to Gottingen Street so we could show our support for the community in its struggle. Over the several months of the occupation, our Parish was seen to be at one with the spirit of the occupation (the Youth Group had a Sunday evening worship at the location), but I became concerned as the occupation dragged on and less positive things began to happen. In July, I arranged a meeting between Mary Clancy, MP and the North End clergy. Ms. Clancy immediately made a written offer to the occupiers and thus began a series of events which ended the occupation within three weeks. The major condition of the end of the occupation was that HRDC would make final decisions about its level of presence and services offered to this community. **Saint George's was seen throughout this entire community crisis to be an integral part of the neighbourhood**

and a strong voice of advocacy for its residents. As a matter of fact, Henson College of Dalhousie University was given the contract to conduct the "community needs assessment". You should be pleased to know that as Henson College began its work, it heard repeatedly from the neighbourhood itself and its residents, of the significant voice of Saint George's as community advocate.

The Site-based Management Team of Saint Patrick's Alexandra School consists of staff, parent and community representatives. The philosophy of site based management is that the community should be empowered to greater 'ownership' in its schools. The Management Team produces Mission Statements for the school and sets the direction of quality education for children and youth within our rich cultural community. **My position on the management team assures the school community of the continuing care that Saint George's has for the young people of the neighbourhood.**

The Halifax Regional School Board (HRSB) Review Committee for Saint Patrick's-Alexandra is extremely important in our area. In September 1996, the HRSB gave notice of the possible closure of seven schools in the municipality. Both Joseph Howe and Saint Patrick's-Alexandra were on the list. At a public meeting of all parents and interested persons in October, I was nominated to represent Saint Patrick's Alexandra. I first declined because I thought that a parent would be more appropriate. It became clear, however, that the school community saw my voice (and thus that of Saint George's) to be a credible and representative reflection of the concerns of the school community. The work of this committee has been substantial, as I explained to the Parish that it would be, but the issue is crucial to the health of our Inner City neighbourhood. To be forced to send our children and young people outside of their neighbourhood for schooling would be the final blow to the self-image of this community. The widespread sense of despair in the

Inner City is continually reinforced by the impression that the Inner City is under attack and is being 'closed down'. Our children need education within their community with appropriate cultural and black role modelling. Our children have a right to be educated where they go to church, scouting, Y programmes, lunch programmes and within walking distance of their homes. The Review Committee has worked long hours but is confident that a proposal to make these two remaining Inner City schools full service community partnership schools will be accepted by the HRSB. Government agencies, community organizations, business groups and institutions of higher learning have all expressed real interest in entering into partnership with these schools by locating their services within the school buildings. Throughout the United States and Canada, full service community partnership schools have helped to turn economically depressed communities into communities of hope and prosperity. This process has included five well attended neighbourhood public meetings. **I thank God for the privilege of representing Saint George's Parish and allowing it to have such a high profile role in our neighbourhood's struggle to save our schools.**

In this report, I am thankful for the opportunity to share one small part of my overall ministry. Loving God and loving neighbour defines who we are as a parish. The restoration of the Round Church and of our parish family are about loving both God and neighbour.

Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?

And Jesus said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou?

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do and thou shalt live

Saint Luke 10.26-28.

Gary W.A. Thorne, Rector

Wardens' Report

1996 was a busy year. (What an understatement). While construction and fundraising continued in full swing on the restoration front, parish life was equally challenging. We wish to highlight a few activities which likely won't be covered in other reports.

Vineyard Christian Fellowship and their Lambs Lunch outreach program remained with us until the Fall, at which time they returned to worship in their former location on Gottingen Street. During the 10 months we shared our parish hall, both churches gained some valuable ecumenical insights.

With Father Thorne's leadership, wardens and chairpersons of the parish standing committees (Spiritual Development, Pastoral Ministry, Finance and Property) began meeting on what was to be a monthly basis, the purpose being to discuss issues which impact on more than one committee. In fact we met more frequently while the focus was on finances and the budget. While the "Heads of Committees" has no

decision making authority, it is a valuable forum for planning and continuity.

The Saint George's Christian Education Curriculum continues to be developed and is currently being tested in several parishes across the country. As well, we have received extraordinary outside support for the funding needs of this project.

Father Thorne and some parishioners, including our Senior Youth Group, have demonstrated Saint George's commitment to our north end community through advocacy. Along with other churches in the North End Area Council, they have publicly spoken (or sung) in support of the residents concerning both the closure of the Canada Employment Centre (CEC) on Gottingen Street and the review to close Saint Patrick's-Alexandra and Joseph Howe schools.

We were blessed to have David and Valerie Harris and family with us during the summer. Bishop Anthony Burton graciously allowed David to be ordained in Nova Scotia (where

family and friends live) before posting him to a parish in the Diocese of Saskatchewan. David led our summer Spiritual Studies sessions on *Holy Living*. His father, Mr. Ron Harris, began and continues to lead us in our study series of *Devotional Classics*.

The Parish continues to uphold in prayer postulants for ordination from this Parish: Jim McCorristin, Ian Wissler, Walter Hannan, George Westhaver and Chris McCann.

Significant events in our worship included Confirmation and Renewal of Baptism Vows during Bishop Peters' visit February 11, 1996, the receiving of Brother Craig Botterill as a Novice in the Franciscan Order of Celi De (Grey Friars) in September, and of course our return for worship to the Round Church on Christmas Eve, after two and one half years.

Respectfully submitted
Jan Connors and Jim Snyder
Wardens

Personal message from the Senior Warden

On a personal note, as I complete my term as a warden for the parish, I would like to convey something of what is in my heart.

Have you ever noticed that each year there seems to be what I call a *word of the year*? This has been especially true for me these past two years. In 1995, it was SUSTAINABLE. While it was a word I encountered repeatedly in my work and which was constantly evident in current articles and the news—usually in relation to sustainable environmental initiatives, it became a word I deeply associated with the parish. Having obtained the Bishop's approval to proceed with restoration, we were faced with the enormity of accomplishing the task while sustaining this parish, our parishioners and those to whom we minister. The thesaurus gives these

words as synonyms for sustain: carry, support, bear, endure, uphold, withstand, tolerate, preserve, maintain, feed, nourish. Contemplating these gives reason to offer up prayers of thanksgiving for all who have sustained us, individually and corporately, and for all God continues to accomplish through us.

PRIVILEGE is the word of this past year. We hear Father Thorne say it often. Webster tells us it is a right or immunity granted as a peculiar benefit, such a right or immunity attached specifically to a position or an office. It has been a great privilege for me to serve in my Christian stewardship as Warden in the Parish of Saint George. I have gained far more than I have contributed, most especially in a broader understanding of our diversity, which by the grace of

God, brings us together as one family in His Church. The greatest privilege for each of us in our *office* as one of God's people, is the choice, the free choice, to live out a faith in Jesus Christ.

For Father Thorne, Jim Snyder, the newly elected Warden and Council, may the word for 1997 be UPHOLD, as we, from our seats in the pews and in our daily prayers, support them in all they do on our behalf and to the Glory of God.

Jan Connors
Senior Warden

Synod Report

This was my first Synod, and I had a lot of fun. I was proud to go and represent such an active parish in both outreach activities and our youth activities.

The youth delegates were an active and fun group. Some of the youth were still energized from going to TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) the weekend before; some were still psyched from the Diocesan Youth Rally. All of this energy showed itself in our enthusiastic service of light on Friday night.

On Friday, each delegate took in two discussion groups. The two that I took in were Human Sexuality and Multiculturalism—Racism.

At the Human Sexuality workshop we were supposed to talk about young people, singles, people living together, gays and lesbians, married people, and seniors. What we did discuss was homosexuality in the Christian Church; we looked at the arguments for and against accepting gays and lesbians into the church. We finally decided that because both arguments could be supported by scripture, the real issue was the Authority of Scripture, and how you interpret what is said in the Bible.

I was very disappointed in this workshop, mostly because it did not talk about Human Sexuality as a whole issue, it only dealt with the more specific issue of homosexuality.

