

CLARKSON ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Annual Report 2005

Annual Congregational Meeting, February 19, 2006

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CLARKSON ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
48th Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 19, 2006

AGENDA

- 1) Constitute with Worship
- 2) Appointment of Secretary
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Adoption of 2005 Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes
- 5) Adoption of February 6, 2005 Special Congregational Meeting Minutes
- 6) Business Arising from Minutes
- 7) Motion to receive and consider Treasurer's Report for 2005
Motion to adopt Treasurer's Report for 2005
- 8) Motion to receive proposed budget for 2006
Motion to adopt 2006 budget
- 9) Election of Board of Managers
- 10) Appointment of Auditors for 2006
- 11) Appointment of Treasurer
- 12) Appointment of Trustees
- 13) Motion to receive and consider Annual Reports (excluding Treasurer's Report)
Motion to adopt Annual Reports (excluding Treasurer's Report)
- 14) New Business
- 15) Motion to adjourn Annual Meeting
Closing Prayer and Benediction

**ANNUAL CONGEGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2005**

Opening Devotions: Rev. Sean Foster opened the meeting with worship as printed on the back cover of the Annual Report.

Secretary: Moved by Barbara Sypher and seconded by Ron Percy that Lesley Routhier be secretary; carried.

Agenda: Moved by John Dekker and seconded by Jack Heidema that the Agenda be accepted as written; carried.

Minutes: Moved by Linda Flemington and seconded by Ron Sypher that the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting, held on Sunday, February 29, 2004 be accepted as written; carried.

Special Minutes: Moved by Laura Pannell and seconded by Eleanor Garbutt that the minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting held on Sunday, February 1, 2004 be accepted as written; carried.

Business Arising From Minutes: None.

Treasurer's Report for 2004: Peter McLean, Treasurer, reported as follows:

- Total receipts from all sources were \$177,000 in 2004 compared to \$173,000 in 2003, an increase of 2%.
- However, general envelope receipts declined by 8% from \$108,000 in 2003 to \$100,000 in 2004.
- Salaries included the Stated Supply Minister until June 2004, while the 2004 budget had assumed a Stated Supply Minister for the full year.
- At December 31, 2004, we have accrued \$45,000 as a settlement payment to Reverend Campbell. We felt recording this payment in 2004 was appropriate as we were informed that the settlement agreement had been agreed to by all parties as of end of year. However, as of today, we have not paid any portion of this amount as we are still awaiting direction from Reverend Campbell.
- What is not reflected in the 2004 accounts is that at their February meeting, Presbytery agreed to pay one-half of Reverend Campbell's settlement. As a result, the direct cost to the congregation will be \$22,500.
- As a result of accruing the settlement payment in 2004, we ended the year with an operating deficit of \$25,000 compared to a surplus of \$18,000 in 2003.
- The congregation's commitment to Presbyterians Sharing was \$24,000 in 2004. We received \$29,700 in givings, thereby exceeding our commitment.
- Givings to the Building Fund were \$5,700 in 2004. Expenditures out of the building fund were \$6,500, which includes an accrual of \$5,000 related to a Hydro invoice only received recently for work completed on the overhead power lines back in 2003.
- At December 31, 2004, we had \$55,000 in the bank.

Moved by Linda Flemington and seconded by Christine Campbell that the Treasurer's Report be received and considered; carried. It was moved by Doug McGregor and seconded by Rajah Haddad that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as written; carried.

Rev. Sean Foster and the congregation showed their appreciation to the Treasurers for their excellent work during the year.

Budget for 2005: Peter McLean, Treasurer, reported as follows:

- After a couple of years of uncertainty, the 2005 budget is focused on the future of this Church rather than the past.
- We have budgeted for Reverend John Crowdis beginning April 1st at the remuneration agreed to at the February 6th congregational meeting.
- As a result of having Reverend Crowdis join us, we have only budgeted for the Interim Moderator until March 31st.
- We have budgeted increases of approximately 3% each for the Musical Director and the Church Secretary.
- We have not budgeted for a Christian Education Director for the coming year.
- Miscellaneous includes \$2,500 to cover the cost of upgrades to the Minister's Study, for such things as a computer and dedicated phone and computer lines. We have also budgeted \$2,000 to cover Reverend Crowdis' moving expenses.
- In order to achieve a balanced operation budget, general receipts are budgeted to increase by \$20,700 or 21% to \$120,900 compared to \$100,000 in 2004.
- We have budget receipts and expenditures of \$22,913 for Presbyterians Sharing, which is equal to our suggested allocation from Presbytery.
- Last year we budgeted \$20,000 related to the replacement of the hydro poles on the Church property. Although this work has not been completed, we have not budgeted any amount in 2005, as we believe that the repairs done to the poles in 2003 are still sound.
- Overall, we have budgeted total givings of nearly \$150,000 compared to actual total givings of \$135,000 in 2004. This represents an increase in receipts of \$15,000 or 11%.

Doug Wall moved that the Proposed Budget for 2005 be received and considered, seconded by Orville Schnick; carried. Isabella Cunningham moved the adoption of the 2005 Budget as presented, seconded by Rajah Haddad; carried.

Doug Wall made a motion that the church seek a Line of Credit (unsecured borrowing) from The Royal Bank of Canada for current operating expenses and to ensure that such expenses are paid on a timely basis, in an amount to be determined by the Board of Managers but not to exceed \$50,000.00. It may or may not be needed, depending on the final resolution regarding the Rev. Mary Campbell. The question was asked if the Line of Credit will be continued from year to year. That will depend on growth in the church and how the givings increase in the future. It will be an emergency fund only – if needed, it's there. The motion was seconded by Jack Heidema and with a show of hands by the congregation, carried. (Unsecured Borrowing Authorization attached).

