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## Changing Lives Through Service

Serving Our Community



### Benevolent Fund REV. HUGH REID

The Benevolent Fund of Kingsway-Lambton provides emergency assistance for people in need and supports organizations that serve people in crisis. It is administered by the Coordinating Minister with ad hoc support from a consultative committee and our Church Administrator.

Many come to our church door seeking help. Some come seeking someone to affirm their dignity and to listen to them. Most come for food vouchers, rent support, or other expenses. The general policy is not to give out cash to individuals although exceptions are made. For the most part, individual assistance is limited to once a month.

Through the Benevolent Fund, our church makes a difference. Many have again discovered that when there is nowhere else to turn, there is the church. Many who have fallen through the cracks have found a place to land, a warm handshake, and a blessing. Rev. Reid wishes to convey the heartfelt "thank you's" and "God bless you's" he receives from people you have never met but for whom you have been a neighbour in Jesus' name.

### El Hogar SUE FRANKLIN

Kingsway-Lambton has been so very generous in their support of the children of El Hogar Projects in Honduras over the past thirteen years and more. Many thousands of dollars have been contributed, many big and small events and fund-raisers have taken place all by the work of dozens of volunteers. Last year alone \$35,000.00 was sent to Honduras for El Hogar Projects. This year

Kingsway-Lambton has raised \$7,700.00 through the "Go for the Gold" event, money from the Bake Sale, sponsorships of individual children and other gifts.

Pause for a moment and consider how that money is used. About 250 children and teens are cared for and educated at El Hogar each year. Everything for their care must be considered; basics like food, a clean bed to sleep in, clothing, shoes, books and other school supplies; toiletries like toothpaste, soap and shampoo; and then, upkeep of the buildings in which they live and learn, utilities like electricity and water, salaries for the teachers, payments to the doctor and staff costs, like the cooks who provide three meals a day. The animals need care at the farm school and machinery must be kept in working order. Workshops at the Technical School need raw material as well as maintenance of machinery. The list seems endless and almost insurmountable but with the stewardship of those who guide and manage, El Hogar Projects is, and will continue to be, a good news story. Kingsway-Lambton is a big part of this good news story.

### The Grace Notes STEVE PRIME

The Grace Notes is a musical outreach ministry of Kingsway Lambton. Comprising 13 singers and musicians, the group shares its gifts of music and love with those no longer able to get out to enjoy concerts. The group plays a wide-ranging and joyful mix of music, from old popular songs to show tunes, country fiddling, gospel and sing-alongs – anything that brings joy and comfort.

The outreach is powerful. Many times there are tears – both for the residents and the performers. Each of the musicians has experienced personal growth and fulfillment through the use of musical gifts for the benefit of others. It is beautiful to see God at work.

## **Light Patrol**

REV. JEFF BACON

The Light Patrol outreach to street-involved youth in Toronto changes many lives: those of the youth that the Light Patrol staff and volunteers come alongside to support, as well as the staff and volunteers themselves! Light Patrol is a program of Youth Unlimited that is designed to seek out and to support some of the most hurt and vulnerable youth in our city. For many troubling reasons, they are trying to live on their own, often huddled in downtown doorways, parks, and under bridges. Light Patrol finds them and supports them; initially with hot food, clothing and medical needs; and as our relationships and trust develop, in their transitions to healthier lifestyles. Many youth who have been supported begin to support others and the strong relationships that are formed have a positive ripple effect on the youth and on the volunteers. Many folks at Kingsway-Lambton have supported Light Patrol financially, with donations of food, clothing and medical supplies, and with loving encouragement. Light Patrol is one of the ways that Kingsway-Lambton reaches out in loving service to change lives!

## **Outreach Committee**

ESTHER REID

Lake Scugog Camp has a mission devoted entirely to serving disadvantaged children, with “family” weeks for abused women and their children, many of whom board school buses from shelters in Etobicoke. We know how valuable a week out of the city is for kids who would otherwise never get the chance; we also care about the women who may have fled abusive relationships, who are able to have fun in a secure setting and spend some time with their kids. In each family week, the camp staff give the moms a “Ladies Banquet”, when they get to dress up in some hilarious faux-finery, perhaps donated from unsold items at the Flea Market, and be Queen-For-The-Evening. It’s an evening to make each woman feel special, laugh and have fun, something many abused women have seldom experienced. As we would say, to let her “never forget how much she is loved” by God and by us.

