

2022 Annual Report

Living Our Faith Together



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*The St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report
have been printed separately.*

Minister's Report

Vision of the New Jerusalem

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.... The home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, ... [The] People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.” (Revelation 21:1-2b, 3, 26)

Above is a quote from John's description of a vision of the promised Kingdom – the New Jerusalem. It's an ecstatic, divine vision that John is shown in Revelation of what God wants for the redeemed Church and creation. This vision of the Kingdom – a vision that promises a place and time where all things, peoples, our hopes are united as one in Christ – has been the goal and aspiration of the Christian Church since it began: it is the aspiration of every community of faith as it seeks to represent Christ – to be Christ's Body – wherever and whenever it meets.

Standing behind the Communion Table at the end of the 175th Anniversary service on Sunday, October 16th was a “Kingdom” moment for St. Andrew's and me: there, in one service, was St. Andrew's as one body – the Body of Christ – worshipping in music, two languages, multiple cultures; in celebration; in hope and faith! It was, in that moment, not only a glimpse of John's vision of the Kingdom – the New Jerusalem, but also a vision of how far St. Andrew's has come!

2022 started off very much that same way 2021 ended – still under the cloud of COVID and the uncertainty of how to adapt pre-COVID activities and practices to the “new reality.” St. Andrew's managed to faithfully navigate the pandemic through 2020 and 2021, but the ‘fatigue’ of dealing with the COVID rollercoaster took its toll on my health, and I ended up needing to take a 3-month medical leave. I am grateful to Rev. Wayne J. Baswick who stepped in as “Interim Minister” to cover the worship services and to moderate the Session meeting. I am also thankful to Jean Bradshaw who, as Clerk of Session, took on extra duties while I was on leave.

Unfortunately, 2022 also experienced the largest stock market correction in over a decade – creating a ‘perfect storm’ for St. Andrew's finances. While St. Andrew's is in a much better financial position than it was 10 years ago, all its eggs are in one basket! With the freezing of the PCC Consolidated Fund, where St. Andrew's Memorial Funds are invested, about a third of our annual income was cut off. Add to this the fact that we were unable to withdraw any of the funds from that Fund – meaning that that source of revenue was also unavailable. While its 2020-2021 COVID offering revenue was strong, St. Andrew's rental income was nonexistent due to the building being closed. For the first time in several years, St. Andrew's was faced with a deficit, bringing back fears that added to the uncertainty created by COVID. But there is so much more to St. Andrew's than this!

At the beginning of the pandemic, I believed that St. Andrew's not only had a future, but that it would be stronger and more diverse as it emerged from the adversity it was going through: and it is. St. Andrew's weathered the Summer and began the Fall with the hope that God would guide and bless it as it moved forward faithfully – as evidenced by the invitation to the 147th Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, The Rev. Dr. Robert Farris to preach at the 175th Anniversary service! And, what a service! About 150 people from both our morning and afternoon services attended, the choir sang special music and the Leap of Faith band played – as did the S-EAOM Music Team and Choir. And after the service, we held our first reception in the Great Hall in two and a half years where we served cake and enjoyed a long-overdue time of Fellowship!

From that Sunday, St. Andrew's has been regaining ground lost due to COVID. In-person worship attendance is increasing, our online attendance continues to be steady, the Session approved the reopening of the building to our renters, its Committees continued their work, and, in early 2023, returned to in-person meeting – with a hybrid online option. The year ended with another great response to our bi-annual Elder election that resulted in a great slate of new and returning Elders who have responded to the call to serve and lead St. Andrew's for the next 6 years. Advent and Christmas Eve brought with it a sense of a return to normalcy – and even a generational snowstorm didn't stop us from having our Christmas Eve and Day services!

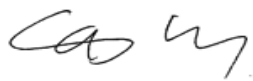
As I write this, in March 2023, I have announced that, after over 10 years as the Lead Minister at St. Andrew's, I have received a Call to another congregation. It was not an easy decision to make, nor was it one I expected, but just as God called me to St. Andrew's out of the blue, God has called me to go. I

have been honoured to serve and lead St. Andrew's over the past decade. Much has been done – the development of the GRACE Groups; the restructuring of the Food Bank; the switch to a Term Service model for the Session; the establishment of a new, internally controlled Memorial Fund; the creation of the South-East Asian Outreach Ministry (S-EAOM) which has blessed St. Andrew's with its cultural diversity; the bi-annual Pre-Lent and Pre-Advent Events; and the annual Faith in ACT!ON campaigns – all to the glory of God and with the help of many people – past and present, and too many to thank here!

I knew when I came in 2012 that St. Andrew's was facing several challenges, but I believed strongly that God had a plan and a purpose for St. Andrew's, that it had a future and a role to play in making a difference in the community it is in – and because of this, we faced each of those challenges in faith and confidence. Standing behind the Communion Table at the end of the 175th Anniversary service, I knew that while St. Andrew's will have challenges ahead of it, God's plan and purpose for this congregation is still for it to be the best it can be – for it to be that vision of the Body of Christ, to be that community that reflects God's glory as an example of the "Kingdom" for all to see! I hope that you can see it, too.

In closing, I thank you for your prayers, support, friendship, and company as we journeyed together through the past 10 years. I will miss St. Andrew's, but I pray that God will bless and guide St. Andrew's, its Session, and Committees, and each of you – its members – as, together, you bring honour and glory to God in all that you say and do!

