

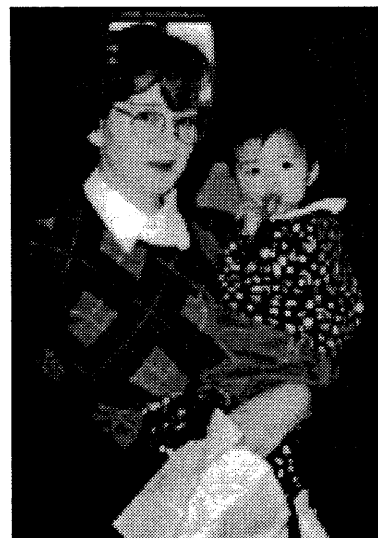
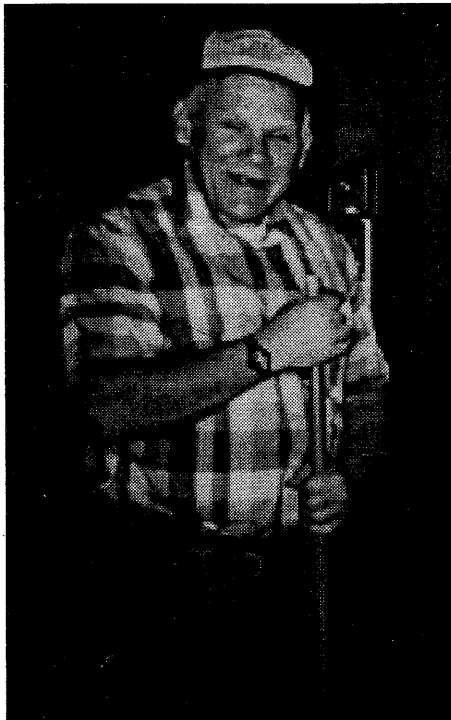
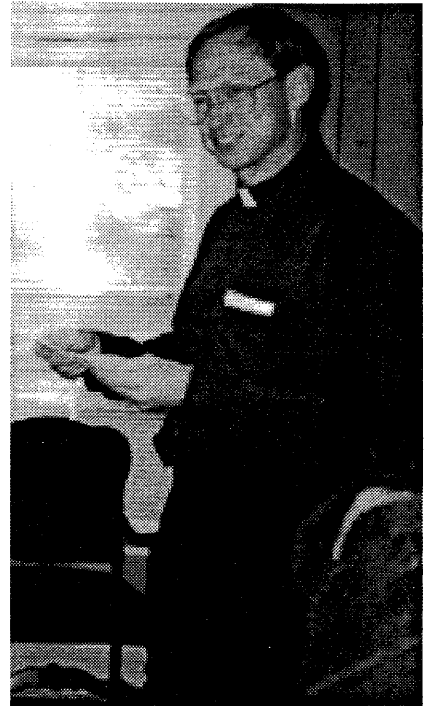


*Parish of
Saint
George*

Halifax, Nova Scotia,

*1997 Annual
Report*

Annual Meeting, Sunday,
February 22, 1998



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Agenda

1. Opening Prayers
2. Approval of minutes of February 23, 1997
3. Unfinished business, or business arising from the minutes
4. Communications
5. Financial Statements for year ended December 31, 1997 (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. 1998 Budget
12. New or special business *St. G. 2000*
13. Elections - *put early on agenda*
14. Nominations to Diocesan Council and King's College Board *Jan Connors*
15. Motion of Adjournment
16. Closing Prayers

Minutes

Annual General Meeting, Sunday, February 23, 1997

Sixty eight parishioners were present. The Meeting began with the singing of Hymn 802.

The agenda was approved as printed and distributed.

MOVED: Charles Westropp, SECONDED: Mary Martin. *Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of February 18th, 1996 be approved as distributed.* CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS: One letter was received by the meeting dealing with the Synod and the move of each parish into the 21st century.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: were presented to the meeting. Neil Robertson enquired about the presence of investments in the face of Committed Fund Liabilities and a debt to the allotment.

Michael Johnston explained that this was simply a cash flow situation and there was not really a cash surplus.

Gertie Moulton asked what the exact amount of the deficit was.

Mary Martin was advised by Michael Johnston that the allotment was not paid. *RW re \$5000 not reflected*

Fr. Thorne explained that the Parish Council in an attempt to be pro-active with regard to the allotment instructed the Executive Committee to request that a moratorium be placed on the 1996 allotment and one half of the 1997 allotments. While favourably received, the Bishop had advised that this could not be done in advance but could only be addressed once the Parish was in arrears. The Parish has received an invitation to sit down and address the allotment. Gertie Moulton requested that we be presented with financial statements that are able to be understood.

MOVED Michael Johnston, SECONDED Karen Wheeler *Be it resolved that the financial statement for December for December 31, 1996 be adopted.* CARRIED

RECTOR'S REPORT: Fr. Thorne apologised for his part in the Modest Proposal Project stating that he had misinterpreted the will of the Parish. He advised the meeting that the proposal to open the hall to provide tea and coffee to the street people of the North End had grown from the expressed interest of several individuals to extend the inner city ministry of the Church.

When a meeting was held to discuss this new approach it became clear that other factors had not been properly considered. As a result it was clear that the hall was not a proper venue for this outreach. Because the news media had taken a statement of Fr. Thorne's out of context he had refused further comment. Fr. Thorne requested that others not speak to the media on behalf of the Parish...this request was not adhered to. The meeting was divided over the issue; some feeling that the matter of media contact be dealt with immediately by the Parish, others feeling they

should be able to speak freely. Sandra Thorne suggested that if someone speaks, they make it clear that they are speaking on their own behalf.

MOVED Jane Mason-Brown SECONDED Karen Wheeler *Be it resolved that the Parish executive meet today and consult with whom they deem necessary to immediately resolve this issue.* CARRIED.

Fr. Thorne apologised to Frank and Roxanne for the fact that marriages must be registered in the Parish in which they occur. This is the reason there are no weddings or burials included in this report.

Fr. Thorne thanked Jan Connors for her overwhelming contribution.

WARDENS' REPORT: Jan Connors presented the report as written and thanked her family and employer for their support during her wardenship.

REPORTS

MOVED Rob Martin SECONDED Michael Johnston *Be it resolved that all committee reports as printed in the annual report be adopted.* CARRIED

MOVED Karen Wheeler SECONDED Jan Connors *Be it resolved that the organization reports as printed in the annual report be adopted.* CARRIED

Alan Edwards complimented David Harris for his work in the Parish.

Bruce Archibald advised the meeting that the Restoration Financial Statements were not available and inquired as to whether those present felt there should be a special Parish meeting to consider the statements when they become available.

Neil Robinson^{ext} asked about the viability of the fundraising effort.

MOVED Neil Robinson^{ext} SECONDED Rob Martin *Be it resolved that the Parish Council receive and consider the un-audited financial statements of the Restoration Committee and the statements part of the 1997 annual report.* CARRIED.

Fr. Thorne noted that the Gabriel Guild had given \$7,000 to the Parish and that the Scouts had raised a considerable sum of money through chocolate bar sales.

MOVED Michael Johnston SECONDED Sandra Thorne *Be it resolved that the 1997 budget be accepted.* CARRIED.

Anne West pointed out that the reason the budget was balanced was because the allotment was not included. Several members of the Parish felt that the matter of the allotment should be addressed.

The minutes are continued on page 11

**ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997**

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REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

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

I have reviewed the balance sheet of St. George's Anglican Church as at December 31, 1997 and the statements of receipts, disbursements and surplus and changes in financial position for the year then ended. My 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 Church.