Going into the Multiculturalism—Racism session, if I had been asked if I felt that I was a racist, I would have said "absolutely not". But in this session I learned that I am an indirect racist. I may not come out and say that I don't want group X to hang out with me, but I don't go out of my way to include that group in my plans.

In the session, we played a game where everyone was given a different colored dot on their forehead; no one knew to which group they belonged and we were not allowed to talk, so to find our group, others had either to help us, accept us, or push us away. The hard part of the game was that not

everyone was included in a group. There were two groups of majority, one group of two and two groups of one.

After the game, we discussed how people felt. A person that was in one of the majority groups said that they were just happy that they belonged. People from the minority groups said that they felt ostracized and rejected. This activity was done to show us that we discriminate not only by what we say but also by our actions. Now that I think about it, I'm not always as inclusive as I'd like to think I am.

I am only a product of the racist society that we live in. We don't like to think of it in such harsh terms because deep down we know it is the truth, and by giving it such a harsh name we sound like bad people. The worst thing that we can do is to sit back and say, "Not me, I'm not a racist", and not acknowledge what is going on around us.

Just look around, look at wedding cake couples, birthday cards, baby books, most TV shows; even today in this "modern society" for the most part these pictures are either of white nuclear families/babies or animals! In today's society, where nuclear families are not the "normal" form of family, and in such a culturally diverse country, why is it that the ideal family is still a white nuclear family?

Why is it also that whenever we do celebrate other cultures like African Heritage Month, or Native Awareness Month, we tend to focus on the strange and weird instead of the everyday things that happen in these cultures.

I really enjoyed this session because it made me reflect on my own attitudes and ideas towards racism. Because this has been brought to my attention, I am now able to do something with it; and can now make a difference.

I was also a contributing, and voting member on the floor of the Synod. Most of the motions passed without problems, as a large portion of them were housekeeping type

resolutions; writing job descriptions, rewording Canons to reflect new job descriptions, and the rewording of Canons to make them more politically correct.

The one issue regarding which there was a large amount of controversy was: including sexual orientation into the list of anti discriminators when hiring a new rector. There was also a long discussion regarding the recommendations of the Human Sexuality Task Group; we affirmed the work of the group, we accepted the General Synod Act 57 that affirms the presence of gays and lesbians in the life of the church, and also requested that the group continue to work and focus on General Synod Act 58, Marriage Related Issues and Singlehood. I feel that these are strong points that need to be addressed, the homosexuality issue does need to be addressed also, but that's not the only issue under the Human Sexuality heading.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya Connors
Synod Youth Delegate

Committee Reports:

Spiritual Development Committee

On January 8, 1995, Saint George's Parish determined that it was called to restore the Round Church. This is now the second year in which Saint George's has taken up the challenge of maintaining its spiritual vitality in the midst of the many demands of restoring our church building. In many ways, we have settled down to and even thrived within the assumptions of being a church without a church. The transition pains of last year seem largely to be a thing of the past. Our new challenge is how we are to and when we are to return to our old spiritual home now that it is becoming, if not its former self, at least a place that can sustain divine worship. Many have been sustained in their exile by the hope of an early return, others judge it better to let the Restoration proceed by its own logic and so delay our return. 1996 closed with a trial return over Christmas. No doubt 1997 will deepen our understanding of the relation of the building's restoration and our spiritual restoration as we continue on this journey together.

Visits and Missions

The parish has maintained its regular array of daily offices, Sunday morning Communion and a number of special services. This year's refurbishment of the Little Dutch Church has been of great assistance in our worship. As well, the Parish enjoyed visits from Bishop Peters, the Reverend Jonathan Eayrs, and the Reverend Michael Hawkins, who was our Lenten missionary. The Reverend

Eldie Richard and Jim Snyder continue to support our Rector in our worship services.

Youth Worker

Alan Edwardson has continued as our Youth Worker this year and was reappointed until June 15, 1997. Alan's responsibilities have been in the Sunday School, youth group, and in examining the future possibilities of a *Camp Saint George* as a way of helping to connect the young of the North End to Saint George's. The Youth Worker Task Force that recommended Alan's reappointment spoke positively of the continuing need for a Youth Worker in the Parish and set out some recommendations to establish the position.

It might also be mentioned that David Harris spent the summer at Saint George's as part of his preparation for the ministry and indeed was ordained Deacon during his time here. He now serves in the Diocese of Saskatchewan.

Teaching

The Sunday School lost the services of Nicole Butler. However, Alice Johnstone has agreed to supervise, with the assistance of a number of volunteers. The Sunday School remains the workshop for a new Christian education curriculum that has now been distributed to a number of parishes throughout the country on a trial basis. Alan Edwardson continues to provide a children's talk at the beginning of Sunday worship. Teaching for adult

parishioners took a number of different forms this year. The Lenten Mission on Spiritual Gifts led by Reverend Michael Hawkins was a focus for many, as were Bible studies on *Revelation*. Over the summer, David Harris led study groups on Jeremy Taylor's *Holy Living*. His father, Ron Harris, together with the Rector, has lead a study group on the spiritual life this fall and winter.

Music Programme

Sarah MacDonald, who joined us at the end of 1995, has admirably taken up the role of Music Director in a parish without a proper organ or a proper worship space. She has challenged us by not only building on Saint George's choral and musical traditions, but also by introducing new aspects to our worship. At the end of this year, the organ was moved to the Round Church. For 1997, this means that services in the Parish Hall will not have organ accompaniment.

This year ends with many challenges to our spiritual life at Saint George's: financial challenges, challenges arising from the restoration, questions about the nature of our worship practices. While these can and should be sources of concern, in the end they must, as our gospel teaches us, be the means by which we grow to know more clearly God's will for us, and in that growth to know more clearly who we are as a spiritual community. Respectfully submitted
Neil Robertson, Chair

With one full year here complete, the new Director of Music, the congregation and the choir are becoming more accustomed to each other. For me, both the pursuit of choral excellence and the encouragement of lusty congregational singing are priorities. The aim to improve the choir is accomplished by increasing the repertoire and helping the singers to improve sight reading and listening skills, as well as

Director of Music

vocal techniques (a number of choristers are now taking private singing lessons, and all are expected to sing solos). Since my arrival, we have added close to 80 anthems and motets to the repertoire, as well as over 20 Communion settings, and a number of morning and evening canticle settings. Due to the musical taste of the current Director of Music (an entirely subjective thing, I might add), the vast majority of the anthems

and motets are from the wonderful and seldom sung church music of the Renaissance: Tallis, Byrd, and Palestrina, and lesser known composers like Gesualdo and Morales. During the penitential seasons of Advent and Lent the choir sings ancient and austere Gregorian chant Communion settings. We do sing some more recently composed music: in particular, our repertoire includes works by some of the

foremost English composers of the 20th century: Benjamin Britten, Herbert Howells and John Tavener.

Encouraging congregational singing is also important: while the choir has a particular ministry to fulfill in offering their own talents to the glory of God on behalf of the congregation, it also plays a key role in leading the praises of the entire people of God. In regular Sunday services, the hymns, psalms and Gloria are always congregational, and on feast days the Creed is also sung by the people. The Communion service is sung to the well-loved congregational setting of Merbecke once a month. Although I try to use familiar music most of the time, it is as important for the congregation to learn new music as it is for the choir. A new liturgical Psalter was produced for the Parish this year which introduced us not only to the traditional responsorial way of singing psalms, but also taught us the eight ancient psalm tones with their 42 different endings! The congregation went through the same learning process as the choir does every Thursday night, and now the psalm singing is confident and secure. New hymns are also introduced on occasion: in particular, are the special sequence hymns for the seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter. The Gregorian chant (the staple music for the Western Church for the past 1200 years) Advent and Lent Proses, and the Easter Sequence, have been learned, and are now a St George's "tradition" (after only one year!).