The Community Outreach Committee thanks you for your generous Easter Outreach donations, which support six agencies in our area that provide services for people in need. Our Easter appeal hi-lighted Lake Scugog Camp, while other agencies serve the young, the old, the disadvantaged and the homeless. With your donations you help to provide food, clothing, shelter, safe places free from abuse, but most importantly, freeing those who are isolated and bringing them into community.

Outreach-in-Action includes the Lent and Advent food drives, now accepting donations year-round (just put them inside the glass doors), and our annual Out of the Cold Dinner at All Saints Anglican Church. Watch for the Thanksgiving Appeal, and an exciting new event for the fall, more details to come. For more information please go to the website at [www.kingswaylambton.ca](http://www.kingswaylambton.ca) and click on the “Outreach” tab in the menu. With your help and God’s help, we change the lives of many people in many ways.

## **United Church Women**

GALE HUGHES

In addition to donations made to Kingsway-Lambton United Church, United Church Mission and Service, Out of the Cold, Sleeping Children around the World, and Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation, the UCW at Kingsway-Lambton supported the following organizations:

**Fred Victor Centre:** this organization supplies responsive, accessible and innovative housing for people who are experiencing homelessness and poverty. In addition to permanent housing, they operate two emergency shelters. Each day, more than 1,000 people use their programs and services.

**The Massey Centre:** a children’s mental health centre for pregnant and parenting adolescents. Each young mom is given access to prenatal care, learns how to take care of her baby, continues her education, and develops the skills needed to build a successful life and relationship with her baby.

**Camping Opportunities:** United Church camps host 2,000 children and youth from Toronto and southern Ontario every year. They believe that no child should miss a chance to go to camp for a lack of money. The Camping opportunities Fund quietly helps to send more than 500 children to camp each year.

**Dorothy Ley Hospice:** this volunteer-based community service organization offers compassionate care to people living with the challenges of life-limiting illness and loss. The hospice has two key programs – a community program and a residential program. Services offered through the community program are available from the time the life-limiting illness is diagnosed. The residential program is available to people who have three months or less to live.

**Ernestine’s Women’s Shelter:** an organization run by women, Ernestine’s provides support and shelter for women and children escaping violence. Since 1983, Ernestine’s has assisted over 5,000 families with critical immediate care services.

**Etobicoke Services for Seniors:** this organization offers personal care, transportation, and opportunities to socialize to seniors. In addition, they offer programs that provide a much needed break to family members who are caring for seniors.

**The Gatehouse:** The Gatehouse Adult Support Network (GASN) offers support groups for adult survivors of sexual abuse. The Gatehouse Investigative Support Program (GISP) offers a child-friendly, neutral location where investigative police officers and child welfare workers can interview children/youth and their families during child abuse investigations.

**The George Hull Centre:** The George Hull Centre for Children and Families is an accredited children’s mental health centre serving children from birth to age 18, and their families.

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## Minister's Message



### *A Living God, a Living Church, Changing Lives through Service*

*... that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”  
John 10:10*

When Jesus says, “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly,” he was describing his identity and mission but he was also making a political statement. In one way, Jesus’ whole life was a political statement. It was a lived testimony to how we are to live publicly our relationships and responsibilities to one another as beloved children of God. It’s not party politics; it’s daily living. Jesus said we are to love one another as he loves us.

Jesus spent his life loving people over, around, and through the political and religious barriers and boundaries of his time: Greek and Jew, male and female, slave free, rich poor, sick whole, saint and sinner. In the face of all the ways the world has to separate people, Jesus was about the ministry of reconciliation. He came to serve. He changed lives. He gave the valueless, value. He gave the self-important an importance which did not depend on their inflated opinion of themselves.

In his death and resurrection, he loved us even through the barrier of death. He still does. And he’s still changing lives.

Because the God we know in Jesus is incarnational and so historical, the political and personal statement God makes in Jesus is not an abstract slogan or pious platitude. It is a lived commitment to us. You are loved. You are not alone. God seeks you for relationship.

Relationships change lives. We know that. Our pets change our lives. Our children change our lives. Strangers change our lives. God seeks us to serve us that we may have life and have it abundantly.

That is one of the consequences of believing in a God who is not an abstract idea or impersonal force but a *Someone* who speaks a word as simple as Jesus and as penetrating as the Spirit. A church in relationship with this God will also be making relationships and changing lives.

