

Annual Report
for the year 2007

Saint George's Round Church

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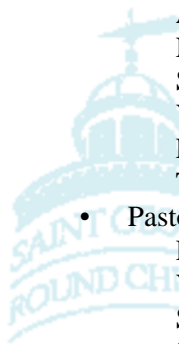
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Annual General Meeting
March 2, 2008
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15. Adjournment and Prayer



Parish of St. George Minutes of the Annual Meeting 11 February, 2007

The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Dr. Neil Robertson acted as Chair. Approximately sixty parishioners were in attendance.

1.0 Father Westhaver opened the meeting with prayer.

2.0 MINUTES

A. Patricia Martinson moved and Tracy Lenfesty seconded that the minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting of Saint George's Parish be approved as circulated. Carried.

3.0 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jan Connors pointed to the Checklist of Auditors, Benjamin Lee and Carmichael Wallace, presented on pp. 53-54 of the Annual Report for 2006.

Benjamin gave the report from the Auditors Committee. They are confident that the work had been done properly and well. He congratulated the treasurer on the exemplary management of accounts.

Jan pointed out a small discrepancy noted by the auditors. On p. 48, the liabilities for the Deaf Ministry should read \$4,085 (instead of 3,485). That makes our Total Current Assets \$396,015 (instead of 395,415); Total 210 – Deferred Revenue \$40,503 (instead of 39,903); Total Current Liabilities \$52,130 (instead of 51,530) and Total Liabilities and Equity \$396,015 (instead of \$395,415).

Jan spoke about the Income and Expense Statements. We have a surplus for 2006, largely because we had no rector for a full year, which we had not anticipated, and because an appeal at the year's end brought in generous offerings.

Jan pointed out that on p.45, the figures for Designated Offerings were being displayed for the first time. Therefore, there are no figures available for 2005.

She commented that the rental income was good. The total was less than for the previous year largely because there were fewer occupants of Trinity House in 2006.

Several important figures were emphasized. Our total expenses for 2006 were \$259,168. The net income was \$57,336. The total equity of the parish, excluding the net value of our assets, is \$82,055.

Jim Brown commented that the auditors' checklist is excellent, but that he would like to see each item checked off. Jan replied that there had not been enough time, but that the auditors would do it and would sign off on it by March 31st.

Gertie Moulton exhorts us to use a larger font for future financial statements.

B. Lowell Perry moved and Hugh Tilley second approval of the Financial Statements for 2006. Carried.

C. Henry Roper moved and Rob Martin seconded a warm vote of thanks to Jan Connors for her devoted and sterling work as treasurer. There was a warm round of applause.

4.0 **INSURANCE REPORTS FOR 2006**

Jan Connors referred to pp.51-52 of the Annual Report in which the certificate from the insurance company is reproduced. The company has asked for an appraisal of the church to see if we have enough coverage. We will probably need more insurance beginning in March.

D. Jan Connors moved and Patricia Martinson seconded approval of the Insurance Reports for 2006. Carried.

5.0 **RECTOR'S REPORT**

Father Westhaver spoke briefly. He thanked the members of the parish for the warm welcome which his family has received and for the time that various persons have spent in acquainting him with parish affairs.

He commented that at his formal induction service on Tuesday, 13 February, the service will not be directly from the BCP, but as near to it as possible.

6.0 **WARDENS' REPORT**

Jens Jensen reported that since Kate Freeman left to attend graduate school in June, there have been only two wardens.

He commented that the parish has been particularly fortunate in 2006 with persons who have served in an interim capacity. Father Purchase did excellent service as our Priest-in-Charge for 2006. Alexander Tilley and Brian Smart are doing a superb job keeping the music programme functioning until the new director takes over in July.

As for our new rector, Jens commented that with Father Westhaver, "we have landed a ten pound fish on a five pound line."

Finally, he thanked Gary McGonagill for his work as head of the Spiritual Development Committee.

E. Patricia Martinson moved and Vaila Mowat seconded a vote of thanks to the wardens for keeping us afloat in 2006. Carried.

6.0 STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Rob Martin presented the report. He started by pointing out that he would post an amended version of the garbled original which appears on pp. 36-37.

b. SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Gary McGonagill referred to his report on pp. 21-28. The past year was notable for the parish and on behalf of the committee. He looks forward to continued great things.

c. STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

John Swaine was not present to present his report which appears on pp. 35-36.

F. Jim Brown moved and Gary McGonagill seconded a vote of warm thanks to John Swaine for his dedicated work. Carried.

d. PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Jens Jensen presented the report which appears on pp. 38-39.

Jim Brown requested clarification concerning grants from HRM. Has a contract been signed with the architect? Jens replied that the architect was hired after a competition. He is contracted, officially, for about \$15,000. The work is to be finished in March. His findings will be presented a parish meeting.

Jens outlined the work to be performed as follows: 1. a building conditions survey of the church hall; 2. a needs assessment of the church hall; 3. a suggested plan of action for buildings required to support the works of this church. HRM has advance \$7500 to us for this purpose.

G. Tracy Lenfesty moved and Jan Connors seconded that we receive all of the reports of the standing committees. Carried.

7.0 PROPOSED BUDGET

Rob Martin presented the proposed budget as outlined on pp. 55-56. He pointed out that the three columns, from left to right are the proposed budget for 2006, the amount actually spent in 2006 and the proposed budget for 2007.

He explained that there is no proposed amount given for janitorial services for the church hall for 2006 because the service is now being donated anonymously. A warm vote of thanks is due to the person doing the work.

Rob commented that in a budgeting process, there are always imponderables. For 2006, the budget for "Other Income" was \$12,500: for 2007, it is \$8000. However, our getting this amount depends entirely on whether or not the yard sale and the guild dinner take place this year.

He commented on the very last line of the report on p.56. We show a surplus of \$57,336. It can disappear quickly. We held back on a number of repairs in 2006. For example, various roofs must be seen to. So we must not be overconfident.

The General Parish Income for 2007 is budgeted at \$252,700 – a 13% increase over the 2006 budget. The 2006 figure was a reduction from that of 2005 (\$235,000). So, in Rob's opinion, the challenge for 2007 is not extreme.

H. Rob Martin moved and Ian Stewart seconded that the budget for 2007 be approved. Carried.

Henry Roper asked how the income from Trinity House listed as \$12,000 can be realized since the building is nearly empty. Jan Connors and Father Westhaver explained that this figure is based on the possibility of having more people in the house for six months of the coming year. We will be actively seeking occupants to take up residence there for the latter part of the year.

Craig Savoury asked who receives the Lay Readers annual dues. Jan replied that they go to the Diocesan Lay Readers Association.

Jim Brown commented that he would like a discussion of the best use of Trinity House. Neil Robertson replied that we will refer the matter to Parish Council.

8.0 ELECTIONS

Neil read out the slate of nominations and asked for further nominations.

I. Lowell Perry moved and Andrew Thorne seconded that we approve the slate of nominations as presented in the report. Carried.

There were no additional nominations. The list was approved.

J. Henry Roper moved and Gary McGonagill seconded that Carmichael Wallace and Benjamin Lee be approved as auditors for 2007. Carried.

9.0 OTHER BUSINESS

Jim Brown commented that he would like to see our parking area extended for the use of parishioners. He mentioned the walk to the church entrance which needs improvement. Neil replied that the matter would be referred to Parish Council. Paul Bitove added that the matter would be brought up at the next meeting of the Property Committee which he chairs.

Sheila Jackson inquired about the state of the preparations for the next yard sale. Jens Jensen replied that the response to the request for yard sale volunteers was weaker than he had hoped. Parish Council will need to consider whether or not we should continue to have it.

K. Patricia Martinson moved adjournment of the meeting.

Father Westhaver closed the meeting with prayer.

It broke up at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Elizabeth V. Haigh

Rector's Report:

For the Rector this past year has been one in which I have been introduced into the ways and complexities of this parish. There have been lots of opportunities to witness and give thanks for signs of grace in our community life and in the lives of parishioners, and to begin to contemplate the challenges which face us.

Corporate worship is *the* greatest gift that St. George's has to offer. It is here that we find true rest, our heart's desire. It is here that we meet Jesus and are changed and made fit to love our neighbours. At St. George's we endeavour to follow and give ourselves to a rich life of worship ordered by the liturgical calendar in the Prayer Book. Not only Sunday worship, but the great festivals of the life of our Lord and the celebration and commemoration of the Saints order our devotion and give shape to the year. I hope that we will all enter more fully into these wonderful opportunities for worship.

The arrival of our new music director, Paul Halley, was greeted with enthusiasm and expectation last summer. Paul brings considerable gifts to this position, and we have already benefited a great deal from his enthusiasm and vision. It has also been a delight to welcome Paul's wife Meg Race to the choir and to the parish. The choir has also been enriched by regular visits from their children. I am grateful to Paul and to the choristers for the significant sacrifices they make to help to lift our hearts in prayers and open our ears to something of the beauty and mystery of God's love for us.

In the autumn Fr David Mercer began to serve as Assistant Priest in the parish. I think that it has been recognized for some time that the demands of supporting the various ministries of the parish suggested the need for more clerical assistance. Fr Mercer's commitment to the life of worship of the parish has done a great deal to support the liturgical life of the community. He is active in attending to outreach requests from the community, taking Holy Communion to people at home, conducting home visits, and, more recently, in supporting the parish's youth ministry. Thank you Fr. Mercer.

In 2007 a variety of occasions for learning were offered at St George's. This included a full Lenten programme, a sermon series in both Advent and Lent, as well as study groups and home groups. I encourage you to take full advantage of these and other opportunities for fellowship and learning.

The parish's commitment to loving our neighbour in the community is an important part of the identity and reality of this parish for many. This year, parishioners served on the YouthNet Board, made lunches and volunteered at the Lunch Programme, supported the Christmas Outreach programme, and other forms of outreach such as the Shoeboxes for Seamen. However, it has also been difficult to find people to come out to support some of these activities. We cannot presume that this work in the community will go forward if it depends on the hard work of a tiny group. (The same could be said for many other endeavours and ministries described in this report, from property to finance, as well as others.) This does not mean that we should simply, with grim determination, do all we can to maintain any particular activity or programme. But it does mean that it is important for us to continue to ask how our life of worship, and how

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we come to see and know ourselves through that worship, is connected to being a parish Church in a particular place and with the particular opportunities for service which this presents to us. In this and in other instances, it is better to make decisions with prayer and reflection than simply to let them happen to us.

One of the challenges for us at St George's is to continue to learn, and relearn, how to live together as a community, seeing that we come from all over the city and beyond and bring together people of such different interests and backgrounds. I wrote about this last year in relation to St Paul's exhortation in the letter to the Galatians: "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal. 6.2). In addition to supporting one another in worship and prayer, the social activities in the parish are important in giving us a chance to work together and know one another more deeply. While the fund-raising endeavours help us to meet our budget, they also help to build the bonds of community. The Advent Luncheon organized by Michal King and a team of helpers, the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper organized by Karen Wheeler, and the parish Yard Sale organized under the oversight of Jens Jensen, Jim Rawding and John Krell were a few of the occasions over the past year that served these different but connected roles. Every way that we offer ourselves in love to the life of the parish bears fruit, whether it is simply in attending worship, helping in practical ways around the parish, serving on various committees, helping to organize a social event, or coming out to a study group. Over the next year and into our future, what are the activities which will give shape to our community life?

I am sure we are all aware of the challenges currently being faced in the Anglican Church of Canada and the worldwide Anglican Communion over a variety of theological and moral matters. The past year in particular has seen some serious divisions within the Anglican Communion. Every 10 years, bishops from all over the Anglican Communion gather in Canterbury at the Lambeth Conference. However, it is not clear what form the Lambeth Conference scheduled for July of this year will take, as bishops from some parts of the Communion have refused the invitation. Most recently, these debates have focused on questions of human sexuality and whether or not it is godly and right to bless same sex couples in a way analogous to marriage. The meeting of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada this past summer highlighted divisions and tensions within the Anglican Church in our own country. Our own parish includes people who disagree about many issues currently before the church. As a parish community, our challenge remains seeking to know what it means to "bear one another's burdens" in relation to these differences. My hope is that we will continue to enter into one another's concerns deeply enough so as to be able to live and grow together, to care for and to pray for one another.