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

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

Halifax, N.S.
February 4, 1998


CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

**BALANCE SHEET
(UNAUDITED)
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1997**

	1997	1996
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$8,116	\$23,764
Accounts receivable	4,281	0
	<u>12,397</u>	<u>23,764</u>
INVESTMENTS (Note 4)	24,010	24,010
	<u>\$36,407</u>	<u>\$47,774</u>
 LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$54,616	\$35,281
	<u>54,616</u>	<u>35,281</u>
COMMITTED FUND LIABILITIES (Note 3)	11,377	20,967
	<u>65,993</u>	<u>56,248</u>
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (Note 5)	(29,586)	(8,474)
	<u>\$36,407</u>	<u>\$47,774</u>

APPROVED BY:

_____ Member

_____ Member

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS AND SURPLUS
(UNAUDITED)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

	1997	1996
RECEIPTS		
Offering	\$123,616	\$114,017
Government funds		0
Gabriel Guild	7,000	7,000
Investment Income	2,083	2,396
Rentals and miscellaneous	25,122	27,770
	157,821	151,183
DISBURSEMENTS		
Accounting, legal and advertising	2,120	3,212
Allotment	28,839	30,000
Bank Charges	80	19
General Operating	15,317	12,059
Insurance and taxes	6,776	8,116
Lay ministry	5,036	6,893
Miscellaneous	1,892	644
Music	18,192	15,946
Pastoral ministry	1,157	1,577
Repairs and maintenance	14,881	11,131
Restoration expenses	0	984
Salaries and benefits	62,814	61,924
Spiritual development	4,751	3,330
Sunday school	206	594
Utilities	16,872	17,128
	178,933	173,557
Excess (Deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	(21,112)	(22,374)
Surplus (Deficit), beginning of year as previously reported	(3,193)	24,767
Prior period adjustment - Allotment Arrears	(5,281)	(5,281)
Surplus (Deficit), beginning of year as restated	(8,474)	19,486
	(29,586)	(2,888)
Transfer of discontinued funds	0	(5,586)
Surplus (Deficit), end of year	(\$29,586)	(\$8,474)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
 (UNAUDITED)
 YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

	1997	1996
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR) THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:		
OPERATIONS		
Working capital from operations	(21,112)	
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	(22,586)	(\$22,374)
	(21,112)	(22,374)
Net change in non-cash working capital balances	15,054	14,871
	(6,058)	(7,503)
FINANCING		
Repayment of committed fund liabilities (net)	(9,590)	9,051
Transfer of discontinued funds	0	(5,586)
	(9,590)	3,465
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS	(15,648)	(4,038)
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year	23,764	27,802
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS, end of year	\$8,116	\$23,764
REPRESENTED BY:		
Cash	\$8,116	\$23,764

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a. Long -term Investments

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

b. Disbursements

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

2. FINANCIAL REPORTING

These financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, receipts and disbursements of the St. George's Church and do not include any financial information relating to the St. George's Restoration Fund.

3. COMMITTED FUND LIABILITIES

	1997	1996
Ecology Gardens	\$1,695	\$1,695
Memorial Fund	4,126	7,681
Missions	2,588	3,054
Organ Fund	2,148	1,395
Rector's Damage Deposit	820	820
Curriculum Fund	0	6,322
	<u>\$11,377</u>	<u>\$20,967</u>

4. INVESTMENTS

	1997	1996
TD Bank	\$4,980	\$4,980
Diocese of NS	19,030	9,810
Montreal Trust	0	9,220
	<u>\$24,010</u>	<u>\$24,010</u>

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ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(UNAUDITED)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1997**

5. PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT - ALLOTMENT ARREARS

Allotment arrears of \$5,281 from 1994 had been recorded in the books of St. George's Anglican Church but had not been reflected in the financial statements. The effect of the adjustment to correct this omission is to increase accounts payable and accrued liabilities and to increase the deficit each by \$5,281.

Minutes, continued

NEW AND SPECIAL BUSINESS

Jan Connors addressed the stewardship issue and in particular visitation. She quoted excerpts from a letter received from Hugh Tilley.

In addition to those individuals whose names appear in the report the following were acclaimed.

Mary MacLachlan	Warden
Michael Johnston	Treasurer
Katie Wallace	Alternative Youth Delegate
Daniel LaBrie	To Parish Council
Cybthia Watts	Regional Delegate
Dorothy Coons	Diocesan Times Correspondent

MOVED Bruce Archibald

SECONDED Lawrence Bruce-Robertson:

Be it resolved that selection of an auditor be delegated to Parish Council

CARRIED

MOVED Charles Westropp

SECONDED John Hammond

Be it resolved that the Gabriel Guild, the Group Committee, Restoration Committee, the Little Dutch Church Committee and the Chair select their own representatives for Council. CARRIED

Upon the motion of Neil Robertson, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. with Prayers.

Rector's Report

In 1997, worship of the Triune God was the beginning and end of our parish life.

Our worship is centred on the Holy Communion in which we receive Jesus Christ in His Word and Sacrament. In our parish we are increasingly giving prayerful attention to the way we worship, so that we might best position our souls and bodies to receive spiritual blessings. We are developing a biblically rich and predictable liturgical form which embraces both intentional quietness and beautiful music in order to draw us into an experience of God's Love for us in Jesus Christ. When our worship is graced by the Holy Spirit we find ourselves keenly aware that we are in the very saving presence of the Person of Jesus Christ. His love converts us to Himself again and again, more and more profoundly. We have been so fortunate to have had two music directors in 1997 who understand the purpose of our liturgy and worship. Throughout her music Sarah MacDonald taught many of us how to pray and Garth MacPhee has continued by writing many prayers on our hearts.

Everything we do, say and sing during worship has the sole purpose of focusing our hearts ever more intensely on the Love of Almighty God which has come to us fully and freely in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

An important part of our worship at Saint George's is the recognition of the 'calendar of the soul' or the liturgical year which allows the Holy Spirit to shape and form our personalities by ordering our lives within the life of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Even the activity of restoring the Round Church has been a witness to our worship and devotion. Our moving for worship

between the Hall and the Round Church has been in accord with our spiritual life. During Advent 1996, we prepared ourselves spiritually to re-enter the Round Church on Christmas Eve to celebrate the incarnation of the Son of God. We remained worshipping in the round until the end of the Christmas/Epiphany season in which Christ is manifested to the world as Lord and Saviour. As we processed back to the hall for a holy Lent we imagined ourselves within the story of the forty days of Christ's temptation in the wilderness. We thus were able to attend seriously to our spiritual preparations to re-enter the Round Church for Holy Week and Easter. Back to the Hall after Easter, only to return to the Round church to celebrate the glorious Ascension of our Lord into Heaven. Each step a step with Jesus.

Our daily offices of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer are faithfully offered to God on behalf of the whole parish by devoted parishioners. The presence of two members of the Religious Order of Celi De in our parish is a great addition to the praying of our daily offices.

Prayer begins and ends every one of our many committee meetings at Saint George's. We are truly blessed in our parish family to have so many committed parishioners in significant leadership positions who understand the Christian spiritual life. Our Restoration Chair, Bruce Archibald, is always quick to remind us that everything we do must be only for love of God and love of neighbour.

In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy spirit. Amen.
Father Gary Thorne, Rector
Father Eldie Richard, Priest Assistant

Senior Warden's Report

The terminus of this adventure is in sight. My wardenship is nearing its expiry. "Best before March 1998".

You good people at Saint George's are to be commended for your acceptance and support of this Anglo-Lutheran. I did not really want this position, it seemed too high an honour and too great a responsibility—I had too little available time and resources. I was not the right person for the job. But what I did I know? When the Spirit calls...

And so for two years I've served as a silent partner, alongside Jan Connors and then Mary MacLachlan. Their eye for details and thoroughness matches any engineer I've ever known, and their energy level exceeds that of most aerobics instructors. I am very grateful for the honour of working with them.... if it could be called work, for all I did was to listen to people and toss out a few thoughts now and then...and pray. This position requires a lot of praying.

My report could be reduced to one notion: amazement. Former wardens will understand this already, and now the rest of you might as well.

First I am amazed at the people of this parish. There is such a rich diversity among us, it is almost unsustainable—and would be if we weren't regularly reunited in Christ at His Table. Thus, thanks to our unity in Christ, our diversity leads to diverse forms of ministry within the body of Christ, in our parish, our community, our world. And here it is that I stand back in awe; I am humbled by the sight of so many of you deeply involved in the ministries of this parish... giving your time, talents and possessions, giving your SELF, cheerfully, sacrificially, some-times thanklessly, often invisibly.