It is beautiful to see this happening every day. From the fellow who comes to the glass door in March wearing sandals, asking for a food voucher and leaves with vouchers and a pair of shoes (he calls me Hughie); to the hundreds who stream through our doors at the Art Show and the Flea Market finding treasures and contributing to the agencies we support in the business of changing lives. From the folks committed to seeing a Roma refugee family receives not just justice but mercy, to those who volunteer with and support those serving the many youth on our streets and the children on the streets of Honduras, we’re changing lives. With every knitted scarf and phone call, we change lives. We change lives when we gather on Sunday morning and love each other through our differences, through our grief, through our worries and our gifts, in the embrace of the living God who will not let us go.

We received news this week that we’re going to have to say a kind of farewell to someone who has been part of our partnership in service to change lives. Someone whose life I know we have changed. It is wonderful that Rev. Maryann Skinner has received a call to ministry closer to home where she might continue to grow in her gifts and her service. She’ll leave a hole and some tears but she also leaves us forever richer and different and that is the beauty of this service in God’s eternal love.

Thank you Maryann for the lives you have changed. Thank you all for changing lives. Now, let’s change some more.

Yours, served by and in the service of the love that will not rest,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hugh Reid". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and personal.

Rev. Hugh Reid, *Coordinating Minister*

May 1, 2014

Dear friends in Jesus Christ,

I am writing to share with you that I have accepted a call to be the new Minister of the congregation of First United Church in Port Credit. First United is close to my home, and has a history of shared ministry with St. Stephen's-on-the-Hill United Church in Mississauga, where my husband, Dale, is Minister. My new covenanted relationship will begin August 1, 2014.

Though this is an exciting development in my vocational journey I need you to know that I will miss you dearly. I will always hold my Kingsway-Lambton Church family in my heart, and I give thanks to God for the ministry we have shared. I look forward to opportunities in the next months to continue to express my appreciation of ministry with and among you.

Praising the Lord through Jesus for your steadfast understanding,

Sincerely,

*Rev. Maryann Skinner*

Rev. Maryann Skinner

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## 2014 Confirmation Class



Left to right: *Calvin Roorda, Christian Coutts, Juliana Mal, Olivia D'Ippolito, Jay Hanuschak, Emilia Loewen, Jordan Davis, Rev. Maryann Skinner, Rev. Hugh Reid.*

## Art Show & Sale



Left to right: Susan Rudy, Pam Gallagher, Rae Coman, Julie DiMarco, *Winner of the Draw*, Ona Humphrey, Marjorie Paradine, Jane Merrick.



Artist - Nandor Horthy



Art by Mary Valle.



Creations by Yvonne de Viller.



Artist - Virge Brule.

## Our 50<sup>th</sup> Flea Market: A Golden Jubilee Event!

MARTHA MACGRAY

On Saturday, April 26, 2014, gold balloons were placed inside and outside the church to show the way to 15 separate departments. 1000 gold chocolate coins, 16 surprise gift coupons as well as 1500 '50th fridge magnets were given away to thank our shoppers. 'Gold' items were featured everywhere and included for sale to raise money for 27 charities.

We started our 50<sup>th</sup> event, rejoicing in the knowledge that since 1964, our Flea Market has netted over \$1,000,000! When it began 50 years ago, it was only a table of white elephant items included in the Christmas Tree Lane bazaar.



From 1964 – 1983, the Flea Market area was run by Fan Whitney and the items were sold in what was then the Kindergarten Sunday School Room. All goods destined for the Flea Market were housed in Fan's home. She and her UCW Unit 16, cleaned, washed and priced throughout the year and then brought everything to the church the night before the Christmas bazaar.

From 1984 – 1998, the Flea Market was run by neighbours of Fan Whitney – Mary-Margaret MacInnes followed by Susan Franklin. In 1984, the Flea Market started to become a larger part of the bazaar, requiring more and more room, eventually moving to the gym. In 1986, it was decided to make a change and hold the Flea Market on its own – in the spring and on a Saturday. New and creative boutiques were added as each UCW Unit did different tables of items.

In 1987, the UCW Council decided not to do the bazaar anymore. Gwen Walker, then President, met Norah Burk (Fan Whitney's daughter), and asked if she would continue what her mother had started.



Norah approached Marjorie Paradine and asked her to co-chair the event which they did from 1988 to 2003. They were instrumental in making key changes to the running of the Flea Market: a Flea Market Committee was organized, the event was opened up to the congregation, and the date changed from June to a cooler, fixed date of the last Saturday in April. Beginning in 2004, Marion Lush came on board to work with Norah as a co-convenor. The following year, Norah retired from her leadership role, gracefully supporting Marion who was then joined by Priscilla Knight and Janice Wood Robson who have continued, and are the present day Flea Market Co-ordinators.