Rev. Sean Foster encouraged a Stewardship Campaign immediately to accomplish what we want to do in the church in the coming year in order to enhance our ministry.

Election of Board of Managers' Members:

Three members of the Board of Managers terms expire in 2005. Linda Flemington has resigned from the Board. Doug Wall moved that Bev Philips and Bruce McWilliam be re-elected for a second three year term, seconded by Isabella Cunningham; carried.

Rev. Foster and the congregation thanked the Board for their faithfulness and hard work during the year.

Appointment of Auditors for 2005: Doug Wall moved that Isabella Cunningham and Ron Percy be appointed as Auditors, seconded by Orville Schnick; carried.

Appointment of Trustees for 2005:

Barbara Sypher moved that Isabella Cunningham be re-appointed as a Trustee for another three year term to 2007, seconded by Rajah Haddad; carried. Ruth Durward moved that Gordon Coyne be nominated as Trustee for a three year term to 2007, seconded by Ron Sypher; carried.

Memorial & Bequest Fund:

Ruth Durward spoke on behalf of the Memorial & Bequest Committee to promote the purchase of the remaining stained glass windows. A brochure has been produced entitled "Memorial Window Planning Guide" and is available at the back of the Church.

Motion to receive Annual Reports (other than the Treasurer's Report): Isabella Cunningham moved that we receive and consider the Annual Reports other than the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Sheila Adams; carried.

Motion to adopt all Annual Reports (other than the Treasurer's Report): Sheila Adams moved the adoption of all reports as printed, seconded by Jack Heidema; carried.

New Business:

Isabella Cunningham asked whether a date has been set for the induction of the new Minister. Sean replied that a tentative date of April 3rd, 7:30 p.m. has been set. A meeting with the London Presbytery will take place on March 8th to release Rev. Crowdis.

Barbara Sypher expressed sincere thanks to Sean on the behalf of the Session and the congregation for his caring and dedication during his time as our Interim Moderator. To show appreciation, a dinner gift certificate was presented to Sean and his wife Bonnie.

Sean, in turn, thanked the congregation and gave assurance that Clarkson Road will continue to be in his prayers.

Adjournment: Isabella Cunningham moved the adjournment of the meeting at 1:00 p.m., seconded by Doug Wall; carried.

Rev. Sean Foster closed with prayer.

Lesley Routhier, Secretary

**SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2005**

Devotions and Constitution: The Rev. Sean Foster read from Psalm 50 and constituted the Court with prayer.

Motion: Moved by Lesley Routhier and seconded by David Lee that Barbara Sypher be the Secretary; carried.

Purpose: The Reverend Sean Foster explained that the pulpit of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church was preached vacant in March, 2004. The purpose of the meeting is to decide whether or not the congregation desires to call the Reverend John Crowdis to be their minister of Word and Sacrament.

Motion: Moved by David Lee and seconded by Kelta Fleck that the congregation of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church call the Reverend John Crowdis to be their minister of Word and Sacrament. The motion carried with a unanimous show of hands.

Motion: Moved by Linda Flemington and seconded by Ron Percy that the congregation of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church agree to pay to the Reverend John Crowdis the annual stipend of thirty-six thousand and eighty-eight dollars (\$36,088.00), which amount is inclusive of annual car or travel allowance, and to provide eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000.00) annually for housing allowance, and three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) for the cost of utilities. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by George Binnie and seconded by John Dekker that the congregation of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church agree to pay the additional benefits as required by the Presbyterian Church in Canada; carried They are:

1. To give two weeks study leave annually, and to provide at least the minimum allowance as set by the General Assembly. (Currently \$600.00)
2. That the benefits of No. 1 above shall be cumulative up to five years.
3. To provide an annual Resource Fund of \$600.00 annually.
4. To give five weeks holiday annually.
5. To pay supply during the periods of study leave and holidays.
6. In case of disability or extended illness, to continue to provide stipend, accommodation and allowances for a period not less than that set by the General Assembly, and to pay the cost of pulpit supply.
7. To pay the necessary moving expenses to settle the Rev. John Crowdis as minister in this congregation.

The Guarantee of Stipend was then read to the congregation.

Motion: Moved by Jack Heidema and seconded by Isabella Cunningham that members of the Search Team and at least three members from the congregation attend the regular Presbytery meetings of Brampton and London for the purpose of speaking in favour of calling the Reverend John Crowdis to Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church; carried.

Thank you: John Wiley thanked the congregation and the Reverend Sean Foster for the wonderful support they provided during this time.

Adjournment: Moved by Jim MacMillan that the Court be adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Benediction: The Reverend Sean Foster pronounced the Benediction, and asked the congregation to proceed to the gymnasium where they could sign the call.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sypher, Secretary.

Minister's Message

February 2006

“¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”

Isaiah 43:18-19

It is amazing how quickly time flies. I still feel as if I have only just arrived in your midst, and yet I have to remind myself that I have now been here in Clarkson for the better part of a year. When people ask me how things are going, I reply that “it doesn’t feel like work.” I enjoy being here, I enjoy being amongst you, and listening for where God is calling us to be as a congregation.

One of the real joys that I have had in working amongst you is the real sense of wanting to move on, to get on with being the church. After several years of feeling as if we have been on hold, that energy is very refreshing. In the latter half of Isaiah, we find the words of the prophet speaking to a people who have been in exile for years. They are emerging from a time where they were so busy dealing with their own crisis, that they had lost sight of God still amongst them. Through Isaiah’s words, they were called to look ahead to the future and what hope it had: *“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old...”* Very quickly, the prophet’s voice moves to that sense of expectation, about something new about to happen: *“I am about to do a new thing, now it springs forth...”* Yet the prophet’s real push is in the next question: *“Do you not perceive it?”*

So often we can become mired in the temporal matters that surround us that we miss the greater hope of what God is calling us to be. In a time of exile, God calls the people of Israel forward, to not simply prepare for the way through the wilderness, but to be a part of building it. It’s *exciting* to be part of this new thing!