On top of regular Sunday duties and feast days, the choir sang a number of extra services. For most of these, once again we borrowed churches around Halifax: the Tenebrae service in Holy Week was at St Patrick's (a wonderful acoustic for Gregorian chant and for the *Allegrì Miserere*); a choral Evensong in spring was held at the Cathedral with James Burchill accompanying; the Procession with Lessons and Carols for Advent Sunday was held at St Paul's. This last service in particular, coming as we approached the final countdown to what was still an unconfirmed return to the Round

Church for Christmas, served to remind many of us, choir and congregation alike, just how significant sacred space is. If pressed, I think most choir members would agree that, all other special services aside, the solo treble "Once in Royal David's City" at the back of the scarred and darkened Round Church on Christmas Eve was the beginning of the most "special" service of 1996.

My focus as Music Director in this first year of my time here has been to solidify the liturgical music practices in the Parish. Consequently, the choir did not sing very many concerts or recitals. There were one or two such events though which should be mentioned. In May we travelled to Bridgewater to sing in a concert in St John's Anglican Church; in June we sang Christmas Carols (!) in the sun at the Restoration Yard Sale; in December we sang in a benefit concert for the Epilepsy Association of N.S. at St Matthew's United; also in December, we participated in the annual Royal Canadian College of Organists' Carol Screech at the Cathedral. Pictures of the two youngest choristers appeared in the January Diocesan Times.

These two choristers (aged 11) are part of a new system at St George's. In Canada, many churches have Senior Choirs and Junior Choirs, but there are few places (other than the Cathedrals in large cities like Montréal and Toronto) where children can learn to sing the treble line of a full choir, such as they might at large Parishes and Cathedrals in Europe. At St George's there have been children and young singers in the soprano section for some time, and it seemed appropriate to develop and expand this, giving the children in the Parish another way to participate in the life of the congregation. New choristers will be admitted to the choir as probationers. (They are seen by the congregation to be "in training" since they wear a cassock, but no surplice) After a period of six to eight weeks, when they have become familiar with the liturgy, have begun to learn something about reading music, and have spent some time in individual work with the Director of Music, they are

admitted to the position of chorister and given their surplice by the Rector, in the presence of the congregation. Young singers are given ribbons to indicate years of service. At the service on Advent IV 1996, the following choristers were recognised:

Admitted to the position of chorister:

Lauren Billard, Tamara Botterill

One year ribbon:

Jaymie Bueno, Elizabeth

Johnston, Barbara Kaill

Three year ribbon:

Erika Kulnys-Brain, Aniko

Lewton-Brain, Chelsea Thorne

I hope this programme continues to grow, as the musical training these young people are gaining is so valuable, and yet so unavailable in most of North America.

Music at the Little Dutch Church was greatly enhanced in 1996 through the generous donation of one parishioner. The old pump organ (purchased for the LDC over 100 years ago) was given a face-lift: it was polished and rebuilt outside and in, and now makes playing Sunday Evensong a joy. Musically, this service has been expanded recently as well: the psalms and Creed are sung, along with the hymns, responses and canticles. Although it is sometimes a rather intimate gathering, once a week the LDC organ pumps away to robust congregational singing.

Music at St George's continues to thrive. The choir is growing fast, with singers, university students, children and adults auditioning regularly. (There are currently 29 choristers and 2 probationers) We continue to have a busy social schedule as well, with choir parties after all big events, and weekly trips to the Granite to unwind after rehearsals. In the future, I hope to expand the music programme significantly, to include perhaps a recital series in the summer, and concerts throughout the year given by the choir and other visiting artists, bringing more of Halifax to St George's. I strive for musical excellence and understanding in the choir, the congregation and the community, and to provide music for the liturgy that will enhance the spiritual life of this vital and diverse Parish.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah MacDonald

Director of Music

Youth Worker

The youth portfolio in 1996 was both extensive and exciting! It included the development and teaching of confirmation classes to a class of ten (nine young people and one adult); organizing and teaching of Sunday School (including the development of our own in-house curriculum), Summer Sunday School and Summer Day Camp; youth group activities and worship (including attending St. Michael's Youth Conference in P.E.I. and the beginning of a group for pre-teens); Diocesan Youth Rally organization and conducting; Christian Education in the two local schools; and Noon-hour Scouting (NHS) Outreach.

This past summer marked the third year in a row that St. George's sponsored a Day Camp for children, aged 4 to 13. The camp ran from Monday, July 22nd to Friday, July 26th and was primarily for children of Halifax's North End, although a number of children from our parish family also attended. (All told, we had 31 children attend the camp, plus a hard working staff of 18 volunteers made up of parents and youth from St. George's and Cornwallis Street Baptist.) Our theme for this year's camp was "Walking with Jesus;" to help illustrate this, more emphasis was placed on field trips than in the two previous years, as we found that the young people in this neighbourhood simply do not get opportunities to "get away." As a result, we went tripping to the Bengal Lancers stables, NS Museum of Natural History, Halifax Public Gardens, Rainbow Haven Beach, the Art Gallery, and the Halifax Discovery Centre. As in previous years, Bible stories, contemporary Christian music, arts and crafts, games, and lots of great food again rounded out the balance of our daily activities. Our week together ended with the customary awards ceremony and closing barbecue. Unfortunately, the water balloon toss 'n soak had to be postponed until next year due to inclement weather. . .

With respect to our other initiatives in the North End, we continue to be involved in the

teaching of Christian Education in the two neighbourhood schools, St. Pat's and Joe Howe. During the first half of 1996, a total of four classes were taught: Grades 1, 5 and 6 at St. Pat's and Grade 4 at Joe Howe. Since September, due to a lack of volunteer availability, only two classes are being taught—the Grade 5s at Joe Howe and the Grade 2s at St. Pat's. We are blessed to be part of a school board that still permits the teaching of Christian Education during regular school hours. It is a most rewarding and necessary ministry. But it can only continue with volunteer help. If you feel at all compelled to help out in this area, please contact me soon. There are children in our neighbourhood who need you.

Our noon-hour Scouting (NHS) Outreach programme, begun in the fall of 1995 in conjunction with Scouts Canada, has continued to provide structured lunch time activities for the young people from St. Pat's school. The programme is co-ed in nature, and takes place during the lunch period on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Wednesdays are reserved for "cub age" children (those ages 6 to 9) and takes place in the gymnasium at St. Pat's. Our time together has been spent playing various games, such as indoor soccer, football, baseball and basketball. Thursdays are set aside for those of "scout age" (ages 10 to 14) and takes place in our Hall. Half of our weekly sessions are spent learning first aid and camping techniques, as we plan to take our young people for a weekend camping experience to Camp Lone Cloud sometime in May or June. The rest of our time is spent playing games—indoor soccer and outdoor football are by far the most popular. I am very pleased to report that all the young people in the NHS Outreach programme have made great strides over the past year and a half, as is most evident in their improved ability to make and follow rules and in how they relate to one another. This is due, in no small part, to our volunteers: Scott and Tanya Connors, Vaila Mowat and Adrian Jay. Many thanks and congratulations

to them for their time and patience. Well done!!!

In addition to our evening Beaver, Cubs and Scouting programmes (which are all very well attended this year!), St. George's own Rainbow Girls continue to meet every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in our Sunday School. This year's group numbers over fifteen members.

And then there's our parish youth. In all the years I have been doing youth related work, I have not encountered another group of young people with as much energy, sense of fun, generosity or compassion as this one possesses. To say the least, it has been a real thrill—and an honour—to be in their midst! Since it began in the spring of 1995, the Senior Youth Group has been most faithful in meeting for a weekly activity/fellowship night. To date, we have gone bowling, swimming, field tripping, played snowquet, held a few dances, attended concerts, thrown a potluck dinner party, eaten lots, and watched videos. We have helped out around the church by attending Soup Kitchen on Saturdays, and taking a regular shift in setting up the Hall for Sunday worship. We also did some clean-up work on the grounds on Earth Day weekend. We also took part in a couple of successful "sleepovers," two here at the Hall, and one out-of-town. Some of us even went to P.E.I. for a fun-filled week in August to attend the St. Michael's Youth Conference

But, mostly, we hope to explore in more detail the opportunity we believe Jesus has given to us to minister to others through music. The St. George's Youth Group did a commendable job providing the music for this year's Diocesan Youth Rally (and will be doing so again in 1997!). As the worship band, our youth responded to the challenge of leading others in praising God. Their efforts did not go unnoticed, either. A couple of the out-of-town youth groups that attended the Rally invited our group to come visit them and help lead their congregations in song during their regular Sunday worship services. So far we have

gone overnight to Digby and one evening to Stewiacke. We also provided the music for the Diocesan Consultation on Youth Ministry weekend in September.