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Geoff Ross

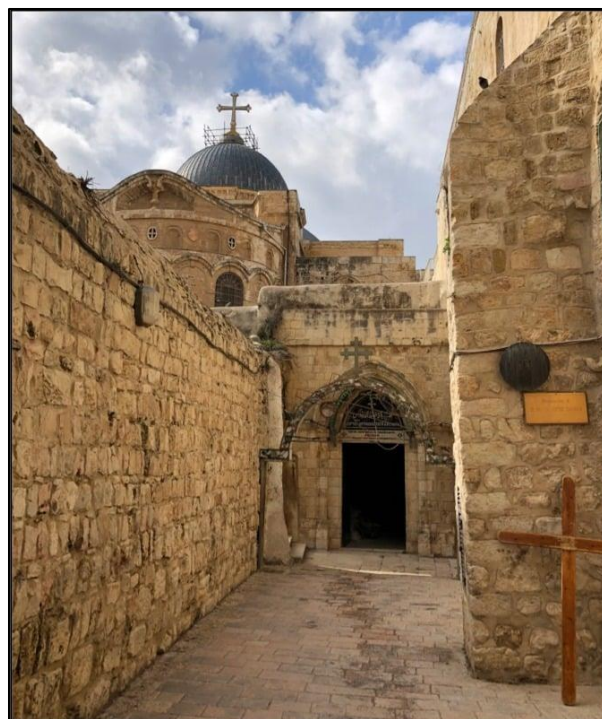


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**2023 Annual General Meeting
April 23, 2023**

Proposed Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Appointment of Recording Secretary
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Adoption of, and Business Arising from, Minutes of November 22, 2022
5. Reports of Session, Committees, and Groups
6. Motion to Accept Committee Reports
7. Report of the Board of Trustees
 - Nomination of Trustees: *Stan Loree, Gord Warren, Debbie Warwick, Henry Peyer*
8. Report of the Stewardship Committee
 - Review Performance of 2022 Budget
 - Auditor's Report
 - Motion to accept the audited financial statements as printed
 - Appointment of Auditor (*RLB CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS*), Treasurer (*Anna-Marie Dewar*)
 - Envelope Secretaries as appointed by Session: *Kim Shepherd, Valerie Martin*
9. New Business
10. Votes of Thanks
11. Closing Prayer
12. Congregational Meetings:
 - Budget Meeting – November 19, 2023
 - Annual General Meeting – April 14 or April 21, 2024

Minutes of Congregational Budget Meeting November 20, 2022

A Hybrid Meeting was held: 36 members in Sanctuary, 22 on Zoom

Opening Prayer: Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross opened the meeting in prayer.

Motion by H. Collins, Seconded by K. Shepherd: to appoint J. Bradshaw as recording secretary.

AGREED

Adoption of the Agenda:

Motion by J. Bradshaw, Seconded by J. Young: to adopt the agenda as presented.

AGREED

Approval of Minutes of Previous Congregational Meeting:

Motion by J. Bradshaw, Seconded by J. Collins: to approve the Minutes of April 3, 2022 Annual Meeting.

AGREED

Budget Presentation – Stewardship Committee Team and Committee Chairs:

Stewardship Committee presented by H. Collins

A-M Dewar read the Vision Statement:

At St. Andrew's, we: learn together to know God's love through worship, study, and prayer; put our faith into action by loving and caring for each other; use God's gifts to go forth to bring others to Christ.

The Treasurer reminded the meeting that donations to the Food Bank, Presbyterian Sharing, and PWS&D are not included in the Budget.

H. Collins welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all the Committees for their hard work during 2022. She then asked each Committee Chair to explain what they hope to accomplish in 2023 as outlined in their budgets.

Mission & Outreach Committee presented by R. Kirkpatrick

Thanks to the congregation for their support and participation in its activities during 2022.

The Committee is busy making plans for 2023, hoping to expand its activities in the community.

The annual Faith in ACT!ON project will again be a main event. As the Santa Claus Parade has a new route, we will again hold a hats, mitts, scarves, and socks drive to donate to Ellen House and homeless people in downtown Brampton.

S-EAOM Team: The Budget is allocated to capital expenses to purchase envelopes, bulletins, instruments, curriculum, bibles, technology for online worship, Babar's salary, and an annual convention. We have applied for a Grant from Presbyterian Church in Canada; we will have to cut expenses if we do not receive it.

Women's Missionary Society (WMS) held many Zoom meetings throughout the year, but all fundraisers were canceled because of COVID.

Food Bank

The Food Bank at St. Andrew's does not have a Budget and receives most of its funds from the congregation. It also accepts donations of food and money from outside sources.

Christian Education Committee presented by K. Shepherd

The Sunday School lost five teachers during COVID, but this did not dampen the spirits of those remaining. We resumed Sunday School in October with a small group of children, and their enthusiasm is infectious. We will continue with the Pre-Lent and Pre-Advent Family events and hope to resume Vacation Bible School in 2023.

We are appealing for volunteers to teach; we have all the necessary materials.

We decreased our Budget for 2023 by \$700.00 as we plan to re-purpose the materials we have on hand.

Property Committee presented by P. Shepherd

This Committee continued to deal with the general maintenance of the building. Contractors take care of the lawn, snow removal, security checks., and the lighting on the outside of the building

The steps at the Church need repairing, and the Fire Panel must be replaced. These two items will be significant expenses.

Worship Committee presented by I. Jess

It is the privilege of the Worship Committee to provide support and guidance concerning Sunday morning Worship Services.

The number of worshippers in Church on Sunday mornings has increased now that the COVID restrictions no longer apply. We continue with online streaming on Facebook.

Stewardship Committee

The Proposed Budget for 2023 is presented by A-M Dewar, Treasurer

The Budget for 2023 is prepared on a cash basis and shows a deficit of \$83,000.00.

The offering is the largest source of revenue coming into the Church but is down by 50% in 2022.

The Fundraisers held in 2022 were North Country Meats, hanging baskets, and the sale of a book which brought in some additional revenue. 83% of the Stewardship Budget goes to salaries.

Other sources of revenue come from rent and weddings.

We applied for a P.C.C. grant to support the S-EAOM; their expenses will need to be reduced if we do not receive this grant.