Even though we are looking forward to the year to come, I do have to mention special thanks to everyone in the congregation for their love and support that I have received over the past year. As you know it has been a very special year, as Sarah and I welcomed our daughter, Megan Elizabeth Fanning-Crowdis, on December 12th.

I am also grateful for the support of everyone whom I work with day to day. Lesley Routhier is a joy to work with, and our worship life would not be what it is without the support of Roger Brown and the entirety of the Choir. I am grateful to Barb Sypher for her support as Clerk of Session, as well as the wisdom and guidance of the whole Session itself. I am also grateful for the pro-active work of the Board of Managers, and teaching me the concept of the “wish list” which allows us to do some dreaming and planning. There are many more people I would like to thank personally that I simply do not have the room for here. For all the support and enthusiasm that you have shown over the past year, thank you.

This is the Annual Report for 2005, it is a snapshot of the year gone by of the ministry and work of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church. Please give it your careful consideration, and also celebrate with the contributors for the ongoing mission and work of this congregation. I trust that God will continue to work within us, and call us to see and experience that “new thing!”

Yours in Christ,
The Rev. John Crowdis

We Remember ...

*Margaret Grant
Walter Lucas
Patricia McLean
Jack Norris
Frank Van West*

THE KIRK SESSION STATEMENT

1. CHURCH INFORMATION

Membership

Members recorded as of December 31, 2004		243
Members removed from Roll by:		
Death	4	
By Certificate	<u>3</u>	7
Members added to Roll		<u>0</u>
Members recorded as of December 31, 2005		236
Number of Households, December 31, 2005		142

Baptisms

The following received the Sacrament of Baptism in 2005:

Elias Zachary McLarnon, son of Dean and Diamando, December 4.

Weddings

The following were united in marriage in 2005:

Bradley Norris and Tara Mosey, September 17.

Harold Pedwell and Sadie Tribe, October 1.

Bereavements

The following members and adherents passed away in 2005:

Jack Norris, January 28.

Margaret Grant, May 19

Patricia McLean, June 30

Frank VanWest, July 22

Walter Lucas, October 7.

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, 2004	15
Added by Induction and Ordination	<u>6</u>
Number on Session as at December 31, 2005	21

Elders on the Kirk Session, December 31, 2005

Terry Alexander	David Brown	Gordon Coyne
John Dekker	Kelta Fleck	Linda Flemington
Eleanor Garbutt	Rajah Haddad	Jack Heidema
George McLean	Peter McLean	Ron Percy
Bev Philips	Shirley Ross	Orville Schnick
Bob Sinclair	Barbara Sypher	Ron Sypher
Siem Vandenbroek	Wilma Wall	John Wiley

Congregational Life Committees

Communications
Policy & Planning
Mission & Outreach
Nurture
Worship

Roll Clerk
Envelope Secretary
Board of Managers
 Church Treasurers
 Finance Committee
 Property Committee

Chairperson

Wilma Wall
David Brown
Shirley Ross/Bev Philips
Ron Sypher
Colin Gardiner

George McLean
Bob Sinclair
Bruce Murray
Megan & Peter McLean
Bruce Murray
John Dekker

Ron Sypher is the Presbytery Representative Elder and George McLean is the Alternate Elder. Ron Sypher is an Assessor Elder for Almanarah Presbyterian Church, a newly formed Arabic congregation in the Presbytery of Brampton.

The year 2005 has been one of thanksgiving and celebration for the congregation of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church. We celebrated the arrival of our minister the Rev. John Crowdis and his wife Sarah. We welcomed him into our midst at the Induction service on April 3rd, 2005 and he soon became very much a part of our church family. We express sincere thanks to John for his devotion, enthusiasm and inspiration.

The committee to search for a minister was chaired by John Wiley and guided by the Rev. Sean Foster of Hopedale Presbyterian Church, as Interim Moderator. We are most grateful to the Search Committee, the committee chair, and to the Interim Moderator for their hard work and diligence.

During the year, our Director of Music, Roger Brown as well as the supply organists, Joyce Hutchinson, John Dekker and Bob Barlow, and the choir provided faithful leadership in our ministry of music. Special music at Christmas and Easter was enjoyed and appreciated.

In the spring, we held a very successful Clarkson Festival, under the capable leadership of Dorothy Coyne. Sincere thanks to Dorothy and the many others who worked so hard in making this day a success.

We praised the Lord at the 47th Anniversary in October with the Rev. John Crowdis as guest preacher.

During the year, the loss of many long and faithful members of the church has saddened us. We pray that God's love will comfort and sustain all families who have lost a loved one during the year.

During the fall, the Rev. Crowdis conducted a very informative and well attended Adult Bible Study on the Book of Genesis chapters 1-11.

Pat Sargent, Dorothy Coyne and Dee Heidema hosted a very successful card party in November. Our heartfelt thanks go to these ladies and their committee. The proceeds will go to helping with the Burning Bush stained glass window.

In October, the Youth Group held a very successful 30-hour famine, with the money raised going to Dr. Simone and the Canadian Food for Children program.

As a congregation we have been involved in many local community outreach programs: providing food for the Open Door at Square One, Armagh, the Compass and Interim Place. We thank all members of Clarkson Road who bring groceries and clothing to the church to be given to the above organizations. The Mission & Outreach Committee serves dinner at Evangel Hall once a year and takes small toiletry items to Evangel Hall at Christmas time. The church is part of the yearly Candlelight Walk in December along with 3 other churches on Clarkson Road, with all proceeds going to the Compass. The congregation provides a Christmas for some needy families in the area. Thank you to all who have been involved in these outreach programs and most especially to the Mission & Outreach Committee.