Moreover, we had a few opportunities to play for functions in and around St. George's. In addition to playing outside during this year's Yard Sale, we also played outside for the Baptist Church during its tour of our church building, and again in the Hall for the Confirmation Class from Ecum Secum, who visited us during the summer. More recently, we took part in the Ecumenical service held in our Round Church building. We are also currently recording the song tape that will accompany our in-house curriculum.

To say the least, our music has had a profound effect on the quality of our praise and worship on Sunday Evenings. We continue to meet every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall Chapel for our contemporary worship and praise service. The service is open to everyone—not just youth, but those who are young at heart. Already, a number of people from outside the parish have come out to join us in praising God, as have our pre-teen group.

Our pre-teen group came about

as a result of the bonding process that took place during this year's Confirmation classes. The pre-teens met throughout the spring for bowling and pizza, movies and munchies, swimming and snacks, baseball and barbeques. We also went canoeing and hosted a successful sleepover with the Confirmation Class from Ecum Secum. The pre-teens also played a big role during this year's Yard Sale by preparing cakes for the Cake Walk and by running the Cake Walk itself, as well as the lemonade concession.

There have been some great changes in our Sunday School over the past year. First of all, it seems our children have gotten younger. We started the year with an enrolment of around 24 students, roughly split 50/50 between our juniors (ages 5 to 8) and seniors (ages 9 to 12). Since the fall, however, while our overall numbers have remained stable, most of our seniors have "graduated" to other church activities (choir, servers' guild and regular Sunday worship), and we have experienced an influx of three and four-year-olds from the Nursery. This has made the teaching of Church History (this year's curriculum unit) quite interesting. The children, though, seem to be

handling it well. We are also in the process of remodelling our existing kitchen and washroom facilities. Come on in and have a look at what has been done. You may be surprised!

Finally, much work has been done in the further development of our own St. George's Christian Education Curriculum. Year One (The Catechism) is almost completed and is currently being tested in 20 parishes across Canada. Based on the many positive and helpful comments we have received from the regions thus far, it seems to be a resounding success. The other three years of the the four-year cycle (The Church Year, Bible Stories and Characters, and Church History) have been fleshed out and will be fine-tuned over the next few years. And remember: there is always room on the curriculum development "team" for creative ideas and helpful hands.

Thank you all for the support you have given the youth and youth-related ministries over the past year. Please continue to keep the young people and youth volunteers in your prayers. Together with Christ we are making a difference. To Him be all the glory!

Alan Edwardson

Servers' Guild

1996 included some special events, including cross presentations and the induction of novice servers at the 10:30 a.m. service on May 26 (Pentecost Sunday), along with barbecues at the Thorne's house after the service to celebrate both events. Harry Boswell received a cross in recognition of five years of service and Rachel Westropp received a cross in recognition of 10 years of service. The novices who were inducted included Lauren Billard, Tamara Botterill, Jamie Bueno, Ted Dewolfe, Sarah Smith, Jonah Snyder and Vanessa Veith, along with Andrew Thorne who serves at baptisms and Andrew Botterill who acts as boat boy during services where incense is involved.

Thank you to those servers who have given of their time throughout the year, in particular Anthony

Helpard and Raymond Lirette, who share the schedule for the 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion service on Sunday mornings. Other servers include Robin MacLachlan, Andrew MacLean, Chelsea Thorne, Graham Walker and Rachel Westropp, along with the novice servers mentioned above. Also thank you to Harry Boswell for serving faithfully at the 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion service every Wednesday morning. As well, thank you to Ted Dewolfe and Vanessa Veith who, due to circumstances beyond their control, have decided not to continue serving. I think I speak for everyone when I say that they are missed dearly.

Thank you to Craig Botterill, who took over the position of Sacristan from Bruce Duncan part way through the year, for continuing to do the excellent work that Bruce did, as well

as bringing forth new ideas that have improved our Servers' Guild dramatically. Also, I cannot forget the people who work as MC and Sub-deacon for the work they do to make sure that each service runs smoothly.

We started the year with nine servers and our numbers for the end of 1996 stand at 13 servers, four of whom are also involved in the choir. This makes it vital that more servers be added to the regular rotation.

In closing I would like to ask any adults or youth who are interested to let myself or Craig Botterill know so that you can receive the necessary training. I personally think this will be a rewarding experience for you as I know it has been for me in my 14 years of involvement.

Respectfully submitted
Scott Connors
Head Server

Sunday School

Saint George's has a unique Sunday School program of which many may not be aware. At this time, year four of a four-year curriculum is being written and used. This year's theme is based on the History of the Church, including Saints and Martyrs. Children from age three to 10 who

join us each week are enthusiastically participating and learning from our rich Christian and Anglican beginnings. Here, from learning of our beginnings as a church, do we learn to love God and our faith. This is what happens every Sunday morning through songs, crafts, games

and drama. By coming to Sunday School at Saint George's, the children not only share in spiritual learning, they share in their very first Anglican Community.
Respectfully submitted,
Alice Johnston
Supervisor

Pastoral Care Committee

First and foremost I would like to thank the Reverend Gary Thorne for appointing me as chairman of the Pastoral Ministry Committee for the year 1996. I would also say "Thanks" to the members and volunteers who assisted in all projects for the year. I would especially like to say "Thanks" to David Olding and Brother Craig Botterill for their support and sound advice. Together we were able to accomplish most of our projects, David and Craig were always ready and willing when called upon to conduct extra services at the seniors' manors at very short notice.

I would also like to say "Thanks a million" to Judy Baker and her group of members and volunteers who worked so willingly on the project Christmas Outreach 1996. Please read the attached report and financial statements.

During 1996, we conducted church services in all manors but one which was an oversight by yours truly and I apologize for this error. While we are on the subject of church services in the seniors' manors, I must say "Thanks a million" to Karen Wheeler for organizing, typing and notifying all volunteers of scheduled

services for the first six months of 1997. She volunteered her time and effort in doing this project.

The Reverend Gary Thorne and I also administered Holy Communion to "shut-ins" in all nursing homes in 1996. Father Thorne also administered private Communion to many parishioners who are or were unable to be present at regular services at the church due to ill health, age and other infirmities.

During 1996, I was also able to make daily hospital visits in the area where I live. I visited not only members of Saint George's but also Anglicans and friends who reside outside Halifax. While writing about illness, I would be most happy if members of our parish would notify me, in the event they are unable to contact Father Thorne, if they expect to be hospitalized or are ill at home. If this is done, I could then make an effort to visit them at home or in hospital. This, to me, is a very important part of my ministry and is very dear to my heart.

During the past year, Father Gary and I issued many food vouchers. When issuing food vouchers, precautions have to be taken because

many families use more than one name and phone number in trying to obtain help. I realize the reason for this action is because of their drastic need for assistance. However, I have prevented much duplication of food vouchers by investigating each request very carefully. While writing about assistance to families in dire need, I must say "Thanks" to Father Gary and many others who have given private donations. I say "Thanks" to Father Gary and others and may God bless you and others for your care and generosity.

David Olding, Brother Craig Botterill and myself also made house visits during 1996. I say "Thanks" to those two who assisted in these important visits; their kindness is much appreciated.

