

CLARKSON ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Annual Report 2002

Annual Congregational Meeting, February 16, 2003

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CLARKSON ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
45th Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 16, 2003

AGENDA

- 1) Prayer of Invocation
- 2) Appointment of Secretary
- 3) Motion to accept proposed Agenda
- 4) Minutes of 2002 Annual Congregational Meeting
Motion to sustain the minutes, as circulated
- 5) Minutes of Special Congregational Meeting, April 28, 2002
Motion to sustain the minutes, as circulated
- 6) Motion to receive and consider Treasurer's Report for 2002
Motion to adopt Treasurer's Report for 2002
- 7) Motion to receive proposed budget for 2003
Motion to adopt 2003 budget
- 8) Election of Board of Management Members
- 9) Appointment of Auditors for 2003
- 10) Appointment of Treasurer for 2003
- 11) Appointment of Trustees
- 12) Motion to receive and consider Annual Reports (excluding Treasurer's Report)
Motion to adopt Annual Reports (excluding Treasurer's Report)
- 13) Approval of Memorial & Bequest Fund Mandate
Appointment of Memorial & Bequest Fund Committee
- 14) New Business
- 15) Motion to adjourn Annual Meeting
Closing Prayer and Benediction

**ANNUAL CONGEGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2002, 12:15p.m.**

Opening Devotions: Rev. Mary Campbell opened the meeting with a devotional in memory of those members of the congregation who passed away in 2001. A candle was lit in their memory.

Secretary: Moved by John Darling, seconded by Jack Heidema that Barbara Sypher be secretary of the meeting; carried.

Minutes: Moved by Laura Pannell and seconded by David Brown that the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting, held on February 18, 2001 be accepted as written; carried.

Minutes: Moved by David Chan and seconded by Patricia Sargent that the minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting, held on May 6, 2001, be accepted as written; carried.

Treasurer's Report: Moved by David Brown and seconded by David Chan that the Treasurer's Report be received and considered; carried. Isabella Cunningham, Treasurer, commented on the receipts and expenditures in 2001, explaining that the Building Fund paid for some extraordinary expenditures. Presbyterians Sharing fell short this year by \$2,376 while the church paid the full budgeted amount of \$24,000. Moved by Isabella Cunningham and seconded by Bill Truax that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as written; carried.

Budget for 2002: Peter McLean presented the Budget for 2002, explaining that a few changes had been made. 1) Nurture budget would be changed to \$1,200 from \$800. 2) Worship budget would be changed to \$4,000 from \$4,500. The rental income budget of \$30,600 represents the Montessori School. No additional income was included in that figure. Peter noted that the Building Fund budget is \$4,000, with expenses of \$3,000. Peter McLean moved and David Chan seconded that the Budget for 2002 be approved as written and amended; carried. A letter of thanks was read from the National Office for the Presbyterians Sharing contribution from the churches.

The Moderator expressed words of thanks to the Treasurer, Isabella Cunningham, and to John and Ruth Darling, who are stepping down from the Property Committee and the kitchen duties respectively. Ruth Darling expressed a word of thanks to Pat McLean and her daughter Julie Wright who have agreed to look after kitchen supplies and content. We still need people to look after the cleaning of the kitchen.

Election of Board of Management Members: The following are the names for re-election to the Board until 2005: Isabella Cunningham, John Dekker, Peter McLean, and Bruce Murray. The following are standing for election until 2005: Linda Flemington, Bev Philips, and Bruce McWilliam. Moved by David Brown and seconded by Bob Sinclair that the above names be put on the Board of Managers; carried. Already on the Board are the following: Paul Hansuld (2003), Bill Corrigan (2004), Tom Whittaker (2003). The following retired this year: John Darling, Bill Truax, Gerry Sargent, David Lee, Gordon Coyne, and Keith Welsh.

Appointment of Auditors: Moved by David Brown and seconded by Jack Heidema that the auditors for 2003 be Megan McLean and Doug Wall; carried.

Appointment of Treasurer: Moved by Ron Sypher and seconded by Laura Pannell that Isabella Cunningham be the Treasurer for the year; carried.

Adoption of Trustees Mandate: It was pointed out that there was a typographical error on page 16 – delete “of the congregation”. Moved by David Brown and seconded by David Chan that the Trustees Mandate be adopted as written and amended; carried. Moved by Barbara Sypher and seconded by David Brown that the following be the trustees for a three year period, with one being replaced each year with the exception of the Treasurer: Peter McLean, Bill Richards, Jim Garde and the Treasurer, Isabella Cunningham; carried.

Adoption of Memorial & Bequest Mandate – Due to some unresolved issues regarding the Mandate, the Session is still working on it. As a result the meeting was advised that we would not be discussing this mandate until a later date. Ruth Darling raised the question as to how the committee would operate and was advised that the mandate would stand as is until it is ready to be brought before the congregation. Ruth Darling pointed out that there seemed to be two Bequest Funds in the Financial Reports as on page v. Doug Wall spoke to the question – the reason for the appearance of a second Bequest Fund was because there was activity in 2000 and it will not appear next year. Ruth Darling asked that the second Bequest Fund that is in the financial report be written as “temporary Bequest Fund”.

Motion to receive Annual Reports (other than the Treasurer’s report); Moved by John Darling and seconded by Jack Heidema that we receive the Annual Reports (other than the Treasurer’s report) as written and amended; carried.

Ron Sypher thanked Kelta Fleck for her contribution to the Christian Education program and welcomed Aileen Baird as Sunday School leader.

New Business: Victor Cottrell, Treasurer of the Memorial & Bequest Fund, asked why the Memorial window that was purchased in memory of Ken and Carol Sanders last year was not mentioned in the report. Moved by Ruth Darling and seconded by Victor Cottrell that the window that was purchased last year be mentioned in the financial report; carried. There was some discussion on how we can get more rental income and why don’t we consider renting our premises to another church. John Darling spoke to this and said we have considered three or four churches to rent our premises and it hasn’t worked out.