Thank you to the elders who faithfully deliver Easter mums and Christmas poinsettias to the sick and shut-ins.

Our thanks and appreciation to:

- Wilma Wall, Editor of the Newsletter, for keeping us up to date with interesting news and special articles about Clarkson Road.
- The Board of Managers under the leadership of Bruce Murray.
- John Dekker for keeping our church in such good repair, with the help and support of David Lee and Carl Turpin.
- Our church Treasurers, Megan and Peter McLean.
- Lesley Routhier, our office administrator for her excellent skills and dedication.
- The Nurture Committee, under the leadership of chair Ron Sypher, along with many dedicated teachers and helpers
- Gordon Coyne and the Memorial & Bequest Fund for the superlative job in finishing all the stained-glass windows in the sanctuary, plus working on the completion of the Burning Bush window above the front doors.

The dedication and service of so many volunteers in our church gives us good reason to be thankful. We recognize all volunteers, many of whom have been named in this report, and all those who have not been named but who gave so generously of their time and talents. We are deeply grateful.

As the year closes, we rejoice that God's loving hand has guided us in all our endeavours. As we begin the New Year of 2006, with all its challenges before us, we pray that God will give us strength, courage and a sincere desire to fulfill our task as Christ's ambassadors.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sypher, Clerk of Session.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board of Managers would like to thank the congregation for their financial support and thank those of you who donated your time to maintenance activities and fund raising events.

Over the past year new computer equipment for Rev Crowdis and office chairs for the minister and church secretary were purchased. New air conditioning units were installed and we leased a new photocopier. A major pruning of the trees on the church property was undertaken.

I would like to thank John Dekker for his dedication and attention to the church property. What needs to be done is done, efficiently and quietly with no demands for recognition. Well John, we do recognize it and we thank you.

On behalf of the Board I would also like to thank Lesley Routhier for her support of church people and events.

As you all know by now, the roof and eavestroughing over the sanctuary will be replaced at a cost of some \$20,000 plus. I am certain you, the congregation, will respond to our appeal for funds.

The reports of the Finance Committee and Property Committee follow:

Terms of the Board of Managers

John Dekker	2006*
Peter McLean	2006*
Bruce Murray	2006*
Doug Wall	2006*
Todd Jocko	2007
Ron Percy	2007
Dorothy Coyne	2008
Bruce McWilliam	2008

*Members standing for re-election

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Murray, Chairman

Property Committee

This year we accomplished the following items:

1. The trimming of the walnut trees.
2. Minister's Study air conditioner was installed.
3. Men's washroom sinks and taps were replaced.
4. Secretary's chair and air conditioner were replaced.
5. Photocopier was replaced.
6. We had a number of boiler repairs.
7. Improved the sound system.
8. Plasma screen and storage cabinet installed.
9. Completed installation of stained glass windows.
10. Repaired potholes in the parking lot.
11. Repaired the auditorium chairs.

Future projects on the list are:

1. Replacement of sanctuary roof is imminent.
2. Further sound system improvements (head microphone testing).
3. Air conditioner for Margaret Terry Room.
4. Repair or replacement of auditorium tables.
5. Replacement of kitchen counter tops and taps.
6. Improve the nursery washroom.
7. Improve wheelchair ramps.
8. Replace north and south-east doors.
9. Security intercom system.
10. New stage curtains.
11. Vertical blinds for auditorium.

A special thank you to the following people: Dave Lee for help with electronics.
Tom Whittaker for help with lighting.
Dave Millard for help with yard work.
Doug Wall for researching various projects.
Carl Turpin for keeping the floors clean and shiny.

Respectfully submitted,
John Dekker

Finance Committee

On behalf of the congregation, I would like to thank Megan and Peter McLean for their dedicated services as Co-Treasurers for the past three years. They will be turning over the Treasurer responsibilities to Isabella Cunningham for 2006. The Treasurer position is a volunteer position which requires accounting expertise and an understanding of Church procedures and Government filings. It is a position that involves countless hours of "behind the scenes" volunteer work. Unless you have been in the role, it is difficult to truly appreciate their efforts. Please take the time to personally thank Megan and Peter for their efforts, and Isabella for

agreeing to take on the Treasurer role again. We also thank Isabella Cunningham and Ron Percy for again performing the church audit function for 2005.

We thank the congregation for their financial support during 2005. You have been generous with your financial contributions to meet not only the 2005 Operating Budget and Presbyterians Sharing Budget that we manage, but also the many other appeals, projects and fund-raising events which were sponsored by other groups and committees. Well Done!

For the 2006 year, we face two financial challenges for the Operating Budget and Building Fund. Our Operating Budget requirements are increasing by \$20,000, primarily to cover having our minister, Rev. John Crowdis, on board for the entire year in 2006, whereas he was with us for only 8 months in 2005. We also are faced with replacing the shingles on the Sanctuary roof at a cost of \$20,000 to prevent any further leaks. The roof shingles replacement had been in our plans within the next 3 to 5 years; however, wind damage in December has required us to deal with it now. The Session and Board of Managers has agreed to a Special Fund Raising campaign for the roof project. Please keep these additional budget requirements in your thoughts as you tithe. Every single dollar of support from each of the approximately 150 Church households is sincerely appreciated and needed to meet the financial commitments.

We ask for your continuing prayers and financial support as we manage our Church's finances throughout 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Wall

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Members of the Communications Committee are Joanne Krauser, Marcia Murray, Wilma Wall, Terry Alexander and Bob Sinclair.