- The Flame Endowment Fund is four years old, and funds are allocated as follows: The General Fund 40%; Programs, Mission, and Benevolent Fund 30%; Capital Facilities 30% or to a designated Fund.
- The value of the P.C.C. Pension Fund is down, and no income was received in 2022, nor are we likely to receive any payment in 2023.
- Enduring Gifts Fund is money left to the Church and a source of income. A downturn in the stock market means we did not receive revenue for 2022, nor will we receive revenue in 2023.
- The line of credit is zero, but we will use it in 2023, and the interest rate is 7.5%.
- We cannot afford this Budget, but with careful spending and increased offering, we should survive 2023.
- Anna-Marie reminded the congregation of the various ways to give: PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance), e-transfer, and offering envelopes.

Motion by A-M Dewar, seconded by M. Harvey: to accept the 2023 Budget as presented.

CARRIED

Thank you to Committee Chairs for their presentations.

Thank you to Anna-Marie Dewar, Treasurer, for her hard work preparing the Budget.

The meeting adjourned.

Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross closed the meeting in prayer.

**Elders Serving on Session
of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
as of December 31, 2022**

The Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross, Moderator of Session
The Rev. Rosemary Doran, Minister Emeritus
The Rev. Wayne J. Baswick, Associate Minister
The Rev. Babar Allahditta, Associate Minister

K. Shepherd	2016-2022	J. Young	2018-2024	H. Peyer	2021-2026
R. McMechan	2016-2022	J. Bradshaw	2018-2024	S. Babar	2021-2026
E. Emanuel	2016-2022	P. Willoughby	2018-2024	R. Kirkpatrick	2021-2026
E. Boyd	2017-2022	A. Dewar	2019-2024	K. Hutchinson	2021-2026
		S. Jackson	2019-2024		

**Supporting Elders
as of December 31, 2022**

A.J. Hunt	1967	M. Harvey	1996
W. Gemmill	1972	S. Jess	1998
J.F. MacDonald	1972	L. Malek	1998
I.C. Jess	1981	A. Mear	1998
S. Kellam	1981	V. Warren	1998
C. Kester	1981	R. Wightman	1998
G. Burrows	1983	T. Campbell	2004
B. Embling	1983	R. Duncan	2004
H. Eitner	1986	S. Loree	2004
M. MacDonald	1986	F. Holmes	1987
D. Warwick	2006	B. Cornish	1989
M. Jackson	2014	J. Nicholson	1989
J. Urquhart	1989	M. Hunt	1989
M. Nicol	2018	D. Armstrong-Volpe	1992
M. Tedder	2016	D. Young	1992
G. Warren	2016	F. Alexander	1996
J. Stratton	2021	K. Jackson	1996

St. Andrew's Leadership in 2022

Lead Minister
Rev. Geoffrey M. Ross

Minister Emeritus
Rev. Rosemary Doran

Minister in Association
Rev. Wayne J. Baswick

Minister in Association
Rev. Babar Allahditta

Music Director
Shelagh Tyreman

Office Administrator
Valerie Barrett

Clerk of Session
Jean Bradshaw

Past Clerk of Session
Kim Shepherd

Session Treasurer
Stan Loree

Representative Elder
Eunice Boyd

2022 Committee Chairs

Christian Education
Congregational Care
Food Bank
Mission & Outreach
Property
Stewardship
Worship

Treasurer
Stan Loree (Interim)
Anna-Marie Dewar

Envelope Secretaries
Bea Embling
Valerie Warren

Trustees
Stan Loree
Henry Peyer
Debbie Warwick
Gord Warren

Jean Bradshaw
Felicity Alexander
Gord Warren
Eunice Boyd
Peter Shepherd
Helen Collins
Karen Hutchinson



Committee Members in 2022

All pastoral staff are *ex officio* members of all committees with no vote.

Christian Education

Jean Bradshaw (*Chair*)
Kim Shepherd

Congregational Care

Felicity Alexander (*Coordinator*)
Susan Jess
Sandra Jackson

Food Bank

Gord Warren (*Chair*)
Grace Brewster-Yates
Tom Campbell
Belle Campbell
Bruce Cornish
Herb Eitner
Ian Jess

Mission & Outreach

Robyn Kirkpatrick (*Chair*)
Suzzy Kirkpatrick
June Young
Colin Young
Paul Willoughby
Eunice Boyd
Carmen McCreary
Blanche McCreary

Property

Peter Shepherd (*Acting Chair*)
Richard McMechan
Bill Dewar
Barry Ford
Christian Shepherd
Stan Loree

Stewardship

Helen Collins (*Chair*)
Rosalind Cammidge (*Secretary*)
Henry Peyer (*Session rep*)
Stan Loree (*Interim Treasurer*)
Anna-Marie Dewar (*Treasurer*)
Bea Embling (*Envelope Sec.*)
Valerie Warren (*Envelope Sec.*)

Worship

Karen Hutchinson (*Chair*)
Ian Jess
Paul Willoughby (*Welcoming Teams*)
Samina Babar (*Communion*)
Peter Shepherd (*Audiovisual Team*)
Shelagh Tyreman (*Music Director*)

Many of our committees
need additional members –
can you help?

Session

The St. Andrew's Session comprises 15 Serving Elders and the Ministerial staff. In 2022, we said goodbye to six Serving Elders: Kim Shepherd, Richard McMechan, Emanuel Emanuel, Colin Young, and Eunice Boyd. Paul Willoughby stepped down before his term of office ended. We thank all of you for your dedication and years of service on Session, and we look forward to working with you in the future as Supporting Elders.

The Session held an election for new Elders in December 2022, and the response was 73 ballots with 84 names submitted. The Session needs five Elders to serve six-year terms and two Elders to complete the terms of Elders who stepped down before their service ended.

The Session closed the Summer Session Team as their work since 2020 was no longer necessary. A great relief for six very tired Elders – thanks for your hard work and dedication!

The Session held two Leading With Care seminars in February 2022. Mr. D. Phillips from the P.C.C. led the seminars. 56 volunteers from our various Committees and Teams attended the workshops.

The various Committees were busy during 2022, holding fundraisers, running a successful Faith in ACT!ON campaign, and improving and maintaining the property. You can read the full details in the Committee Reports.