Finally, once again, I say "Thanks" to Father Gary, volunteers and parishioners who have assisted in so many ways. Your kindness will always be remembered. Thank you and may the blessings of 1997 be many and I shall always remember you in my prayers.
Respectfully submitted,
Father Eldie Richard
Chair

Soup Kitchen

It is worthwhile to note that the only cost to Saint George's is that of heat and lights during the afternoon. All monies are raised predominantly outside the parish for the expenses that are incurred. We have only twice in 11 years had to write letters to the participating churches to ask for donations to the Soup Kitchen account.

Saint George's Soup Kitchen is

something of which we can all be proud. It serves a desperate need in our very own community and has enabled us, by deed, to fulfil the law of Christ, "Love thy neighbour as thyself" in a very real and wonderful way. It has also meant a tremendous opportunity for fellowship with many of our sister churches in the diocese.

Since opening in 1985, our

On November 9, 1996, we celebrated 11 years of operation. Quite an extraordinary accomplishment. We would like to thank sincerely all those who, over the years, have so diligently committed to this mission through talent, time and treasure. We would also like to thank the entire congregation for its support in allowing this kitchen to operate out of Saint George's.

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Soup Kitchen Financial Statement

As Of December 31,1996

Balance as of December 31,95 \$2,259.70

Revenue :

Donations and Interest \$ 4,525.95
(Includes 11 Churches and Yard Sales)

Expenses :

Bolands Limited 858.65
Weekly Groceries 3,954.08 \$ 4,812.73

Balance as of December 31,1996 \$1,972.92

numbers have increased and we are now serving an average of 150 persons each Saturday. There have been days when we have had over 250 come to our doors. Indeed a sad comment on our times. All in all, we have well over 500 volunteers from all the different churches, which is quite a figure.

At this juncture we wish to thank a few very special people—people who come each and every week to help us out. Ron MacNaughton (who with Karen Wheeler drives to Sackville every Saturday morning to pick up bread from Ben's), Ada and Willis Grandy, Les Grandy, Gertie

Moulton and Rita McGowan who work so well in the "bread and sweets" kitchen. We also thank sincerely Frank and Roxanne Riles who have taken on the task of setting up the emergency clothes each week, as well as washing and preparing them if necessary. A wonderful commitment. As well, we thank each of the team members who come on their allotted days. Without you we would not operate so smoothly.

We invite any member of the congregation to join one of our teams—which entails that you put aside one Saturday every six weeks. To have an opportunity to live out

one's faith is a marvellous and a blessed thing. C.S. Lewis wrote in *Mere Christianity* (chapter 9), "charity means love in the Christian sense". But love in the Christian sense does not mean an emotion. It is a state not of the feelings but of the will;... Do not waste time bothering whether you 'love' your neighbour; act as if you did. As soon as we do this we find one of the great secrets. When you are behaving as if you loved someone, you will presently come to love him/her."

Respectfully submitted

Cynthia W. Watts/Karen A. Wheeler
Co-ordinators

Christmas Outreach Committee

The Christmas Outreach Committee was convened in mid-November, when Saint George's began receiving calls for Christmas assistance. Utilizing the church bulletin and a direct appeal by the Reverend Gary Thorne, the congregation was asked to help this worthwhile endeavour in any way possible.

Saint George's participated in the Metro Food Bank Society Christmas Registry Program to avoid duplication by supporting organiz-

ations, thus assisting as many families as possible. A total of \$1,050 was raised, nine turkeys and various gift basket sundries were donated as well as \$75 in grocery vouchers. This enabled Saint George's to assist 13 families (including 18 children), and some individuals (by the Rector). Several gift baskets were also made up and delivered to shut-ins.

This 1996 project was overseen by the Reverend Eldie Richard with the organizing committee consisting of

the Reverend Gary Thorne, Dorothy Coons, Jan Connors and Judy Baker (Chairperson). Many members of the parish added to the success of the project through their donations and by volunteering in such areas as purchasing, wrapping, packing and delivering grocery boxes, gifts and baskets on December 21. A financial statement follows.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Baker
Chairperson

Christmas Outreach Financial Report

Received from Saint George's	\$1,000.00	(Cheque)
Outside donation	50.00	(Cash)
Expenditures		
Groceries	364.60	(Receipt)
Food vouchers	50.00	(Receipt)
Gift Certificates	120.00	(Receipt)
Gifts	<u>227.66</u>	(Receipt)
	\$762.26	
Shut-ins Gift Baskets	<u>85.00</u>	
	\$847.26	
3 - Cash Gifts	<u>150.00</u>	
	\$997.26	
*Cash remaining	<u>\$52.74</u>	
	\$1,050.00	

* Given to Father Thorne for individual handouts (assistance).

Property Committee

The Property Committee, made up of the two co-chairs, has met regularly since April 1996. An extensive inspection of the Rectory, Sexton's Cottage and the exterior of the Hall was done. Many repairs were documented which must be done in 1997. A contractor was brought in to give us estimates for each building. These amounts are included in our 1997 budget to be approved at the annual meeting.

Everyone knows that both the Rectory and Sexton's Cottage are rental properties and they bring in gross revenue of \$21,000 yearly. It is our responsibility to keep these buildings properly maintained. In the past, due to lack of funds, we were only able to deal with emergencies. Since last year's report, we must explain that some of the things that were done were just to make the properties safe and fit to live in.

Rectory

Both bathrooms were completely renovated with working fans to extract the moisture so the same problem does not happen again, and walls painted with mould free paint. Back porch was finished and door sweeps and weather strips were installed on all exterior doors to keep the heat in. Plumbing and electrical work done to protect from flooding

and fire and many small jobs all done to the interior. Nothing was done to the exterior but many repairs need to be done in 1997.

Sexton's Cottage

Roof had some repairs to keep it from leaking and all the fascia boards were renewed. The bathroom was also renovated with newly painted walls also with mould free paint. All exterior doors were protected with door sweeps and weather stripping to keep the heat in. Many small jobs were also done to the interior. Again only the roof work was done to the exterior.

Hall

Regular maintenance of grounds done in summer and snow removal for the winter. We were lucky to have a person from the Fine Options Program who did the lawns and also managed to do some painting to the exterior of the hall, the bad areas. Broken windows were replaced, electrical work and plumbing necessary to keep the hall safe. A hot water heater donated by a parishioner was installed in the lower bathroom which makes it safer for children. Security was a problem which led us to put new locks with restricted keys on the main hall door and also the restoration office. Many other odd jobs were also done.

As mentioned above, there are

many exterior repairs that need attention before the end of this year and the property committee has prioritized them and work has already begun.

We must thank Cynthia, our janitor, for the excellent care that she takes of these buildings, often having to work around functions in the hall.

If anyone has any questions please feel free to ask either of us.

Respectfully submitted

Frank Riles and Karen Wheeler
Co-chairs

Nursery

Many thanks to all the people who helped to make the nursery such a valuable part of the parish.

They are:

Pam Hunter
Shirley Martin
Star Izzard
Tina Burden
Michael Smith
Ann Read
Andrew Botterill
Diana Turner
Barbara Pike
Lauren Billard
Andrea Talbot

Sandra Thorne
Co-ordinator

Finance Committee

Precisely how should the Finance Committee position itself in the fabric of the Parish of Saint George? It is a question I have asked myself many times throughout 1996. The clamouring child demands attention; and so, the matter of money dominated our thoughts throughout the year. We all struggled to keep the expenses to an absolute minimum. The monthly financial statements were beaten and pounded into a shape to allow us to make sense of the financial state of the Church. In short, we directed a great deal of energy to the "accounting" of our

Parish. Accounting is not a bad thing. Regrettably it is not a means to an end. It is simply regurgitated facts and a look backward! We can now account for the past with clarity and accuracy.

With this behind us, my hope is that future Finance Committees will turn to discovering the means by which to "grow" the Parish. To Harry, Tom, Gary, Martin, Karen, Father Thorne and Jan, many thanks for listening to endless recitations from the Chair. A very special thanks to my shadow (Hugh T.). Ever present and reliable John, Les and

Willis deserve special mention for tireless work 52 weeks of the year.

Our faith allows us the strength and determination to look forward to 1997 as a new and fresh year filled with opportunities and challenges. I know we shall rise to them all because we hold steadfast in our faith.