Also amazing is the fact that we haven't self-destructed. Though our love and commitment may be strong, they are not pure. In fact they are downright dysfunctional at times.

If we could only fulfill the Law of God: to love God with our whole heart and our neighbour as ourselves. Then worship attendance would double...and so would stewardship ...programmes and committees would run at peak efficiency...contentious and divisive issue would dissolve ...and all problems would be seen to be false problems. If we could love one another and God as we should, then our commitment to Christ and His people wouldn't be shaped or misshapen by our sin and darkness ...and our relations with others would be free of hidden agendas, neuroses, fears, suspicions, envy, jealousy and whatever else it is that leads us into conflict and absurdity.

But that is the one thing that we cannot do...for if we could so love, we would not need a saviour.

What is most amazing, I keep finding, is the grace of our God, who is committed to US with a love that will never let us go. We cannot love one another as we ought, nor can we serve His church as we should. Jesus once told his disciples that we can do nothing without Him...and most of our problems arise when we think we can. We are not the little engine that could, when it comes to works of

Junior Warden's Report

1997 is significant, marking the first full year of worship in our church since 1993. This year we lived the Christian calendar of liturgical seasons in the circular embrace of the Round Church. As the ancient Jews knew in Babylon in the sixth century before Christ, this is the greatest grace of all: to worship in the holy place called home. Our exile in the parish Hall was trying but it is both a reward and a triumph to return, observing Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Trinity and Advent at home again after much sacrifice and effort. Let us recall that we were enjoined by the rector to enter the church in humility.

Our first year home again exposed new capacities for resilience. We maintained and expanded programmes even as the leadership was called elsewhere. Sarah MacDonald, who taught us much about approaching divine mystery in music, has left this year to study in Cambridge. Our new music director, Garth McPhee, confirms again our good fortune in leadership of the Music Programme. Garth has shown choristers and congregation alike new possibilities for worship in song. Regrettably, other active parishioners also had to leave for other responsibilities: Alan Edwardson, Cynthia Watts, the McCorristons, Alice Johnston. It is clear, however, that their contributions to Youth Work, Soup Kitchen, Nursery, Sunday School and the Christian Education Curriculum leave these projects enhanced and functioning well. Thankfully, every leave-taking has been answered with enthusiastic, organized volunteer energy from the congregation.

In witness to the rector's eight years of faithful guidance we continued steadily in worship and outreach during his four week study-leave at Durham University this fall. We may be humbled and also very proud that Father Thorne is called to serve God in research and study with a renowned scholar at one of the finest theological departments in the world. That he does this while continuing to respond fully to the north end community of Halifax is a testament of God's grace at work and a reminder of the diversity of gifts and strengths given to us all.

Expanded programmes and the restoration of the church have taxed this small parish; many are tired — drained, even — from extra responsibilities. There is resilience, nevertheless, in our response to the Parish Challenge to meet a goal of \$10,000. At Jim and John's Fabulous Pizza Party, Bruce and Martha's Kitchen Music Night, Gai Thomas's Vegetarian Feast, and Michal King and Heather Hannon's Death by Dessert and Silent Auction we saw that we are a diverse and gifted lot and that we still know how to have fun.

As junior warden I learned that this is a ministry of listening: to parishioners in the Hall, to Sunday Schoolers, to committee decisions, to music, to community response to our presence, to those attending fabulous Gabriel Guild dinners, and most of all in listening to the Word of God in the cyclical rhythm of

Senior Warden:

love. When we act as though OUR wills and efforts were instrumental in accomplishing the works of Christ, then we're heading for the abyss. The amazing thing is that we have not slid into it yet. God won't let us! He accomplishes His purpose through us, despite the well-meaning obstacles we put in His way, and despite the certainty with which we head straight for the rocks.

It's when God takes hold of our wills and makes them His own, and when our love is nothing other than His love in us, that this entity known as the Church heads in the right direction. We are not a civic organization, it's not our wills, our decisions, our efforts which ultimately matter. The most we can do, if we do anything, is to get out of the way, and allow God the opportunity to do His work through us....which He commences over and over again, amazingly enough, every time we meet his Son at the Table.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Snyder

Junior Warden:

gospel, lesson and psalm which make the core of our life in the Round Church. Listening is learning; please let your wardens continue to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary MacLachlan

Synod Report

The Anglican Synod for 1997 was quite different from past years. Along with the usual business of "housekeeping", there were three small group sessions. Their topics were: "Envisioning the Church of the Future", "Building up the Body of Christ", and "I am among you as a Servant".

Housekeeping Issues

Four motions were put forward:

1. An amendment to Canon 11 that would reflect changes in the corporate structure of the Diocese to more accurately represent the work of the Diocesan Council.
2. "For purposes of the election of the 130th Diocesan Synod only, of members to Diocesan Council under Para. 5 (1f) of Canon 11 as amended; one half of the members shall be elected for one term and one half of the members for two terms."
3. "This Synod directs the National and World Missions Committee to establish a task force to study and make recommendations regarding the church's stance on economic matters and encourages the National Church and the House of Bishops to take a more active stand regarding

issues of economic justice."

4. "That this Synod call upon the Diocesan Council to appoint a task force to review Canon 35 and to seek recommendations from the parishes as to amendments to this Canon."

All were passed after voting.

Group Sessions.

1. Envisioning the Church of the Future.

A number of stories were shared with the people in the groups about how they reacted when something new was introduced or something markedly changed their life. From this list we drew upon the most important lessons learned and then listed those in order of importance. From this we created a recipe for a "new church". It was agreed by all in our group that Tolerance, Understanding and Acceptance were the best ingredients for a Church of the Future.

2. Building up the Body of Christ.

Again, a number of stories were shared with the group that focussed on one common theme: a time when someone did something for me and what this taught me about being a Christian. From these, we tried to decide what resources would be

needed, what obstacles would have to be overcome and how churches could work together to build up the Body of Christ. A presentation was given by each group to try and convey what they thought would be a good example of how to "Build up the Body of Christ."

3. I am among you as a Servant.

Here the groups got together to study a section from the Bible. For reference the three passages were Matthew 5:39-42, Luke 11:5-8 and James 2:12-26. Reading these will show you a commonality about how a Christian should perform with respect to his bretheren. It is from these lessons that good Christians are born and people are shown how they too can be servants of Christ.

Conclusions and Impressions.

Synod was an interesting experience that should be shared and I encourage all to attend it some day. Only then can you grasp what Synod is about and the fellowship that is enjoyed there.

Attendants to Synod:

Craig Savoury and Jan Connors,
Tanya Connors (Youth Delegate)

Respectfully submitted:
Craig Savoury

Spiritual Development Committee

Please see separate reports for the music program, servers, daily offices and Youth Worker Search Committee.

We are a small, diverse and ambitious congregation. Because of this there are many ongoing as well as special projects which exist and continue to survive through the extraordinary efforts of many individuals. Special thanks are due to Father Eldie Richard, the Reverend Jim Snyder and Father Strople. By taking on responsibilities for services, preaching and other work from time to time, these three have made it possible to make unusual demands of our rector. Our sacristan Craig Botterill, Vaila Mowat and the Altar Guild, and Scott Connors as head of the servers have all ensured smooth transitions into and out of the church. Due to the forethought of Father Thorne, these moves have coincided appropriately with events in the Church year.

1997 has been a year of transition in leadership. Sarah MacDonald returned to Cambridge and Garth MacPhee is our new music director. Alan Edwardson, our youth worker, left the parish to return to his studies. After many years of service our altar guild retired this year and a new guild is gradually being formed. Alice Johnston, our Sunday school teacher, left the parish at the end of the year.

We now have two Franciscan brothers in our parish. David Winter

has joined Brother Craig in this vocation. The Bishop has given permission to Craig Savoury to administer the chalice. Two former parishioners were ordained to the priesthood; David Harris in Saskatchewan and George Westhaver in England. Long time parish friend Jeff Reed was ordained in St. Helena. Jim McCorriston was ordained deacon in Halifax.