We welcomed back our renters; the Food Bank continues to serve a growing clientele weekly, and the I.T. experts continue to improve our digital footprint. We thank you for your continued patience, prayers, and support for all St. Andrew's ministries in the future. We ask for your prayers and support in 2023.

Jean Bradshaw
Clerk of Session



St. Andrew's Session Fund

Financial Summary
for the year ended December 31, 2022
(with comparative numbers for the prior year)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Receipts		
Donations from Elders	1,555.00	880.00
Loose Offerings	300.00	192.25
2021 Refugee Fund balance	906.00	
Benevolent Contribution - non session	200.00	
Total Receipts	\$2,961.00	\$1,072.25
Disbursements		
Benevolent Distribution	(2,000.00)	(600.00)
Bank Charge		(1.50)
Total Expenses	\$(2,000.00)	\$(601.50)
Surplus (deficit) for the year	\$961.00	\$470.75
Opening bank balance	<u>\$2,217.18</u>	<u>\$1,746.43</u>
Ending bank balance	<u>\$3,178.18</u>	<u>\$2,217.18</u>

2022 Statistical Report of the Session

Communicant Membership as of December 31, 2021 **491**

Added during 2022 by:

Profession of Faith 13

Removed during 2022 by:

Deaths 4

Transfer Out 2

Removal from Roll by Session 34

Communicant Membership as of December 31, 2022 **464**

New Members

Balquess Bibi	Rookmin Bisnauth
Dawood Hanif	Pinki Hanif
Saba Hanif	Mariam Shakeel Malik
Shakeel Maqbool Malik	Bashir Masih
Hanif Masih	Naveed Masih
Rita Rani	Barend Zinkweg
Wilma Zinkweg	

Baptisms

Princeton Jahkai Laird Banton	Ethan Anjum Bhatti
Dawood Hanif	Pinki Hanif
Saba Hanif	Kailer James Lawrence Scott
Nicole Margaret Martin	Eliana Lily Seepersad
Evelyn Heather Elizabeth Stratton	Aaron Cedric Wilson

In Memoriam

(Members and Adherents deceased during 2022)

John (Ian) Anderson	Neil Brown
John Challis	Anne Russell

Memorial Gifts 2002-2022

2003	Estate of Tom Kadey	5,000
2003	Estate of Beatrice Fenwick	132,500
2004	Estate of Verna R. Marshall	64,944
2004	Estate of Dorothy M. McInerney	505
2005	Estate of Dorothy M. McInerney	5,000
2006	Estate of Claude McLaughlin	50,000
2007	Estate of Hector Douglas McGee	3,000
2007	Estate of Beatrice Fenwick	112,235
2007	In memory of Blake Stansfield	1,500
2007	Estate of Elizabeth McHardy	2,000
2009	Estate of Joan Sargeant and Gladys Martin in memory of Thomas William and Annis Martin	161,742
2010	Family of Elspeth Stansfield	1,000
2010	Estate of Jack Malcolm	5,000
2010	Estate of Norma Small	5,000
2012	Estate of Meribeth Lamont	25,000
2013	Estate of Clara Vanderperk	34,275
2013	Estate of Reginald Allman	162,500
2014	Estate of Bruce Carruthers	148,873
2015	Estate of Reginald Allman	100,000
2016	Estate of Reginald Allman	106,000
2017	Estate of Reginald Allman	165,000
2018	Estate of Reginald Allman	12,500
2020	Estate of Mary McLean	30,000
2020	Estate of Reginald Allman	5,679
2021	Estate of Helen Gardiner	25,000
2022	Estate of Helen Graham	1,000

In addition to these cash donations, the Armstrong family donated the stained glass window in the Minister's Vestry.

2022 Memorials

Monies were received in memory of the following members:

Gary Martin
Bob Alexander
Esther Hunter
John Challis
Harold Smith
John Boyd

Board of Trustees

2022 Board of Trustees Report

ROYAL BANK ACCOUNT - MEMORIAL FUND

Enduring Gifts Fund at December 31, 2022

Royal Bank Bank Savings Account, December 31, 2022	\$	9,417.53
		<u>\$ 9,417.53</u>

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements

Receipts

Interest from GICs and bank deposits	\$	0.87
Transfers from FLAME endowments		9,477.84
Closing bank balance December 31, 2021		9,537.91
	\$	<u>19,016.62</u>

Disbursements

Bank service charges	\$	11.25
Transfer to PCC Investment fund	\$	9,587.84
Closing bank balance December 31, 2022		9,417.53
	\$	<u>19,016.62</u>

Call to Prayer (Hour of Corporate Prayer)

As we begin the third month of 2023, we can look back on both the natural and manmade worst disasters since the end of WW2.

We prayed for the thousands of folks killed and the millions made homeless as a result of the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. We prayed for the people of Ukraine and the millions of refugees who have fled the country in the past year due to the invasion by Russia which now enters its second year.

On the third Friday of each month, a virtual group prays for God's intervention in these and other events that only our Saviour can resolve. We also give thanks and are encouraged by the people of Poland (Ukraine's next door neighbour) who have taken in nearly two million refugees in the past year, and for other countries who are providing much of the necessities of life, truly following the words of Jesus: "*Love Your Neighbour*".

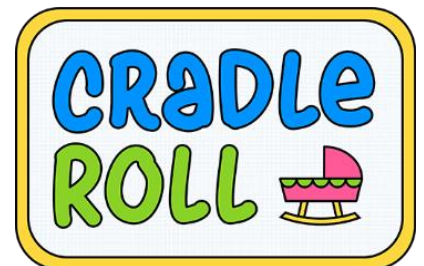
Ray Scanlan

Cradle Roll

There were no baptisms in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID lockdown.

With the lifting of some restrictions in 2022, the Sacrament of Baptism was administered in May and again in November.

I presented Cradle Roll Certificates to the six children under three years old who were baptized in 2022. I hand-delivered a birthday card to one of the children baptized in May 2022, as his third birthday was four days after his baptism.



I am pleased to be able to provide this outreach service as part of my Stewardship and Congregational Care commitments at St. Andrew's.