Work for the 2014 Flea Market began well before Flea Market Day. People from the community and church members bring donations months before the event. Custodian Santiago Duque and his crew find places in the church to store a mountain of goods, and then bring them out in time for a mighty group of volunteers who arrive on Monday preceding Flea Market Day.



We began the week with words from Rev Hugh Reid and the lighting a candle in remembrance of volunteers who had passed away and are missed. Each day of the week, we gathered over lunch or coffee breaks to renew or make new friendships, share laughter, stories and photos of past days. Work is done with the 3 r's – Reduce Reuse and Recycle – in mind. Large collection bins for metal, plastic and electronics were placed outside the glass doors midweek by a recycling company that ensures the goods are delivered to firms that make new products from old. Clothing that was old, torn and unsalable was given to organizations that recycle fabric for new products

On Saturday at 6 am, a crew started outside, opening up and organizing the tent jammed with furniture and furnishings, and set out housewares, sporting goods, Christmas items, pictures, frames, shoes and more out on the lawn. The BBQ gang got their hot dogs and sausages on the grill tempting us all with wonderful aroma of their cooking.



Just before the official start time of 8 am, Rev Hugh Reid addressed the more than 100 volunteers gathered in the gym to hear his opening remarks. He later spoke words of welcome to the crowd outside and quickly moved aside as they surged in.

A popular area is the Bake Sale, with proceeds dedicated to children at El Hogar, Honduras.

Over the Flea Market sale time of 8 am to 1 pm,

people were asked for their comments:

*“Well, I am the happiest person in the world! We (a group of four teenage girls) drove up from Buffalo, and we found tons of books, music, and clothes – especially in the designer area. Everyone was super nice to us.”*

*“We’ve moved out of the city, but we still come back from Niagara; we just came last night. What do I shop for? Everything! Books, kids’ stuff, and that free-for-all in the gym! I just bought a vintage table, so I can eat on the porch outside. Overall, I love the atmosphere and the charity concept. So I will support that, even if I don’t need the stuff. We think this is one of the best sales in the city. Some are ok, but yes, this is the best.”*

*“What brings me back again? Well, just look at it! There so much here you that you need someone with you to carry it out of the building. So I have my daughter here with me. And look, you’re smiling – they’re all smiling – and I’m sure no one has slept a wink in days. It’s just terrific, and I call all my friends and tell them to come over here.”*

After the sale ended at 1 pm, there was a huge job to do – dealing with the leftovers. Some were packed up for charities to collect so they would have clothing to give away, kids games and sports equipment to use, items for their community outreach stores or their own flea markets. We leave the church with new stories, a sense of having done worthwhile work to benefit others, and sore feet!

Thanks to:

Co-ordinators: *Marion Lush, Priscilla Knight, and Janice Wood Robson.*

Treasurer: *Lynne Barnard.*

Advertising/Publicity: *Nora Cutcliffe, Theresa Quick and Martha MacGray.*

Accessories: *Shirley Harvey.*

Books: *Julie Magahay.*

Childrens Clothes and Toys: *Sandra Linsdell and Nori Ayer*

Women’s Clothing: *Priscilla Knight and Nancy Wilson.*

Featured Fleas: *Nan Curtis.*

Funky Fleas: *Susan Pepper, Sara Chidley and Jen Andersen (Cooke).*

Housewares/Tent: *Janice Wood Robson.*

Jewelry: *Helen Paul.*

Friday Tea: *Mary Apsey.*

Kitchen Lunches/Breaks: *Erica Mezger.*

Coffee/Food: *Dianne Mundy and Marjorie Paradine.*

BBQ: *Bob Mundy and Jim Paradine.*

Checkroom: *Clive Curtis.*

El Hogar Bake Sale: *Lynn Goodayle.*

Additional thanks to *Pat Butler, Susan Franklin, Mary-Margaret MacInnes, Rev Hugh Reid, Moses Saybe and Gail Teal* for their contributions. ◆

## Growth and Renewal at Kingsway-Lambton

### Key Findings of the Membership Engagement and Growth Committee

DEBRA HAAK

We are blessed at Kingsway-Lambton United Church. We have a vibrant faith community that is doing very well relative to many other Christian congregations within and outside of the United Church of Canada. Our membership, and attendance at our Sunday services and Sunday school, have, however, been in decline for some time and in 2011, Kingsway-Lambton experienced a financial loss. Our congregation is aging, and younger people are not attending church in the same proportions as those who came before them.