Tom Howland retires from the responsibilities of Treasurer this year. Heartfelt thanks for his stewardship and friendship through it all. Respectfully submitted,
Michael A. Johnston
Chair of Finance

Restoration Committee

This Annual Report is a brief summary of the Restoration Committee's activities for the year. Those wishing a more detailed written account should consult the minutes of the committee's monthly meetings or my regular letters of report to Bishop Peters, which are all on file in the Restoration Office.

The finances for the Restoration are maintained separately from those of the general activities of the Parish. The financial records for the Restoration have been established and kept by the Restoration Treasurer, George Caines and Deputy-Treasurer, Karen Wheeler. These records have been submitted to the auditors for the Parish and will be available shortly.

At the time of the last Annual Meeting of the Parish, restoration of the exterior of the Round Church had been completed. Since that time, much has been accomplished. The main beams under the nave of the church have been completely replaced as a result of the unexpected finding of rot. Conceptual drawings for the whole of the project have been done. Contracts for the installation of sewage services, plumbing, heating, electrical services and fire protection (alarms and sprinklers) have all been tendered, let and completed, at least to the extent of allowing for temporary, partial occupancy to be authorized by the fire marshall. the 1911 porch has been restored to the point of making it a functional entrance. The chancel ceiling has been restored, and the gloriously plastered central dome now floats above the nave.

The foregoing work has been accomplished by the Conservation and Construction Sub-Committee under the chairmanship of Jim MacLean, using Hanscomb Consultants Incorporated as project managers, headed by local manager Art Maw. Of course, the on-site work has been supervised by Ron Cahoon who has become well-known and well-liked by many members of the parish. A sub-group of the Conservation and Construction

Committee called the Design Liaison Group under the chairmanship of John Swaine has been meeting regularly with our architects, Fowler, Bauld & Mitchell, and representatives of Parks Canada to ensure that the Restoration complies with all appropriate restoration standards. We are pleased to report that all work to date has been completed on-schedule and under-budget.

As chair of the Restoration Committee, I would be remiss not to thank the many parishioners and members of the Princess Louise Fusilliers who spent many Wednesday evenings and Saturdays in late November and early December, 1996, cleaning, scraping and painting to get the Round Church ready for temporary use at Christmas and during Epiphany. The services which we were able to hold in the Round Church during that period raised our spirits and renewed our determination to finish the project as soon as is possible. While we have been forced to return to the Hall for worship during Lent, we hope that sufficient plastering and other work will have been completed to allow a return to the Round Church for services at Easter.

Construction cannot proceed without funds, and we are maintaining our commitment to Bishop Peters not to authorize construction work unless we have the money in hand to pay for it. Since the last Annual Meeting of the Parish, the Restoration Committee reached the conclusion that our fundraising goals in the corporate and private sectors could not be attained without professional, full-time direction. A selection process for a campaign director was carried out by the personnel firm of Robertson-Surette Ltd, through the good offices of parishioner Michael Johnston.

Linda Crockett was hired as Campaign Director as of July 1, 1996. Working with the Campaign Sub-Committee under Anne West as Chair, Linda has revised the campaign plan (after lengthy consultation with prominent

members of the local and national business communities) and is presently in the process of rolling out the campaign to the private sector. This is no easy task and we are concurrently re-submitting our application to the Anglican Foundation through the Diocese of Nova Scotia as a support to the private sector campaign. Of course, applications to charitable foundations are going ahead apace, and the Christmas appeal to our previous donors was highly successful. The arrival of Linda Crockett on the scene has given us all a shot in the arm, and fundraising will be in full gear over the next few months as we try to ensure the availability of sufficient funds to keep restoration continuously in progress.

The fundraising results to date by sector are attached to this report as Appendix A. These figures have enabled to Restoration Committee to establish an estimate of "projected cash available for construction in 1997", which is attached at Appendix B. This latter document is, of course, subject to change as fundraising results come in. However, as updated monthly, this calculation allows the Restoration Committee to project what construction tasks can be authorized at any given time.

In conclusion, let me thank all the members of the Restoration Committee and its various sub-committees who have worked so diligently throughout the last year to bring the restoration of the Round Church to fruition. I am sure that all of them have fervently wished, at some point in the last year, that the task was at an end. However, buoyed by support from the Parish, the Church, all levels of government and the public at large, they continue to give generously of their time and effort. More importantly, sustained by faith in the belief that the restoration of the Round Church is to the glory of God and represents our love of our neighbours who aid and encourage us, I trust we will carry on until the task is done.
Respectfully submitted
Bruce P. Archibald, Chair

Saint George's Restoration Committee
 From Restoration Treasurer
 Report Period: To December 31, 1996

<u>Financial Position</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Cumulative to Date</u>
	<u>12 Month Period</u>	<u>12 Month Period</u>
RECEIPTS:		
Insurance	-	875,000.00
Infrastructure Grant	-	600,000.00
City of Halifax	100,000.00	225,000.00
Parks Canada	701,000.00	701,000.00
Miscellaneous Gov.	-	7,960.00
Pledge Payments	50,034.70	122,238.50
Private Sector	214,949.39	493,591.60
Merchandise F.R. Efforts	9,292.61	41,795.44
Bank Interest	18,308.31	55,077.81
G.S.T. Rebate	-	<u>12,318.88</u>
Total	\$1,093,585.01	\$3,134,442.23

12,318.88 (Held for Maintenance + Int.)

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Petty Cash Float for Merchandise	200.00
Fundraising Merchandise	370.15
Fundraising Expenses (N-1)	93,243.45
St. George's 2000	-
Bank Charges	1,334.26
Replacement Items	-
Professional Fees (N-2)	212,731.84
Restoration Expenses (N-3)	499,205.67
Audit	3444.00
Mortgage Payout	-
Total	\$810,529.37

Funds on Hand or in Bank \$283,055.64

\$290,675.81

\$2,843,766.42

February 11, 1997 (For Internal Purposes Only)

Division	Code	Raised as of Jan 13/97	Raised as of Feb 11/97	Amount Raised	Revised Goals	To Raise
Govt, Int & Insurance MaintFund & Ins Contents		3,001,596	3,001,596	-	3,001,596 (42,520 + 129,687)	N/A
Foundations		109,000	110,000	1,000	650,000	540,000
Corporate Local/National	2	22,002	22,052	50	1,000,000	977,948
Individuals Local/National	1,2,5	192,206	196,001	3,795	680,000	483,999
Direct Mail	1,2,5	91,596	94,593	2,997	170,000	75,407
Christian Community	1,2,5	64,984	66,861	1,877	100,000	33,139
Parish Family		214,767	220,352	5,585	250,000	29,648
Merchandise	3,4	39,849	42,436	2,587	65,000	22,564
Special Events		59,227	59,377	150	100,000	40,623
Service Clubs		6,000	6,890	890	25,000	18,110
Total Private Sector		\$799,631	\$818,562	18,931	\$3,040,000	\$2,221,438
Grand Total Raised		\$3,801,227	\$3,820,158	18,931	\$6,041,596	\$2,221,438
Gifts in Kind		200,000	200,000	-	225,000	25,000

1 Includes \$24,639 for Direct Mail Xmas/95

2 Includes \$3,000 for Direct Mail Newsletter

3 Includes \$4,829 for Cannisters

4 Includes \$5,033 for CDs and Tapes

5 Includes \$28,229 for DM Xmas/96 & \$4,640 for DM Heritage Canada/96

Saint George's Restoration

Projected budget January/August 1997

Income to August 1997	1997	
Cash on hand January 14, 1997	\$285,500	
Parks Canada	300,000	
City of Halifax	50,000	
Molson Foundation	25,000	
Pledged	<u>32,500</u>	<u>693,000</u>
Office expenditures (whole year)		
Secretary	24,000	
Campaign Director	60,000	
Expenses	20,000	
Administration and PR	24,000	
Parish claim vestments and chairs	<u>9,200</u>	<u>137,200</u>
Balance available for restoration		\$555,800
General fundraising (projected)		<u>138,000</u>
Potential total available for restoration		\$693,800

Little Dutch Church Management Committee

This committee, which includes members of the German Canadian Association of Nova Scotia and the Parish of Saint George, worked hard during 1996 to carry out essential work on the Little Dutch Church with very limited funds.