Thanking people brings the danger that some are left out who should not be. The life of the parish is only possible thanks to all those who give of themselves in so many different ways, welcoming people to services, serving on parish council or other committees, taking care of and cleaning the buildings, as servers, or as choristers, and as members of the altar guild, to name just a few. In addition to those I have already mentioned, I am particularly grateful to the wardens, Susan Harris, Jens Jensen, and Craig Savoury. Their role is a challenging and demanding one, and I am grateful for all that they have done over the past year, as well as for their support and guidance. Mary Hills, our treasurer, has a particularly demanding job which she has fulfilled with patience and care. Vaile Mowat shows diligence and tireless effort in

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ensuring that things are prepared and ready for our full schedule of services. Laura Bartlett has the difficult task of responding to all the queries which come to the parish office as well as overseeing and doing the administrative tasks which each week brings. To them, and to all who give of themselves to support the life of the parish, I am very grateful.

After only one year in the parish I know I still have a great deal to learn about how this parish carries out the ministry and mission that God is calling us to. I ask your forbearance as I stumble about learning how best to fulfill my calling to be your priest, and to encourage and inspire you in the Gospel. For myself and on behalf of Karen, Clara and Charlotte, I thank you for your love and your prayers.



Father Westhaver presents a gift to Father Richard on behalf of the parish in thanks for his years of loving service to St. George's.

(Picture taken by Ian Urquhart)

Assistant Priest's Report:

Since arriving in the Parish in September I have been seeking out members of the Parish. In addition I have taken the Blessed Sacrament to the sick and shutin. As a part of my priestly obligation I have taken part in the saying of the Daily Offices and at the request of the Rector celebrated the Eucharist and delivered Homilies. In

Advent Season I led a Quiet Morning. I have spent time in the community around Saint George's Church, visiting and distributing aid as needed. It is my prayerful hope that the work that I have done and by God's Grace will continue to do will help to build up the Kingdom of God in this place.

Report of the Music Director

I took up my duties as the new Director of Music at St. George's on Sunday July 1st 2007. Throughout the summer we had a choir sing at each of the Sunday 10:30 AM services. This group consisted of several regular members of the St. George's Choir and guest singers from other churches who were officially "on vacation". These summer choral services seemed to go well and this may be a practice the parish will want to continue, depending as always on finances. It does seem a good idea to put our best foot forward at a time when St. George's receives more than the usual number of visitors.

On August 18th a group of hand-picked singers gave a concert to benefit the *Friends of St. George's*. This concert was well-received and helped to generate funds for the upcoming season.

On September 5th and 6th, auditions were held for all members of the choir. As often happens, these auditions highlighted the fact that there is a great deal of talent in the group, some of it hidden until each singer is heard individually. Our first "full-choir" Sunday was September 16th.

I have compiled a list of the "extra" services the choir has sung to date, in order to remind us of the extraordinary time commitment and dedication involved in being a chorister at St. George's. The worst thing that can happen to any spouse is to discover that his or her better half has signed up for the choir at St. George's. The Parish may want to consider establishing a local branch of "Chor-anon".

Eucharists

Aside from singing at every Sunday 10:30 AM service since September 16th, to date the choir have also sung at seven additional Eucharists:

September 28 th	Eve of St. Michael and All Angels
October 31 st	Eve of All Saints
November 2 nd	All Souls at the Little Dutch Church
December 24 th	Midnight Mass – complete with brass quintet (surround sound as God intended it)
December 25 th	Christmas Day

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February 1st Eve of the Presentation – Candlemas
February 6th Ash Wednesday

Evensongs

Although when I first arrived, I had been asked to consider a monthly Choral Evensong, I was sufficiently green to suggest a *weekly* Choral Evensong. This of course proved too much for the choir, me and the St. George's publicity machine. With my tail between my legs – an impossible handicap for any organist – I returned to the original proposal and the monthly Evensongs have proved highly successful. To date we have had seven Choral Evensongs

September 16th Evensong for the 15th Sunday after Trinity
September 23rd Evensong for the 16th Sunday after Trinity
October 14th Evensong for the 19th Sunday after Trinity
November 11th Evensong for Remembrance Day (with solo trumpet)
December 16th Evensong for the 3rd Sunday of Advent
January 6th Evensong for the Feast of the Epiphany
February 10th Evensong for the 1st Sunday in Lent

Aniko Lewton-Brain with her lovely voice and violin, has continued to lead the music in the non-choral Sunday Evensongs. During Advent and Lent she also puts together a quartet of voices for what are known as “Small Choir Evensongs” not to be confused with small beer Evensongs.

Other Events

In order to prevent any possibility of boredom setting in during the month of December, and to save the choir from their propensity to over-indulge in Christmas shopping binges, the following events were added to the schedule:

December 1st A Concert of Music for Advent at St. Mary's, Crousetown. This involved a fair amount of “elements battling” thanks to a snow storm that afternoon. All the choir made it to Crousetown and were rewarded with a sumptuous feast at the home of Father Crouse after the concert.

December 2nd Advent Lessons & Carols.
December 31st Nine Lessons & Carols. This New Year's Eve tradition will hopefully become a significant part of the average Haligonian's celebrations.

December 28th Parish Christmas Party & Carol Sing-Along. Thanks to Gary McGonagill's mulled cider and wine, Aniko's fiddle and voice, and a guest appearance by John Suters, guitarist *extraordinaire*, this event, though attended by only a few parishioners, was a great deal of fun.

The Organ

Although currently in need of a good tuning (scheduled for the end of February), the organ continues to enhance our services of worship. I would like to see some concerts in future which make good use of this fine instrument. Bach Cantatas spring to mind.

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- The Library** Thanks to Sarah Stevenson and Kelsey Hunter, the music library is becoming more manageable and useful. It is being moved, little by little, from the room behind the rear gallery in the church to the Music Director's office space in the Parish Hall.
- Coming Up** The Holy Week Marathon (your prayers are requested, especially for those members of the choir who also sing in the King's Chapel Choir)
Easter Day with Brass and Timpani
End Of Year Concert – in June – date TBA
- Wish List** Another very good tenor (Self-explanatory)
- A very good organ scholar (Self-explanatory)
- Pianos (Might need some explaining – willing to do so at coffee hour)
- Ever stronger efforts in publicity and marketing (lights under bushels being bad things if the Word of God is anything to go by)
- Trap door from the organ console to a tunnel leading to the Parish Hall (Explanation required – After every service I am assaulted by effusive visitors who regale me with their very positive impressions of the service they have just attended. This is a good problem, but it results in my arriving at coffee hour long after the milk has dried up and the sherry has been returned to its cage. This prevents me from being lucid on the subject of pianos amongst other things.)



Paul Halley
Music Director

Wardens' Report

The year 2007 was another year of change and transition for St. George's. In January, after a full year without a rector, we welcomed Father George Westhaver as our Parish Priest. For the first half of the year, Alec Tilley continued as interim Music Director and Brian Start continued to play the organ. We are grateful to both for carrying on our music programme for the last half of 2006 and the first half of 2007 until we were able to welcome Paul Halley as our new Music Director in July. It has been a great pleasure to welcome the Westhavers back to St. George's from the

UK – to become re-acquainted with Father Westhaver and Karen and to get to know Clara and Charlotte. Likewise, it has been a delight to get to know Paul and Meg, who have come to us from the US. Apparently all roads lead to Nova Scotia!

Joys and Sorrows

On January 25th, Father Westhaver was instituted as our Rector by Bishop Hiltz in St. Stephen's Chapel at All Saints' Cathedral. Frequently, this brief but important service takes place with only the priest and the bishop present, but a good number of our

parishioners rallied around to show support for Father Westhaver at this important moment. (As you can see in the pictures that follow this report, the Chapel was almost full.) Then on February 13th, Archdeacon Dianne Parker formally inducted Father Westhaver as Rector of St. George's Parish.

On the side of sorrows, the past few years have seen the death of a number of our beloved older parishioners. As we make plans for the future and welcome new members to our congregation, we also remember with gratitude, affection and respect those who have worked and worshipped so faithfully here over many years.

Challenges

A key challenge for our parish is getting the word out to those who might like to come here. We don't want to be a well-kept secret that people only find out about by accident. A Publicity Committee is currently working hard to address this. We are also working on a booking policy for the church and hall so that we have a sensible and consistent means of offering our facilities to those who might be interested in renting them or making use of them for community purposes. Another important challenge is finding volunteers for parish outreach and other activities. It can be time-consuming just finding people to carry out the many ministries of St. George's and we need to try harder to live

up to the old adage about "many hands making light work."

In his sermon the night of Father Westhaver's Induction, Father David Phillips, Rector of Petite Riviere and New Dublin, told us, "This parish is glorious for its liturgy and its music; for its faithfulness to the call to minister not just theoretically but very practically in this community in which it rests; it has been a place of mentoring for many priests, and it is a place of intellectual fervor." These are not words that should make us complacent or self-satisfied, but should remind us of the calling we have as members of this parish. It can be easy for us to take our parish life for granted, to assume that everything can tick along without care and loving attention, but truly all of the things that make St. George's the special place it is require us to offer ourselves and our substance.

We are grateful to all who have contributed to the life of this parish over the past year, those whose names appear in the following reports and those who remain "unsung." We thank Paul Halley for all the glorious music, which has so sensitively supported our worship life. And finally, we thank Father Westhaver for his ministry in word and sacrament and for his faithful care of our parish in this his first year with us. May God continue to bless our parish and may we continue to love and serve him.

Susan Harris, Jens Jensen, Craig Savoury
Parish Wardens



Father Westhaver and Bishop Hiltz,
following Father Westhaver's
Institution
as Rector of St. George's Parish

(in St. Stephen's Chapel,
All Saints Cathedral)



Parishioners attend Father Westhaver's Institution (Alex Easton, William Shaw, Craig and Nadine Savoury, Dianna Lowe, Evelyn Mann, Elizabeth Jones, and Aniko Lewton-Brain



Karen Westhaver and Charlotte, Barrie and Sheila Jackson, and Jan Connors attend Father Westhaver's Institution

(Pictures taken by Susan Harris)

Synod Delegates

This past year we saw quite a bit of change within the Canadian Anglican Church, not least of which was the election of the Most Rev'd Frederick J. Hiltz as our new Primate. As a consequence of that election, we as the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island were called to an Electoral Synod at the Cathedral, held October 20th to cast ballots for a new Bishop. St. George's representatives included Father Westhaver, Andrew Thorne as our Youth

Representative, Tracy Lenfesty, Benjamin Lee and Craig Savoury. There were three candidates to be considered: The Rt. Rev'd Susan Moxley – Suffragan Bishop; Rev'd Canon Dr. Gary W.A. Thorne, current chaplain at Dalhousie University and the University of King's College in Halifax; and Rev'd Rod Gillis, Rector of St. James Armdale. The day began with Holy Communion. Our Metropolitan, the Most Rev'd Bruce Stavert delivered the Homily.

After the usual preamble, balloting took place under the watchful eyes of our Metropolitan, and after a short time, the returns came in and by a wide margin, the Rt. Rev'd Susan Moxley was declared Bishop-Elect. Her first order was to instruct

synod to call an election for a new Suffragan Bishop which is now set for Friday, May 23rd, as part of the Diocesan Synod being held May 23rd – May 25th.

Craig Savoury

Spiritual Development Committee

Members of this committee include Vivien Hannon, Sarah Stevenson, Vaila Mowat, Aniko Lewton-Brain, Scott Connors, Nadine Savoury, John Swaine, Susan Harris, Pam Hunter, Heather Neish, and, ex officio, the Rector and the Music Director.

Once again during the past year the spiritual strength and depth of this parish were exhibited in the great number of parishioners who take responsibility for the various ministries that fall under the rubric of Spiritual Development.

Parishioners offer prayer and praise and read Holy Scripture in the church morning, noon, and evening, so that day by day, hour by hour, this parish “might continually profit more and more in the knowledge of God and be the more inflamed with the love of His true religion (Preface to the Book of Common Prayer (1549)).” Their faithful attention to the sacred duty of the Daily Offices anchors this parish as an Anglican Christian community. Sung Evensong is offered on Sunday evenings, with Aniko Lewton-Brain leading the music, and members of the parish regularly deliver meditations which are profound and challenging. It is a mystery to me why this profoundly beautiful service, one of the glories of our Prayer Book tradition, is not better attended. In addition, parishioners sing Compline each Sunday evening.