Teaching

Alice Johnston very capably taught the Sunday school class of up to 24 children and continued work on the curriculum project. Vaila Mowat has organized a parish library. The Monday evening study group continued, reading Christian authors spanning 1,500 years (Saint Augustine to Simone Weil). It is currently studying *The Rule of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist*. In response to questions from parishioners regarding liturgy and doctrine, our rector has begun a series of short essays on these subjects for distribution.

Memorials

The Conrad family has generously donated funds which will provide interest each year for the Pickford Memorial Choral Scholarship. This will be awarded annually to a young chorister who demonstrates promising musical talent and leadership skills, as well as a

developing appreciation for the liturgy and worship of the church.

Youth Worker

Alan Edwardson worked on the development of the Saint George's Christian Education Curriculum and continued his ministry to the youth of our parish with children's talks on Sunday, co-ordinating the Sunday school, and leading the senior youth group with worship services and meetings. His outreach to the community continued under the umbrella of "Camp Saint George" and included Christian education in the schools, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbow Girls, noon-hour cub and scout programmes, vacation Bible school and summer camps for neighbourhood youth. Brian and Jean Butcher assisted him with the last and very challenging project.

Visits and Missions

The Reverend Stephen Vail led a Lenten quiet day and Bishop Nutter gave our Good Friday address.

Final note

Sandra Thorne and John Swaine have been designing and overseeing the making of vestments. A purple set arrived for Advent and a white set to match our white frontal is in progress.

Respectfully submitted

Lawrence Bruce-Robertson,

Report of the Music Director

My appointment as music director carries a very personal significance, more recently through my friendship with Sarah Macdonald, but particularly through Michal King, who is not only a long time friend, but was also my piano teacher when I was growing up. Saint George's provides me with unique opportunity to develop my skills in a spiritually nurturing environment, and for this I am grateful.

Since my arrival many of you

have expressed your appreciation for the music and in particular for the choir. It has been very satisfying to work with a choir which understands both the liturgical and musical aspects of their singing.

At present there are nearly thirty choristers: adults, university students, teenagers and children. Auditions are held on a regular basis for both new and returning choristers. While the levels of musicianship vary, the goal of

musical excellence remains constant. Many of the choristers take private lessons to enhance their contribution.

In September, Barb Kail became the first recipient of the Pickford Choral Scholarship. The annual award goes to a deserving young chorister who demonstrates not only musical talent but also leadership skills. It is my hope that this scholarship might eventually be awarded to a junior and senior chorister.

Music Director continued

Since July, a small liturgical choir has faithfully kept the office of sung Compline each Sunday evening. For many of us this has been a source of great strength. Compline has on two memorable occasions provided us with the opportunity to remember the faithful departed, once following the death of Harry Boswell and after that of Faye Armsworthy.

Besides maintaining a busy schedule of Sunday worship and

feast days, Saint George's choir, under Sarah, gave a concert of church music in the spring. The choir also sang at Harry Boswell's memorial service in November, as well as at the Royal Canadian College of Organists carol service at All Saints' Cathedral. The Advent Procession service was held in the Round Church for the first time since the fire.

I wish to thank Andrew Pickett for his excellent work as choir librarian, as well as our rector, Gary

Thorne, whose encouragement and spiritual leadership seem to elevate our music to worship.

In my brief time at Saint George's I have been humbled by the love and commitment which sustains this remarkable community. I feel privileged to share in this unique ministry, and in particular, to acquaint myself with some extraordinary people.
Respectfully submitted,
Garth MacPhee

Servers' Guild

In 1997 the annual presentation of servers' crosses took place on June 1, during the 10.30 service. Robin MacLachlan, Andrew MacLean, and Chelsea Thorne each received crosses in recognition of five years' service completed along with Tamara Botterill, Laura Billard, Jaymie Bueno, Sarah Smith, Jonah Snyder, Alan Edwardson and Alice Johnston who all received recognition for 1 year. I myself received a cross in recognition for 15 years. This was followed by a barbecue at Father Thorne's house as

a way to celebrate the occasion.

Thank you to those servers who have given their time throughout the year: Lauren Billard, Tamara Botterill, Anthony Helpard, Raymond Lirette, Robin MacLachlan, Sarah Smith, Jonah Snyder, Chelsea Thorne and Graham Wallace. Also thank you to Andrew MacLean and Rachel (Westropp) Lewis who have served for many years at Saint George's but have decided to withdraw due to their busy schedules.

Most importantly though, I

would like to note the contribution Harry Boswell made with his faithful service at the 10 am Holy Communion Wednesday mornings; we all miss Harry since his death on November 13, 1997 but I think I speak for everyone when I say that we are glad to see that he has gone to a better place to serve God just as faithfully as he did when he was with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Connors, Head Server

Altar Guild

This has been a busy year for the Altar Guild. We have greatly missed the expertise of our president Robi Matthews, but with the help of acting president Dorothy Coons, we have managed to cope with the demands placed upon us with, we hope, some grace.

We were blessed this year with two new members, Mary MacLachlan and Darragh Russell, although Darragh was unable to continue. We start the new year with the addition to our membership of Joyce McCulloch, Jean Milsom, Helen Johnson, David Winters and Elizabeth Johnston. These, together with the present membership of Susan Harris, Margherita Mendel, Jane and Rosemary Mason-Browne, and myself make a team of ten.

Even so, we would welcome new members. Altar Guild duty is done in rotation. It takes two people from 1-1/2 to 2 hours at the end of each week to polish brass, check the

candles and linens, arrange the flowers, prepare the communion vessels and lay out the vestments in preparation for the Sunday Eucharists. The additional work necessary for the Wednesday Eucharist and those on Saints' days is usually taken care of by one or two members. The more members in the Guild, the lighter the work. An Altar Guild of 20 would not be unwieldy. If you feel that you would like to participate in this satisfying work, please contact me.

The late Harry Boswell will be missed by all members of our guild. Harry's skill with his hands enabled him to produce a new tabernacle and an altar lectern for use in the chapel, as well as a holder for the tapers for use in the church vestry. We shall miss him both as a fellow worker and as a friend. We also regret the loss of Dorothy Coons, who has been a most diligent member for the past several years. Without her guidance, we

would never have made it through this past year. Many thanks Dorothy, and we know you will be just as successful in your new avocations.

Special thanks to Helen Johnson, whose garden flowers adorn the altar from May to October, to Tillie Glover who does wonders cleaning and ironing the large altar and credence table linens (and we have three altars!), to Molly Engram, who washes the small linens, to Anthony Helpard, who at Harvest Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter helps make altar and church look especially beautiful, and to Elizabeth Henderson, who repaired two of the frontals, to Gertrude Moulton, who made two altar undercloths, and to Martha Kendall, who has sewn a new altar covering cloth.

Special thanks must also go to a friend of our congregation, George Cochrane, for the gift of candlesticks, candles and followers, as well as for help in constructing our Advent

wreath and putting our paschal candle to rights.

Lastly, many thanks to all those persons who join us at Easter for the big Altar Guild cleaning bash.

Since we returned to the round church last Easter, we have been able

to return most of our gear to the vestry of the Round Church, and so have not had so much to-ing and fro-ing to perform as heretofore.

At the last meeting of the Guild, I volunteered for the position of head of the Guild. This may well be

ratified more officially in the future.

Serving in the Altar Guild is a lovely service to perform and once more we have a lovely church in which to perform it.

Respectfully submitted,
Vaila S. Mowat.

Daily Offices

The daily offices of Morning and Evening Prayer are said in Saint George's chapel (in summer in the Little Dutch Church) at 8.00am and 5.30pm from Monday to Friday, and at 8.00am and 4.00pm on Saturday.

During the past year, the officiants at the offices have included

Br. David Winters, Alice Johnston, Vaila Mowat, Jody Mills, John Mills, John Edmonds, Gai Thomas, Br. Craig Botterill and Raymond Butcher.

This is a great way to find your way into the Bible and to develop habits of prayer. You are welcome to attend at any time, and may also

participate by saying an office or two if you feel you would like to do so. This is a rather low key, non-stressful activity which is nevertheless spiritually rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,
Vaila Mowat, Co-Ordinator

Youth Worker Search Committee

Alan Edwardson, Saint George's part time youth worker left the position in early fall to pursue other interests.