Using the technical advice of architect Gary Hanley, a new roof was installed on the church. This roof replaces a badly rotted earlier roof built over the original roof. The original roof still exists under the new roof. At the same time, the walls were straightened as much as was safe and re-secured to the roof. The south wall was resingled and some minor repairs were made to the steeple.

Also during the summer, extensive archaeological work was carried out in the crypt of the church, by In Situ, an archaeological consulting firm which also undertook work under the Round

Church. Much information was gleaned about the bodies buried under the church, including the information that the church appears to have been built over the site of a mass grave resulting from an epidemic in the city prior to 1756. Some of the bodies were moved to the archaeology laboratory at Saint Mary's University, where they are presently in safekeeping.

At the end of the year, new wiring and a new portable temporary heating system were installed in the Little Dutch Church. The new heaters are noisy, but will eventually be replaced when funds are available. At the same time, a ventilation system was installed to prevent future deterioration of the building.

The exterior of the building was painted, with some help from the youth group.

The Halifax Regional

Municipality has just granted \$5,000 (cost-shared 50/50) for work on the Little Dutch Church. In 1997, with fundraising help from the German Canadian Association, the committee hopes to make a start on repairing the foundations of the church, which are in very bad condition.

The Parish of Saint George owes continued thanks to the German-Canadian Association of Nova Scotia, which held a very successful series of concerts in the church in 1996 and carried out other fundraising activities, as well as helping in the management of the restoration of this very early Halifax building.

Financial statement for the year prepared by Treasurer Liselotte Sawh follow.

Respectfully submitted
Anne West
Vice-Chair

LITTLE DUTCH CHURCH

Balance Sheet as of 31.12.96

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts

"Kohl" account, LDC interior work only	\$4.45
GIC Account #916030040495-30-day non redeemable	\$9,500.00
LDC 773-13-General expense Account	<u>\$3,603.46</u>

Total Cash and Bank Accounts \$13,107.91

TOTAL ASSETS **\$13,107.91**

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities	0.00
Equity	<u>\$13,107.91</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND ASSETS **\$13,107.91**

Respectfully submitted

Liselotte Sawh

Treasurer, Little Dutch Church Management Committee

Summary Report by Year
31/05/96 Through 31/12/96

Category Description	31/05/96- 31/12/96
INCOME	
LDC donation-LDC Project	8,475.80
Uncategorized Income	7.66
TOTAL INCOME	8,483.46
EXPENSES	
Bank Chrg-Bank Charge	22.70
Bus. Insurance-Insurance (not health)	255.00
Debris removal-Disposal of material	269.92
GST-Goods and Services Tax	10.45
lawn care	168.30
name	0.00
Office exp.-Paper, stamps, envelops	53.14
PST-Provincial Sales Tax	2.84
Supplies-Supplies	110.34
Taxes paid	0.00
Wages-Wages & Job Credits	11,135.00
Uncategorized Expenses	39.80
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,067.49
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	-3,584.03
Balance Forward	
LDC 773-13-general expense acct.	7,187.49
TOTAL Balance Forward	7,187.49
OVERALL TOTAL	3,603.46

Respectfully Submitted,

Isidotta Saurh

Treasurer LDC

**Little Dutch Church Project
Financial Position**

Revenue	April 1, 95 - Dec. 31, 1995	Jan 1, 1996 - May 10 1996	Apr 1/95 - May 10 1996	
Funds from St. George's	13,075.85	0.00	13,075.85	- 2,500
Funds from German Gvt.	9,509.73	0.00	9,509.73	
Donations (Tax receipt)	2,023.41	4,280.70	6,304.11	
Special events	1,201.59	- 110.89	1,312.48	
From Germ.Assoc. unspec		- 1,747.50	1,747.50	
Church Service collect.	201.23	- 249.75	450.98	
Gain on Sale of shares		225.00	225.00	
Grants (Prov. NS)		2,500.00	2,500.00	5,000
Total Revenue	26,011.81	9,113.84	35,125.65	

Disbursements

Workers' Payroll		7,697.99	7,697.99
Project Manager Supervisor <i>Construction Manager</i>		1,039.50	1,039.50
Professional Fees		5,190.12	5,190.12
Construction Materials		4,507.05	4,507.05
Bldg. Permits		85.00	85.00
Repair & Maintenance	323.97		323.97
Landscaping	133.16		133.16
Insurance		750.00	750.00
Bank charges & interest		7.42	7.42
Total expenses	457.13	19,277.08	19,734.21
GST (refundable)	25.70	566.29	591.99
PST (refundable)	27.55	160.77	188.32
Total disbursemts.	510.38	20,004.14	20,514.52
Net Income	25,501.43	-10,890.30	14,611.13

Assets

Bank (BNS 773-13)	14,066.70	5,106.68	5,106.68
Bank BNS 719-19) Kohl	9,509.73	9,504.45	9,504.45
Investments (Shares)	1,925.00	0.00	0.00
Total Assets	25,501.43	14,611.13	14,611.13

Liabilities

0.00	0.00	0
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Parish Organization Reports

Gabriel Guild

Another year has come and gone and with ever decreasing numbers the Ladies Gabriel Guild has yet again been able to pass \$7,000 to the church coffers. Many of these hard-earned dollars are made through the multi-talented fingers of our ladies as they make and sell their wares throughout the year.

Catering and sale activities for 1996 include

March	Commonwealth Society Dinner
March	Royal N.S. Historical Society Dinner
April	The Red Rose Dinner
May	Samuel Prince Dart Dinner
July	Wedding rehearsal party
Sept.	Mayor's Garden Party
Nov.	Scotia Square Sale
Nov.	Heritage Trust of N.S. Dinner
Nov.	Turkey Dinner
Dec.	Seniors' Dinner

This is a very impressive accomplishment for the small group

of ladies that we now enjoy. As stated last year, our numbers continue to dwindle as members retire from active participation in meetings due to health and age. Even then, these ladies continue to contribute what they can in the way of sewing, crafts and cooking throughout the year.

It would be remiss of me not to thank sincerely the wonderful husbands of our ladies: Gordon Engram, Harry Hill, Les Grandy, Willis Grandy and DeWitt Rockwell. Without their strength and support much would not be accomplished. We also thank all the other generous parishioners who have helped with individual events.

The ladies of our group are a practical bunch and their vision and insights are often so beautifully cut to the bone that we miss them the first time around. Theirs is a "calls them as you sees them" outlook which is, sad to say, very refreshing in this day and age. These ladies and their

husbands have never been satisfied with mere words and have spent their energies, time, talents and treasure time and time again in support of their church. They have been an example to follow.

These ladies have never simply faced the bits and pieces of life ignoring the whole picture but rather have looked at the whole picture and chosen to contribute to it as best they could. They have no false view of reality; nor are they blinded by concentration on one occupation alone. The church has played a major part in their whole life and has and does touch every aspect of their daily lives. Their simple faith puts many of us to shame. They are an example we very definitely need to follow.

I have been honoured to be their president this past year and thank them for the wonderful lessons they have taught me throughout the years. Respectfully submitted
Cynthia W. Watts
President

2nd Halifax Scouting

We have grown! It is exciting to see the number of boys, girls and Leaders in our Scouts Canada program at Saint George's. This 1996/97 season we have:

- 26 Beavers and 7 Leaders
- 18 Cubs and 6 Leaders (2 part-time)
- 8 Scouts and 4 leaders
- Chaplain
- 5 Administrative Scouters
- Total 52 Youth and 23 Scouters (14 of whom are parishioners)

Then we have our Noon Hour Scouting program which involves 8 Scouts, 7 to 11 Cubs and 1 additional adult. This makes a total of 91 to 95 people who participate in this parish ministry. Here are some highlights of their activities:

Beavers

The Beaver Colony at Saint George's has had an incredibly successful year. The Colony had a three to four-fold increase in membership. As well, this

is the first year that girls have joined the section, with five so far. To handle the increase in numbers, earlier this fall the four existing Beaver Leaders actively recruited parents to get involved. The result was three new Leaders, all of whom have children in the program and who come from the North End community. As well, several mothers take an active role in the Colony, often helping out with crafts and bringing in goodies for the children to eat.