July saw the much anticipated arrival of our new Music Director, Paul Halley. Shortly

after his arrival, Mr. Halley gave a splendid organ recital at the conclusion of the Sunday morning service, and he and Meg were officially welcomed to the parish with a festal garden party on the lawn complete with madrigals and, of course, cucumber and asparagus sandwiches.

The parish's decision to join with the University of King's College and the Atlantic School of Theology in order to create a more attractive position, and our patience in insisting on the right candidate and waiting until he could come, have been very richly rewarded. Mr. Halley has been working tirelessly to rebuild and train the choir; his own report will provide more details, although I expect that it will not make clear just how hard he has been working on our behalf. What he has accomplished in just over six months in terms of setting new standards and inspiring choristers to attain them is remarkable. We now have a Music Director whose ambition for our music program and capacity to realize that ambition are apparently limitless. It is clear that we can look forward confidently to very great things from our music program as Mr. Halley continues his work here.

We are grateful, too, to the choristers who devote many hours each week to practice so that this parish might worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness week in and week out. We owe thanks as well to the Friends of St. George's Society which supports our choral

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program by funding a small but crucial number of Section Mentors in the Choir.

The dedication of Mr. Halley and the members of the Choir have allowed the introduction of important new services, including regular (currently monthly) Sunday Choral Evensongs and a Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas on the eve of the Feast of the Circumcision.

Parishioners administer and teach in the Sunday School so that a new generation is raised up in the knowledge and fear of the Lord in His Church. Pam Hunter is the Superintendent of the Sunday School, and she will be making her own report. Until the end of the year Heather Neish was co-Superintendent. She had to step down in order to be able to worship on Sundays with her husband in the parish to which the Diocese has assigned him as part of his training for the Priesthood. We were very sorry to lose her, and once again we thank her for her years of dedicated and imaginative service. The Sunday School curriculum, based on the Book of Common Prayer and its lectionary, is a creation of this parish and is used in parishes across Canada and in the United States. One of the most important challenges that confronts this parish is, as I reported last year as well, to attract more children to regular attendance at our Sunday School in order that they might benefit from this excellent resource.

Our initiative aimed at young people, beyond the age of confirmation, is in its second year and continues to be successful. Laura Bartlett and Sarah Stevenson are co-chairs of the committee that oversees this. Dan and Michelle Wilband, Benjamin and Andrea Lee, and Shannon Parker plan and execute the programming.

The Advent and Lenten Evensong series belong by now firmly to our tradition. Once again, Aniko Lewton-Brain very ably directed a small volunteer choir for these services. In Lent, Professor John Barnstead of Dalhousie University offered a series entitled “Dostoevsky and Christ,” four profound meditations in which Dostoevsky’s reading of the Bible that accompanied him to prison was related to images in his novels. In Advent, Mr. Dan Wilband offered a series entitled “Prepare in the Desert a Highway: Toward a Christian Self-Knowledge.” Those who attended these liturgies found them deeply nourishing.

Arranging these series is part of the work of the Christian Education subcommittee, whose members include Betty Haigh, Vivien Hannon, Alex Easton, Aniko Lewton-Brain, Susan Harris, Neil Robertson, and Benjamin Lee. Other initiatives under the purview of this committee included Fr. Westhaver’s study of Martin Thornton’s *English Spirituality*, and Bible study led by Evelyn Mann.

Of course no one in this parish can be ignorant of the importance of Vaila Mowat’s countless contributions to our common life, but I do want to express my gratitude to her on behalf of the Committee and the Parish for her devoted service leading the Altar Guild and as Parish Librarian.

I will mention two other new initiatives of the past year which are not related to each other except that neither falls neatly into any of the categories above and I hope that both might continue and become traditions in the Parish. The first was our Rogation Sunday procession to the garden in the spring, followed by madrigals sung by the Choir. This was a very pleasant occasion, as was the parish Christmas party on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, the Friday following

Christmas. The Christmas party was not well-attended; nevertheless, it was clear to those who were there that it is something we ought to continue. Our Music Director and his family drove into town on a snowy Friday evening to lead the singing, and all who attended were very grateful to them.

Taunya Dawson has taken responsibility for our advertising, and a new Advertising Committee has been formed to assist her. This is an area in which we have been seriously and, I would say, irresponsibly deficient in the past, not because those who looked after it were not sufficiently dedicated, but because we never budgeted for it in any consequential way. The parish is being asked to approve a modest increase in the advertising budget this year, and I devoutly hope that these two developments will mark a beginning of doing what we ought to do in order to let people know what we are up to in this parish.

Finally, I hope that I might be forgiven for an allusion to a Greek historian in this, my last report as Chairman of the Spiritual Development Committee. Thucydides relates a speech made by Alcibiades during the Peloponnesian Wars, as he was encouraging the Athenians to launch an invasion of Sicily. Alcibiades argues that a city that is by its nature active and expansive must continually expand if it is not to die. And what does the foregoing report, itself just one of many, describe if not a community that is by nature active and expansive? The Sicilian Expedition was a catastrophe, of course, but what was *hubris* in Athenian politics is nonetheless, I think, a spiritual necessity for the life of our community. If we are not to wither and die, we must continually expand our membership, that is to say, we must take seriously the Great Commission of the Resurrected Lord to the eleven as our own commission and continually draw in those

whose souls are longing for the gifts He offers us here. And we must continue to grow in depth: our liturgies, our preaching in its various forms, and our music must all be, day by day and season by season, as dignified, as disciplined, as challenging, as thoughtful, as beautiful, in short, as worthy of the Holy Trinity whom we worship, as we can possibly make them. And that liturgical depth, along with the outreach programs that are the expressions of charity that grow out of it, is what constitutes authentic evangelism for this parish.

From the perspective of the Spiritual Development Committee, these two intertwined necessities mean continual investment of time and money in the music program and in advertising, and in our education programs. They imply a constant consciousness on the part of each of us of our responsibility to take on ourselves those duties that do not belong necessarily to the ordained priesthood, so that the Rector has time for prayer and study and sacramental ministry, the things that parishioners unequivocally considered of highest priority in our parochial profile and the covenant into which we entered with the Rector. Above all, however, it means entering more and more wholeheartedly, each and every one of us, into the rare and ancient liturgical spirituality that is the true end and redemption of all of those worldly investments.

I am grateful to the Rector and Wardens, and I think no one will blame me for singling out Susan Harris as she concludes her term, to Laura Bartlett, and our treasurers, Jan Connors and Mary Hills, and to all of the parishioners who work so hard at maintaining so extensive a program of deep spiritual enrichment.

Gary McGonagill
Chairman

Report on the Daily Offices for 2007

Apart from Sunday worship, Morning and Evening Prayer are said Monday to Saturday in the Parish, through the summer in the Little Dutch Church and the rest of the year at the Round Church. This is the response to the ancient example of the Church and the order set by the Book of Common Prayer. The Daily Offices are conducted by members of the Parish according to a set schedule. The number of the congregation is

small but faithful. At the Little Dutch Church, people sometimes step in from the street and for some, this is the only exposure to Scripture and the worship of God they might ever have. God is worshipped and the Church, the Parish, and the World are held up in public prayer twice a day, year in and year out.

Servers

I would like to thank the following individuals for their years of service at Saint George's; Elliot Kavanagh, Duncan Neish, Brie-Anna Bartlett, Alex Purcell and David Wallace.

There was no presentation of crosses this year to acknowledge years of service for servers at St. George's. I would recommend that this presentation occurs this year in order for servers to receive appropriate recognition.

Thank you to all servers who are currently serving, including: Andrew Thorne,

Sebastian Labrie, Vivien Hannon, Benjamin Lee and Alex Easton. New servers this year are: William Dawson, Trey Main and Caleigh Davis.

More servers are always welcome regardless of age and experience! Younger children can serve in the role of boat boy or boat girl during services requiring incense. Older children and adults can serve as a taperer, a crucifer, a server or as a thurifer.

Scott Connors
Head Server



Palm Sunday 2007

Pictures taken by Patrick Hannon



Altar Guild

The Altar Guild continued to do its regular weekly work this year with its usual efficiency. There were again six teams. Team 1 consisted of Diana Lowe and Nadine Savoury. Team 2 had Tracy Lenfesty and Heather Neish. Team 3 consisted of Dorothy Coons and Jim Rawding. Team 4 had Margherita Mendel and Jean Milson. Team 5 had Dinah Savoury and Anne Tilley. Team 6 consisted of Vaila Mowat and Joyce McCulloch.

At year's end, Team 1 brought along Nadine's infant daughter. Train them up in the way they should go!

I want to thank all members of the Guild for the excellent work that they have done this year. It is lovely to be able to have such reliable workers as these.

Heather Neish had to leave us at the end of the year. She has been replaced by Taunya Dawson.

The Altar Guild undertook this year to oversee the upholstering of the kneeling

cushions at the Altar Rail and paid \$300 towards the cost. (Joyce McCulloch kindly donated this amount for this purpose.) The choice of materials was made by Elizabeth Henderson, Karen Westhaver and myself. I was also able to buy some material in the form of Martha Stewart tablecloths in a similar dark red material, so that the tables near the main entrance to the church could be more elegantly covered. Anne Tilley did the necessary alterations so that the material fits the tables.

We of the Altar Guild wish to express our gratitude for the work of Flo Grandy. For the last few years she washed and ironed our small linens for us. It is unlikely that anyone can be found to do work of such excellence—she had special ways with them which the rest of us know not of!

The appendix to this report shows the financial status of the Altar Guild.

Vaila S. Mowat, Head, Altar Guild

Altar Guild Accounts for the year 2007

Incoming monies:	
From church	\$1979.69
From weddings, etc	315.01
Total	2294.70
Expenses:	
Flowers	776.07
Polishing and Cleaning	84.07
Candles and vases	205.21
Upholstering altar cushions	300.00
Allotment for 2006	251.87
Cheque Imaging	22.00
Cheque managing	20.00
Total	1659.22

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Balance: $\$2294.70 - 1659.22 = 635.48$

Bank Balance at end of year	2632.33
Bank Balance at beginning of year:	1996.85
Difference:	635.48

Please note: These figures do not show the cheque from the church for \$500 issued to the Altar Guild at the end of December 2007, as this will not show in our bank statement until January of 2008. This is to the good however, as we will be paying the bills for the 2007 year's Christmas flowers also in January of 2008.

Nursery

While members of the congregation are listening to those erudite sermons of our rector, we in the nursery are reading children's books, and playing with our toy collection. Recently we have been able to play with Noah's Ark and Mr. Potato Man and our new play bus. These toys were the gift of Kim Connors and are much enjoyed. We are also thankful for the gift of a tea set from the Robinsons, as this enables us to have tea and cakes together.

The nursery is staffed at present by Vaila Mowat, Diana Kulnys, and Caleigh Davis, with help from Karen Westhaver. I would welcome more help, as I seldom manage to hear the choir motets after the Holy Communion.

Vaila Mowat

Sunday School

Saint George's Sunday School was full of accomplishments in 2007 and as a parish, we should thank God for our many blessings.

In January of 2007, Father Westhaver became the spiritual leader of the Sunday School. In the fall of 2006, the Sunday School had refocused its energy on the children in the parish and by early 2007 it had a small but dedicated group of children attending faithfully. With the guidance of Father Westhaver, several people stepped forward to teach. The volunteer teachers helped by teaching, mentoring, making crafts and providing a healthy snack for the children.

Some highlights of the year include a Sunday School picnic held in June which was well attended by parishioners, children, parents and teachers. With fun games, a bottle of bubbles, chalk and a bbq, it was a pleasant afternoon which provided an opportunity for teachers to socialize with the children and their parents. In October, the parish held a successful book sale and church bazaar which offered an opportunity for the children to participate in making crafts and reading books. On Christmas Eve, the parish held a children's service in which children from the parish, neighbourhood and others dressed up in costumes and acted out the Christmas story. This is a wonderful tradition that Saint

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George's has supported for several years and it is always well attended and enjoyed.