Felicity Alexander
Secretary

Christian Education Committee

Working to Strengthen and Grow

The Christian Education Committee is down to two people, and we meet weekly to discuss the work of the Committee. This Committee needs people to join it, and I invite you to meet with us once a month and give us your ideas, help and support.

We have resumed Sunday School classes after 30 months. We must work hard to rebuild our Sunday School in the coming year. We lost five teachers during COVID: two moved away, two retired, and we have lost contact with one member.

In 2022, we held two Tuesday Bible Studies via Zoom, but we hope to resume these studies in 2023 in the Great Hall. We want attendance to increase to pre-pandemic levels as this is integral to Christian growth.

Two GRACE Groups continued to meet via Zoom during 2022 but now meet in person.

The 2022 Pre-Lent Event was small but meaningful, but we had to cancel the Pre-Advent Event when the leaders were both ill.

The Pre-Lent and the Pre-Advent will be held again in 2023.

We invite members to sign on to Right Now Media, which offers hundreds of Bible Studies for adults, youth and children. Contact Pam Loree at 905-459-0390 to sign up. It has at-home studies, and it is free.

We decreased our budget as we plan to repurpose the materials we have on hand. The materials for all our programs come from the United States; foreign exchange adds to the cost.

Jean Bradshaw
Chair



Congregational Care Committee



Church is not an organization you join; it is a family where you belong, a home where you are loved and a hospital where you find healing. (Nicky Gumbel, Alpha Ministries)

According to the Standing Orders of the Session of St. Andrew's, Brampton, two of the responsibilities of the Congregational Care Ministry are to:

- Assist the Ministers with pastoral care visiting, especially for those who are in chronic care or in crisis;
- Assist Elders with Congregational Care.

How wonderful it is to be able to have in-person worship services once again, in addition to the services available online through Facebook. We are most grateful to the technology team of Peter Shepherd, Simpson Ross and Justin Kelly-Boxe who make this possible.

We continue to deliver copies of the newsletter to senior members of the congregation who are no longer physically able to attend church services, and do not have internet access. We have celebrated significant birthdays and anniversaries through articles and photographs in the newsletter.

During the year, cards were sent to members who were sick or had lost a loved one. As mentioned above, where we had the information on file we provided cards of celebration to those with special birthdays or wedding anniversaries. I sent a total of 47 cards in 2022, and I also received two cards from the members of the Congregation Care Team.

The Blue Christmas service in December was available online and in-person again this year. It is very comforting to those for whom Christmas is a difficult time of the year.

The Prayer Circle is part of Congregational Care, and Sandra Jackson has provided a separate report on this ministry.

Due to COVID restrictions, the Visiting Committee was inactive again this year, as seniors' residences and nursing homes were closed to visitors for most of the year. However, we made phone calls and delivered or mailed 13 Christmas cards – hand-painted and donated by Molly Harvey and signed by the Rev. Geoff Ross. In each card he included a personal message. These cards were much appreciated by the recipients.

Emails sent to wecare@standrewsbrampton.ca will go to Felicity Alexander, Susan Jess, Sandra Jackson, and to the Rev. Rosemary Doran and the Rev. Geoff Ross, and they can also be reached by telephone.

Felicity Alexander
Coordinator



We care

Envelope Secretaries

Valerie Martin and I would first like to say ‘Thank You’ to both Bea Embling and Valerie Warren for their many years of service as Envelope Secretaries here at St. Andrew’s. They are big shoes to fill!

The responsibilities of the Envelope Secretaries include assigning and distributing offering envelopes, processing weekly offerings, administrating PAR (once monthly pre-authorized remittance from your bank account) and issuing tax receipts. Please see either of the Envelope Secretaries if you wish to go on PAR, or if you would like to make any changes to your current PAR givings. A new email has been created so you can also email us any questions and/or concerns: envsecretary@standrewsbrampton.ca.

We want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding while sorting out the 2023 offering envelopes as some of you may have received new numbers, which we acknowledge is difficult.

We also ask for your understanding if, during the transition, we’ve inadvertently omitted a donor in our 2022 Memorials list. If we’ve missed someone, please see either me or Valerie Martin, and we will get it straightened out.

Lastly, we thank you, the congregation, for your faithful and continued financial support during 2022. With the church slowly returning to normal as more and more people felt comfortable returning to in-person services, we cannot forget those of our congregation who are worshipping online. Whichever way people worshipped, our many ministries and upkeep of the church were ongoing. We also thank you for generously supporting the designated St. Andrew’s projects during our Easter, Anniversary and Christmas letter campaigns. Many of you used offering envelopes, e-transfer and PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance); you may also donate through our website, www.standrewsbrampton.ca, by clicking the ‘Donate’ button. For this method, Canada Helps processes your donations, forwards them to St. Andrew’s, and issues a tax receipt directly to you.

Kim Shepherd & Valerie Martin
Envelope Secretaries

Food Bank Committee

This has been a year of many changes for your foodbank. We started the year only allowing clients in one at a time and we served from the hallway and the kitchen with the clients gathering in the courtyard. We adhered to Session requirements and everyone who entered the building were masked, up to date on their vaccines and kept 6 feet apart. This worked because we were serving between 30 to 50 clients per week. The amount of clients climbed and we moved from the hallway to the food room and room 109 but still only allowed clients in one at a time and 6 feet apart. The cold weather came and we opened up seating in the Great Hall with space between the chairs but following all the other options for getting food. If clients weren't vaccinated we prepared a bag for them and gave it outside. We eliminated the requirement for vaccination but adhered to the spacing between clients as they collected food. The number of clients served has been steadily climbing and is now over 100 on occasions.

This year, rather than have a Christmas meal, the food bank volunteers decided to purchase backpacks and fill them with Christmas goodies as well as socks, scarves, toiletries, coffee cards and extra food.

The cost of food that we purchase has almost doubled but we have a generous Foodland store on Vodden where we purchase most of our supplies. The store has provided us with price discounts, additional food (sometimes skids worth) and stored price specials until we can use them. We also have had schools and other organizations do food drives as well as supporting us financially. This allows your food bank to purchase fresh food and offer a more balanced diet to the clients.