Motions of appreciation – Bill Truax, John and Ruth Darling and Barbara Sypher were all voted an applause of appreciation.

Motion to Adjourn: Moved by Jack Heidema and seconded by David Chan that the meeting be adjourned at 1:10 p.m.; carried. The moderator closed with prayer.

Barbara Sypher, Secretary

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2002**

A special meeting of the congregation of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church was held in the Sanctuary immediately after the morning service of worship was concluded. The stated purpose of the meeting was to consider a new mandate for the Memorial & Bequest Fund. Reverend Gerald Doran opened the meeting with prayer.

Reverend Doran volunteered to preside, an offer which was unanimously accepted.

Motion: It was moved by Grace Ann Wiley, seconded by John Hansuld, that John Darling be nominated as secretary; carried.

The agenda was confirmed as being solely to consider a new mandate for the Memorial & Bequest Fund, being presented by John Wiley.

Motion: It was moved by Eric McKillen, seconded by Victor Cottrell, that we postpone the meeting to a later date, because there were several items that were controversial and we needed time to assimilate them. Dianne Garde asked to see the entire mandate in order to decide fairly; carried.

John Wiley stated that copies of the new mandate would be prepared and distributed at the service on Sunday, May 5, 2002.

The Moderator suggested that the previous motion was also a motion to adjourn, and he closed the meeting with prayer.

John Darling, Secretary pro tem.

January, 2003

Minister's Message

Two Parables

The visitors were being taken on a tour of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. On the walls were priceless masterpieces. Chalices of gold, encrusted with gems; candlesticks made of solid gold and burning only the best quality candles. Robes, stoles and surplices made of silk and the finest linen were evident. And the guide said to the group, "We are no longer able to say as St. Peter did so long ago, silver and gold have I none!" One of the visitors quietly added, "Nor can you say, "Rise, take up your bed and walk".

An artist was commissioned to paint a picture of a "dead" Church. Many months later he revealed his completed work. This is what people saw:

The viewer was standing in the vestibule of a large building. Looking through the open doors, one saw a large sanctuary with a soaring ceiling from which hung several beautiful chandeliers. The place was bright, sunlight shining through magnificent stained-glass windows. The pipe organ covered most of the back wall and the choir, dressed in beautiful gowns, filled the choir stalls. The minister was gowned and hooded giving physical evidence of his learning and erudition. The auditorium was full of people, devout worshippers.

To one side of the vestibule was a simple box, which bore the sign, "For Missions". The opening, on top of that box, was covered by a spider's web.

Rev. Chris Costerus

THE KIRK SESSION STATEMENT

1. CHURCH INFORMATION

(a) Membership:

Members recorded as of December 31, 2001		284
Members added to Roll	0	
Members removed from Roll by		
Death	4	
By Resolution of Session	12	<u>16</u>
Members recorded as of December 31, 2002		<u>268</u>
Number of households, December 31, 2002		<u>160</u>

(b) Baptisms

The following Baptisms took place in 2002:

Cassidy Dawnal Montgomery daughter of Dawna Thompson and Al Montgomery

Alexandra Ashley Nelson daughter of Anne and Glen Nelson

Effie Alexandra Hansuld Ferguson daughter of Stephanie Hansuld and Douglas Ferguson

(c) Weddings

The following weddings took place in 2002

Heather Lynn Fisher and Denney Darrell Morrison, May 11, 2002

Elizabeth Nicole Masching and Todd Joseph Jocko, August 10, 2002

(d) Bereavements

The following members and adherents passed away during 2002:

The Rev. E.F. Dutcher, Don Scott, Robert Fraser, Lauchlin MacInnes, Roy Pickthall.

We pray that all who have lost loved ones have found comfort and support in their faith community and in our risen Lord.

2. KIRK SESSION

Number on Session as at December 31, 2001		22
Resigned	01	
Number on Session as at December 31, 2002		21

Elders on the Kirk Session, December 2002

Terry Alexander	David Brown	David Chan
John Dekker	Linda Flemington	Eleanor Garbutt
Jack Heidema	Rick Landers (1)	George McLean
Beverly Philips	Jean Richards (1)	Shirley Ross
Orville Schnick	Bob Sinclair	Marjory Stewart
Barbara Sypher	Ron Sypher	Rimmer Tjalsma
Wilma Wall	John Wiley	Joy Williamson (E)

Notes: (1) Leave of absence (E) Emeritus

Congregational Life Committees

	<u>Chairperson</u>
Communications	Wilma Wall
Policy & Planning	David Brown
Mission & Outreach	David Chan
Nurture	Ron Sypher
Worship	Barbara Sypher
Roll Clerk	George McLean
Board of Managers	Linda Flemington
Church Treasurer	Isabella Cunningham
Finance Committee	Bruce Murray
Property Committee	John Dekker

Jack Heidema is the Presbytery Representative Elder and George McLean is the Alternate Elder.

3. ACTIVITY

The Kirk Session is responsible for providing for the pastoral care of the congregation, and the supervision and oversight of all associations of members and adherents. It is also responsible for the use of the church building and property, stewardship, mission and Christian Education for all ages in the congregation.

The carrying out of all these responsibilities is managed in regular monthly meetings of the full Session and in the meetings and activities of all the Congregational Life Committees and the Board of Managers. You will read about the activities of these committees in the following pages and we sincerely thank all who have contributed their energy, skills and financial resources to make 2002 a good year.

The Kirk Session wishes to thank the congregation for their dedication and their quick response to appeals, whether financial or in support of some need. We miss the dedicated service given by Reverend Campbell, and our prayer is that she is getting stronger every day and will be with us very soon. In the meantime, we have been blessed with Reverend Chris Costerus, who delivers wonderful thought-provoking sermons each week. We thank God for him. We also have been blessed in our Interim Moderator, Rev. Harry McWilliams, senior minister at Knox Church in Oakville.