A Youth Worker Search Committee was formed to find a replacement for Alan. This committee consists of co-chairs Deborah Fraser and John Edmonds plus Tanya Connors, Daniel Labrie and Stephen Blackwood. In our early meetings, it was clear that Saint George's needed someone in place who would work full time with youth and curriculum development. The parish gave it's backing to the committee's request to advertise for a full time position.

In early November an advertis-

ment appeared in the Diocesan Times and the Anglican Journal. The committee met in late November to look at the resumés of applicants who had applied thus far and discuss future action. It was felt at that time that a meeting of our committee and the various north end social agencies who work with youth would be helpful.

In early December such a meeting was held. At this meeting the general consensus was that the position should be advertised in the local area so that individuals in the community who were qualified could apply.

On December 8, the position was

advertised in the north end. Interviews have been arranged for February 1.

We pray that the person called to undertake this most interesting and challenging position will be among those we interview.

In the meantime Lars Jerkeman, a 21 year old Swedish student will be arriving in Halifax from a six month placement at Shepherd King Lutheran Parish, Calgary. He will be at Saint George's from February-June. One of his interests is youth work and we look forward to his involvement in this area. Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Frazer

Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care Committee has had a busy year. Many of its members and both chairs of the committee have only joined the committee in the past eight months. Over the summer our youth worker, Alan Edwardson, finished his work with our parish. This combination, of people who were new to the committee and the loss of someone so integral to its work, has made for a very challenging year.

What is first and most importantly clear is that pastoral ministry is our caring for and being cared for within our parish and

within our community. In tending to Love in each other we cannot but let Love transform our position within our community.

Twice over the past several months, the committee has invited Jim Baker to speak about community. He has explained that there are ways of viewing a community as made of people with varying assets instead of (as is usually the case) viewing the community as simply a collection of needs. He has also suggested that there are ways to 'map' out the resources available and use them not only to meet the needs but also to

build ongoing relationships. Not long after his presentation, the Pastoral Ministry committee was given a chance to put his ideas into practice. One of our North End neighbours, Stepping Stone, wanted to have a Christmas dinner for all of their clients and families of clients. Stepping Stone offered St. George's the opportunity both to co-host the event and provide the food and some small gifts for the children. A group of people, organized primarily by Louise Burley and Rosanne Reeves-Newson (thanks to all, but especially to them), volunteered to help in some

way. Each person did something very different. Some people bought turkeys or potatoes. Other people cooked turkeys and peeled potatoes. Other people served them. One person brought a Christmas tree. Several donated gifts. Others did

other things. The event itself was a great success. But what must be pointed out is that it was accomplished by the common effort of a lot of different people.

Our parish is made up of a lot of different people with different ideas,

strengths and weaknesses. It is just this difference that God uses for His glory as He brings us together in Him. Let us pray that we may attend to Him in each other.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Blackwood

Soup Kitchen

On November 9, 1997 we celebrated 12 years of operation. An extraordinary accomplishment. We would like to thank very 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 the kitchen to operate at Saint George's.

Our numbers continue to increase each every week but we are still able to accomodate this increase.

We have some new members that have joined from the Parish and also from outside. From time to time we get large groups from other churches, schools and companies.

We especially thank those who come each week, Les Grandy, Gertie Moulton, Ada and Willis Grandy who work so well in the "bread and sweets" kitchen. We have a few new regular people who come most weeks. Gai Thomas who works in the big kitchen cleaning up the dishes and Heather Williams, who lives close by, whom we can call at short notice any week. Tanya Walker who has been extremely faithful and committed since September. We

thank Cloe Thorne and her family who have been on setting up the emergency clothes each week, who came through the American Express Travel Agency group. A wonderful commitment. As well, we thank each of the team members who come on their allotted days. Last but not least our good friend Ron MacNaughton who helps get groceries and pick up the donated goods each Saturday. Thanks also to Jamie who looks after bread, and to David and Norma who

do the clean up. Without you all we would not operate so smoothly.

We invite any member of the congregation to join one of our teams. This entails putting aside one Saturday every six weeks, or if you would like to donate funds to help us you may do so by using your Missions envelope clearly marked "Soup Kitchen".

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia W. Watts & Karen Wheeler

Financial Statement	
Saint George's Soup Kitchen	
Year ending December 31, 1997	
Balance as of December 31, 1996	\$1,972.92
<u>Revenue</u>	
Donations and interest: Includes donations from 10 churches and faithful parishioners and the sale of two pieces of furniture donated.	\$4,695.69
<u>Expenses</u>	
Bolands	\$910.14
Weekly groceries	<u>\$3,808.86</u>
	\$4,719.00
Balance as of December 31, 1997	\$1,949.61

Christmas Outreach 1997

Early in November, the committee met to start the planning process for this worthy project. Through notification in the church bulletin and direct appeal by Father Thorne, \$1,660, six turkeys and a grocery certificate were contributed by the congregation to the Christmas Outreach effort.

As in past year, Saint George's participated in the Metro Food Bank Society Christmas Registry Program to ensure those seeking assistance had only one sponsor. Through the generosity of many people, 15 families (including 30 children) were

provided presents and groceries, and 24 others (many elderly and in seniors' homes) received gift baskets.

The committee had a new co-chair this year, Betty Josey, and the gift basket effort was orchestrated by Helen Johnson. Parishioners came early on the morning of December 20 to assist with wrapping, packing and delivering Christmas boxes. Through the contributions of these people and many others who helped in different ways, this project can only be considered our most successful yet.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith Baker

<i>Finances</i>	
Received from Saint George's	\$1,660.00
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Gifts and groceries	\$1,567.92
Baskets	<u>\$92.08</u>
Total expended:	\$1,660.00

Property Committee

General

For many years, the Parish has been unable to do much preventative maintenance on its properties. Only essential work has been done, that which was either for safety reasons or to repair damages. There is a price to pay for low on-going maintenance. This will necessitate a serious look at the future use of Parish buildings. We must consider the economic and social benefits of being landlords. We should examine the multiple uses of the Hall and look for ways to maximise rental income both for the Hall and the Church, and ways of reducing expenses. Volunteer efforts figure prominently in the equation to eliminate some costs.

Rectory

In spite of a very restrictive budget, and thanks to many volunteers, we were able to accomplish some essential work on the Rectory. The exterior was painted by University Painters. The second story bathroom benefited from a new tub enclosure, ceiling fan and paint job. The first floor bathroom was painted and a ceiling fan installed. We repaired the back porch and installed plugs and finishing gyp. We are thankful for Daisy Maguire's tenancy in the Rectory. It has been her home since 1985 and she performs her own kind of ministry by renting to low income individuals and students.

Hall

In June, sailors from American warships visiting Halifax began the

much needed painting of the exterior of the Hall. University Painters finished the job in July. Staging and Ladders were donated by Steeplejack Services, Aluma Systems and Butler Scaffolding. Many thanks for their generosity. Repairs were made to door thresholds, window sills and shingles. The entrance to the Restoration Office got a new doorsep and deck and a new door was installed at the Maitland Street entrance. The interior saw a lot of shuffling of groups. Karen Wheeler got a new office in the old Waldorf room; the choir is now ensconced in the old Sunday school room and the soup kitchen storage moved to the scout room. The scouts landed back in their original room and the Sunday school has a spacious home in the old Waldorf room.

Major work needs to be done in 1998. The roof needs repair, possibly replacement. The chimney on Maitland street needs lining to avoid the on-going expense of repointing every other year.

Sexton's Cottage

We were fortunate to have Diane Turner and her family as tenants for the third consecutive year. The absolute minimum maintenance needed for safety was done on the cottage. Many years have passed since we kept it at the required level of repair. Minor repairs were done to the interior and exterior. A basement leak was repaired, the bathroom redone and a window reframed.

Grounds

With the exception of snow removal, we have depended upon parishioners to maintain our grounds. We also had several Fine Option* volunteers working during 1997. They came as a result of Karen's creative efforts.