Over the year the client mix has changed. Many of the rooming houses have closed in downtown Brampton so we no longer serve those clients but the majority of clients are now on disability (ODSP) and Ontario works (OW) but the number of low-income families and recent immigrants that can't survive without food bank assistance is also rising.

Without your support and the many volunteers, your food bank would not be able to serve the disadvantaged in Brampton.

Thank you!

Food Bank Committee:

Gord Warren
Grace Brewster-Yates
Tom Campbell
Belle Campbell

Bruce Cornish
Herb Eitner
Ian Jess



GRACE Groups

G R A C E stands for:

- G** — Glorify God
- R** — Relationships
- A** — Acts of Service
- C** — Caring Community
- E** — Education

There are two GRACE groups functioning at the moment. One is led by Felicity Alexander and Molly Harvey in the L6T/L6P area of Bramalea. They meet monthly on Zoom and have had very successful meetings during which they are able to keep in touch and enjoy fellowship with each other. They meet on the third Thursday of the month in the evening. In December, this GRACE group as part of their Acts of Service mandate and assisted by the Women's Missionary Society (WMS), cooked three turkeys and provided a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings for about 50 people at Dismas Fellowship in our Great Hall at St. Andrew's. They have also served as greeters for morning worship.

The second group, in the L6X/L6Y area of Brampton, is led by Ray Scanlan, Doreen Scott-Dunne and Sue Haw. We have also met monthly on Zoom and meet now mostly in person at the home of Ray and Doreen, and we enjoy regular fellowship. Usually we watch a video from Right Now Media and have a lively discussion, as well as sharing items for prayer. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.

If you are interested in becoming involved in coordinating a GRACE group in your area, please contact Ray or Doreen at (416) 274-5901. We will be delighted to help and support you in any way, and look forward to hearing from you.

Doreen Scott-Dunne
Coordinator



Mission & Outreach Committee

The Mission & Outreach Committee appreciates the generosity and support of the congregation of St. Andrew's church, as your donations make a big difference to our neighbours in Brampton.

We want to thank the congregation for their continued support of the **Faith in ACT!ON** campaign. We cleaned up the church gardens and planted flowers under the leadership of Paul Willoughby. We thank Paul for his dedication to watering and tending to the gardens all summer long. Members of St. Andrew's also provided toiletries and monetary donations to create toiletry kits for Ellen House and the Ontario Correctional Institute. We also thank the Women's Missionary Society for supporting the Faith in ACT!ON campaign again this year by creating activity kits for the Family Resource Centre.

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The Mission & Outreach Committee continues to support the St Andrew's South-East Asian Outreach Ministry (S-EAOM). Once again, the efforts of this ministry were recognized by The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and they received the maximum grant allowance to continue this work in our community.

In November/ December, we offered "Christmas is about Christ" lawn signs for sale.



This was our second year for **Project Cozy**, the hat, mitt and scarf drive. We had excellent support from our own congregation as well as from St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Bramalea. We were able to give a package to each resident at Ellen House as we have done in the past. We also distributed warm hats, mitts, scarves and socks to our homeless neighbours in Brampton and donated some to the Food Bank. We thank Blanche and Carmen McCreary for their frequent trips downtown to hand out these necessities to the homeless.

At the end of 2022, Blanche McCreary and Eunice Boyd finished their terms on the Mission & Outreach committee. We would welcome new members.

We look forward to increasing our activities in 2023 and thank you for your continued support.

Robyn Kirkpatrick
Chair

Prayer Circle

St. Andrew's Prayer Circle Group offers prayers for those who are experiencing illness, loss, or going through difficult times. Prayer requests are received via the ministers, church office, personal emails, one-on-one conversations, phone calls, live Sunday Facebook service comments, or emails to: prayer@standrewsbrampton.ca.



We respect everyone's privacy. The person, family member or friend we are praying for must be aware that the Prayer Circle Group is praying for them, and permission must be granted by the person we are praying for *before* their information is shared within the Prayer Circle Group ONLY. All prayer requests are kept confidential unless the requester has asked the minister to announce it from the church pulpit, or they use comments via live Facebook Sunday services.

From January 1 to December 31, 2022, the Prayer Circle Group received **92 prayer requests** that resulted in **320 updates** from the initial prayer requests.

All prayer requests are tracked on a Word document shared electronically within the Prayer Circle Group members and issued monthly. This document is used to help us remember all who requested prayers. In addition, we pray for grieving families, our clergy, Session members, church committees, Grace groups, students at all education levels, South-East Asian Outreach Ministry, Canadian Military members, sponsored families, the end of racial prejudice based on colour or sexual orientation, and for truth + reconciliation of Indigenous Canadians. We also pray for those affected by COVID-19, church members with chronic health conditions, and those confined at home or in care facilities.

The administrator of this group is Sandra Jackson. Her vacation backup is Debbie Warwick, and the Reverend Rosemary Doran is the ministerial representative in the Prayer Circle Group.

Anyone who would like to become a member of the Prayer Circle Group should send their name and email address to prayer@standrewsbrampton.ca.

God bless,

Sandra Jackson
Administrator

Property Committee

2022 was another busy year for the Property Committee. Keeping an old building in shape takes teamwork and dedication – something we have no shortage of. We have continued our weekly security walk-through and weekly property maintenance to maintain and secure the mostly-empty building.

The following is a partial listing of what has been accomplished in 2022:

Renters: New rental agreements were designed. We invited the remainder of our renting groups back. Unfortunately, some of them weren't able to get their membership back and have not returned. At the present time we have three groups renting space in the church on a regular basis – Seventh Day Adventists, DISMAS and an AA group.

Church Security: We have renewed our agreement with a security firm who checks the building nightly to ensure all doors are locked and secure.

Boiler: The boilers still need work which will be done this year.