We regretfully accepted the resignation of John Darling from the Kirk Session this year. John's quiet devotion to his church and caring manner will be sadly missed at Session. Thank you to John Dekker who has agreed to be our Property Committee of one. John works quietly around the church making sure all taps, furnace, etc. are working. Many of our congregation stepped in to help with the Sunday Services at a time when they were needed: Helen Norris, John & Margot Blevins, Marion Nichols, Kelta Fleck, Maureen Read, Siem Vandebroek and Pat McLean. We owe a big thank you to Kelta Fleck, our C.E. Director, who works tirelessly for her Lord. No task is too much work or too daunting for Kelta. Thank you, Kelta, you are a great asset to our faith community.

The elders delivered mums and poinsettias to the shut-ins at Easter and Christmas As we move into 2003, we can only be encouraged and pleased to contemplate the leadership we have in our faith family. With great joy, we thank God for all those persons who reflect the love we witness, through the many avenues of service: Sunday School teachers, ushers, choir and music director, Roger Brown, Treasurer Isabella Cunningham, and all the committee members. Also our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Pat Sargent for organizing and leading the Ladies' Morning Coffee. Thanks to Jack Heidema who volunteered to become our representative elder at the Presbytery meetings, with George McLean as alternate. A special note of thanks and appreciation to our secretary, Lesley Routhier. Lesley is friendly, efficient and a great asset to our church family.

As we turn to the tasks of a new year, the challenge for us at Clarkson Road is to be actively engaged in growing as disciples of Jesus Christ. We are blessed with excellent facilities and many gifted leaders, and pray that the Lord will continue to lead us as we go forward into the year 2003. We need the participation of everyone. If you can help by volunteering your time to usher, sing, serve on a committee, serve coffee or in any other way, you will derive great benefit and contribute to a better church.

May the Lord richly bless us all as we begin a challenging new year.

In His Service,
Barbara Sypher, Clerk

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Linda Flemington, Chair	(2005)	<u>Property</u>	
Bev Philips, Secretary	(2005)	John Dekker	(2004)
 <u>Finance</u>			
Isabella Cunningham	(2003)	Bill Corrigan	(2004)
Peter McLean	(2003)	Tom Whittaker	(2003)
Bruce McWilliam	(2005)		
Bruce Murray	(2003)		

Board members are elected for three years and may stand for re-election for one more three year term.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Flemington, Chair

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The year 2002 was a good year to keep the property repair costs well below budget. The largest project was the painting of the sanctuary walls and ceiling. Thanks to the family who financed this project.

Other items were:

- Signing of the Montessori lease, which expires June 30, 2006.
- Stage drapes were installed and paid for by the Montessori school.
- A programmable thermostat was installed in the sanctuary. Thanks to Dave Lee for his assistance.
- A new paper towel dispenser was installed in the men's washroom. This was installed with the aim of reducing paper costs. This was successful and another dispenser will be installed in the ladies' washroom.
- The fire alarm system was checked and necessary repairs were completed.
- A new floor polisher was purchased to assist Carl Turpin to keep on doing the great job he and his helper are doing.

Last but not least a big thank you to all who have helped to keep our church building in good shape.

Respectfully submitted,
John Dekker.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the congregation, I would also like to use this report to formally thank Isabella Cunningham for her outstanding work as our Treasurer over the past several years. We were fortunate to have someone with Isabella's experience and dedication volunteer for this task. Isabella has ended her term and the church remains fortunate in that Megan and Peter McLean have stepped forward to fill the treasurer's role. Isabella has offered to stand for Church auditor.

The Finance Committee and the Board of Managers also express appreciation to Megan McLean and Doug Wall, the church auditors, for their contribution and sound advice. Peter McLean, as he has done for several years, again did an excellent job of preparing the church budget. We all thank them. We are fortunate to have so many Chartered Accountants willing to donate their time

Bruce Murray
Chairman

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Members of the Communications Committee are: Wilma Wall, Chair; Helen Norris, Secretary; Joanne Krauser, Marcia Murray, Rimmer Tjalsma and Terry Alexander.

Our Mandate: In consultation with other committees and the Minister, prepare and distribute information on events and other matters to members of the congregation, prepare and distribute the Newsletter, provide and maintain hearing-impaired equipment, provide volunteers and supplies for the Sunday Coffee/Tea Fellowship time, maintain the Church's kitchen, prepare and distribute greeting cards, welcome new members, provide large print Bibles, prepare information for publication in local newspapers, etc. and maintain liaison with the media, help arrange social aspects of special celebrations, e.g. Anniversary Tea and provide ongoing reports to Session and an annual report to the congregation.

Our committee hosted the 45th Anniversary of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church by providing a Tea Social for the Church family.

Thank you to Rimmer Tjalsma, who works diligently to find volunteers for the coffee/tea fellowship time after the Church service each Sunday. Thank you to all the volunteers who provide the Sunday Fellowship time by making the coffee/tea and doing the clean up afterwards. Thank you to Terry Alexander for the taping of the Sunday Worship Service. The taped services are provided for anyone who wishes to listen to them at home. Thank you to Helen Norris, who records our minutes of each meeting. The "On the Road" Newsletter is provided nine times throughout the year and a thank you to both Marcia Murray and Wilma Wall for this service to the Church. Everyone is encouraged to submit articles, poems, announcements and humorous items for the Newsletter. Thank you to Joanne Krauser who wrote 101 friendship cards for 2002 sending them to our Church family for all occasions. Recipients of these cards have expressed their gratitude for this act of friendship. Thank you to Pat McLean and Julie Wright for looking after the needs of the kitchen during 2002. Pat and Julie are no longer available for this service, and other arrangements for looking after the kitchen are currently in the works. Thank you to the participants of the Card Luncheon held in 2002 that provided funds for the purchasing of more dishes for the kitchen. We encourage all our committees and Church family to use the kitchen for their needs, with the understanding that the kitchen is left in good order after each use.

Our Committee welcomes new members in order to serve the needs of our Church family.