The Sunday School would not be a success without the hard work and dedication of our teachers and the parents who continue to support the work of Saint George's Sunday School.

We would like to thank Father Westhaver for his constant support, leadership and the children's talks that were enjoyed by all.

As Sunday School co-Superintendents, we have been blessed in many ways.

Heather Neish & Pam Hunter



Good Friday 2007

Picture taken by Patrick Hannon

Youth at St George's

The Youth programme was established in the fall of 2006, under the auspices of the Spiritual Development Committee. In 2007, three parish youth retreats were held. The format included time for worship together, teaching, a shared meal and an activity. In February, Michelle & Dan Wilband led the teaching portion of the day, focussing on the disciplines of Lent. Shannon Parker created a scavenger hunt activity. In March, the youth joined other members of the parish in making palm crosses for the services the next day. Fr Westhaver discussed the imagery and meaning of Holy Week with the group. In June, we had a 'road trip' to the Parishes of Petite Riviere and New Dublin. Fr David Phillips was our host and instructor for the day, speaking on the passions of the soul redeemed by grace. The afternoon was spent at the beach, followed by Evening Prayer in one of churches of the

parish. This was perhaps the most popular event of the year.

Seven youth from the parish attended the St Michael's Youth Conference in Bouctouche, NB in August. They were joined by four adult members of staff from the parish. Five of the youth (and three of the staff) from the parish also attended the mini-St Michael's conference in Sackville NB in November.

Last fall, academic and other commitments meant that Michelle & Dan Wilband, Andrea & Benjamin Lee, and Shannon Parker had to end their direct involvement with this ministry. Elisabeth Kleven and I are thankful that Fr Mercer has taken up the challenge of a leadership role with the youth and providing direction to the steering committee. We are also pleased to welcome Ron Haflidson to the team. Two retreat

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days are planned for 2008, one at Candlemas and the other at the beginning of Holy Week. We also hope to make a return trip to Petite Riviere & New Dublin toward the end of the school year.

Although directed to youth of this parish, others are welcome and we have been joined

by youth from other parishes through friendships built at the St Michael's Youth Conferences. They are not a large group by numbers, but very substantial in their questions and honest inquiry and desire to know more about the Faith.

Sarah Stevenson

Lay Readers and MCs

This is a small but highly trained group of people who assist in the Sunday and Feast Day liturgies.

The Lay Readers undergo specialized training in church history, music, Bible study, and conducting worship. They are then licensed by the bishop to serve in our parish in a variety of capacities.

This year we said farewell to Vivien Hannon and Duncan Neish as they train for ministry in other parishes. Nadine Savoury has taken a maternity leave. Thanks for service in 2007 to:

Jan Connors
Alex Easton
Vivien Hannon, postulant
Duncan Neish, postulant
Craig Savoury
Nadine Savoury
John Swaine

Five of our lay readers regularly conducted the service of Morning Prayer on Sunday mornings, and are licensed to administer the sacrament at the Eucharist. They assist in that capacity as Subdeacons. They are:

Alex Easton
Vivien Hannon, postulant
Duncan Neish, postulant

Craig Savoury
Nadine Savoury
John Swaine

The MC's are the people who organize and co-ordinate each liturgy. Behind the scenes before each service they help to organize the servers and clergy, assign tasks, make sure that candles are lit, check that the sanctuary is ready so that the service starts on time. During the service they stand near the celebrant to anticipate and assist him, and to unobtrusively provide cues and direction for the servers. The goal is for the liturgy to proceed smoothly and reverently. After the service they help the Altar Guild by clearing the sanctuary, putting away the vestments and keeping the Vestry tidy. Thanks for service in 2007 to:

Scott Connors (who is also Head Server)
Sebastien Labrie
Alex Purcell
Nadine Savoury
Craig Savoury
John Swaine
Chelsea Thorne

John Swaine
Sacristan

Trinity House

Trinity House has undergone many changes this year, however the sense of community and fellowship in the house remains.

The residents at Trinity House since September have been: Kim and Scott Connors (sextons and house managers), Cardinal Fernades, Tim Blackwood, Paul Rogers, Shannon Warren, Megan Shand, Gillian Strong and Reid Chesney. Residents at Trinity House have been active at St. George's and in the community,

including serving with the St. George's choir and volunteering at local schools.

At Thanksgiving, Trinity House hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner and at Epiphany we were very proud to host the Epiphany party. We hope that we will be able to continue to offer opportunities for fellowship to the Parish throughout the coming year.

Kimberly Connors

Pastoral Ministry/Outreach Committee

The Pastoral Outreach Committee focused on Christmas Outreach this year, with the Missions for Seafarers Shoeboxes, Christmas Outreach for Families, and Christmas Gift bags for Shut-ins. I would like to thank Susan Harris for taking on the PWRDF contact this year and welcome Lynn Stevenson into the position for the coming year.

This coming year, I would like to focus on reviving the visiting program for parishioners that aren't able to worship with us on a regular basis and to organize other Outreach opportunities for the parish in the community.

Kimberly Connors

Deaf Ministry

Reflecting on ministry to the Deaf Community over the past year has been inspiring. We continue to be blessed with a small but faithful group of Deaf parishioners. Agnes Comerford continues to provide intervening services which allow Donald Norton to participate in worship. Agnes' husband Bill, continues to alternate serving duties on Wednesday mornings with Ken Pringle. Carol Morrison participates in regular service with the aid of Heather Grant. A new face this year is Malcolm Brinson and we are happy he is able to join us. We were particularly blessed to be invited this fall to the family home of Susan

Harris in Petite Riviere. Bill, Agnes, Carol, Heather, Donald, Laura, Evelyn, Father Purchase and the Rector drove down for a lovely meal together and attendance at Evensong with Father David Phillips. This was something in the works for some time now so it was wonderful to have this opportunity. The Deaf Community continues to be welcomed at St George's particularly by those who are learning sign language may it be only a sign a month!! Thank you all for your support and fellowship in 2007.

Laura Bartlett

YouthNet

2007 began with Andrea Puszkas at the helm of YouthNet operations. Andrea had already begun to make necessary and substantial improvements to YouthNet's organizational structure, having benefited from four months experience as YouthNet's Executive Director. One of Andrea's most notable accomplishments in 2007 was her efforts to secure funding from the RBC (Royal Bank of Canada) National After-School Grants Programme. This grant has afforded YouthNet with the necessary financial breathing-room to provide exciting and responsive after-school programs to the youth we serve. Thanks to Andrea's excellent work YouthNet has maintained its relationship with the RBC and continues to benefit from the presence of a strong and influential stakeholder. Moreover, Andrea recognized another major challenge YouthNet faced, which was the importance of building and retaining a skilled, talented, and dedicated volunteer base. Andrea was able to find talent from some of the best programs and schools in the city to serve as YouthNet volunteers. Andrea focused on obtaining students enrolled in academic programs that were closely related to Youth and Community Development work. Andrea was able to promote to these institutions the expertise and hands-on experience that YouthNet could provide which allowed YouthNet access to a new type of volunteer, the field/work placement student. These students were recruited into YouthNet from Dalhousie Medicine and Social Work Schools as well as the NSCC and CompuCollege Child and Youth Care Programs. Andrea did not stop here; she has also implemented some important administrative tools. Working closely with Board member, Jordan Miller, the two began to develop a YouthNet policy manual. This policy manual was being developed with the

intention of documenting and solidifying YouthNet procedures and processes. Andrea built a strong foundation for growth and change in 2007.

However, due to the unexpected call of motherhood, Andrea's run as Executive Director was temporarily put on hold.

On June 14 2007, Charys Payne was hired as Interim Executive Director of YouthNet. Charys stepped into the Executive Director role just as summer programs were beginning. Summer started off a bit shaky due to summer student funding issues. As done in previous years, YouthNet has applied to the Federal and Provincial governments for wage subsidy used toward the hiring of summer students. This year saw the temporary collapse of the Federal student wage subsidy program. A few weeks later the program was reinstated because of the disastrous affect it would have on the non-profit and small business community. It is important to note that Anne West, Fundraising Committee Chair, was very influential in having this program reinstated. This was not the only bump in our summer fun, one of the summer students hired (Jenny Gammon) left just before our summer programs were to begin to take on a position that was more suited to her field of study. YouthNet wished Jenny the best of luck and we're supportive of her choice but this left us short staffed and gave us very little time to find another candidate to fill the void Jenny left. After trying diligently to find a qualified replacement, with no success, Charys decided that the two remaining summer students Monte Francois and Chris Johnson would do best with the assistance of tenured staff, Andrea Campbell (after-school program coordinator) and Laura Bartlett (morning program coordinator). Thanks to the support of

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Andrea C. and Laura, Charys, YouthNet were able to successfully make it through a very tumultuous summer.

September marked the beginning of a new school year and Charys' first with YouthNet. Charys and Andrea Campbell worked together to develop and implement a registration system for YouthNet participants. The purpose of the registration system was to develop a way to track interest in programs and also as a way to make sure that those youth attending certain programs were in fact interested in them. It also prevents us from "over-programming", meaning that we can use the data to determine which programs are relevant and which are not. Making registration mandatory has definitely changed the dynamics at YouthNet after-school programs. Children are now placed in a program based on interest which causes positive behavior. This also means that for an hour a day we have asked youth to dedicate themselves to an activity. While we have seen many youth grow and learn under these new circumstances we have seen numbers decline. In October 2006 YouthNet was serving approximately 20-25 youth per day, whereas in October 2007 programs serve 15-17 youth daily. What we have found is that lower numbers has been central in helping staff and volunteers feel as though mentorship is happening. This intimate environment has also meant that the youth who attend are those who want to be at YouthNet. They are youth who are willing to cooperate and respect the rules of YouthNet in order to have access to the opportunities we provide. 2007 after-school program line-up included Boys and Girls Cooking classes, Latin Dance, Jr. Leadership, Rock Climbing, Hip Hop Dance, Digital Music Production, Art Class and Soccer.

2007 also marked the end of YouthNet's three year funding partnership with the United Way. In September 2007 YouthNet submitted an application for continued funding to the United Way. In November 2007 representatives from the United Way met with Charys Payne and members of the YouthNet Board for a "United Way Funding Interview". This interview was very encouraging and proved to be very promising. YouthNet will be informed of its funding status with the United Way in February 2008.

Lunch Program has proved to be a much more challenging program toward the end of 2007 than it has been in the past. In September 2007 YouthNet saw a higher demand for its Lunch Program due to the increase of costs associated with other community lunch programs. This meant that YouthNet was serving more youth in its lunch program not to mention that many of these children were under the age of five. However, under the great direction of Laura Bartlett, YouthNet Lunch Program continues to provide an integral service to families in the area. Laura has worked diligently to make a safe and healthy space for youth and has implemented many ideas and incentives to keep lunch program enjoyable for everyone. YouthNet lunch program was the recipient of the St. Paul's Home Grant in 2007. This Grant paid for much needed renovations to the lunch room area. YouthNet was able to purchase new tables, chairs, and cooking supplies. YouthNet also had personal cubby storage installed for each child and new flooring in the kitchen and bathroom areas.

Governance

YouthNet has benefited greatly from the expertise of its board members. Marc Paris, Board Chair has been a strong leader. However YouthNet has lost several key

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members such as Andrew Black, Vice Chair, Rebecca Pitts and Leslie Hartman.

Fundraising

Parishioners have consistently provided financial and in-kind support to YouthNet. The United Way provided funds and other professional resources and the RBC has been our major after-school contributor. Many Corporate donors, such as Exxon Mobil, Manulife and Edmonds have shown

support for YouthNet as well. Government sources have also provided summer students, lunch program supplies and manpower and public computer use and maintenance. YouthNet has developed relationships that have allowed it to grow more financially secure. As a result of this YouthNet has been given the opportunity to discover all of the dreams and talents at our disposal.

Charys Payne



Pictures taken by Charys Payne

YouthNet kids – having fun, making friends!