**The John Howard Society sponsors individuals who cannot pay fines exacted by the courts and who opt to volunteer their time to work off the fine.*

Special Thanks

Cynthia Watts returned to Australia in October. She took her janitorial responsibilities very seriously and is missed. Cynthia's spiritual devotion to duty came naturally. Her work in the Parish buildings was deeply important. Vaila Mowat put her hand to creating small garden oases. Tom Gray volunteered to cut grass, including the challenge of the Little Dutch Church graveyard. To the huge number of other unnamed volunteers, a hearty thanks for your selfless work. The role of Hall Manager is unique and very diverse. Karen is one of those willing workers who only seem to be noticed by their absence. Many of the millions of trivial happenings in the daily life of the Parish happen because of people like Karen. Thank you. Respectfully submitted,
Michael Johnston

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee was struck in June, 1997 with the following membership: Mary Martin (chair), John Hammond, Michael Johnston (treasurer), Janet Ross (envelope secretary), Craig Savoury, Jim Snyder and, of course, the rector.

The Committee's most exacting task was the monitoring and reporting of expenses and revenues. During the course of the year, new reporting formats were adopted in an attempt to make monthly statements more user friendly. More work remains to be done on this front.

Another innovation was a change in the way weekly offerings are counted. Instead of expecting two or three parishioners to devote each Sunday afternoon to this job, the Finance Committee recruited six teams of two. Each team counts the offerings for one month twice a year. John Hammond is doing yeoman service training and overseeing the teams. The teams are: Chris West and Ian Henderson, Terry McLaughlin

and John Swaine, Hugh and Helen Tilley, Rob and Mary Martin and Michal King and Martin Yeatman. Thanks from the Finance Committee to everyone.

And what a lot of counting there was! The financial statements for 1997 included in this report show a significant increase in offerings. This magnificent generosity on the part of parishioners enabled the parish to complete the year with a balanced budget, and to pay a portion of our 1997 allotment even though it was not budgeted. Truly we have learned as a parish that it is better to give than to receive.

The budget for 1998 was drafted by a committee consisting of the chairs of committees, the wardens and the rector. Their first step was to adopt the following principles:

- The budget will include our 1998 allotment payments to the Diocese.
- We will endeavour to present a balanced budget.

- Revenue and expense projections will be realistic.
- The budget will assume that there will be no solicitation of parishioners for specific purposes.

The draft budget recommended by the Finance Committee and the Parish Council is our best attempt at meeting these principles. The Committee has tried to anticipate questions that parishioners may have about individual line items in the budget and to provide relevant information in the notes appended to the budget.

Thanks to a hardworking and dedicated committee and especially to Michael Johnston for his unstinting service as treasurer and to Janet Ross who has enthusiastically taken on the job of envelope secretary.

To God be the glory.
Respectfully submitted,
Mary Martin

Reports of Committees

In 1997, dedicated volunteers and professionals continued to work on both fronts of the restoration: construction and fundraising. Restoration continues to take place only when funds are in place, so the project will be debt free on completion.

Construction

Under the management of Jim MacLean, the church remained in use from Easter to Christmas while also moving from a bare-bones structure to a remarkable recreation of its former self. Historic fabric, including laths under the gallery, was saved wherever possible and expert carpenters and plasterers created indistinguishable replacements where the fire and water had done their worst. Fine art conservator Jennifer McLaughlin and her assistants restored most of the chancel mural during the second half of the year and a Parks Canada conservator restored the pulpit. A new hardwood floor was installed in the chancel and the stairs, doors and railings in the

Saint George's Restoration

porch were completed. In addition, a new porch was designed and created to provide protection for the new north door and wheelchair access.

Fundraising

Although Campaign Director Linda Crockett continued to explore every possible source of funds, the campaign continues to suffer from the fact that most corporations do not give to churches. However, our existing supporters remained faithful and many new ones were added. Work continued on a number of fronts and a total of \$363,354 was raised during the year. In mid-year, a campaign was launched to obtain funding to restore the pews. Many parishioners bought pews, and among others, pews have been purchased in memory of architect Graham Duffus and former parishioner Sir Samuel Cunard. Fundraising efforts include the new challenge of a separate campaign to raise the \$350,000 needed to purchase a 2-manual tracker organ for the

Note: Financial Statements for the Restoration will be presented separately

church. The Parish Challenge sparked 11 enjoyable events which raised over \$7,000 which will be matched by an anonymous parishioner when the project ends February 28, 1998. The year ended with a heartfelt response to the Christmas Appeal by our 2,500-plus existing donors. So far they have sent \$30,000 to help complete the restoration. By the end of the year, the total raised for the project was \$4.1 million, of which \$1,133,028 came from private sources. All financial transactions for the project continued to be done by Assistant Treasurer Karen Wheeler, whose dedicated work is much appreciated.

The future

It seems safe to say that we are in the final phase of the restoration and it is the earnest hope of all those who give so much time to the restoration that the bulk of the work will be completed in 1998.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Archibald

Little Dutch Church Management Committee

Throughout 1997, evensong was said or sung at the Little Dutch Church at 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. During the summer, the German-Canadian Association opened the church to visitors on Sunday afternoons. A concert series was held during the summer and several weddings and baptisms were solemnized in the church.

Many people help look after the little Dutch Church. Chris West has put strengthening members under most of the seats to stop them sagging, and has built a bookcase to hold hymn and prayerbooks. Elizabeth Henderson is covering the kneelers and Joan Dawson will repair the hymn and prayerbooks early in 1998.

In December, it was learned from the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada that the Little Dutch Church has been designated a National Historic Site because of its importance to the early history of Halifax and in particular to the early history of German settlers in Canada.

Throughout the year, the Little Dutch Church Management Committee worked to plan the restoration of the foundations of the building. The German-Canadian Association was awarded an Infrastructure Works Grant of \$50,000

for this purpose and this was announced at an October 30 ceremony during which the church was packed with municipal and provincial politicians.

With the help of this grant, architect Gary Hanley finalized details of a complex project to raise the LDC and insert new concrete foundations under it. These foundations will be masked by brick facing, so there will be little difference in the appearance of the building. The Committee came up with the \$67,000 (including grants) to cover the cost of this project and

work is expected to take place in February and March of 1998. It must be complete by the end of March to qualify for the Infrastructure Works Grant.

There are other conservation challenges facing the committee, which will continue to work to raise the funds necessary to conserve the building.

Full financial statements have been submitted to the Parish Treasurer. What follows is an account balance report only.
Respectfully submitted
Anne West, Vice-Chair

Little Dutch Church	
Account Balances Report	
As of December 31, 1997	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Helmut Kohl Account	\$2,920.64
Checking account	27,351.81
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	<u>\$30,272.45</u>
Total assets	<u>\$30,272.45</u>
Liabilities and Equity	
Liabilities	0.00
Equity	<u>\$30,272.45</u>
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$30,272.45

Parish Organization Reports

Our Annual Report always starts out with the very same words. Another year has come and gone and with ever decreasing numbers; but once again we have been able to pass \$7,000 to the church coffers. Many of these hard-earned dollars come through the multi-talented fingers of our ladies as they make and sell their wares throughout the year.

Catering and sale activities for 1997 included:

Feb. Pancake and card social
March Commonwealth Society Dinner
April Red Rose Dinner
May Synod Reception
Sept. Mayor's Garden Party
Oct. Saint George's Society Trafalgar Day
Nov. Heritage Trust of N.S. Annual Dinner
Dec. Seniors' Dinner

This is very impressive. Even though our numbers are small and members are aging, we are looking forward to another busy year. This will only be possible due to the great help received from the husbands of our members and from some very faithful parishioners.

On behalf of the Guild I sincerely thank Gordon Engram, Les and Willis Grandy, Harry Hill and Eldie Richard. Although Beatrice is not a member of our Guild, she and her husband work very hard selling food on the Pantry Table and bring at least half of what they sell—what a commitment!

We were very sad to lose Mary Isaacs from our Guild and the lady in the pie cupboard but managed to find Anne West and Helen Johnston who have done an excellent job. Thank you so much.

More sad news. Harry Boswell, who was the dishwashing chief, will certainly be missed as he played a very active role in many of our events.

Louise Gibson was also extremely supportive over the years and it will be hard to fill her shoes.