Respectfully submitted
Wilma Wall, Chair

NURTURE COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Ron Sypher (Chair), Kelta Fleck (Christian Education Director), Eleanor Garbutt, Siem Vandenbroek, Laura Pannell, Marcia Murray, Aileen Baird, Grace Anne Wiley.

The Nurture Committee is truly indebted to Kelta Fleck for the great work she has done as Christian Education Director during the past year. Her energy, ingenuity and dedication have

inspired everyone to be more active in the Education programs of our Church. Our responsibilities as a committee tend to be as an overseer and mentor of the programs being offered. Thank you Kelta for a job well done during 2002. We look forward to working with you in 2003.

The 2-year contract for the Christian Education Director expires in June 2003, which has been funded by a generous donation. The Nurture Committee recommended to the Session that this position continue beyond June and that the salary be expensed from our Congregational budget. This was passed by Session.

Early in the year Aileen Baird became our Sunday School Administrator and has been a tremendous help to Kelta particularly when reviewing the new Curriculum for all classes. The Curriculum we had been using was discontinued so a great deal of work was involved in choosing new programs. Aileen supervises every aspect of the Sunday School activities.

A very successful Alpha program started in February, followed by a Bible Study on the Book of Philippians entitled "A Life Worth Living". This study was moderated by Pat McLean and Siem Vandenbroek.

During March Break a very enjoyable 3-day Veggie Tales Camp was held, attended by 25 children. Kelta and her helpers did a great job.

The committee held the annual Congregational Picnic on June 9th. Thank you to all who fed the large hungry crowd and ran the children's races.

In July Kelta and Ron Sypher held a successful Vacation Bible School with the theme of "Growing Together". Money, quilts and clothing were sent to the Ukraine. Thank you to all who helped make the Bible School a popular community event.

A special thank you to Marie Forman for looking after the Nursery for the last several years and to Dawna Thompson for so ably replacing her.

We are indebted to the Sunday School teachers and students for the excellent presentation of the Christmas pageant entitled "Live from Bethlehem". It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Thank you to all who have made our programs meaningful to the congregation - Kelta, Aileen, the Sunday School teachers, Youth Group and Alpha leaders, Nursery and Vacation Bible School helpers. We pray for continued guidance and expanded attendance.

Respectfully submitted
Grace Anne Wiley

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2002 has been a very good year despite the unfortunate circumstance of our minister being away ill most of that time. We continue to pray for her complete recovery.

We had a weekly youth reader for the responsive Psalm every Sunday and also a Christ candle lighter. We were thrilled to have the “20 something” age group bringing in the greens for Advent and ushering on numerous occasions. Having the young couples with their babies participating in the Advent reading and candle lighting was truly grand. Seeing all the various age groups participating in worship really is encouraging.

In January we ran an Alpha course which was attended by 27 people. Another wonderful time of learning and growing together in the Holy Spirit. On a lighter note, 38 people attended the skating/tobogganing party.

In February the Youth Sunday School class held our first Annual Pancake Breakfast. We sold 78 tickets and all the proceeds (after expenses) were given to the Youth to offset the cost of the 8 who attended the conference, “Acquire the Fire”.

For 3 days in March we ran a successful Veggie Tale Bible Club covering the topics of compassion, forgiveness, and caring. We had 8 helpers and 23 children participating in the various centres: the restaurant, the kitchen, and the old folks home.

In April I participated in the World Youth Day celebration/preparation service held at St. Christopher’s Roman Catholic Church. Representatives from several other local churches also participated.

Thanks to Pat MacLean for leading the 9 week Bible Study series on the book of Philippians entitled, “A Life Worth Living”. 12 people attended regularly. Friendship deepened as we searched together for the meaning and expectation from God for us at Clarkson Road church.

In May I attended a two day seminar at Knox College on Active Evangelism. I found it very interesting and encouraging to learn how other Presbyterian congregations are endeavoring to evangelize in their area. It is very interesting the different focus the various ethnic groups place on Evangelism. The Koreans are very eager to go to other countries and help. They say it’s their way of saying “Thank you” for our missionaries bringing the Good News to them in Korea. The South Americans were extremely enthusiastic about spreading the JOY of the Lord to their neighbours here in Canada. The young Canadian minister was excited about reaching the “seekers” and shared their success in this approach to evangelism. We are a little more “low key” but still trying as we welcomed several people from “outside” to join our Alpha groups. Some of our ladies attended the Christian Women meeting in Mississauga.

Our Youth group was active in their outreach this year. They prepared and served the dinner for 200 at Evangel Hall in Toronto, donating to the youth at the Mississauga youth shelter and helping in our local church. Keep up the great witness of Christ’s love. It’s good to see that you understand Jesus’ words, “in as much as you do it for the least of these my brethren, you do it for ME!” Their full report follows.

In July we had a Vacation Bible School with a Mission theme. We had four centres, Ron Sypher in the art studio, Robert McGregor and Kathy Wilson worked along with John Dekker and Jack Heidema in the garden, Dee Heidema in the kitchen and Joanne Dekker and Kelta Fleck in the quilting room. We ended the program with a picnic with races, prizes and good food shared with the parents. The money collected was sent to the Ukraine along with the two quilts

that were made and signed by all the children. The food from the garden was donated to the local food bank at Eden United Church in Meadowvale. The children also donated school and winter clothes which were sent later to the gypsy children of the Ukraine.

In October, we had Mary Ingram Chudley, the Youth in Mission coordinator for the Presbyterian Church in Canada come and speak to our Sunday School about missions in our national church. Hopefully, these mission seeds fell into fertile hearts and one day we'll rejoice at the response from our kids in their service to the Lord wherever that takes them.