In an effort to understand why this decline is happening and to provide some recommendations to ensure the long term health of Kingsway-Lambton, the Membership Engagement and Growth Committee (the “Committee”) was struck as a new committee of Session in 2012. The mandate of the Committee was to develop and oversee strategies to share the good news of Jesus Christ to develop membership and member engagement at Kingsway-Lambton.

I was both honoured and blessed to have been asked and to have participated in the work of the Committee, which met 1-2 times each month for a period of over a year. Members of the Committee included: Steve Prime, Horace Knight, Richard Efting, Bob Yeo and myself. (We are grateful for the participation in early days of Melanie Noviss, Patrick Booth and Mary Asquini.) We reviewed and considered external data and research relevant to the issue of church and religious engagement. We interviewed and obtained insights from our ordained ministerial staff, and conducted research into the specific needs of Kingsway-Lambton, its members, adherents and broader community through an online survey and individual interviews with members and adherents.

In November of 2013, the Committee presented a report to Session entitled “Growth and Renewal at Kingsway-Lambton” (the “Report”). The Report was subsequently presented to the Official Board and to the congregation. Copies of the Report are available from the church office.

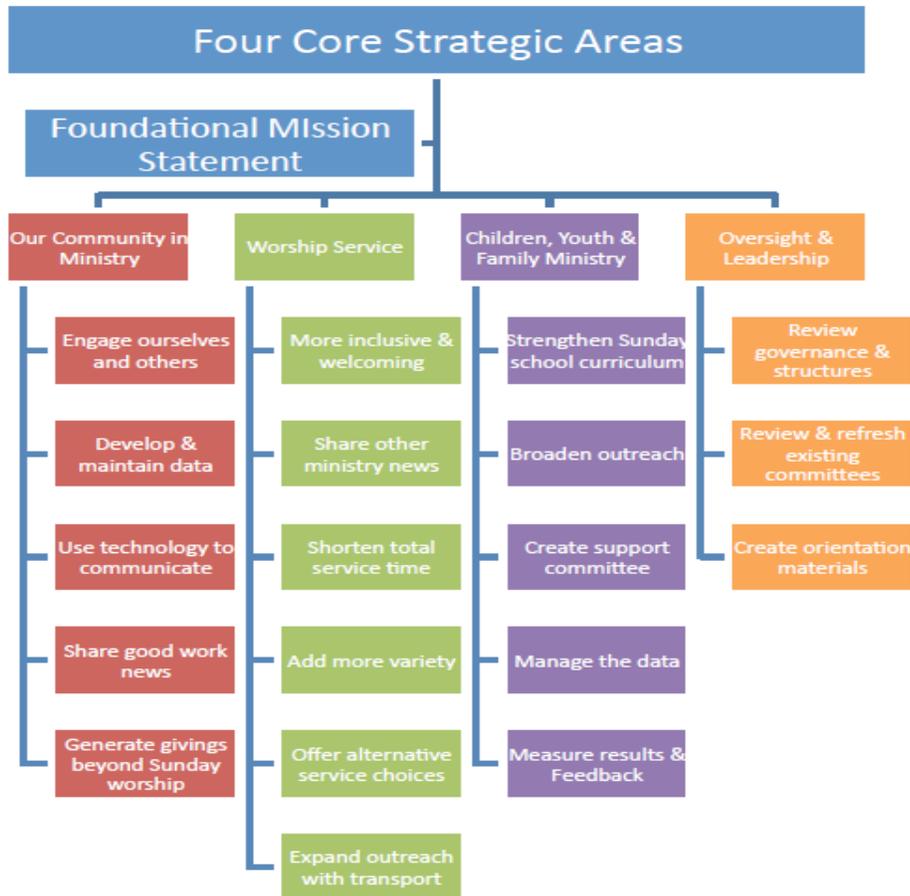
In the Report, the Committee recommended that Kingsway-Lambton update its mission statement to define our purpose as a Christian community, and

develop a strategic plan based upon four key areas: our community in ministry, worship service, children, youth and family ministry and oversight and leadership. The Committee provided draft wording for a mission statement which was the result of much discussion, consideration and prayer. The Committee’s proposed draft mission statement may be found in the Report.