Communications oversees the Fellowship Time after Sunday Worship. Coffee/tea and juice are supplied and each Sunday, volunteers come in early to make the coffee and tea for everyone to enjoy. We thank the people who have volunteered for this mission. Marion Nichols is our volunteer who keeps her "eye" on the coffee/tea supplies and when she sees it dipping low, she goes out and stocks up our supply. Thank you to Marion for doing this for Communications. If you wish to volunteer to make the refreshments on Sunday, then the sign-up roster is located on the table outside our secretary's office and we would encourage all to take a turn. People enjoy the fellowship immensely, therefore, this is one volunteer "job" that brings so much pleasure to so many.

Joanne Krauser continues to send out our Friendship cards to our congregation. The sending of these cards is an important mission of our Church. A card received in the mail can encourage the person receiving it and let the person know they are thought of and prayed for always by their Church family. Thank you to Joanne for doing this valuable service for the people of our Church.

Terry Alexander and our new member, Bob Sinclair, look after the audio equipment in the Sanctuary. The sound system over the past year has been experiencing difficulty due to equipment needing to be repaired or replaced. Sound Systems are very costly and Communications are being helped out by volunteers from our congregation who do their best to repair it when they can. We are also currently testing a new portable microphone with the intent of purchasing it.

Marcia Murray decided to retire from co-editing the newsletter this past year. Thank you to Marcia for the years of dedication to the newsletter. I continue to be editor of the newsletter, but would like to retire also. After five years going on six, I feel it is time for me to move on and take on other responsibilities in our church.

Communications was thrilled to host the fellowship time after the Induction Service for the Rev. John Crowdis in April of 2005. Also, Communications hosted the Anniversary of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church in October, 2005 by providing anniversary cake for our Church family.

Our church lawn sign was completed in 2005 with the brick work and the feedback has been positive.

The kitchen is running smoothly and we appreciate the volunteers who use the kitchen and do a tremendous job in keeping it neat and clean.

Communications welcomes anyone who wishes to join our Committee. We meet approximately 3 to 4 times per year or if a “need” arises.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma Wall

NURTURE COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Ron Sypher (Chair), Isabella Cunningham, Eleanor Garbutt, Kelta Fleck, Laura Pannell, Siem Vandenbroek, Grace Anne Wiley

We were very pleased and grateful to welcome the Rev. John Crowdis to our Church and our Committee on April 1st. John has contributed a great deal to the nurture of our congregation in the short time he has been with us. He has provided encouragement to our youth, is a loyal participant in church activities and has given guidance to the Nurture Committee. We know that John will give us strong support whenever there is a need and we look forward to developing new programs in the future.

The *Sunday School* teachers continue to be dedicated every Sunday in spite of the number of children who are present. Some class sizes have improved slightly but we are constantly trying to think of new ideas to attract more young families.

The *Youth Group* is strong and under the direction of Rev. Crowdis they have provided the congregation with some special video programming. The monthly Bible Theatre presentations continue to be enjoyed under the direction of Kelta Fleck, Debbie Ambrus and Ande MacDougall. Congratulations to the youth for their donation to Canadian Food For Children with money raised at a fast they held in November.

Skating and bowling parties were held for the families of the Church but were not well attended. Financially the Sunday School is doing well. Some of their funds are used to sponsor Mission Projects.

Vacation Bible School was not held again this past summer because a leader could not be found. The Sunday School is still in desperate need of an *Administrator*. The Nurture Committee under the direction of Ron Sypher has been overseeing the Sunday School programs but we need a person to be in close contact with the teachers.

A *Young Couples Group* and a *Book Group* are enjoying good fellowship. Programming is planned by members attending these groups and more members would be welcome.

A six week *Bible Study* was led by Rev. Crowdis in October and was attended by approximately 20 people. The topic was Genesis, Chapters 1 – 11. We look forward to future Bible Studies.

The *Library* cart now has books for children and adults and is available every Sunday. Cathy Corrigan and Megan McLean have worked very hard to establish an enjoyable selection of books but would like to have a more permanent home for the Library.

The Nurture Committee sponsored the *Congregational BBQ* in June. Many thanks to those who helped with the food and games.

In September the committee organized a *Rally Day Pot Luck Lunch* after Church which was very well attended. Thank you to all for your contributions.

A *Prayer Meeting* is held every Sunday morning at 10:10 a.m. It is very uplifting and a good way to prepare for the morning service. All are welcome.

The Leading with Care Program was developed by the Presbyterian Church in Canada to protect vulnerable members of the congregation and in the Fall most of our leaders took the forms to the Police Headquarters in Brampton and a confidential search was done on our behalf. All policies must be implemented by July 1, 2006.

Care Notes – These are Pastoral Care Resources available in small pamphlet sizes which include many, many topics. A display is located outside the office and members are encouraged to use them.

The Nurture Committee *purchased* 10 Contemporary English Version Bibles to be used by the Sunday School and the congregation. They will be kept in the Library area. The committee also paid for copyright privileges to use audio-video materials.

Thank you to those who support the extra programs available to all members of the congregation. Attendance on Sunday is very important for every Church member but our congregation can only be strong if everyone participates in the nurturing/ fellowship programs as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Anne Wiley

Sunday School

Our Sunday School was active during the year. A big thanks to the teachers for their enthusiasm and dedication. The teachers and support staff during the year were: Dawna Thompson and Isabella Cunningham – Nursery; Nicole Jocko, Cathy Corrigan and Kelta Fleck, with support from Ruth Hyatt – Ages 3 to Grade 3; Debbie Ambrus, Bobbi MacDougall, Maureen Read and Julie Wright – Grades 4 to 6; Laura Pannell and Siem Vandebroek – Grade 7 and up. The curriculum for the classes varied and was designed to meet the spiritual needs of the various ages of the children and youth. We purchased 10 Contemporary English Version Bibles primarily for use by the youth. The Nursery was re-decorated with funds from the Card Party Luncheon Committee. In addition, the crib was replaced from funds donated by the Clarkson Festival Committee. Thanks to both groups for their generous contributions.