In November we had two representatives from Glen Mhor Camp. We hope parents will appreciate the fine opportunities for their children to meet Jesus that awaits them at a Christian camp. Several of the children from the Sunday School went to see the Veggie Tale movie, "Jonah" at the cinema. We are planning to use this theme and movie in our March break program this year. Jesus' birthday party was a great success – read all about it in the Sunday School report. The dress rehearsal for the Christmas pageant was very well attended. It was more than a little chaotic at times but the children did an excellent job presenting, "I Witness News – Live from Bethlehem". Special thanks to the mass of helpers behind the scenes; Peggy McLaren for playing the piano so wonderfully. Marion Gardiner, Coleen Guminny, Randa DiBiase, Debbie Ambrus, Denyse Theobald and all the Sunday School teachers for sets, costumes, etc.

We are encouraged by the support for the weekly Prayer Meeting held before the service of worship at 10:00 a.m. in the main floor Sunday School room. It is a wonderful way to bring our congregation before the Lord and we are seeing prayer answered. Everyone is welcome to attend as often as the Spirit moves.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelta Fleck

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This is my first year as Sunday School Administrator and I was thrown in at the deep end. The curriculum that has been used for a number of years in this church was discontinued so there were many hours spent perusing various options. In February I attended the Presbytery meeting in Brampton to hear about the new curriculum, "**Seasons of the Spirit.**" We have decided to use it in one of our classes, Grades 4-6 but have changed all the other grades.

In September we started using, "**Young Children and Worship**" for the Sunday School children ages 4-8. It is based on the Montessori concept of learning which involves much more interaction from the children. As preparation for a new program we sent 4 teachers for training; Nicole Jocko, Cathy Corrigan, Sharon Poupard and Maureen Read. Kathy Wilson, Kelta Fleck and I attended an earlier session with the National coordinator, Linda Shaw. We are pleased with the success of this new type of Bible story telling which we believe the children are enjoying as they learn about God, how the church tells time and our order of service. Certainly the teachers are enjoying it! Our very special thanks to Peter MacLean who has spent many

hours making all the little wooden figures used in the program. Thanks are also due to Craig Gardiner who has made all the larger pieces, i.e., Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Jericho and the temple. Thanks to all the parents who accepted our invitation to attend the orientation luncheon. This getting together is how true Christian friendships begin. Please invite your friends to bring their little children to Jesus' knee, too. Stop by some time and experience the young children in worship. I'd also like to acknowledge the very generous donations from members of the congregation which enabled us to purchase the beautiful storage shelves for all the stories.

Special thanks to Julie Wright and Bobbi MacDougall for the excellent work they are doing teaching the Grades 4 to 6. The children are a very lively bunch who really appreciate all the extra effort these two saints put into making learning about God interesting and fun.

Debbie Ambrus and Denyse Theobald did a wonderful job with their little band of followers in Grades 2 and 3. What fun it was to peek in and see them making puppets and doing skits as they acted out various Bible stories. It is a challenge sometimes working around all the Montessori "stuff" but our teachers are the best at adapting. This class was together until the end of June and then in September we integrated it with the Young Children and Worship.

Thanks to Laura Pannell, with support provided by Siem Vandebroek, for teaching the Youth class. What a thrill that is to see all those big kids going out to Sunday School. That is by far our biggest class. Is it because they can get here on their own and their hockey practices don't interfere.

All the children participated in the worship service at one point or another over the year. In June we had our Promotion Sunday with each of the teachers presenting their students with a certificate. Thanks to the Nurture Committee who organized the congregational picnic which followed. It was very well attended and the kids did a great job with the games and prizes.

Many thanks to our wonderful Sunday School teachers who came out so faithfully. and to all the extra folk who helped occasionally especially Lindsay Campbell and Krystal Yellin. Thanks to Dawna Thompson who coordinated the nursery and to all those Moms and Dads who took turns minding the little ones.

We were delighted that Julia Poupard went to Glen Mhor Camp and Meaghen Meaney went to Camp Iona. Everything was wonderful except for some bug bites and a rash from the poison oak! Special thanks to the church for donating some money from the camp fund to assist with the registration fee.

This was the first year to have a **Birthday Party for Jesus**. The gym was decorated with balloons, party hats, pin the tail on the donkey and even a piñata full of candy! The children played games, sang songs and enjoyed a wonderful Birthday cake with red icing. This was a highlight for the year which we plan to continue. Thanks to the dads who did a lot of the work setting up and cleaning up! The gifts the kids brought for Jesus were given to the children of the 5 families the church sponsored through Caring and Sharing.

The Sunday School sent \$200.00 to PWS&D to pay the salary of a nursery school teacher in Africa for 1 year. Only \$44.76 was raised from the Advent Calendar/Coin boxes which was sent

to PWS&D earmarked for use in the Ukraine. This was a bit low, so either it was a very hard Christmas in Mississauga or the story of our impoverished Christian brothers and sisters in Ghana didn't move our hearts or maybe there are just still more boxes that haven't been returned, yet. It's never too late to give money!

The children did an excellent job with the worship service on December 8, 2002. It was our first attempt at intergenerational involvement and the consensus was we should do it again. Very special thanks to ALL the people who helped with all the different activities but honourable distinction is due to our soloist, John Dekker as Simeon and Peggy McLaren for playing the piano. Your faith in us and enthusiasm was very much appreciated. I think we came together extremely well as a team this year and I've been delighted to be a part of it.

2002 was a very good year for those who attended. We were a bit disappointed in the sporadic attendance. Although we tried very hard to encourage more regular attendance, through notes, phone calls and personal visits to the families, the competition with sports games and practices etc. won sometimes. Maybe next year Sunday School will take a higher priority with our families. We all know, deep inside, that Jesus is counting on us.

Respectfully submitted,
Aileen Baird

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group had a fairly active year. In the spring of 2002 we prepared and served a meal for 200 people at Evangel Hall in downtown Toronto. Thanks to all the adults who generously donated to the cause. We went as a group to a movie one night. We played games in the gym followed by discussions on various topics and we ate snacks. Eight of us went to "Acquire the Fire" conference in Hamilton. Friday night was a concert and key note speakers on, "Living the message". Saturday was a full day of concerts, workshops, speakers, skits and good clean fun. It's a great experience being with hundreds of other Christian kids.