In pursuing its mission, it is the recommendation of the Committee that the following areas of Kingsway-Lambton’s faith community form the basis of a strategic plan:

1. **Our Community in Ministry** - Kingsway-Lambton has a vibrant ministry that includes but is not limited to: Sunday and Wednesday worship services, UCW, Pageant, Flea Market, Art Show, Alpha and many, many more. The way people engage with our church has evolved and we need to recognize that for many people, Sunday worship service is not necessarily the most important element of that engagement. We need to find ways to integrate all of the ways in which we worship and minister, to ensure that everyone who participates in the life of Kingsway-Lambton feels fully engaged.
2. **Worship Services** - Consideration needs to be given to potential changes to our Sunday service model, in part to encourage more direct participation, and to when and how alternative service(s) should be offered at Kingsway-Lambton.
3. **Christian Education and Faith Formation** - Kingsway-Lambton needs to develop and implement a clear and focused continuum of educational opportunities for all ages. Research identified that reaching the middle school and high school age groups is especially important if we are to succeed with the next generation. Christian education must be age appropriate and engaging.
4. **Oversight and Leadership** - Kingsway-Lambton needs a stronger governance model to oversee the implementation of our mission and to ensure consistency and accountability.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the work of the Committee. We heard your voices and we hope that our recommendations will ensure continued engagement and growth in the years to come. ◆



GEOFF BUTLER  
*Chair of the Official Board*

The Membership Engagement and Growth Committee Report was presented to the Official Board at the February 4<sup>th</sup> 2014 meeting. Horace Knight and Steve Prime led the Board members through an excellent presentation of the Committee's work and facilitated questions and discussion. The Official Board passed a motion supporting the findings and recommendations of the report and, for its part, committed to undertaking a review of Kingsway-Lambton's leadership and governance model. I am pleased to advise that Charles Donley and Sam Goodwin have agreed to serve on a small committee steering this review. We hope to identify one more member for this committee and interested parties should contact Geoff Butler. Some potential benefits of this review for Kingsway-Lambton include; greater transparency and clarity of committee roles and responsibilities and a more flexible organization that can support our mission in a way that will adapt to changing patterns of volunteerism. ♦

MARY PRIME  
*Clerk of Session*

The Membership Engagement and Growth (MEG) Committee Report was accepted on November 12, 2013 at our bimonthly meeting. It was

presented very enthusiastically by four members of the committee: Debra Haak, Horace Knight, Steve Prime and Bob Yeo.

Three of the four Core Strategic Areas from the MEG Report that lie in Session's purview are : Our Community in Ministry, Worship Service and Children, Youth & Family Ministry. Oversight & Leadership will be reviewed at the Official Board. Session is also taking the initiative, as recommended in the above noted report, to create and propose to the Official Board a Mission Statement for Kingsway-Lambton.

We are happy to report that both the Worship Initiative, under Donna-Lee Waymann and Priscilla Knight and the Children, Youth & Family Initiative, under Katie Overstrom are well underway and have committees in place. We thank you for your calling and involvement in these growing Ministries.

The third initiative is still in need of a chair: Our Community in Ministry. It is a vital area that will integrate and maximize all engagement opportunities at Kingsway-Lambton in an effort to make everyone part of our church family. These would include New Members, Elder Visitation, Christian Fellowship and Outreach and lots of other community events at our church. Please contact Steve Prime for more information. ♦

## Martha MacGray

*Secretary of the Official Board*

Kingsway-Lambton United Church has been a vital part of my life for almost 40 years. It started simply enough with my husband Ken and I wanting to introduce our young children, Sara and David, to church life. We were made so welcome, we never left!

I grew up in west end Toronto, and after university, worked for Eaton's catalogue as a staff trainer. Ken and I married in 1966 and as was customary at the time I stayed home to be with our children until pre-teen Sara needed braces: that drove me to a paying job! For the next 20 years, I was a fundraiser for the Kidney Foundation, the Salvation Army and The Dorothy Ley Hospice. I thought I had retired in 2001 but a surprise call to work at Ward Funeral Home became a very happy 10 years of being a care co-ordinator there.

Retirement has given me time to visit my son and his family, including two granddaughters, ages 4 and 2, in London, UK. Sara is closer to home as she and her husband Mike Rumsey live in Mimico.

## John R. Waymann

*Chair of the Board of Trustees*

John Waymann is a graduate of the University of Michigan, B.A. and the University of Western Ontario, M.B.A. Professionally, John spent 26 years with two large international investment banks between Toronto and Montreal, before joining wealth management firm Kilburn Ogilvie Waymann Investment Management in 2008.

John has served in leadership roles at the Church including Christian Education, Stewardship (now Gifts and Giving), Official Board, Nominating Committee, Stewards and now Trustees.