When I took a head count of the numbers helping us at the Turkey

Gabriel Guild

Dinner I was shocked; we had over 60 people including our Guild and their husbands. This is just great and with the continued help of all we will be able to continue the great work of the church.

I must report about Cynthia, who has gone back to Australia to look after her aging parents and will be

away about two years. She has asked me to remember her to all and to say that she misses her church family very much.

Thanks once again.
Respectfully submitted,
K.A.Wheeler, Treasurer/Convenor

Gabriel Guild	
Financial Statement as of December 31, 1997	
<u>Revenue</u>	
Catering	
Commonwealth Society	\$586.00
Nova Scotia Historical Society	\$396.00
Synod reception	\$500.00
Saint George's Society	\$200.00
Mayor's Garden Party	\$2,364.00
Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia	\$1,005.00
North End Seniors	\$168.00
Calendar Sales	\$368.75
Dues	\$33.00
Parish Events	
Pancake Supper/Card Game	\$400.00
Penny Auction	\$150.00
Red Rose Dinner	\$2,140.25
Turkey Dinner	\$2,550.32
GIC Interest	<u>\$346.50</u>
Total Revenue:	\$11,215.37
<u>Expenses</u>	
Bank Charges	\$22.44
Saint Peter's Publications - Calendars	\$355.00
Gift: Mary Isaacs	\$100.00
Groceries	\$3,102.87
Guild Annual Dinner and Christmas Gifts	\$403.53
New Tablecloths	\$64.20
Saint George's	\$7,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$11,048.04</u>
Balance as of December, 1997	\$1,367.24

2nd Halifax Scouting Program

While going through some boxes when moving this year, I came across a photo of the Cub Pack when Bruce Archibald was a Leader (and Mike Archibald a cub). It served as a reminder of the dedication that our parishioners give to this youth program.

Since 1982, the year before the 2nd Halifax charter was reactivated through his initiative, Don Connors has been the foundation of the program. Vaila Mowat, Kim Cameron, Cathy Rasley, Scott Connors and Tanya Connors currently hold leadership roles. David Olding is the Group Chaplain and several others including Chris West and Barb Sweeney serve on the Group Committee. Gwynedd and Andrew Pickett are still making their contribution felt through the enthusiasm and dedication of a number of medical students whom they recruited to follow in their footsteps. There are also others from the north end and the Scouting communities involved, and other parishioners who, over the years, volunteered, seeing this as part of their stewardship.

Some of the youth involved are parishioners; most come from the

neighbouring community. They participate in a structured yet flexible framework of value-based learning activities which are above all else FUN.

The parish's ongoing support of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts both implicitly, and specifically with the financial support from the parish's Mission Funds, together with the use of the hall, make a tremendous impact on the commitment level of our volunteers. This ultimately

means a better program for the 5-15 year old boys and girls who enter our hall. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Connors

Did you know? Scouting's founder, England's Lord Baden Powell, adopted England's patron saint, Saint George, for Scouting!

Saint George — Patron Saint of Scouting



Cubs in the 1980s.

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, Canada's Anglican mission, supports a large number of development projects around the world as well as responding to emergencies and advocating against injustice.

Our envelope giving was down on last year's total, \$566.25 compared to \$788.37. Christmas cards however raised nearly twice as much, over \$700. Thanks to all of you who, despite increased demands within our parish, dug generously into your pockets for the benefit of others in need.

In 1977 the fund focussed, with the World Council of Churches, on the plight of refugees. Canada's

stand against landmines has been a positive step towards enabling displaced people to return home. In view of the continuing crises in Burundi, Rwanda, Zaire, Nigeria and Colombia, to mention but a few, it was decided to make 1998 a second year "in Solidarity with Uprooted People". Please watch the hall bulletin board for updated information.

It is sometimes hard to identify with individual families in need halfway round the globe. In December, however Judy Mills brought the Gbarazia family, refugees from Nigeria, to Saint George's; this was a wonderful opportunity to experience the partnership which is

the motto of the PWRDF; we are glad to welcome them to the parish family. I am also glad to announce that Judy will be joining me as a parish representative for the coming year.

The floods and more recently the ice storm brought home to us that disaster can strike at anytime in any place, not everywhere however are people so able to respond as they are in Canada. As we are once again displaced from our church home during Lent, let us be particularly aware of those who for political or economic reasons are forced from their homes (not knowing when or if they will ever return). At communion we might bring them before God when we pray for peace,

and remember the Fund's work as missionaries. Do not forget them at collection time. I still have a few envelope calendars left if you have not received one.

If you would like to know how the Funds money is spent I have details for 1996. I also have a 15 minute video about the PWRDF if

you would like to borrow it. Please contact Lorna Wallace 423-8733.

I conclude with a message from Archbishop Michael Peers: "Spiritual and social issues are not alternatives. We are in for the long haul. The God who is revealed in Jesus Christ is a God whose love encompasses the whole of human existence and the

church's mission is to keep plugging away at the social and political issues precisely because they are, at a fundamental level, spiritual issues." Respectfully Submitted,
Lorna Wallace.

Notes to 1998 Budget

1. A detailed explanation of the planned increase in offerings is included as a separate attachment.
2. In 1996 the hall rental was \$6,670. In 1997 it was \$545. The budget projects approximately the same income as 1997. A concerted effort by the Property Committee and the Hall Manager may serve to increase the income to its previous levels.
3. The rectory property has an outstanding receivable owed for 1997 in the amount of \$2,850. This amount is a result of arrears in 1997 that are being repaid at the rate of \$350 per month. The sexton's cottage is in arrears by \$500 that will be paid in January 1998.
4. The budget reflects \$0 for the audit costs to be paid during 1998. Due to the extremely tight operating budget for 1998, we must secure the services of a volunteer to conduct our audit. The Diocesan Canons specifically permit the use of a volunteer for this important task.
5. The budget for advertising covers only \$500 for Christmas and Easter. We will require volunteer assistance for all other promotional needs of the Parish.
6. The budget for the Youth Worker covers only 10 months of 1998, as it is anticipated that we will hire a youth worker as of March 1998. In addition the Spiritual Development Committee and Pastoral Care Committee have both made a commitment to seek external funds to further offset the costs of this much needed ministry.
7. The management fees for the Hall Manager and the Janitor do not reflect any change for 1998. It is intended that the Church will be cleaned by volunteers as a cost-saving measure. The job description for the Janitor will be changed to reflect the elimination of the duties of cleaning the Church.

Saint George's Parish
Budget - 1998

	1998 Budget	1997 Unaudited Actual	1997 Budget
Income			
GENERAL PARISH INCOME			
101 - Offerings (see note #1)	129,700	123,616	116,000
102 - Sunday School Income	96	105	
110 - Investment & Endowment Income	2,200	2,083	2,000
121 - Other Income	7,000	7,000	7,000
142 - HST Income	1,750	3,608	3,000
GENERAL PARISH INCOME - Other		0	
Total GENERAL PARISH INCOME	140,746	136,412	128,000
135 - RENTAL INCOME			
Church Rental	1,000	0	
Hall (see note #2)	540	545	2,000
Rectory	15,600	12,750	15,600
Restoration Office		2,719	6,000
Sexton's Cottage	6,000	5,500	6,000
Rent Rec.-Rectory (see note #3)	2,850	0	
Rent Rec.-Sexton (see note #3)	500	0	
135 - RENTAL INCOME - Other		0	
Total 135 - RENTAL INCOME	26,490	21,514	29,600
Total Income	167,236	157,926	157,600
Expense			
GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES			
Office Expenses			
Photocopying	620	1,618	1,753
Supplies & Postage	2,170	1,382	1,747
Telephone	2,256	2,144	2,500
Office Expenses - Other		0	
Total Office Expenses	5,046	5,144	6,000
Allotment	21,858	9,613	
Accounting & Legal (see note #4)	0	2,120	1,600
Bank Service Charges	120	80	100
HST Expense	3,600	5,297	0
Insurance Claims		1,890	
Payroll Fees	240	48	
Uncategorized Expenses		390	400
GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES - Other		0	
Total GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	30,864	24,581	8,100
ORDAINED MINISTRY			
Benefits	2,580	2,126	2,265
Housing Allowance	17,484	17,155	17,095
Pension	5,412	5,412	5,412
Prior Year Revenue Canada Adj.		156	0
Stipend - Rector	32,604	31,900	31,900
Travel Reimbursement	5,400	5,400	5,400
Vacation Replacement	900	665	500
ORDAINED MINISTRY - Other		0	
Total ORDAINED MINISTRY	64,380	62,814	62,572
PASTORAL MINISTRY			
Fees & Memberships	50	0	50
Gifts		107	
Pastoral Outreach	100	0	100