Throughout the year, it was important to have a number of activities for the children: Family Skating was held in January, with refreshments at the Wileys; Pancake Breakfast in February; the children handed out palm branches on Palm Sunday; Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday; congregational picnic in June; Rally Sunday in September and White Gift Sunday in December. An important part of the activities was the monthly Bible Theatre. We wish to thank the youth and children who brought interesting stories from the Bible to the congregation. Ande MacDougall played a major role in writing the dialogue for the plays and we thank him for his time and effort. In addition, the support of Rev. John Crowdis, Kelta Fleck, Debbie Ambrus, along with many others, is much appreciated.

Our youth did it again this year. They had a fast at the church in November to support Canadian Food For Children and raised \$3,076. Congratulations to the youth and many thanks to all the parents who helped chaperone this event.

During the year the following donations were made on behalf of the Sunday School:

- \$100 was donated to Canadian Food For Children;
- \$50 was donated to Camp Mini-Yo-We;
- \$200 to South East Asia Tsunami Relief Fund;

In spite of sporadic attendance, our teachers are dedicated to providing Christian education to the children. Our vision is to have an active and growing Sunday School, but to accomplish this requires your help. We invite everyone to encourage the children to attend and perhaps invite

other children from the community. We have excellent teachers, terrific facilities and a great curriculum. Together we can accomplish our vision of having an active and growing Sunday School.

Please keep the Sunday School in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted
Ron Sypher

Church Library

We are a blessed congregation to have many Christian books to read. These can be found in our church library, which has now grown into a family library. Our collection of 190 books is kept on a trolley. Every Sunday the books are available to be signed out. We have board books, Bible story books, biographies, Bibles, fiction and non-fiction books.

In the fall of 2005, we received donations of gently used adult books. We are always appreciative of receiving any books to add to our collection. We purchased Easter books in the spring of 2005.

We look forward to having a permanent home for the library. Our vision is to have a regular space that people may feel comfortable browsing and reading Christian literature.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Corrigan

POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Committee did not meet as a group during the year, but several of the members, the Minister and the Chairman undertook a review of the final Leading with Care policy which was adopted by the Presbyterian Church in Canada at the 2005 General Assembly. This is the policy which is intended to ensure the safety of individuals within the Congregation.

Several of the policy recommendations were adopted and implemented during 2005 and work is continuing in several other Congregational Committees to ensure compliance with the policy within Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted,
David Brown

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Members of our committee this year have been Shirley Ross and Bev Philips (co-chairs), Christine Campbell, Wyn Millard, Orville Schnick and Christine Scotland. We were sorry to lose a former committee member of long standing, Doug Wall, who is now working on the Board of Managers. We thank Doug for his past contributions, particularly his organization of several Corn Share initiatives. Our two newer members are Christine Campbell and Christine Scotland who have enthusiastically worked very hard for our committee.

Our budgeted funds, approved by the Board of Managers and Session, have once again enabled us to send donations totaling \$1,700.00 to the following organizations:

Armagh
Camp Glen Mhor
Camp Iona
Church Community Volunteers
Emmanuel International
Evangel Hall
Open Door
Peel Distress Line
Ande MacDougall-Clumpus

We receive many pleas for monetary donations each year and it is not easy deciding which groups to assist. The balance of our budget was spent on the booklet “Glad Tidings”, which is available in the Narthex, and poinsettias which were delivered by our elders to elderly and shut-in members in December.

In April we hosted a dinner at Evangel Hall for approximately 120 needy people. This year we collected donations from congregation members and thus were able to purchase 16 large lasagnas. Salads, buttered buns and chocolate cakes were also donated. We thank all members who so generously contributed their time and money, as well as the 12 volunteers who helped serve the meal at Evangel Hall and Christine Scotland for convening this outreach event.

On September 29, we participated in a nationwide fundraising **Coffee Break**™ event for the **Alzheimer Society**. We received a host package from the Peel Society and our committee members provided the coffee and goodies. Once again the congregation was most generous and we were able to forward a cheque in the amount of \$288.00 to the society to help fund further research for this dreadful disease. In addition many people purchased the society’s yellow bracelets. For our efforts, Clarkson Road won a night for two at the luxury Park Plaza Hotel. This will be raffled off in January.

Following the Thanksgiving Service in October, and the White Gift Sunday in December, we delivered large quantities of canned goods, fruit and vegetables to the local firehall, The Compass and Armagh. Once again our members’ generosity was wonderful.

Our final initiative for 2005 was the sponsoring of four needy families for their Christmas meals and gifts. Our thanks to Bobbi MacDougall for her help in obtaining the family's names and details from Compass. As a committee, we felt so happy that every family received a substantial No Frills voucher for their dinner and lovely presents as well. Those of us who delivered the parcels were overwhelmed by the gratitude of the recipients and once again we have our very generous Clarkson Road congregation to thank for providing such happiness to those less fortunate than ourselves. Our Gingerbread House draw meant we were able to provide a pair of good quality, brand new boots to a young boy on our list.

Throughout the year Wyn & Dave Millard and Tom Whittaker have continued to deliver food and clothing donations to Evangel Hall and Open Door – items that are collected in the Narthex. We thank them for all the driving that they do. Also, we are continuing to collect used stamps for the Leprosy Mission, and Canadian Tire Money for Evangel Hall.

It has been a busy year for the Mission and Outreach committee and we thank everyone for your generous and willing support.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverley Philips

Ladies' Coffee Morning

In June the ladies got together for a coffee morning, at which time we had Sharon Millard and Janice Tansey as speakers. Their talk about the work carried out by the Salvation Army was very informative. A donation of \$25.00 was given to the cause in appreciation.

A Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon was held on December 8th with 34 ladies in attendance. Following the luncheon 46 Christmas bags were packed for the needy ladies at Evangel Hall and 4 baskets of cosmetics products were assembled for the "Caring and Sharing" families sponsored by the church through Mission and Outreach. Many thanks to all the people who helped make Christmas a bit happier for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Respectfully submitted
Shirley Ross
Helen Chislett

Men's Group

Throughout the year, with the exception of December and the summer months, the Men's Group met at 10 a.m. on the last Friday of each month in the Margaret Terry Room. We enjoyed a cup of Presbyterian coffee and an opportunity to chat on the events of the day. It is terrific fellowship. Our numbers were not large, and we would like to see more men attend. Please consider this as an open invitation.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Sypher

TERRY TEAM

In November the Terry Team had a card luncheon with 124 women and men participating. We would like to thank all the volunteers who worked very hard, and for their friendship in helping us to make the day a success. The mundane tasks such as, making and cutting the sandwiches, washing and drying the dishes, decorating the tables, serving the plates of food and pouring the tea and coffee were all done by the women of the Church who we asked to help.

Dorothy Coyne, Dee Heidema and myself feel that all the Clarkson Road Church women, who in the past and are no longer with us and the Church women of today who work so hard in the kitchen of the Church should be remembered.

In appreciation of their hard work we offered the proceeds of the card luncheon to the Burning Bush Memorial Fund. We chose two windows which showed the roots and trunk of the Burning Bush. For it is the trunk that supports the rest of the bush, and it is from the roots of the bush that food is gathered for the bush to grow. The women who work in the Church kitchen are part of the foundation and roots of the Church and from the foundation many things grow.

We gave a cheque in the amount of \$1,688.00 to the Memorial & Bequest Fund to remember all the women who have contributed their time and energy today and in the past, and have helped to make our card luncheons so successful. Thank you ladies.

Respectfully submitted
Patricia Sargent, The Terry Team

CLARKSON FESTIVAL

On May 14, 2005 we held our first Clarkson Festival, which took the form of a chicken barbeque and silent auction. The event benefited not only our church but reached out to our community, benefiting Compass and Interim Place.

The Clarkson Festival was successful due to the hard work of many people in our congregation. My thanks to all who participated. Without you it would not have been the success it was.

As a result, a total of \$10,193 was donated as follows:

Board of Managers	\$5,193
Presbyterian Sharing	\$3,000

Compass	\$1,000
Interim Place	\$1,000.

Respectfully submitted
Dorothy Coyne, Chairperson

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We were fortunate to have the Rev. Gordon Beaton, Rev. Chris Costerus, and Rev. Sean Foster lead us in the month of January, while Rev. John McGurrin returned during February. Then in March Gordon & Chris returned once more. We have been truly blessed by their presence and leadership. And of course, for most of us, our first encounter with Rev. John Crowdis, on the 6th February, as he preached for the call.

We welcome John's guidance and ideas for our weekly advancement in meaningful services. Blessed we are to have John inspire and guide us through our Christian journey together. His vitality can't help but rub off on all of us, as he takes us forth into a new era at Clarkson Road. The new Dad on the block has lots to offer.

Roger Brown and the choir made our services inspirational through the ministry of music. We thank God for all of you and for your conscientious hard work. And with admiration we thank all our readers and candle lighters over the past year.

Extra thanks to Roger for arranging our summer organ supply of Bob Barlow and Joyce Hutchinson.

The Worship Committee will continue the use of a flower calendar, which will be posted outside the secretary's office. We encourage the congregation, to prayerfully consider providing flowers on any Sunday during the year in memory of a loved one or to express thankfulness for a happy occasion. Just sign your name and let Lesley know what you would like put in the bulletin.

In December our congregation took part in the 3rd Annual Candlelight Walk, the proceeds going to the Compass Drop-in Centre on Lakeshore Road in Port Credit. There was carol singing in the four participating churches.

Joanne and John Dekker continue to do a wonderful job of changing the banners and pulpit falls when there was a need. Many thanks to the Decorating Committee, consisting of Dee Heidema and Dorothy Coyne, with their helpers Jack Heidema, 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 continues to organize our communion services with much care and love.

Respectfully submitted,
Colin Gardiner.

Musical Director's Report

It seems as one grows older, the years begin to literally fly by. As a child, my parents always talked about how quickly the years went by and now I understand what they were talking about. During the last eight or more years, I have enjoyed the love and support I have received from the congregation of Clarkson Road Church, and in particular, from the choir members. I am continually very thankful for that love and support.

The year 2005 was another exceptional year in the musical life of Clarkson Road. The membership of the Senior Choir began to grow in the late spring and fall. The Rev. John Crowdis joined the ranks of the tenor section in April and in the fall we welcomed three younger singers, Blythe McWilliams, Jordan Wall and Erin Murray. We are still looking for a few new members in ALL sections but especially in the sopranos. As most of the music we sing is in four parts we need to maintain a balance in each section. I would ask that you prayerfully consider singing in the choir as part of your service to the church. As we move into the New Year, I would like to personally invite any members of the congregation to join us on Thursday nights. If you are interested in joining even for a short time, please speak to me personally or to one of our present members. You would be most warmly welcomed. We also enjoy many wonderful parties and that alone certainly would be an incentive to join the choir. The Murray family hosted our June and Christmas parties this year and we had a wonderful time. Many thanks to them for their gracious hospitality.