Recently, the Trustees have taken on a more active role in managing two pools of investment funds for Kingsway-Lambton. The Manse Fund was created in the 1970's to invest and manage the proceeds from the sale of the two church manses. The creation of the Manse Fund was mandated by the United Church of Canada and was intended to generate sufficient investment income to provide ministerial staff with housing



Like most of you, I have had an enriching volunteer life where I feel I gained more than I gave. As a Brownie leader, and a member of an area council of Girl Guides of Canada, I developed friendships and memories of laughter and fun that last to this day. I happily served on the boards of Stothers Centre for children, and Etobicoke's Council for the Arts. Fellow Kingsway-Lambton parishioner, Andy Irvine, recruited me to his Etobicoke Rotary Club of which I was a member for 12 years. I have helped with advertising for our Flea Market and love being part of this great event.

The constant church anchor throughout family/work and volunteer life has been Kingsway-Lambton. When Horace Knight called to ask me to be Official Board Secretary, I jumped at the chance. It was time to be of service to this great church family.



allowances. The second fund – the Capital Fund – was created in 2013 and invests monies that have accumulated over time, largely as a result of bequest gifts to the Church.

When the Official Board adopted Vision 20/20 in 2012, the Trustees were mandated to oversee a transition from a bank account and bond portfolio to a more actively managed portfolio that could include equity investments. With that new directive, the Trustees created an Investment Policy Statement, selected an external Investment Manager and oversight of the Investment Manager's activity and performance relating to both the Manse and Capital Funds.

Returning to serve with John are the following Trustees: John Franklin, Priscilla Knight, David Macdonald, Bob Yeo, Bob Munday and Rev. Hugh Reid (ex-officio). Coming up to the first anniversary of implementing the new directive, the Trustees are pleased with the results to date.

## Website Continues to Grow

ESTHER REID

*Webmaster*

Thanks so much for your great feedback about the updated content on the Kingsway-Lambton website. The presentation has been revised to help you keep up-to-date with events in our church community, and to share the news with others. Please continue to share your thoughts and new content.



Go to [www.kingswaylambton.ca](http://www.kingswaylambton.ca).

Here are some of the changes to be aware of:

The content has been completely rewritten with input from staff, committee chairs and lead volunteers. It is written for both the person who knows nothing about our church (or any church) and for those who are very active around the church.

- All church activities are to be included. Some pages are still to come, e.g. fall events
- Check **Format Changes** below.

Each section starts with a Biblical passage, to orient us to the Truth of which the website is an instrument. Thanks to Rev. David Winsor and a few others for the references. Don't miss the cheeky nursery reference on Children and Youth Ministries page. We're not all serious.

We have Video!!! Click on the link of Coco Zhang's [YouTube video](#) or go to the **Art Show** page.

The menu on left side has been revised.

- Major events now have their own menu item. Annual events will have general information that stays all year, then pertinent updates as needed (e.g. Art Show and Flea Market).
- Wider spacing between buttons for touch-screen devices.
- Alphabetical order.

Menu tabs across the top. The content changes regularly. The weekly **Order of Service** is posted late Thursday for the following Sunday and stays up for about a month.

**Home Page** now has the latest news.

**Monthly Calendar** at the top of any page has items, some with links to details.

Links to items within the site are being updated. Let us know if you find a link that isn't updated or doesn't go anywhere.

Photos are being refreshed to be more relevant, and to liven up the site.

- Don't forget to send in your electronic photos. Please see the home page for specifics.
- Working with the photo archive team, photos will soon be accessible on the server, in the website background. Authorized members can then access these with a file transfer.

### Format Changes:

The Communication Committee is working on developing a new, more current design, including the type of interactive features you normally use on the Internet. Watch for more in the coming year. ◆

## New Members Barry and Beth Street



Beth has worked both as a receptionist and an office administrator, and Barry has worked for most of his life in Accounting. They were married in Faith United Church (formerly EarlsCourt United Church) in Toronto, in 1977, and have two sons, Kevin and Paul, and one grandson, Adam Joseph.

Beth and Barry enjoy volunteering. They have been members of the United Church for most of their lives and continue to be active in church Stewardship. Beth and Barry transferred their church membership from Westminster United Church, Weston, in November, 2013. Beth now serves in Unit 6 of the UCW at Kingsway-Lambton while Barry is a member of the Men's Group. Both have been active in other areas of Kingsway-Lambton and have recently become Church Elders. Beth and Barry look forward to continuing their spiritual journey and outreach within a friendly and vibrant Kingsway-Lambton United Church.