We bought a CD player for the youth shelter, "Our Place Peel". We also did two coffee hours after church – one on Mother's Day and one just before Christmas.

The only fund raising event we had was the 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast. We made \$130.00 after expenses which we used to offset the cost of our trip to the convention. We're planning to do it again - Peggy McLaren did such a great job with the hymn sing!

We are planning to start a Junior Youth Group for ages 10-14 and a Discovery group for High School aged kids in the new year.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Murray and Laura Pannell

ALPHA

We held our Alpha Celebration dinner in January with 35 people attending. We had 27 people attend the Alpha course. The Holy Spirit week-end retreat was held at Crieff Hills on Good Friday and Easter Saturday. Again, warm friendships developed and matured as did our understanding and commitment to our Lord Jesus. A full day retreat was held at the church the following Saturday for those who were unable to attend at Crieff.

The Fall session started in September with 8 participants. The evening meal format with singing just didn't work with such a small group and it was canceled after 3 weeks. Thanks to John Wiley for a very noble effort. In January 2003, Siem Vandenbroek started the Alpha group again using a different format. Coffee is served at 10:00 a.m. followed by the video and small group discussion. There is no charge for the sessions and the money left from the first two Alpha's has purchased the books, coffee and cookies.

It is our hope that these Alpha tapes will continue to reach out in Jesus' name to the community at large so if you would like to host a group, maybe in your home, let's talk.

Respectfully submitted,
Siem Vandenbroek.

POLICY & PLANNING

During 2002, at the request of Session, the Committee undertook a review of Chapter 9 of the Book of Forms and the Report of Special Committee of General Assembly thereon.

A report was submitted to the December 10, 2002 meeting of Session and was accepted for submission to the Special Committee.

I wish to thank the members of the Committee who served during the year: Rev. Mary Campbell, David Chan, Linda Flemington, Paul Hansuld, Bill Richards, Ron Sypher and John Wiley.

Respectfully submitted,
David Brown, Chair

MISSION & OUTREACH

Our committee consists of David Chan, Bev Philips, Shirley Ross, Orville Schnick, Marjorie Stewart and Doug Wall. At this time, on behalf of the committee, I would like to express our thanks for your confidence and support throughout the year. Our assistance to the community organizations over the past year has been incredible. Your continued support and assistance will be greatly appreciated by all.

Every week you have the opportunity to help out those in need through your giving of non-

perishable food for the Open Door or through giving of clothing and personal products for Evangel Hall. Please continue to bring items in as they do make a difference in the life of homeless persons or someone who is just down on their luck and could use a little "tie me over". All of your donations over the past year have been greatly accepted with many, many thanks from those who are running the organizations as well as from those who actually receive the goods.

OPEN DOOR: Many thanks to Tom Whittaker for making sure that all the food that is collected gets to the Open Door within a reasonable time period. They are always so thankful for our help and understanding as well as our prayers. Their success depends solely on the support of the churches that continue to bring food to them. Please continue to pick up a few items now and then when you go for your shopping. Every little bit helps once we put it all together. They could also use school or office supplies as they have quite a few young people stopping in for guidance or fellowship and sometimes they find themselves short of a few supplies, so this would help the Open Door out as well.

EVANGEL HALL: Many thanks to Shirley and Ian Ross for lugging all the used clothing downtown to help out the homeless people. We are always collecting clothing and many thanks for all that was donated this year as well as all the boots, shoes and blankets that were received. Evangel Hall is still in the process of getting their new building together. I'm sure once the new building is up and ready they will be able to help out a lot more people on the streets with regards to clothing, food, personal items and fellowship. Please keep the people who run and work at Evangel Hall in your prayers as they are doing an amazing job of helping the people on the streets. There is always a lack of personal items, such as: toothpaste, tooth brushes, Kleenex, deodorant, disposable razors, combs, brushes, hand cream, bars of soap, band aids, shoe laces and q-tips just to mention a few. Please pick up an item or two when you are out strolling through the shopping centres. Canadian Tire coupons are a very viable means for them to purchase some of the items listed above. When you go and fill up your car with gas why not go to Canadian Tire and fill up and get the coupons to bring into the church. There are a few people who bring them in on a regular basis; however, it would be great if we could get more people to bring them in for Evangel Hall. This year we handed over to them an amount of \$99.00 in Canadian Tire coupons. Next year I'm sure we would double that with your help. Please take this matter into consideration. In April, 2003 we will be going down to Evangel Hall to serve supper to the homeless and street people. This will be a great time for you to get involved, either by making something or even coming downtown with us to serve the people. There will be notices going out a little later on in the coming year. Please keep this in mind.

Food that was collected at Thanksgiving and World Food Sunday was divided up and delivered to Armagh and Open Door. Both were very happy to accept the food which was greatly needed. The food which was collected from "White Gift Sunday" through the Sunday School was taken to Open Door for which they were very thankful as their supply has started to clear. Many thanks to Kelta Fleck and the Sunday School for organizing the event.

At Easter this year we once again collected potted mums from the congregation to take to the shut-ins in our church family. The mums were delivered by the elders for which we thank them very much. The extra mums that were left were taken to Sheridan Villa. On Mother's day we purchased and delivered plants to the mothers at Armagh. They were very well received and

thankful that there were people out there thinking about them. At Christmas we purchased poinsettias and delivered them to the shut-ins by the elders. Once again many thanks to the elders for keeping our shut-ins involved in what's going on at the church. At this point I wish to say thank you to Orville Schnick for delivering all the goods to Armagh. Orville is our "Armagh contact" for which we send a huge thank you. Way to go Orville!

CARING THROUGH SHARING MISSION PROJECT:

Christmas time we were involved with the "Caring through Sharing" program. This year we decided to try to help support 5 families who needed assistance for Christmas. We weren't too sure how we were going to do it but we said we'll do it somehow. I was over-whelmed at the response that we had from the congregation. We were able to supply the five families with gifts, clothing, food vouchers as well as additional gift certificates. Way to go Clarkson! I would like to say a huge thank you to Bobbi MacDougall for getting us involved and for doing all the running around. It was a huge project but she handled it so well. Thanks Bobbi.