As the 2005 church year began, the choir was hard at work preparing music for the coming year. Two Lorne Park students, Pat Rathbone on percussion and Pat Stewart on bass guitar, joined the choir in February for a wonderful arrangement of "Amazing Grace". Later on in May, violinist Jason Cheung, a former student from Lorne Park Secondary School and a science major at Western, accompanied the choir in a piece called "Forever and a Day". For Thanksgiving, Kylie Wright, another Lorne Park student and member of the congregation accompanied the choir on her flute. We appreciate it whenever an instrumentalist can join us for a Sunday and thank them for their time and gifts.

As usual, a great deal of effort and time was spent learning special music for the Lenten season and Holy Week, leading into Easter. The choir anthems were especially appreciated by the congregation during this time. Our Easter service ended as usual with the singing of the wonderful Hallelujah chorus by Handel.

Immediately after Easter, the choir took part in the induction of The Rev. John Crowdis. John has become a valued member of the Senior Choir. I am sure many of you know that John is a fine musician and at one time considered music as a career.

After the summer break, we resumed our fall season. The choir continued to rehearse each Thursday evening and sing each Sunday morning. The choir continued throughout the fall to prepare for the Christmas music service and on December 18 they presented the "Service of

Lessons and Carols”. This involved many extra hours of preparation. Linda Ford, a music teacher at Lorne Park Secondary School, was our guest accompanist again this year. The service included many familiar anthems and carols. Learning these pieces presented a challenge for the choir but they worked hard and did an excellent job. Thanks to all the choir members for their extra work and to their commitment to attend all practices.

I would like to conclude with a few thoughts about hymns. Thanks to David Brown, I now have in my possession every hymn book that has ever been used by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Each edition gives us a good idea of the hymns that were sung in that generation. It also gives us some real insight into the different tunes and words that were popular during that time period. The singing of hymns has always been an integral part of any worship service in the Presbyterian Church and certainly that is still true today. However, the selection of hymns by the minister in collaboration with the musical director has always been an interesting, and sometimes controversial part of our worship over the years. Tunes and words have evolved a great deal over the last 130 years and this is reflected in the hymns that are chosen for each service. We all have our favourite “old” hymns, hymns that have a special meaning to us. We also continue to learn and become familiar with new hymns for worship which are soon added to our list of favourite “old” hymns.

Another interesting fact is that old hymns often become new again. In the 1997 version of the Book of Praise, there are a number of new as well as many older familiar hymns. (Please remember that old hymns were all once new.) Recently, one Sunday we sang a “new” hymn which was actually a very old hymn from the 1918 version of the Book of Praise. The tune “Helmsley” was written in the 18th century with words by one of the greatest hymn writers, Charles Wesley. Many members remarked that they had never heard of this hymn. I don’t re-call playing it before at Clarkson but I do remember growing up with the tune and words as a young boy. Also, congregations often develop a different list of favourite hymns. The Presbyterian Church where you grew up likely has a different list of old favourites when compared to Clarkson.

I anticipate that discussions about the hymns we sing in church will continue to take place as they have for many years. Discussions always lead to a better understanding. I do hope that all members of the congregation will keep an open mind and continue to enjoy hymns that are from all historical periods including the present. Let us continue to enjoy those wonderful hymns from our past as well as take the time to learn new ones. As we all know, God has spoken to us through the wonderful hymns of the past. Surely He will continue to speak to us through contemporary music and lyrics.

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 to the congregation and to Barb Sypher for their support. Thanks to Rev. John Crowdis who in a short time has provided us with thoughtful and inspired leadership. As usual, I look forward to another exciting and rewarding musical year at Clarkson Road.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Brown, Musical Director

MEMORIAL & BEQUEST FUND COMMITTEE

2005 was a busy year for the Fund. The installation of stained glass windows in the sanctuary was completed and many of the congregational families participated in this program donating windows in memory of loved ones. The windows were dedicated during a service in the spring.

The Fund is now being used in support of the next beautification project, "The Burning Bush", which we expect will be installed in the early spring for dedication on April 16th. As of this writing, about 2/3 of the funds required for this window have been donated. We thank the congregation for their rapid support of this project.

The memorial fund would also like to thank all those who donated in honour of the lives of Jack Norris, Doug Auld and Pat Mclean.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Murray

TRUSTEES

	<u>Term Ends</u>
Bill Richards	2006
Isabella Cunningham	2007
Gordon Coyne	2007
Treasurer	Ongoing

Memorial and Bequest Fund

The purpose of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church Memorial and Bequest Fund is to provide a qualified and continuing organization with authority to administer all legacies and gifts made to Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church Memorial and Bequest Fund.

By having this special organization to further the objectives of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church and to carry out any specific instructions by donors, it is hoped that many will be encouraged to arrange for donations and bequests.

The accumulation of these gifts over the years will build up a fund which will enable Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church to broaden its efforts and its plans and to accept greater responsibilities for the growth of the Church and its work.

A donor will derive immediate and continuing satisfaction from the knowledge that his or her gifts will provide enduring benefits year

after year, and that under the "Memorial and Bequest Fund" the distribution of income or capital will always be in the hands of living and qualified persons whose decisions will be pertinent to current needs.

Two Representative Clauses in Wills Relative to the "Memorial and Bequest Fund":

A. I give and bequeath the sum of \$..... to Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church Memorial and Bequest Fund to be used as the Board of Directors of the said "Memorial and Bequest Fund" may from time to time determine.

The receipt of the Treasurer of the said "Memorial and Bequest Fund" for the said sum shall release my executor(s) from all liability in respect thereof.

B. I give, devise and bequeath all of the residue and remainder of my Estate to Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church Memorial and Bequest Fund to be used as the Board of Directors of the said "Memorial and Bequest Fund" may from time to time determine.

The receipt of the Treasurer of the said "Memorial and Bequest Fund" for the said sum shall release my executor(s) from all liability in respect thereof.

Should any further questions occur to you, we would be pleased to assist you.

**The Directors,
Memorial and Bequest Fund**