Although the increase in numbers has proven to be a bit overwhelming at times, it is extremely positive, perhaps indicating that our program has enjoyed good press throughout the community by word-of-mouth. Also, all these new Beavers will help the Cub and Scout programs grow as the children move up through the Scouting program as they get older.

The year's Beaver Leaders are

Scott Connors, Kim Cameron, Vaila Mowat and Cathy Rasley, also Carol Davis, Sheila Borden and Ken Barrett from the local community. Three of these Leaders, Carol, Ken and Scott, took their Wood Badge 1 (Modules A and B)) Leader training. Kim, Vaila and Cathy have all taken this training in years past.

With this many Leaders, and hopefully many returning children, next year promises to be equally exciting and challenging.

Cubs

Cubs have enjoyed an outing to Point Pleasant Park, swimming at the WavePool, a Hallowe'en party, a recycling drive fund and awareness raiser, participation in Remembrance Day ceremonies, attending the District Disability Awareness Workshop and Sixers Training Workshop. The BIG event was attending *Camp Dalhousie*, an overnight sleep-over camp at Dal

St. George's Gabriel Guild
Financial Statement
As of December 31, 1996

Balance as of December 31, 1995 \$1,012.24

REVENUE:

Catering - Commonwealth Dinner	640.00
Heritage Trust N.S.	810.00
Royal Historical Society	450.00
Mayors Garden Party	2167.50
Samuel Prince Darts	160.00
North End Seniors	182.00

Parish Events

- Pancake Supper/Card Game	485.00
Penny Auction	152.00
Red Rose Dinner	2116.84
Scotia Square Crafts	603.41
Turkey Dinner	3325.00

Other - Annual Dues	39.00
Interest on Account	17.08
G.I.C. Interest	115.50
Calendars	355.00

TOTAL REVENUE \$ 11,618.33

EXPENSES:

Bank Charges	.60
Canadian Bible Society	100.00
Friends of Kings	100.00
Diocese of N.S.	150.00
Groceries	2551.30
Pie Cupboard Repairs	150.50
Diocesan Newsletter	10.00
St. Peters Publication	355.00
Guild Annual Dinner (Christmas)	360.00
Christians for Refugees	500.00
Rockwell Anniversary Gift	103.26
Hydrostone Hardware	50.00
St. George's Church	7000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$11,430.66

Balance as of December 31, 1996 \$ 1,199.91

**2nd Halifax Group Committee
Treasurer Report
April 1, 1996 to January 31, 1997**

Opening Balance		414.14
Revenue:		
Registration		922.30
Donation	- St. George's Church	1,000.00
	- Other	452.50
Popcorn		2,378.50
Chocolate Bars		40,236.36
Scoutrees		519.50
C.J. Payment (from parent)		415.00
Beaver Dues		14.00
Cub Recycling		109.55
Balance from tents		49.88
Interest		.18
Expenses:		
Registration	1,868.00	
Popcorn	2,018.75	
Scoutrees	199.20	
Beaver expenses	40.00	
Cub expenses	569.35	
Troop expenses	1,347.68	
Group	3,672.97	
Chocolate Bars	22,177.19	
C.J. expenses	373.32	
C.J. payment	9,215.00	
Service charges	<u>11.46</u>	
	41,492.92	<u>46,512.91</u>
Balance in Bank	<u>5,522.87</u>	
	47,015.79	
Less: Cheques not cashed - Scouts Canada CJ'97	500.00	
- Tim Chipman (Cubs)	<u>67.88</u>	
Less: NSF Cheques		37.50
		<u>27.50</u>
	46,447.91	46,447.91

Saint George's Parish Budget - 1997

	Jan - Dec '97
Fees & Memberships	50.00
Pastoral Outreach	100.00
Poor Fund	1,200.00
Soup Kitchen	7,000.00
Total PASTORAL MINISTRY	8,500.00
 PROPERTY	
General	
Insurance - General Liability	375.00
Maintenance & Repairs	3,000.00
Total General	3,375.00
 Church	
Taxes	150.00
Utilities	6,000.00
Total Church	6,150.00
 Hall	
Capital Repairs	3,300.00
Insurance	2,150.00
Maintenance & Repairs	3,500.00
Supplies	1,000.00
Taxes	200.00
Utilities	16,100.00
Management Fees	5,500.00
Total Hall	31,750.00
 Little Deutsch Church	
Insurance	260.00
Maintenance & Repairs	200.00
Taxes	150.00
Utilities	650.00
Total Little Deutsch Church	1,260.00
 Rectory	
Capital Repairs	3,200.00
Insurance	800.00
Maintenance & Repairs	1,000.00
Taxes	1,700.00
Utilities	108.00

Saint George's Parish Budget - 1997

	Jan - Dec '97
Total Rectory	6,808.00
Sexton's Cottage	
Capital Repairs	2,300.00
Insurance	275.00
Maintenance & Repairs	1,000.00
Taxes	1,200.00
Utilities	108.00
	4,883.00
Total Sexton's Cottage	4,883.00
 Total PROPERTY	 54,226.00
 SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	
Advertising & Publicity	500.00
Eucharistic Supplies	1,800.00
Guest Speakers	200.00
Lay Ministry	
Stipend - Youth Worker	5,200.00
Supplies, Materials & Copying	200.00
Travel Allowance	1,200.00
Vacation Bible School	250.00
	6,850.00
Total Lay Ministry	6,850.00
Music Program	
Pension	695.00
Stipend - Director	13,908.00
Supplies, Materials & Copying	2,500.00
Vacation Replacement	400.00
	17,503.00
Total Music Program	17,503.00
Sunday School Program	
Supplies & Materials	700.00
	700.00
Total Sunday School Program	700.00
 Total SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	 27,553.00
 Total Expense	 160,951.00
 Net Income	 3,649.00

Report of the Nominations Committee

Position	Returning	Nominated
Warden	The Reverend Jim Snyder	Mary MacLachlan
Secretary	Jim MacLean (3 of 3)	-
Treasurer	-	Michael Johnston ('99)
Synod Delegates	Elizabeth Henderson (2 of 2) Gai Thomas (2 of 2)	- -
Alternate Delegate (<i>Not Council position unless becoming Delegate</i>)	-	Jan Connors
Youth Delegate	Tanya Connors (2 of 2)	-
Communications Officer	-	Jane Mason-Browne ('99)
Members at Large (12)	Chris West ('98) Kim Cameron ('98) Craig Savoury ('99) Lorna Wallace ('99) Gary Warner ('98)	Barbara Pike Susan Harris Mary Martin Darragh Russell Karen Wheeler Jim Baker Vacant Daniel Labrie
Diocesan Times (<i>Not Council position</i>)	Dorothy Coons	-
PWRDF (<i>Not Council position</i>)	Lorna Wallace	-
Regional Delegates	Wardens Synod Delegates	Vacant Vacant Vacant
Auditor	(Fraser & Howatt)	Vacant
Gabriel Guild		
Group Committee		
Restoration		
LDC Management Committee		

Baptisms and Confirmations

Baptisms

Joseph Michael Meldrum
Alexa Lillian Miles
Thomas Ivan Charles O'Brien
Robert Scott Lewis

Martin Scott Thomas
Sierra Leone Yvonne Hoyte
Andrew James Addison Baker
Andrew James Gaften Botterill
Rhys Mason Browne Kavanagh
David Roy Winter

Confirmations

Jenny Ann Crandall

Christopher Aaron Snook
Robert Scott Lewis