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Saint George's YouthNet Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2007 - Unaudited

	<u>Dec 31, 07</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
TD Visa Security	2,000
TD Canada Trust	56,102
GIC	<u>25,000</u>
Total Chequing/Savings	83,102
Accounts Receivable	
HST Receivable (2007)	<u>1,010</u>
Total Accounts Receivable	1,010
Other Current Assets	
Undeposited Funds	<u>100</u>
Total Other Current Assets	100
Total Current Assets	84,212
Fixed Assets	
Equipment	0
Leasehold improvements	<u>0</u>
Total Fixed Assets	0
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>84,212</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	<u>17,091</u>
Total Accounts Payable	17,091
Other Current Liabilities	
Short Term Funds	1,765
Deferred Revenue	<u>28,550</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	30,315
Total Current Liabilities	47,406
Long Term Liabilities	
Accrued liabilities	<u>1,700</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	1,700
Total Liabilities	49,106
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	-129
Retained Donations	28,274
Net Income	<u>6,961</u>
Total Equity	35,106
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>84,212</u>

Saint George's YouthNet Income & Expense Report Prev Year Comparison

January through December 2007 - Unaudited

	<u>Jan - Dec 07</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 06</u>
Income		
Stale-dated Cheques (recovered)		-1,884
Organizations & Groups	5,570	6,833
Parish of St. George	5,000	5,000
Gov. Grants	30,693	33,204
United Way	21,746	26,285
Scouting Income	1,260	1,352
CAP Site	1,992	5,000
Corporate	47,570	25,698
Foundations	1,000	
Individuals	17,308	19,496
Other	<u>751</u>	<u>2,548</u>
Total Income	132,890	123,531
Expense		
Summer Gardening	4,900	
After School Programmes	11,986	4,108
After School Drop-in		355
Summer Programs to be allocated	3,246	
Summer Art Camp		2,412
Lunch Program	2,477	670
C@P	1,820	1,299
Latin Club		167
General	6,030	7,031
GST Expenses	2,020	1,068
March Break Program	1,326	281
Music	11	3,404
Personnel Wages & Expenses	86,229	83,184
Scouting Program	1,789	3,300
Special Programs	112	896
Summer Day Camps		314
Wilderness Camps	<u>3,983</u>	<u>7,952</u>
Total Expense	125,929	116,442
Net Income	<u>6,961</u>	<u>7,089</u>

2nd Halifax Scouting

2007 overlaps two Scouting years. I would like to bring to the attention of the Parish that five of our Scouting Leaders at 2nd Halifax gave two weeks of their summer to go to the National Scout Jamboree (CJ'07) in Tamaracota, Quebec. They put in many long hours of hard work putting on a project called a zip-wire, of which over 5000 participants enjoyed a ride starting on a wooded platform built on the side of a hill. This allowed them to ride for approximately 150 meters/485 feet on a seat suspended from metal cable, taking them out over a lake, to a splashdown nearly on the other side. After a short swim we'd hear a "Wow, that was awesome!" or "Can I do it again?"

We are blessed with having a very dedicated Leadership Team at St. George's. The programs that we put on are fun, challenging and educational. Ours is not a large Scouting Group but we are needed in this community.

As part of Scouting's Centennial Celebrations the Beaver Colony did a 100th Birthday Project of collecting \$100 in pennies, which were donated to the IWK Telethon. Some of the youth and leaders actually appeared on the broadcast.

Beavers also had an overnight camp at Dalhousie University and attended King's College Chapel on the Sunday morning to the delight of Fr. Gary Thorne and those who generally worship there on Sundays.

The Cub Pack worked diligently on their hiking badge, which involves getting out on a number of day hikes in the woods or in their community. They went to the Fire Station, have done some cooking and baking. This section, in particular, has been

challenged for the last couple of years of having only one steady leader due to the other leaders' work commitments. This has necessitated 'borrowing' leaders from other sections or other Groups since one Leader cannot work alone with the youth.

Two of our older Scouts are working towards the highest goal Scouts has to offer – the Chief Scout Award. Here's hoping we can report a successful completion for these two girls in the future. 2nd Halifax has only ever had two Chief Scouts recipients to this point, one being one of our Beaver Leaders, Scott Connors.

In this 100th Anniversary Year of Scouting, Scouts Canada presented a special Centennial Medal of recognition. 205 Leaders in Nova Scotia were recipients. Among those so honoured: Jan Connors and Don Connors for their work at the Group level and beyond. At the 2nd Halifax banquet in June Lowell Perry received a long-overdue 10-year medal for his Scouting service.

Scouting provides opportunity for leader training. In 2007 Andrew Thorne and Scott Connors received their Wood Badge II (Colony) Gillwell recognition, and Angela Zwicker and Mark Stanford earned their Wood Badge I woggle for Pack and Troop respectively. (WBI & WBII are levels of training.)

Again, we are blessed with Parish support and the continued use of the parish hall and storage space. Through YouthNet and the Parish the financial burden on families to come up with the \$115 registration fee is minimized. Not all Scouting groups are this

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fortunate and we do want to thank the Parish for its strong, unwavering support.

The Parish should also realize that for several years now the 1st Emergency Scouts Vocational Venturer and Rover program has been meeting at St. George's hall and has

storage space for their equipment. The Parish receives a monthly fee from their sponsor, EMC (Emergency Medical Corporation) for use of our hall. This is still a program under Scouts Canada designed to expose the youth to a vocation, in this case to para medicine.

2nd Halifax Group Committee 2007 Financial Update

Balance forwarded from December 31, 2006 \$662.79

INCOME

Bar Sales - Troop CJ Project	\$2,207.50	
Coffee sales	\$7.00	
HST rebate on bars purchased	\$861.07	
Popcorn	\$130.00	
Scoutrees	\$215.20	
Superstore Fundraisers	\$1,010.06	
Telethon Beaver Project	\$100.00	
		<u>\$4,530.83</u>
		\$5,193.62

EXPENSES

Colony	\$434.78	
Pack	\$39.12	
Troop (including CJ'07 registration)	\$3,222.57	
Group	\$376.91	
		\$4,073.38

Balance as of December 31, 2007 \$1,120.24

Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen continues to operate in the parish hall each Saturday afternoon,

offering a hot meal and a word of friendship to all who come.

Christmas Family Outreach

On the morning of Saturday December 15th, a group of parishioners and friends of the parish gathered to wrap gifts for neighbourhood families. The tasks were accomplished in a friendly time of fellowship. Parishioners also helped to

deliver the gifts and Christmas dinner with all the fixings to the neighbourhood families. We thank all who assisted with Christmas Outreach this year, either by helping on the 15th or with financial contributions. Special thanks to the

Reference Department at the Killam Library for their sponsorship of a family. We would also like to thank two families who sponsored families to help their children understand the meaning of charity and generosity. Thank you Mia and Jennifer!

We hope that next year we will be able to attract more corporate sponsors and have more volunteer drivers.

Kim Connors and Elizabeth Jones

Stepping Stone Dinner

Once again this year, St. George's hosted a Christmas dinner for the patrons of Stepping Stone and their children. A small increase in numbers this year made for an energy filled hall. Music was provided by Andrew Killawee, Nicholas Veltmeyer and Daina Kulnys. Face-painting was a hit as always and other activities for the children organized by YouthNet staff helped provide

a fun and festive atmosphere. A mysterious man in a red suit turned up to add to the cheer. Karen Wheeler and her able team cooked and served a delicious dinner. The event was as always made possible by the financial support of parishioners. Evelyn Mann helped to coordinate this event in 2007.

Mission to Seafarers Christmas Shoebox Project

It was with somewhat of a sense of trepidation that I faced the future at the opening of the campaign in the Fall of 2007.

The final number of shoeboxes totaled 52. Whether a record or not, it was a goodly number.

But it entailed an injection of honey from church friends. We spent about \$112 in necessities to complete the boxes. One item in particular – boiled sweets – we bought no fewer than 30 packets.

The Dollar Stores are an economical place to shop, the one in Halifax Shopping Centre in particular. There we paid \$1.00 (+ tax)

per packet (sealed!). A good deal.

Risking the rejection of repetition I will now list the essentials – a first warning for Fall 2008! Warm gloves, socks, scarves, hats, boiled sweets in sealed packages. Pens, pencils, writing paper and envelopes, postcards. Halifax memorabilia, trinkets, souvenirs. Greeting cards. Toilet items, toothbrushes, toothpaste, razors, shaving cream, some items suitable for women.

Thank you, donors, decorators of boxes. Let us do as well or better this year.

Anne Tilley
Patricia Martinson

Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

Some parishioners continued to offer financial support to the PWRDF and its work around the world in 2007. A few Christmas cards were sold. Lynn Stevenson

has agreed to take on the role of PWRDF Representative for 2008 and we look forward to her bulletins about the ongoing work of this fund.

St George's Website

It's hard to measure the impact of a parish website – who is using it, and why. For the most part, I know people are using the site when they tell me about the errors I have made. After he arrived, Paul Halley mentioned that he would check in on events at St George's during the year he was in Connecticut and preparing to move to Nova Scotia. He particularly noted that the frequent updating of service and other information on the site gave him a sense of parish life prior to his arrival. I am grateful to Elisabeth Kleven for her assistance in maintaining the site while I was on vacation during the summer.

During Lent of 2007, the need for a re-evaluation of our web services became very clear. I was asked to post Dr Hankey's lecture slides to the site, but they far exceeded our memory allocation. This, and difficulties with YouthNet and the parish office sharing the wireless network in the hall led to a reconsideration of our internet service and internet needs. Wireless signal strength diminishes with the number of users and the size of the files being sent over the network. The demands on the network by YouthNet during peak hours meant that the parish computer was often dropped from the connection. The decision was made in the Fall to migrate the internet service from Eastlink to Aliant. For an additional \$15 a

month we gain 130MB of webspace; payment for and registration of our domain name (roundchurch.ca, previously an additional \$20/year fee); 5 email addresses on our domain (eg. office@roundchurch.ca); and the capability to track site usage statistics. Previously, the webmaster looked after the domain registration, and site usage statistics were not available as part of our service package. This migration will take place early in 2008. We will need to run concurrent email addresses for a short time to give people a chance to add the new address.

Portions of the website are badly out of date and do not necessarily reflect our current ministry. The webmaster will be calling on various members of the parish in the coming year for their assistance in revising the older information.

In closing I would like to thank Laura Bartlett in the parish office for making it possible to have the bulletin online each week, the Rector for his support of the website as an outreach tool for the parish, Paul Halley for sending the music lists for services, Elisabeth Kleven for looking after things when I was away, and all the people who caught mistakes and told me so I could correct them.

Sarah Stevenson

Hospital Visiting

The same team has continued to monitor and visit parishioners who have been hospitalized during the past year. My sincere thanks to Elizabeth Jones and Tracy Lenfesty who conscientiously checked the hospital lists every week. Also to Elizabeth

who 'stood in ' for me while I was away last Fall.

My thanks also to the 'teams' (of one or more) who regularly visit Brother David Winters in "Arbourside."

Sheila Jackson

Sunday Fellowship Teams

I am pleased to report on the activities of the Sunday Fellowship Committee. We have 6 teams made up of 4 members each. They provide sweets, sandwiches or other treats on Sundays following the 10:30 service. The program pretty well runs itself once the list of dates is distributed to team members. This is a popular service and the numbers of those joining us at the Sunday Fellowship Hour is increasing. We would, therefore be grateful for additional volunteers to join our teams either as regular members or spare members.

Should you be interested, please let me know. It means supplying sandwiches or sweets once every 6 weeks and tidying up afterwards; usually completed by 1pm.

I would like to thank very much all the volunteers who provided refreshments during the past year. And a special thanks to Karen Wheeler for the tea and coffee and the additional treats every Sunday.

Jean Milsom
Co-ordinator

Stewardship Committee

Members of the Stewardship Committee in 2007 were Vivien Hannon, Susan Harris, Mary Hills, Mary Martin, Rob Martin, Craig Savoury and John Swaine. The committee met periodically throughout the year to review our financial status and plan stewardship activities.

In April, we held the first, and only, stewardship brunch of 2007 to inform parishioners about activities in the parish and to encourage them to support the work of the parish financially. A parish letter followed the brunch. Sensing “brunch fatigue,” the Committee opted in July and October to inform the congregation about the state of the parish’s finances through letters rather than parish meetings.

The Stewardship Committee shared a broadly held opinion that the parish needs to find new ways to bring people together, as well as to raise funds. We applaud the efforts that culminated in the splendid Book Sale and Parish Lunch, both spearheaded by Michal King and a dedicated group of

volunteers. We believe that events like this, as important for their fellowship as for their financial impact, are the ultimate solution to our fiscal challenges.