Organ: The organ has had some minor repairs and was tuned. To quote our organist – “As a general rule, most of the organ is a hundred years old, so I highly doubt that all repairs will be ‘finished’; it’s more of a maintenance proposition.”

Annual Maintenance Contracts: Contracts were re-signed with a lawn care company and a cleaning company for weekly grass cutting and weekly cleaning of the church building. The scope of work for cleaning was increased due to the increased activity in the building. We also re-signed a contract for snow plowing and shovelling of the walkways for the winter season.

Kitchen: Coming out of the pandemic, we discovered that our coffee machine didn't like sitting idle. We've determined it is not easily fixed. We will remove it from the kitchen and explore options. For the foreseeable future we'll use the smaller coffee urns. Our ovens have also come to the end of their life. A circuit board has failed and is not replaceable. We will remove the ovens for now and study the need and cost for replacing them.

Many thanks to Richard McMechan who is stepping down from the committee after a six-year term. Richard will stay on as a consultant to the committee for the Fire Panel project.

Thanks also go to Christian Shepherd who is stepping down for personal reasons. A final thanks to the remaining members of the Property Committee – Bill Dewar, Barry Ford, and Stan Loree who offer their time, talents and efforts to keep things running well.

My six years as a member of the committee have also come to an end. I've really enjoyed being involved. I have offered to remain available as things transition and until new members can be found. It's a great committee to be a part of. I encourage you to consider joining.

Peter Shepherd
Past Acting Chair

SALSA Group

The St. Andrew's Ladies' Social & Action (SALSA) Group met only once last year; however, the group members continued to stay in touch and provide care through contact with each other throughout the year.

The Christmas gathering at the home of Colleen Peyer was attended by twelve ladies who enjoyed great conversation, tasty treats and had fun singing some carols and playing a nativity word game.

We are hopeful that, as the world gets used to the new normal post-pandemic, we may be able to plan at least one extra event in 2023. Perhaps some jam may be prepared this fall?? Fingers crossed!

As no new funds were added to the bank account there was little change from 2021.

Pam Loree

SALSA Group

Financial Summary
for the year ended December 31, 2022
(with comparative numbers for the prior year)

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Receipts		
Bank Interest	0.12	0.16
Total Receipts	<u>\$0.12</u>	<u>\$0.16</u>
Disbursements		
Change Her World		-50.00
Postage for Easter Offering		-500.00
Total Expenses		<u>\$(550.00)</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	0.12	(549.84)
Opening bank balance	<u>\$392.90</u>	<u>\$942.74</u>
Ending bank balance	<u>\$393.02</u>	<u>\$392.90</u>

South-East Asian Outreach Ministry

The COVID-19 pandemic was a time of fear and uncertainty, leaving us wondering if we would ever be able to meet in person again.

But the good news that we were hoping and praying for finally came when we learned that the South-East Asian Outreach Ministry (S-EAOM) would be able to reopen our in-person Sunday afternoon worship services starting April 10, 2022. We were blessed to celebrate Easter and Christmas together in person with limited capacity. Praise the Lord!

We also welcomed one sponsored refugee family from Thailand, and new families joined the growing St. Andrew's family. Together as people of faith, we celebrated the Good News and tried to be with and support each other in both low and good times.

Samina Babar

St. Andrew's-Pringle Women's Missionary Society

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." (Jeremiah 29:11-12)

The Women's Missionary Society (WMS) Purpose Statement: The Women's Missionary Society is a community of Christians whose purpose, in response to the love of God in Jesus Christ, is to encourage one another and all the people of the church to be involved in local and world mission through prayer, study, service and fellowship.

Another year went by where, unfortunately, the World Day of Prayer was held virtually. The service was hosted by the World Inter-Church Council of Canada. It is everyone's hope that we will be able to gather together in person in 2023.

The WMS continues to meet monthly via Zoom, the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Although we were unable to hold our annual potluck dinners or Christmas Bake Sale, we have met as women of faith for study and fellowship. We continue to pivot, learning new ways to share study, hymns, etc. The Executive is truly thankful for members who are contributing by mail to the working of the WMS.

If you would like to attend the meeting, please contact Kim Shepherd for the Zoom link; we'd love to see you!

Please be safe, stay well, and we pray that we will be able to gather together again in 2023. I would like to close this year's report with the Mitzpah Benediction: *May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from another.*

In faith,

Kim Shepherd
President



**St. Andrew's-Pringle Women's Missionary Society
Financial Statement 2022**

Bank Balance January 1, 2022 \$3,255.00

Receipts 2022

General Funds for WMS National Office	525.00	
Birthday Box	20.00	
Expense Account	121.00	\$666.00

Disbursements 2022

WMS National Office 2021	295.00	
WMS National Office 2022	525.00	
Gift for shut-in member	200.00	<u>\$1,020.00</u>

Bank Balance as at December 31, 2022 \$2,901.00

Jean Bradshaw
Treasurer, WMS

Stewardship Committee

Stewardship is a theological belief that humans are responsible for taking care of the world. In Christian traditions, stewardship refers to the way time, talents, material possessions or wealth are used or given for the service of God.

The Stewardship Committee is truly blessed with a great team that works together in promoting various ideas new and old. In 2022, our members were Helen Collins (Chair); Stan Loree (Treasurer January 2022 – April 2022); Anna-Marie Dewar (Session representative January 2022 – March 2022); Anna-Marie Dewar (Treasurer May 1, 2022 to present); Henry Peyer (Session representative April 2022 to present); Rosalind Cammidge (minute taker); and Bea Embling and Valerie Warren (Envelope Secretaries).

Bea Embling and Valerie Warren stepped down as Envelope Secretaries as of December 31, 2022. The St. Andrew's congregation and the Stewardship Committee thanked them for their many years of dedicated service. Both received gifts cards to their favourite stores, and Bea also received a beautiful Christmas planter as a token of our appreciation.

We are also fortunate to have a great Office Administrator, Valerie Barrett. Valerie has been working remotely for the church since March 2021. As of the publication of this Report, she is back working her pre-Covid weekly hours in the Church Office.