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	1998 Budget	1997 Unaudited Actual	1997 Budget
Poor	1,200	900	1,200
Rainbow Girls		0	
School Bursaries	150	150	150
Scouts		0	0
Supplies & Materials		0	
PASTORAL MINISTRY - Other		0	
Total PASTORAL MINISTRY	1,500	1,157	1,500
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT			
Adv. & Publicity (see note #5)	500	1,276	500
Eucharistic Supplies	2,500	2,513	1,800
Guest Speakers	200	283	200
Meals		64	0
Parish Library	50	202	0
Photocopying		156	0
Special Events	200	0	
Supplies & Postage	200	257	0
Lay Ministry			
Benefits	996	0	
Mini-Camp		0	
Photocopying	100	0	
St. Georges's Summer Camp	500	0	
Stip.- Youth Wkr. (see note #6)	10,500	3,523	5,200
Summer Youth Workers		0	0
Supplies & Materials	400	345	200
Travel Reimbursement	1,200	785	1,200
Vacation Bible School		383	250
Youth Group Expenses	756	0	
Lay Ministry - Other		0	
Total Lay Ministry	14,452	5,036	6,850
Music Program			
Computer		495	
Membership Dues		50	0
Pension		0	695
Photocopying	240	945	625
Stipend - Director	14,908	14,517	13,908
Supplies & Materials	2,520	1,488	1,875
Vacation Replacement	400	697	400
Music Program - Other		0	
Total Music Program	18,068	18,192	17,503
Sunday School Program			
Photocopying	150	0	175
Supplies & Materials	528	206	525
Sunday School Program - Other		0	
Total Sunday School Program	678	206	700
SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT - Other		0	
Total SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	36,848	28,185	27,553
103 - PROPERTY			
103a - General			
Insurance		0	375
Maintenance	1,500	2,076	3,000
103a - General - Other		0	

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	1998 Budget	1997 Unaudited Actual	1997 Budget
Total 103a - General	1,500	2,076	3,375
103b - Church			
Capital Repairs		633	
Depreciation Expense		0	
Insurance		0	
Maintenance & Repairs		22	
Security	1,308	650	
Taxes	250	251	150
Telephone	600	106	
Utilities			
Electric		0	300
Oil		0	5,600
Water		0	100
Utilities - Other		0	
Total Utilities		0	6,000
103b - Church - Other		0	
Total 103b - Church	2,158	1,662	6,150
103c - Hall			
Capital Repairs		0	3,300
Insurance	2,600	2,441	2,150
Maintenance & Repairs	3,960	4,982	3,500
Mgmt. Fees (see note #7)	5,520	5,500	5,500
Meals		125	
Supplies	960	1,119	1,000
Taxes	200	188	200
Utilities			
Electric	3,204	2,939	3,300
Oil	10,680	10,658	10,700
Propane	1,000	721	1,600
Water	660	708	500
Utilities - Other		0	
Total Utilities	15,544	15,026	16,100
103c - Hall - Other		0	
Total 103c - Hall	28,784	29,380	31,750
103d - Little Deutsch Church			
Capital Repairs		0	
Depreciation Expense		0	
Insurance	260	226	260
Maintenance & Repairs	400	100	200
Photocopying		0	0
Taxes	150	143	150
Utilities			
Electric	600	515	600
Water		0	50
Utilities - Other		0	
Total Utilities	600	515	650
103d - Little Deutsch Church - Other		0	
Total 103d - Little Deutsch Church	1,410	983	1,260
103e - Rectory			
Capital Repairs		0	3,200

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	1998 Budget	1997 Unaudited Actual	1997 Budget
Depreciation Expense		0	
Insurance	800	732	800
Maintenance & Repairs	1,000	1,342	1,000
Taxes	1,700	1,655	1,700
Utilities			
Electric		122	
Oil		682	108
Water		400	
Utilities - Other		0	
Total Utilities		1,204	108
103e - Rectory - Other		0	
Total 103e - Rectory	3,500	4,933	6,808
103e - Sexton's Cottage			
Capital Repairs		0	2,300
Depreciation Expense		0	
Insurance	250	234	275
Maintenance & Repairs	750	226	1,000
Taxes	950	906	1,200
Utilities			
Electric		0	108
Oil		21	
Water		0	
Utilities - Other		0	
Total Utilities		21	108
103e - Sexton's Cottage - Other		0	
Total 103e - Sexton's Cottage	1,950	1,387	4,883
103 - PROPERTY - Other		0	
Total 103 - PROPERTY	<u>39,302</u>	<u>40,420</u>	<u>54,226</u>
Total Expense	<u>172,894</u>	<u>157,158</u>	<u>153,951</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-5,658</u></u>	<u><u>768</u></u>	<u><u>3,649</u></u>

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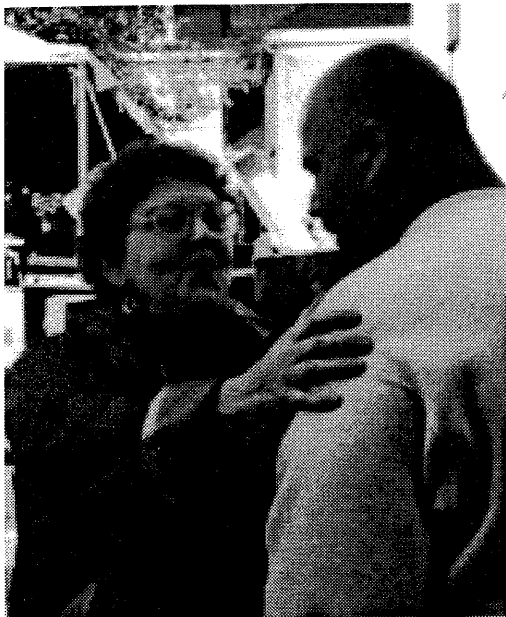
OFFERINGS 1992 - 1997

YEAR	1997	% increase	1996	% increase	1995	% increase	1994	% increase	1993	% increase	1992
OFFERINGS	123418	8.4%	113902	5.1%	108420	-5.4%	114535	6.3%	107755	8.1%	99670
BUDGET	116000	-7.3%	125175	-4.5%	131000	10.6%	118472	5%	112825	16.3%	97000

1998
 Offering for 1997 (say) 123500
 + 5% 6175
 1998 Budget Regular Offerings 129,675
 (say) + 5.09% 129700

Report of the Nominations Committee

<i>Position</i>	<i>Returning</i>	<i>Nominated</i>
Warden	Mary MacLachlan	Susan Harris
Secretary	Anna Paton (1 of 3)	-
Treasurer	Michael Johnston ('99)	-
Synod Delegates	Jan Connors Craig Savoury	-
Alternate delegate (not Council position unless becoming delegate)		
Youth Delegate	-	-
Communications Officer	Jane Mason-Browne ('99)	-
Members at large (12)	Jim Baker (2000) Mary Martin (2000) Barbara Pike (2000) Karen Wheeler (2000) <i>Daniel Labrie (2000)</i>	Les Grandy John Hammond Louise Burley Ann Read David Winters Michal King Carmichael Wallace Neil Robertson
Diocesan Times (not Council position)	Dorothy Coons	-
PWRDF	Lorna Wallace	-
Regional Delegates	Wardens Synod Delegates	Vacant Vacant
Auditor	Bruce Phinney	-
Gabriel Guild representative	Gertrude Moulton	-
Group Committee representative	Jan Connors	-
Restoration representative		
LDC Magt Committee rep.	Janet Ross <i>Anne West</i>	-



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