THE COMPASS: This is a newly set up "Outreach/Drop-in Centre" in Port Credit. This was set up by a various number of churches in the area who felt that we have a need for it in our community. It is located on Lakeshore Blvd. in Port Credit. We have not actually joined the forces now in operation but we have donated \$500.00 through our "Elves Workshop" this year and hope that there might be some way we could get ourselves involved next year. They are in need of volunteers to help out at the centre for whatever amount of time you can give, whether it be an hour or two or once a week or whatever you feel you would like to do. If you would like to volunteer some time, call me and I will get you the name of the person to contact. Please keep this in mind for the future, as I would hope that eventually Clarkson would be able to participate in this major project. In the meantime please pray for all those who are working there now and trying to make this project successful.

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING:

Our goal for this year was \$24,000. We actually collected \$20,427.98 through the congregation giving as well as \$1,500 from "Elves Workshop". The balance was paid through the General Fund. It would be great if we could collect the budgeted amount through the envelope givings. The money collected is used for missions all across Canada as well as overseas. Please consider putting aside a little each week for this well needed mission.

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the "Glad Tidings" booklet in the back of the church. We have ordered 12 copies and we receive a new booklet every two months. People have told me they like to read it as it has great things to read about. Maybe pick one up for someone who can't get to church on Sunday and won't see it.

OUTREACH:

The following is a list of the Outreach organizations that we have supported financially through our committee on your behalf:

Evangel Hall, Camp Glen Mohr, Peel Distress, Open Door, Camp Iona, Church Community Volunteers, Armagh, Covenant House, Emmanuel International.

Total \$1,700.00

We also received \$150.00 for P.W.S.D. which was sent.

ELVES WORKSHOP:

Our committee consists of: Margot Blevins, David Chan, Edie Chan, Dorothy Coyne, Joanne Dekker, John Dekker, Kristen Garbutt, Dee Heidema, Joanne Krauser and Joy Lismore.

I would like to send out a personal "thank you" to all the committee members for their help and support in putting on this huge project. Without everyone pulling together it would not have been successful. I would also like to take this time to thank Bill Truax for running the tea room for us as well as all the staff doing the waitering or helping out in the kitchen.

The new addition to the sale this year was the selling of "frozen home made pies". If you bought any then you'll know how good they really were. We had about 45 pies to sell and we sold them all. Our craft table was very successful this year. Many thanks to all those who donated items.

The silent auction was set up in the two classrooms this year. I think the items were better displayed and a lot easier for people to see them. Thanks to all those who donated items or got some of the businesses in the area to donate.

A huge thank you goes out to those who donated their precious items for the lucky draw. Everyone loved the items and you could tell the hours and hours of love that was poured into them. You know who you are I don't have to mention your names.

The bake table was once again a huge success. The baking that was received was amazing. Ladies please don't stop baking, we need you.....!

If I could I would like to mention each and every name that makes an impact on the success of this sale but unfortunately I would probably miss someone and I wouldn't want that to happen so here is a huge "thank you" to all those who had a hand in helping and hope to have your help again next year. There is always something to be done or an idea needed so if you would like to get involved with the Elves Workshop please call me or one of the committee members. We will be starting on this year's sale in February so get involved.

On behalf of Mission & Outreach and Elves Workshop I thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
David Chan

LADIES COFFEE MORNING

Ladies coffee is a fellowship group for women of all ages, to come and see their friends, meet some new friends, and have a cup of coffee. We meet the second Thursday of each month in the Margaret Terry room. The only requirements are to bring your coffee mug and a loonie. The loonie helps us pay our way, by buying coffee, sugar, milk, etc., and a small gift for our speakers.

Each month I try to have an interesting woman speaker to talk to us.

Our lineup of speakers this past year was:

January	Health Line Peel – Healthy Lifestyles
February	Valentine Program
March	Heart and Stroke Foundation – Women and Stress
April	Demonstrating Container Gardening
May	Beef – How to Cook and How to Buy
June	Welcome Baby
July	Make Sense of the Foods you Eat
August	Complimentary Health Care
September	Tour and Lunch at Bradley House
October	Charity Work of the I.O.D.E.
November	Floral Art
December	Annual Christmas Program and Potluck

At our Christmas morning, some of the ladies stayed behind and made up over 50 bags of cosmetic samples for the ladies groups at Evangel Hall. We were also able to make 5 baskets for the mothers of the Church's Christmas families.

With the loonies we collect each meeting we were able to make two donations to charity. We gave a cheque for \$110.00 to Canadian Breast Cancer and \$100.00 to Welcome Baby.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Sargent

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group meets monthly on the last Friday (except for the summer and December), from 10 – 11:30 in the Margaret Terry Room. We are a relatively small group who meet for fellowship and friendship over a cup of coffee. The topics are wide ranging and cover everything from world events to sports and everything in between. We warmly welcome all men to join us. Just give me a call if you do not have a ride.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Sypher

TERRY TEAM

The Terry team consists of four women, Dorothy Coyne, Dee Heidema, Patricia Sargent and Marjorie Stewart. The mandate we were originally given, was reaffirmed by the Minister and Session of Clarkson Presbyterian Church in December 2001, to continue our fundraising efforts

for the benefit of our church.

We held a card luncheon in April to raise some money towards buying the church another set of dishes. We felt this was a good cause because the set the church already has is insufficient to serve more than a 100 people. With the money we raised we were able to buy 10 dozen cups and saucers and bread and butter plates. We received a donation the week of Christmas, which allowed us to buy another 2 dozen cups and saucers.

We hope with future fund raising events, that we will be able to complete this project for the use of the church groups.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Sargent

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

This has been a challenging and interesting year for the Worship Committee. We have greatly missed the Rev. Mary Campbell leading our worship and we send our love and prayers to her that she will soon return to us in excellent health.