In 2022 our committee held its annual Hanging Basket and MacGregors Meat & Seafood fundraisers. A special thank you to Sandra Jackson who graciously ran the MacGregors fundraiser in 2022. Thank you to everyone who supported these two fundraisers.

The 2022 Easter Offering was designated for upgrading the lights in the church parking lot. The 2022 Anniversary Offering went towards fire panel upgrades. The 2022 Christmas Offering went towards upgrades to our online worship and building security.

Through various committees and teams, our members shared their gifts and talents. The following committees/teams exist at St. Andrew's: Session, Ushering, Christian Education, Congregational Care, Food Bank, Mission & Outreach, Newsletter, Prayer Circle, Property, SALSA, Stewardship, WMS, Worship and two GRACE groups.

We continue to offer various ways to donate to St. Andrew's. You can join PAR, e-transfer, mail a cheque, or donate through Benevity or Canada Helps. Our Flame Endowment Fund, launched in 2016, continues to offer the option to leave a memorial gift in a creative way. For more information on any of these giving options, please speak to any Stewardship Committee member.

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the upkeep and maintenance of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in 2022. Without the dedication of all the members of St. Andrew's on the various committees and teams, we would not have been able to accomplish all that we have in 2022.

Yours in Faith,

Helen Collins
Chair

Worship Committee

Throughout 2022, the Worship Committee worked to gradually and carefully support a busy year of fluctuation and transition. Many adjustments were made over the course of the year in light of changes to provincial COVID mandates and Session decisions.



With the introduction of the Omicron variant and a societal rise in infections, in-person worship was suspended for the month of January 2022.

February was a pivotal month for St. Andrew's. In-person worship resumed with all previous protocols in place: the Welcoming Committee monitored entry, seating and exit procedures; there was a 50-person capacity limit with pre-registration required to attend, along with check-in upon arrival, masking, socially-distanced seating, etc. Also in February, the Choir returned to regular practices, starting with Zoom practices. The Choir enjoyed presenting favourite anthems as well as new music, including "Home By Another Road", "Let Us Pray for Peace" and "Christ's Light is Shining" written by Shelagh Tyreman. With the return to in-person worship, and to encourage congregational participation, 2022 also saw the implementation of the "CP" (congregational percussion) program, whereby the Choir and congregational members are encouraged to join in on select hymns and service music by playing along on percussion instruments. Lastly, two Leading With Care virtual workshops were held in February for all Elders, committee members and staff.

With Rev. Ross away on medical leave throughout Easter, we were thankful to have Rev. Wayne Baswick lead us through the Easter season. In April, significant revisions were made to the COVID protocols: the S-EAOM congregation resumed their afternoon services, the Welcoming Team was disbanded, and pre-registration, distancing requirements and capacity limits were all dropped.

Spring and summer found the Worship Committee focussing on the plans for the 175th Anniversary Celebration Service to be held in the fall. Special thanks to Rev. Baswick for arranging for Dr. Robert Faris, Moderator of Assembly to be the guest speaker. We were pleased to welcome Rev. Ross back to the Worship Committee in September and have his input in planning the Anniversary. Special thanks also to all volunteers who stepped up to form a subcommittee to execute the plans for the Anniversary Celebration, and especially to Molly Harvey for authoring the commemorative booklet, *A Work of Faith, A Labour of Love*. The Anniversary Celebration was a joint service which included special music and participation by both the morning and S-EAOM congregations. By all accounts, the 175th Anniversary Celebration was a grand success.

In mid-September, the Senior Choir and Leap of Faith band transitioned from Zoom to in-person practices, and we enjoyed many musical highlights throughout the fall.

After a five-year wait, a sure highlight of 2022 was the arrival of the Bibi family, our sponsored refugee family. Sosan and her son Johnson arrived in June, while Sosan's son Jesse and his wife Sundril did not arrive until October, as they had to await the birth of their son Jesimile. We are delighted to welcome the Bibi family to worship with us at St. Andrew's!

In November, we greatly enjoyed having our trumpeter friend Lino Varano return to join us for our Remembrance Day service. Thanks to the leadership of Michelle Tedder, Coffee Fellowship was resumed at the end of November; volunteers are still needed to regularly continue this important time of friendship and fellowship.

The Christmas Season was well-celebrated at St. Andrew's with two services on Christmas Eve and the morning service on Christmas Day. As always, the music program provided exceptional enhancement to our services, with a highlight being the children's musical video. Special recognition must be given to the several individuals who stepped up in various capacities to fill in and ensure all Christmas Services were delivered when Rev. Ross was unavailable due to illness.

It was wonderful to welcome both returning and new members to the Senior Choir throughout 2022. The Choir held their traditional Epiphany Party through Zoom, playing several games to get to know each other better, including "Who Am I?", "Truth or Lie", "Show and Tell", and a Scavenger Hunt. The Grand Prize Winner of the evening was Pam Loree, whose prize was to wear a crown and conduct the anthem at the next Choir practice. Choir members learned more surprising things about each other than you could ever imagine! It was a great evening.

Worship Committee member Samina Babar, Clerk of Session Jean Bradshaw, and Music Director Shelagh Tyreman did some brainstorming, resulting in transitioning the Junior Music Makers program to include ALL the young people of St. Andrew's, both morning and afternoon services and our wonderful Sunday School members. The Young People of St. Andrew's were thrilled their video projects were part of the Easter and Christmas services and have been told they both were highlights.

2022 was a year of change and growth for the music ministry, but those who participate always feel blessed to be part of the community of St. Andrew's Church, and the congregation is privileged to enjoy their talents, led by our exceptionally talented Music Director, Shelagh Tyreman.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome new Committee members Susan Jess and Michelle Tedder and to thank former members Paul Willoughby and Ian Jess for their service. Anyone interested in serving on the Worship Committee would be most welcome to join us.

The Worship Committee looks forward to continuing to serve St. Andrew's as we move forward into 2023.

Karen Hutchinson
Chair

Notes