Despite our best efforts, those challenges remained with us in 2007. Once again, the Stewardship Committee launched the dreaded fall appeal, urging parishioners to double their weekly offerings for the final two months of the year in order to prevent ending the year with a deficit. And once again, the congregation responded generously and sacrificially. As the annual statements reveal, we ended the year with a slight surplus.

Can this appeal be avoided? Perhaps not. It may be that we should simply resign ourselves to this pattern of giving.

Thanks be to God.

Mary Martin
Chair

Finance Committee

The reports of the Finance and Budget committees are combined because there is a considerable overlap of membership and responsibility. The Budget Committee is a subcommittee of Finance and consists of the Finance Committee plus the chairs of the major areas of expenditure: Spiritual Development, Pastoral Ministry, Property and Administration.

Last year, the parish did not meet its ambitious goal of increasing general giving by 13 per cent in order to balance the budget. Fortunately, the parish also did not spend all that it budgeted, with the result that St. George's ended 2007 with a modest surplus of some \$8,800.

Maintaining control of costs will continue to be an issue for the incoming parish council. The 2008 budget projects that spending will increase by five per cent over what was budgeted last year, reflecting, in part, for the first time in three years the full-time costs of a rector and music director.

However, because areas of revenue other than undesignated givings seem to be both stabilizing and increasing, the amount of money parishioners will be asked to give just to keep St. George's operating - apart from any designated gifts to specific projects and programs — has increased in the 2008 budget by only 2.2 per cent. This modest amount is about the same as the cost of living last year.

As a result, the Budget Committee is cautiously optimistic in presenting the 2008 budget to the parish's annual meeting for its approval.

A continuing issue for the finance committee is a disagreement with the diocese over what parts of St. George's revenues should be exempt from allotment. For the second year in a row, the diocese has recently informed the parish that it does not agree with the figures on St. George's parochial return and has increased the parish's allotment to match its own calculations. Parish representatives are attempting to arrange a meeting with the diocese to discuss the issue. In the meantime, St. George's is paying its allotment based on the parish's figures.

I would like to thank parish treasurer Mary Hill for the endless hours required to produce monthly statements and annual reports for the parish, diocese and federal government, all of which have to be presented in different ways. She has worked very hard with former treasurer Jan Connors to understand the arcane accounting required by these various bodies and to maintain the level of accountability that parishioners want.

Robert Martin
Chair
Finance Committee

2007 Counters' Report

Counters are the people who disappear each Sunday after church to count the weekly

offering while the rest of the congregation gathers for fellowship in the church hall.

Working in pairs as required by the canons of the diocese, they count and record contributions to ensure that all money received is accounted for and that every identifiable giver can be issued an annual receipt for income tax purposes. The counters are grateful that increasing numbers of parishioners are signing up for direct debit contributions to the parish from their bank accounts, as they reduce the workload.

Six teams of two each count for a month of Sundays twice a year. The other 10 months a year, they can share in post-worship fellowship. In addition to their weekly work,

St. George's counters have also been helping out, for the past three years, at the annual yard sale and in 2007 added the new book sale to their list of special events.

At the moment, the teams are: Betty Haigh and Elizabeth Jones; Ian Porter and Benjamin Lee; Lowell Perry and Dorothy Coons; Elisabeth Kleven and Sarah Stevenson; Chuck and Barb Richardson; Martin Yeatmen and Michal King.

People interested in assisting in this ministry, please give me a call.

Robert Martin
463-7115

Property Committee

During the year, considerable work has been devoted to maintaining our buildings and planning for the future. Highlights, including some brief information about the direction being taken as we head into 2008, include the following:

1. The Round Church required some repair work during the year. As we head into 2008, there will be considerable work involved in tracking down a leak in the wall or roof over the choir (opposite the organ, luckily), and upgrading of emergency lighting in certain places. The regular program of exterior painting will be resumed.
2. Trinity House: at the outset of the year, a major challenge (or opportunity) for which we turned to

our new Rector for guidance was the future of Trinity House in the old Rectory building. The number of

residents had become very low, and the last vacated before mid-year. The concept of Trinity House as a sort of religious community of our own making was reshaped as the summer progressed. By September we had a nearly full house of young people who respect and live in keeping with Christian values and who support and take part in the activities of the Parish.

In order to put the house in proper shape, considerable investment was made in upgrading of emergency lighting and smoke alarms, repairing windows and some deteriorated ceilings, painting, and a thorough cleaning. The deteriorated roof on the Maitland Street side was reshingled. Also, we were fortunate in that this also enabled us to house our Sextons in the building as part of the contractual arrangement with them, and they act as coordinators and monitors of resident activities. Although no one would say the

house is luxuriously appointed, it has become a comfortable and secure home for its residents. As we approach the future, the priorities will largely be those of improving energy efficiency and, over time, refinishing the shabby exterior.

3. With the arrival of our new Rector and Music Director, we rationalized the location of the general church office with theirs by setting them together in space on the second floor, back of the Guild Room. A new office space, to be the Rector's office, was created by building a little wall and door, fresh painting as needed spruced them up, and wiring and lighting were added for the copier and entry area. Most of this was done by volunteer labour.
4. The Sunday School Room in the hall benefited from new flooring in the kitchen and washrooms, courtesy of shared finances from YouthNet and the Parish. That space is quite intensely used, including YouthNet's lunch program, and it must be kept sanitary and presentable.
5. Other minor improvements in the hall were made for the convenience of users, and many other things could be done, such as upgrading the hall kitchen or repaving the deteriorated parking lot, but the major question of the hall's future remains to be resolved before big commitments can be made. In 2006, Parish Council initiated a quest for additional information concerning an option of retaining the hall in long-term use. Architect Harry Jost was retained to report on the potential of the hall to meet our needs and the feasibility of renovating it to a

standard adequate for our purposes. The results were presented to a Parish meeting in May, 2007, at and following which interested persons could submit questions for answer and discussion at a future meeting.

That follow-up meeting would have been held in the late fall, but has been delayed pending the outcome of looking into an altogether different idea. It has been suggested that a joint venture with a non-profit organization could see the hall replaced with a multiple story structure in the upper corner of our property, on Maitland Street and toward St. Pat's School. In that structure, the lowest floor would be at the level of the church floor, and the upper floors, two or three high, would house seniors, those who need assisted living, or some other clientele related to the inner city mission of the church.

The financial concept is that the organization developing the entire building would fund the whole project, providing the church with its space for offices and programs on lowest floor, without capital cost to the church. In effect, the Parish would use its land as its contribution to the project. The organization which is interested in the clientele's needs would manage those programs and finance their operation. Parish Council has authorized an exploration of the concept with suitable non-profit organizations whose objectives are compatible with ours, before we return our attention to the Jost report. As we head into 2008, arrangements are already made to start that process of discovery, with the goal of bringing

all options back to the Parish at a general meeting as soon as possible, hopefully before summer.

One item important to the Parish has been delayed by these considerations: the correction and adjustment of the property boundary of the lands occupied by the church, hall and former Rectory. The parts of the plan prepared in negotiation with Halifax Regional Municipality concerning adjusting the street lines where our buildings encroach on the street and vice versa are common sense, as is the plan to consolidate the patchwork of lots comprising our holdings, and will be done in any event. However, the suggested pattern of internal lot boundaries may require some further change depending on the outcome of work on deciding the hall's future. This will all be resolved and concluded as soon as possible.

6. The Little Dutch Church has required very little attention, due to the excellent program of restoration and strengthening which its management committee achieved over the last decade. We will be in good shape indeed, when all our buildings have been brought to a similar standard.

7. We continue to be glad to house the Russian Orthodox Church in the lower level of the hall, and they have been most cooperative and respectful of our concerns about property matters. They have at their own expense carried out some renovations to their space, such as painting and improvements to their sanctuary.
8. Routine operation of the Parish properties involves a myriad of items, from dealing with regulations and insurance to minor repairs, heating, telecommunications, managing the web site, snow removal, grounds and gardens (attractive and much noticed by all), cleaning, and security. Some of these are provided by contractors, but much is done by volunteers donating their labour and services in numerous ways. Much needs to be done during every year, and much will continue to require volunteers to keep costs down. The Property Committee will be challenged, and will need every parishioner's support as we move forward.

Jens Jensen
Property Warden

Administration Committee

The Administration Committee exists to provide a cohesive voice for the needs of the

office and office staff with the wardens and Parish Council.

Other Organizations and Groups

The Live Poets' Society

Do we, in this parish, live in a cultural desert? Are there only so few amateurs (in this sense, true) of words and their usage in writing? Are there so few who would appreciate the social sense of the meetings? A potluck lunch opens the proceedings on each occasion.

We remain afloat but that is about all that can be said. Come out of the woodwork on the third Sunday of the month during fall, winter and early spring.

We meet in the Sunday School Room at about 12:15, after the 10:30 service.

Amongst you, I am sure, there are those with words and phrases of value, as yet unseen, unheard, which may come to fruition for our erudition and enjoyment.

In expectation of better things to come!

Patricia Martinson
Alex Easton

Parish Archivist

The year saw very little in the way of activity, there were no major contributions of new historical record added to the Parish holdings.

There have been some new digital images, copied from historical records held by various outside sources, which are now available for study. These show the Hall and Rectory in the late 1800's; Canon Cunningham standing outside the Rectory in 1937; and a bird's eye shot of the top of the Church and Rectory taken in the late 1800's

from the top of either the steeple of St. Patrick's or the Grain elevator (the one which stood near the foot of Cornwallis Street).

Efforts will be made this coming year to consolidate the records held on site and to store them in a secure manner. Setting up a permanent schedule for the deposit of current records should also be completed.

Submitted by the Parish Archivist

Report of St. George's Representative on the Provincial Heritage Property Owners Association of Nova Scotia

As you may know, both of our churches are registered Provincial Heritage Properties. As such we have a place at the Owners Association, a non-profit mutual support society which promotes the concerns of heritage property owners in the province. I serve on the Board in addition to attending regular meetings. I was able to attend all but one of the meetings this year, and was able

to be present and speak at the Annual General Meeting in Canso.

The Owners Association is currently at a low ebb, with very few owners or stewards represented at meetings. There have been some advantages to owners in association, including dealing with insurance issues and combining for heating fuel price agreements.

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I have agreed to serve for 2008 and am in hopes that there will be some growth in the activity and outreach of the Association,

better serving those who have care of registered heritage properties.

St. George's Restoration Quilters

A small, faithful and intrepid group of Quilters continues to meet weekly during the Fall, Winter and Spring months to work on individual children's quilts and on a large heritage quilt. We have 8 finished quilts for children for donation to the Halifax Fire and Police services. The quilts are given to children in stressful life circumstances.

The large quilt was originally pieced (small pieces sewn into blocks to create a quilt top)

in the 1960's in Brockville using all cotton fabrics of the time. You may recognize the fabric patterns from your Grandmother's kitchen curtains and aprons and Grandfather's cotton shirts and pajamas! This bed-sized quilt, when finished will be sold to support the Church.

We always welcome new quilters.

Lynn R. Stevenson

Parish Library

Once again, the library at St. George's has grown considerably during the past year due to the gift of a number of books. These came from various sources. As they are generally excellent additions, we now have quite an unusual Parish Library.

I have been able to acquire two cabinets so that we are now – just – able to house all our materials. They are at present located in the

Guild Room and parishioners should know that they can ask me for access to the books any Sunday morning or whenever I happen to be present in the hall when they visit it. I shall continue from time to time to have books available for loan at coffee hour.

Vaila S. Mowat

Parish Gardens

Over the years, I have added shrubs and perennial plants to the various parts of the garden at St. George's and enlarged some of the plots to accommodate them. We now have a full house, and need only to replace some items and to buy annual plants to make a show during the summer. I also try to have attractive hanging baskets (about 7 at last count) at various points on the property.

This year I added phlox plants and replaced some lilies in the front with new bulbs.

Edmonds have helped to plant a small White Oak tree which we found in one of our plots in a better location. They have also pruned some of our lilac bushes, which were really quite out of control. I hope to add a second female holly – also with their help – when Spring comes around. (We already have one

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female and two male holly plants which they planted for us two years ago.) I also thank these wonderful people for trimming our Bridal-Wreath Spirea hedge along the front. I am in the process of replacing the tulip collection.