Nevertheless, we have been blessed with many wonderful and inspiring services over the past few months. The following have given of their time and have shared their ministry with us: Rev. Pam Ems, Rev. Sarah Travis, Rev. Trevor Lewis, Rev. Angus McGillivray, Rev. Sean Foster, Revs. Gerald and Rosemary Doran, Helen Norris, John Blevins, Rev. Susan Sheridan, Rev. Alison Voo, Sunday School lay service, Marion Nichols, the Wall family, John & Margot Blevins, Siem Vandenbroek, Kelta Fleck, Maureen Read, Rev. Chris Costerus, Rev. Harry McWilliams. Because of all these people we have been blessed many times over. Also our heartfelt thanks go to Roger Brown and the choir who made our services so meaningful through the ministry of music. We thank God for all of you and for your conscientious hard work. We also are especially proud and grateful for all our readers and candle lighters over the past year.

We welcomed Lesley Routhier to our committee and she has become an important part of our church life here at Clarkson.

Thank you to Ruth Darling who looked after the summer organ supply: Harold Dales and Lorraine Lohnes. We also gratefully thank Joyce Hutchinson and John Dekker who filled in for Roger when needed.

Our 45th Anniversary was celebrated by having the Rev. Dr. Paul Wilson, Professor of Homiletics at Emmanuel College, as our guest preacher.

Joanne & John Dekker continued to do a wonderful job of changing banners and pulpit falls when there was a need. Many thanks to our excellent Decorating Committee, consisting of Dee Heidema and Dorothy Coyne, with their helpers Jack Heidema, Marjory Stewart, Orville Schnick and George McLean. This group of merry workers kept our church appropriately decorated

according to the season. Many thanks to Dorothy Bragg, our very capable ushering convener. Jack Heidema diligently organized our communion services with much care and love.

We are always looking for new members to serve on our committee. Please see me if you feel this is where you would like to help. Your Worship Committee for 2003 is as follows: Barbara Sypher (Chair), John Blevins (Secretary), Dorothy Bragg, Ruth Darling, Jack Heidema, Dee Heidema, Lesley Routhier.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sypher.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2002 was another very exciting year in the musical life of Clarkson Rd. The membership of the Senior Choir remained status quo however; we welcomed new members, Leslie Jamieson and Paul Brooks. A few of our members are taking a leave of absence and we look forward to them returning as soon as possible. We are still looking for a new bass or two. As we move into the New Year, I would like to personally invite any new members to join us on Thursday nights. If you are interested in joining, please speak to me personally or to one of our present members. You would be most warmly welcomed.

As the 2002 church year began, the choir was hard at work preparing music for the coming year. A great deal of effort and time was spent learning special music for the Lenten season and Holy Week, leading into Easter. It was during this time that our minister, Rev. Mary Campbell became ill. Rev. Mary loves music and has always been so supportive of the choir and we have missed her encouragement and love very much throughout this year. I personally miss the way Mary often would take the words of the anthem and connect them to her sermons

In the summer during my holidays, Ruth Darling helped organize music for the summer services. After the summer break, we resumed our fall season. On September 29, two Grade 12 trumpet players from Lorne Park S.S., Erin Grevstad and Logan Rathbone performed with the choir during the service. On November 17, my entire OAC music class from Lorne Park Secondary School joined the choir and congregation for the Sunday morning service. They provided accompaniment for all of the hymns as well as the prelude and postlude. This was an inspiring morning of music. It was wonderful having all the hymns accompanied by a brass band and it was great having our students from the community participating in the service. The LPSS students also came in 2001 and I hope they can make this an annual event.

On December 22, our "Service of Lessons and Carols" was held. This involved many extra hours of preparation. Clive Chang, a former music student at Lorne Park S. S. and now at McGill University was able to join us in his capacity as accompanist and my wife Pat helped out in the alto section. The service included many familiar anthems and carols. Learning these pieces presented a challenge for the choir, which they met without a problem. My thanks to all the choir members for their hard work and to their commitment to attend extra practices. My thanks

also to the worship committee for supplying the excellent readers. This was a really a wonderful service of celebration.

I would personally like to thank all the choir members for their continuing dedication to the choir. Your willingness to take on challenging music and attend all practices and services is very much appreciated. My thanks also to the congregation and to Barb Sypher for their support and constant encouragement. I look forward to another exciting and rewarding year at Clarkson Rd.

Respectively submitted,
Roger Brown, Musical Director

MEMORIAL & BEQUEST FUND

During the year 2002, \$900 was donated toward a memorial for the late Reverend Bert Dutcher. Mrs Gertrude Dutcher chose a beautiful fish sculpture as a suitable memorial, which was placed above the south door at the front of the Sanctuary. A plaque has been placed there by the Board of Directors of the Fund, and David Lee donated his skilled services to place effective lighting.

A plaque was also placed by the new entrance doors to the narthex, indicating the doors are a memorial to the grandparents of Mrs Anne Reamey.

The final payment was made for the new stained-glass windows, installed on the north wall of the Sanctuary in March. This installation by McCutcheon & Sons completed the large windows on the north side, leaving the smaller square panels for future memorials. The remaining large window panels on the south side will be completed in the near future, as funds are available or memorials are made. The plan for the stained-glass windows includes designs for the smaller square panels.

The Sanctuary ceilings and walls received a much-needed coat of paint, thanks to the financial assistance and good advice of Anne and Gary Reamey, and the supervision of Dorothy Coyne and Dee Heidema. The enhancement of our place of worship has elicited many compliments.

Donation cards for the Memorial & Bequest Fund are placed in the funeral homes and in our church on the appropriate occasions; this allows the gift of lasting memorials to be made.

The estate of the late Robert Fraser recently made a bequest to the church. We are asking for any suggestions you may have for its use in providing a suitable memorial; speak to an elder or a director of the fund.

In God's Service,
Respectfully submitted, Ruth Darling.

TRUSTEES

Term Ends

Jim Garde	2002
Bill Richards	2003
Isabella Cunningham	2004
Treasurer	Ongoing