YouthNet has taken over part of the garden down by the lilac bushes and enlarged it.

They had a wonderful vegetable garden there last year. Because we grow so many flowers, we are able to supply the Altar Guild with bouquets from time to time. Suggestions are always welcome.

Vaila S. Mowat



Baptisms, Marriages and Funerals

HOLY BAPTISMS

April 15	Aaron Matthew Minh-Viet Phi
May 20	Johnylah Joan James
August 5	Tallis Benjamin Pickett
August 27	Corwin Arthur William Weatherbee
September 9	Rebekha Frances Hashem
September 30	Tyla Leigh Alexandra Vaux
October 28	Emily Kathleen Orman & Liam George Wadden
November 18	Hope Jaden Andrea Nelson

MARRIAGES

May 5	Christopher Boyd Snow & Tanya Lynn Pelreine
May 19	Gerald Ernest Francis & Aishwarya Ramakrishnan
June 14	Clyde Douglas Martin & Mary Carmelita MacDonald
July 21	Paul Anthony Keinick & Georgina Louise Kane
August 18	Scott Kevin Connors & Kimberly May Lickers
September 15	Kevin Melville Johnson & Emily Christine Lindsay McQuillan

FUNERAL RITES

January 3	Gordon William James Smith
January 9	Gerald Ernest Smith
February	Cyril Eric Matthews
April 23	Roberta Matthews
May 9	Sophia Grandy
July 28	Fr Beverley Strople
November 19	Dorothy Joan Hammond

Report of the Nominations Committee

Nominations - 2008

Position	Returning	Nominated
Senior Warden & Property Warden	Jens Jensen (3 of 3)	
Warden	Craig Savoury (2 of 3)	
Junior Warden		<i>Tracy Lenfesty (1 of 3)</i>
Treasurer	Mary Hills (2 of 3)	<i>Sue Mastin to assist Mary Hills</i>
Secretary		<i>Alex Easton</i>
Synod Delegates (3)		<i>Craig Savoury</i>
		<i>Dianna Lowe</i>
		<i>Benjamin Lee</i>
Synod Youth Delegate (1)		<i>Andrew Thorne</i>
Synod Alternate Delegate*		<i>Tracy Lenfesty</i>
Synod Alternate Youth Delegate*		<i>Kelsey Hunter</i>
Members-at-large	Vivien Hannon (3 of 3)	<i>Michal King (1 of 3)</i>
(12 maximum; 3-year terms)	Ian Stewart (3 of 3)	<i>Neil Robertson (1 of 3)</i>
	Aniko Lewton-Brain (3 of 3)	<i>Elizabeth Jones (1 of 3)</i>
	Jim Rawding (3 of 3)	<i>Barb Richardson (1 of 3)</i>
	Heather Neish (2 of 3)	<i>Joyce MacCulloch (1 of 3)</i>
		<i>Dan Sargeant (1 of 3)</i>
* do not serve on Parish Council unless they attend Synod		

Report of the Nominations Committee

Organizations who may elect a member for Parish Council:		
Non Parish Council positions:		
Regional Council Delegates	Wardens, Synod Delegates	
PWRDF Contact Person		Lynn Stevenson
Auditor (2 individuals)		Andrea Lee Dan Sargeant
Diocesan Times		Elizabeth Jones
2010 Contact Person	Elizabeth Haigh	
Parish Archivist	Jeffrey Reed	

In addition, the Nominating Committee sought people to take on key leadership responsibilities in the day-to-day life of the Parish.

Spiritual Development Chair		Neil Robertson
Pastoral Ministry/Outreach Contact Person	Kim Connors	
Stewardship Committee Chair		
Finance Committee Chair		
Property Committee Chair		To be elected by the Property Committee
Administration Committee Chair		Sarah Stevenson
Envelope Secretary	Evelyn Mann	
Hospitality Team Leader	Jean Milsom	
Sick & Shut-in Team Leader	Sheila Jackson	

Parish of St. George
Income & Expense Prev Year Comparison
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Accrual Basis

	Jan - Dec 07	Jan - Dec 06
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
GENERAL PARISH INCOME		
Offerings		
General Offerings		
Envelope Offerings	189,296	173,164
Direct Deposit	50,663	49,737
Loose	6,607	6,296
Total General Offerings	246,566	229,197
Designated Offerings		
Special Project - Chandalier		
Sunday School	300	100
Altar Guild	1,905	1,476
Deaf Ministry	1,684	3,255
Music	926	386
Outreach (formerly Poor) Fund	4,347	9,428
Soup Kitchen	3,055	3,817
TH Offerings	9,158	9,600
YouthNet	1,676	7,138
Total Designated Offerings	23,050	35,199
Total Offerings	269,616	264,395
Church Preservation Endowment	13,022	11,484
Investment Income		180
HST Income	5,059	5,298
Grant Income	5,000	7,190
Yard Sale		
Special Events	9,530	
Other Income	3,805	12,031
Total GENERAL PARISH INCOME	306,033	300,578
RENTAL INCOME		
Parking	8,205	9,505
Church Rental	1,135	1,490
Hall Rental	4,970	4,940
Total RENTAL INCOME	14,310	15,935
Total Income	320,343	316,513
Gross Profit	320,343	316,513
Expense		
584 - PST Expenses		
600 - GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES		
Prev. Year's Expenses/(Recovery)	1,000	36
HST Expenses	12,628	10,119
Office Expenses		
Computers & Equipment	1,929	85
Office Manager	4,300	3,707
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	3,297	3,766
Telecommunication	2,217	1,704
Internet	1,136	549
Photocopying	702	76
Supplies & Postage	2,915	2,094
Total Office Expenses	16,496	11,982
Allotment	44,587	44,586
Bank Service Charges	1,592	1,663
Total 600 - GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	76,302	68,388
700 - ORDAINED MINISTRY		
Priest-in-Charge		19,497
Recruitment & Relocation costs		15,204
Stipend - Rector	32,720	
Housing Allowance	25,400	
Travel Reimbursement	5,700	
Benefits	9,539	
Vacation Replacement	575	500

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	Jan - Dec 07	Jan - Dec 06
Total 700 · ORDAINED MINISTRY	73,934	35,201
800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY		
Deaf Ministry	8,165	9,255
Outreach (formerly Poor)	6,362	10,686
Scouts	1,000	1,000
St George's YouthNet	5,000	12,068
800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY - Other	89	
Total 800 · PASTORAL MINISTRY	20,616	33,009
850 · STEWARDSHIP	142	471
900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT		
A · General Expenses		
Advertising	838	1,893
Altar Guild	1,905	1,332
Gifts	439	130
Guest Speakers	1,380	475
Lay Readers Annual Dues	60	90
Liturgical Supplies	2,361	2,597
Parish Library	73	163
Special Events	200	200
Supplies	80	
Total A · General Expenses	7,335	6,880
C · Music Program		
Stipend - Director	12,500	9,500
Fees-Interim Director&Organist	8,735	7,125
Music Director Recruitment		1,655
Music Expenses	6,057	4,180
Total C · Music Program	27,292	22,460
D · Sunday School Program		
Youth	383	
Supplies & Materials	425	702
D · Sunday School Program - Other		
Total D · Sunday School Program	809	702
Total 900 · SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	35,436	30,043
1000 · PROPERTY		
A - General		
Supplies	569	
Security	2,033	
Development		98
Snow Removal	1,950	3,900
Insurance	14,310	16,578
Maintenance	1,658	
Total A - General	20,520	20,576
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)		
Grant-Matching Funds		7,500
Security		1,103
Janitorial Services		450
Maintenance & Repairs	9,987	18,806
Supplies	263	865
Taxes	538	534
Utilities		
Electric	5,196	5,188
Oil	13,286	9,871
Propane	676	1,343
Water	789	620
Total Utilities	19,948	17,022
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mait)	30,736	46,280
C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)		
Maintenance & Repairs	20,182	423
Taxes	3,142	3,063
Telephone	143	
Utilities		
Electric		

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	Jan - Dec 07	Jan - Dec 06
Oil	2,062	137
Water	338	431
Total Utilities	2,399	568
Total C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)	25,867	4,054
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)		
Utilities		
Electric	152	156
Total Utilities	152	156
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	152	156
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)		
Janitorial	3,600	
Organ Maintenance	318	1,238
Maintenance & Repairs	4,173	4,066
Security	970	3,653
Utilities		
Electric	977	1,405
Oil	12,183	10,177
Water	548	575
Total Utilities	13,707	12,158
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	22,767	21,114
Total 1000 - PROPERTY	100,042	92,181
Total Expense	306,472	259,292
Net Ordinary Income	13,871	57,221
Net Income	13,871	57,221

**Parish of St. George
Balance Sheet**

As of December 31, 2007 (unaudited at the time of printing)

Accrual Basis

	Dec 31, 07
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Direct Debit TD/Canada Trust	75,780
RBC General Account	37,531
Total Chequing/Savings	113,311
Accounts Receivable	
20 - Accounts Receivable	
2006 HST Due	5,059
20 - Accounts Receivable - Other	946
Total 20 - Accounts Receivable	6,005
Total Accounts Receivable	6,005
Other Current Assets	
Prepaid Expenses	3,079
Committed Investments	
Little Dutch Church Endowment	10,108
Preservation Fund	235,906
Diocese - Memorial	2,879
Diocese - Altar Guild	819
Diocese of NS #4 (Wright)	300
Pickford Choral Scholarship	9,006
Total Committed Investments	259,019
Un-Committed Investments	
Diocese of NS (Rectors Funds)	2,010
Diocese of NS (J. Shaw)	500
Diocese of NS (Rec. & Wardens)	5,500
Total Un-Committed Investments	8,010
Total Other Current Assets	270,107
Total Current Assets	389,424
TOTAL ASSETS	389,424
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	5,584
Total Accounts Payable	5,584
Other Current Liabilities	
210 - Deferred Revenue	
HRM Heritage Grant (hall)	
Grant	1,025
Matching Funds	1,025
Total HRM Heritage Grant (hall)	2,050
Trinity House	2,433
Soup Kitchen Fund	2,434
Rector's & Wardens	(79)
Rector's Discretionary Fund	85
Quashie Fund	800
Pickford Scholarship	1,046
Outreach (formerly Poor) Fund	1,885
Deaf Ministry	(700)
Curacy Fund	1,552
Corporate Grants	608
Christmas Outreach Fund	2,437
Next Year Allotment	
2004 Debt Reduction	5,038
Next Year Allotment - Other	479
Total Next Year Allotment	5,517
Total 210 - Deferred Revenue	20,068
Short Term Fund Accounts	

**Parish of St. George
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2007 (unaudited at the time of printing)**

	Dec 31, 07
Preservation ST Fund	924
Chandelier Fund	90
Altar Guild Fund	98
Choir Chair Fund	4,020
Diocesan Times Fund	25
Gabriel Guild	300
Hall Building Fund	2,280
PWRDF Appeal Fund	21
Restoration-for DioEndowmentFnd	50
Shining Lights	20
Special Gift Fund	295
Total Short Term Fund Accounts	8,123
Total Other Current Liabilities	28,191
Total Current Liabilities	33,775
Long Term Liabilities	
Long Term Fund Accounts	
Patricia Richard School Bursary	(80)
Endowment Funds	235,931
Choral Scholarship	9,129
Missions Appeal Fund	4,216
Memorial Fund	9,280
Organ Fund	1,362
Total Long Term Fund Accounts	259,838
Total Long Term Liabilities	259,838
Total Liabilities	293,612
Equity	
Retained Earnings	81,941
Net Income	13,871
Total Equity	95,811
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	389,424

Saint George's 2008 Budget

	2007 Budget Jan - Dec	2007 Budget Actuals	2008 Budget Proposed	
Income				
OFFERINGS				
General Offerings	252,909	246,346	251,813	Formerly General Parish Income
Designated Offerings				Amount needed to balance budget
Chandelier		90		New
Sunday School		300	100	New
Altar Guild	1,300	1,905	1,500	
Deaf Ministry	5,000	1,684	3,000	
Music	350	926	500	
Poor Fund	3,000	4,097	3,000	
Community Ministry			9,000	New committed designated offering
Soup Kitchen	2,500	3,055	2,500	
Trinity House Offerings	12,000	10,238	15,000	
YouthNet	2,500	1,676	2,500	
Designated subtotal	26,650	23,881	37,100	New line for subtotal
Total Offerings	279,559	270,317	288,913	
GENERAL PARISH INCOME				
Preservation Endowment	10,000	13,022	12,000	
Other endowments	-	0	0	Income reinvested
HST Refund	6,000	0	10,000	
Grants	5,000	5,000	4,000	Application to Growth for Ministry
Fundraising Events	8,000	10,455	10,000	Combines various events
RENTAL INCOME				
Parking	8,000	8,145	8,000	
Church	1,500	1,135	1,500	
Hall	4,000	4,970	4,500	
Total PARISH INCOME	\$ 322,059	\$ 313,044	\$ 338,913	
Expenses				
600 . GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES				
Prev. Year's Expenses(Recovery)	-	1,000	0	
HST Expenses	12,000	12,424	12,000	
Synod	-			

Saint George's 2008 Budget

	Jan - Dec	Actuals	Proposed
Office Expenses			
Computers & Equipment	\$ 1,400	1886	1000
Office Manager	\$ 4,200	4,300	14,400
Photocopier Lease/Maintenance	\$ 4,725	3,297	5,000
Telecommunication	\$ 2,450	1,830	2,450
Internet	\$ 1,000	1,047	1,400
Photocopying (outside sourced)	\$ 100	702	100
Supplies & Postage	\$ 2,500	2,891	3,350
Total Office Expenses	\$ 16,375	\$ 15,953	\$ 27,700
Allotment	\$ 47,924	44,586	45,000
Bank Service Charges	\$ 1,500	1,553	1,500
Total 600 - GENERAL PARISH EXPENSES	\$ 77,799	\$ 75,516	\$ 86,200
700 - ORDAINED MINISTRY			
Priest in Charge	\$ -	0	0
Recruitment & Relocation costs	\$ -	0	0
Stipend - Rector	\$ 32,700	32,720	34,423
Housing Allowance - Rector	\$ 25,400	25,400	25,400
Travel Reimbursement	\$ 5,700	5,700	3,600
Benefits	\$ 10,500	9,539	9,700
Vacation Replacement	\$ 500	575	500
Total 700 - ORDAINED MINISTRY	\$ 74,800	\$ 73,934	\$ 73,623
800 - PASTORAL MINISTRY			
Deaf Ministry	\$ 8,750	8,165	8,500
Soup Kitchen	\$ 2,500	0	2,500
YouthNet	\$ 7,500	5,000	5,000
Poor Fund	\$ 4,200	6,362	4,200
Community Ministry			
Scouts	\$ 1,000	1,000	9,000
Total 800 - PASTORAL MINISTRY	\$ 23,950	\$ 20,527	\$ 30,200
805A - STEWARDSHIP	\$ 500	142	500
Total 800A - STEWARDSHIP	\$ 500	142	500
900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT			
A . General Expenses			
Liturgical Supplies	\$ 3,000	2,361	3,000
Altar Guild	\$ 1,300	1,371	1,300
Advertising	\$ 2,000	335	3,500
Guest Speakers	\$ 2,000	1,380	2,300
Parish Library	\$ 200	73	200
Gifts	\$ 200	439	500

Parish to pay market value of snow

New program

Saint George's 2008 Budget

	Jan - Dec	Actuals	Proposed
Special Events	200	200	200
Other		80	
Total A - General Expenses	8,900	6,239	11,000
C - Music Program			
Stipend - Director	12,500	12,500	25,000
Interim Director/Organist	5,595	8,735	0
Vacation Replacement	500	0	500
Musicians	-		5000
Music Expenses	6,500	6,057	3,000
Total C - Music Program	25,095	27,292	33,500
D - Sunday School Program			
Supplies & Materials	1,500	383	800
Youth	1,000	425	1,000
Total D - SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM	2,500	808	1,800
Total 900 - SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT	36,495	34,339	46,300
1000 - PROPERTY			
A - General			
Development	-	0	0
Snow Removal	4,600	1,950	0
Security	3,250	2033	3200
Supplies	750	569	750
Maintenance		1558	1600
Insurance	17,500	14,310	17,500
Total A - General	26,100	20,420	23,050
B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mat)			
Security		0	
Janitorial Services	-	0	0
Maintenance & Repairs	12,000	10,087	5,000
Supplies		263	0
Taxes	600	538	600
Utilities			
Electric	5,400	5,196	5,400
Oil	14,950	13,286	15,000
Propane	1,000	676	1,000
Water	1,500	789	1,000
Total Utilities	22,850	19,947	22,400
Total B - Hall (5429 Cornw&2227 Mat)	35,450	30,835	28,000
C - Rectory (5435 Cornwalls)			
Maintenance & Repairs	12,000	20,182	12,000

New line, formerly part of music exp.

Donated

All security under general property
Donated

Saint George's 2008 Budget

	Jan - Dec	Actuals	Proposed
Taxes	3,200	3,142	3,200
Telephone		206	
Utilities			New
Electric		846	2500
Oil	200	1943	3000
Water	400	338	400
Total Utilities	600	2,281	3,400
Total C - Rectory (5435 Cornwallis)	15,800	25,605	18,600
E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)			
Maintenance & Repairs			
Taxes			
Utilities			
Electric	240	152	240
Total Utilities	240	152	240
Total E - Deutsch Ch. (2393 Brnswck)	240	152	240
F - Church (2222 Brunswick)			
Organ Maintenance	2,000	318	2,000
Maintenance & Repairs	10,000	4,173	10,000
Janitorial Services	3,600	3,600	3,600
Security		970	0
Taxes		0	0
Utilities			
Electric	1,725	977	1,500
Oil	13,000	12,183	15,000
Water	600	548	600
Total Utilities	15,325	13,708	17,100
Total F - Church (2222 Brunswick)	30,925	22,769	32,700
Total 1000 - PROPERTY	108,515	99,781	102,590
Total Expense	322,059	304,239	338,913
Surplus (Deficit)	-	8,805	-

Assumptions used during the budgeting process for 2008

- 1 balanced budget
- 2 budget to pay allotment
- 3 designated offerings apply first to parish budget

Date: September 30, 2007

Gravelot Fund Register

The Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island

Parish: **ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, HALIFAX #54 (053)**

Graveyard: **OLD DUTCH CEMETERY (043)**



Investor Name	Lot	Orig. Invest Date	Accumulate	CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS			SHARE UNITS AT 43.91693			Market Value	Distribution of Income
				Opening Balance	Transactions	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Transactions	Closing Balance		
REINVEST DEC 01	001	29-May-02	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$10.62	\$0.14	\$10.76	0.24740	0.00309	0.25049	\$11.00	\$0.14
WRIGHT	010	19-Mar-39	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$334.69	\$17.34	\$352.03	30.75465	0.38443	31.13908	\$1,367.53	\$17.09
Totals for Graveyard OLD DUTCH CEMETERY (043)				\$345.31	\$17.48	\$362.79	31.00205	0.38753	31.38958	\$1,378.53	\$17.23

Date: September 30, 2007

Parish: ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, HALIFAX #54 (053)

Endowment and Trust Fund Register

The Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island



Endowment Name	ID	Orig. Invest Date	Accumulate	CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS			SHARE UNITS AT 43.91693			Market Value	Distribution of Income
				Opening Balance	Transactions	Closing Balance	Opening Balance	Transactions	Closing Balance		
ALTAR GUILD	840	19-May-99	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$819.00	\$0.00	\$819.00	20.12828	0.00000	20.12828	\$883.97	\$11.05
HELEN C JOHNSON MINISTRY	825	30-Jun-07	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$0.00	\$25,363.80	\$25,363.80	0.00000	562.34194	562.34194	\$24,696.33	\$308.70
LITTLE DUTCH CHURCH	845	14-Dec-06	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$10,538.33	\$129.23	\$10,667.56	229.20591	2.86507	232.07098	\$10,191.85	\$127.40
MEMORIAL FUND	850	19-May-99	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$903.99	\$12.49	\$916.48	22.14643	0.27683	22.42326	\$984.76	\$12.31
PICKFORD	860	19-May-99	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$9,128.65	\$0.00	\$9,128.65	223.23696	0.00000	223.23696	\$9,803.88	\$122.55
PRESERVATION & CONSERVATI	870	31-Jan-99	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$235,931.42	\$0.00	\$235,931.42	5,756.72745	0.00000	5,756.72745	\$252,817.80	\$3,160.22
RECTORS & WARDENS OF CHUR	810	31-Mar-36	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$6,269.93	\$384.79	\$6,654.72	682.49159	8.53115	691.02273	\$30,347.60	\$379.34
RECTORS FUNDS	830	01-Jul-36	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$2,010.67	\$0.00	\$2,010.67	201.06700	0.00000	201.06700	\$8,830.25	\$110.38
SHAW JAMES A	820	16-Jun-58	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$557.83	\$28.90	\$586.73	51.25790	0.64072	51.89862	\$2,279.23	\$28.49
Totals for Parish ST GEORGE'S CHURCH, HALIFAX #54				\$266,159.82	\$25,919.21	\$292,079.03	7,186.26150	574.65571	7,760.91722	\$340,835.66	\$4,260.44

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DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA AND PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
COMPREHENSIVE INSURANCE PROGRAM
DECLARATION CERTIFICATE

Renewal

CERTIFICATE NO. NSPE-054

In consideration of the conditions, stipulations and declarations contained herein and the general conditions and riders attached hereto and the premium specified below, the INSURERS, do insure as follows:

CERTIFICATE HOLDER : THE PARISH OF ST. GEORGE
MAILING ADDRESS OF CERTIFICATE HOLDER : 2222 Brunswick Street,
Halifax, N.S. B3K2Z3
POLICY PERIOD : From March 01, 2007, until March 01, 2008
at 12:01 a.m. standard time
TOTAL PREMIUM : \$14,375.00

<u>PART</u>	<u>LIMIT OF LIABILITY</u>	<u>DEDUCTIBLE</u>
I) PROPERTY OF EVERY DESCRIPTION	As per attached Schedule of Locations	\$2,500 each occurrence, except \$25,000 Flood 3% \$100,000 min. Earthquake
II) BOILER & MACHINERY	Included	\$2,500. each occurrence
III) COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY	\$5,000,000.	\$500 each occurrence Property Damage
IV) POLLUTION LIABILITY	\$1,000,000	\$1,000. Third Party Property Damage only
V) COMPREHENSIVE CRIME		
- Employee Dishonesty Form A	\$ 50,000	\$ 500. each occurrence
- Inside/Outside Holdup	\$ 25,000	\$ 250. each occurrence
- Depositors Forgery	\$ 20,000	\$ 500. each occurrence
- Money Orders & Counterfeit Currency	\$ 20,000	\$ 500. each occurrence
- Credit Card Fraud	\$ 20,000	\$ 500. each occurrence

LOSS, if any, PAYABLE TO: Named Insured or as amended on Schedule of Locations

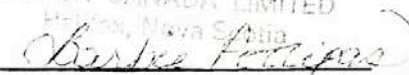
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE OFFICE plc has issued a Master Policy No. 0105122FX01, but this Certificate shall not be binding upon the Company unless countersigned by a duly authorized representative of the Company.

DIRECTOR'S & OFFICERS' LIABILITY	\$1,000,000 per occurrence subject to an annual aggregate of \$1,000,000 (Including Defense Costs)
RETENTION	\$2,500 for Loss arising from claims alleging the same Wrongful Act or related Wrongful Acts.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AMERICAN HOME ASSURANCE COMPANY has issued a Master Policy No. 0547404, but this Certificate shall not be binding upon the Company unless countersigned by a duly authorized representative of the Company.

<u>COVERAGE</u>	<u>INSURERS</u>	<u>PARTICIPATION</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
Part I to V Inclusive	Ecclesiastical Insurance Office plc	100%	\$14,260.00
Directors' & Officers' Insurance	American Home Assurance Company	100%	\$ 115.00

Dated March 27, 2006 at Halifax, Nova Scotia

Countersigned per, 
By, MARSH CANADA LIMITED