## Appreciating Our 'Stuff'

ANNE MARIE PAGE

*Minister of Music*

The Flea Market, long-awaited warmer weather, and the inevitable spring cleaning cause me to think a great deal about 'stuff', about what we need and what we simply want, what is essential and what adds clutter to our busy lives.

Just as I am debating whether those shoes would be better in my closet or someone else's, and do I really need a bread-making machine, I also find myself contemplating the physical elements of churches and worship spaces and how they are best utilized. Worship space design has long been an area of interest for me, but at present it is very much at the fore. No doubt this is connected to my grieving with two GTA church congregations which have lost their buildings to fire in the past few weeks. St. Elias the Prophet Ukrainian Catholic Church in Brampton, and more recently Aurora United, where I served until last year, find themselves without the space that has provided them with a faithful constant in their lives for generations. We pray for strength, comfort, and a prayerful vision for these congregations.

One of the remarkable architectural comments on the resiliency and optimism of the Christian faith is Coventry Cathedral, U.K., bombed during the Second World War. Rather than clearing away the remaining shell of the Cathedral, the remains were preserved, and a cross was made from two of the burnt timbers, beside which stands a plaque offering words of forgiveness. Beyond the church facade, one enters the modern Cathedral, with its light and height, progressive mosaics, stained glass, and innovative architecture. Past not forgotten, future embraced.

The old adage that the church is the people and not the building is correct, without a doubt; but it is not the whole picture. Our church surroundings cannot help but impact upon how we interact in worship, in congregational activities, in community outreach; they impact upon how we communicate in our worship as well as our day-to-day activities. Our place of worship provides a comforting sense of history and punctuation for the events of our lives. An ongoing challenge for churches is to uphold tradition while remaining current, to balance respect for the existing architecture, vintage, and location with functionality and innovation.

I am constantly in awe of the changing light and colours, and the new details that emerge, each time I look at the stained glass at Kingsway-Lambton United Church. I am grateful every time I have the good

fortune to sit at the fine organ or one of several fine pianos. And I feel welcome every time I walk into the brightly lit glass entranceway. Mostly, however, I feel blessed each time I have a conversation with a member of Kingsway-Lambton, or attend a meeting, a study, or a service.

A few less shoes, definitely. I will likely hang on to the bread maker for now (perhaps I just need to spend more time with it?). Material things are fleeting, but when we are fortunate to have use of them, they are to be enjoyed, valued, and used for a greater good. Therefore, thank you, God, for allowing us the privilege of worshiping and 'living' in the beautiful space that is Kingsway-Lambton. ♦

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## Concert at Lincoln Centre

AVALON NEALE



*Left to right: Stella Moore, Sarah Keating, Mary Prime, Kathleen Wooder, Linda Locke, Hilary Apfelstadt, Kate Tapp Mock, Melanie Noviss, Pam Gallagher, Joyce Kenno, Avalon Neale, Susan Culver.*

On March 10, 2014, 11 fortunate Kingsway-Lambton women joined their esteemed director, Hilary Apfelstadt in New York City. Here we joined 180 other talented women choristers from Australia, Hong Kong, Brazil, Germany, US and Canada. We all gathered on the revered main stage of Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Centre for a musical tribute to International Women's Day. It was difficult for us to wrap our heads around where we were and what we were about to do. Just imagine the talented river of famous performers who had gone before us in this hallowed place of international culture.



Left to right: *Mary Prime, Avalon Neale, Pam Gallagher, Kate Tapp Mock.*

What we learned through our NY rehearsals is that our Hilary has an international reputation for all things choral. And we learned that she is a magnificent conductor. In 3 rehearsals, she transformed this group of disparate strangers into a mass choir who sounded as if we had sung together for years. It was THE unique choral experience of our lives. We sang "I Sing Of A Maiden" by Toronto's Eleanor Daley. We sang two rousing South American pieces – in Portuguese & Spanish - and other gorgeous choral compositions saluting the wonderful women of our world. To say the very least, it was a mountain-top experience which none of us will ever forget!



#### **For Your Information:**

Copies of the Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting held on February 23, 2014 are available in the east corridor mail box. To request an e-mail version, contact **Gail Teal** in the church office.

## **New Chancel Choir Soloist Ryan Downey**



**Ryan Downey**

I am a 22-year old baritone hailing from St. John's Newfoundland. I joined the Chancel Choir at Kingsway-Lambton in September, 2013. At the age of 4, I started music lessons in St. John's, studying piano and voice. I entered formal studies at Memorial University of Newfoundland's School of Music, studying under Dr. Jane Leibel.

It has been my dream to be a musician virtually since birth, but opera wasn't on my radar until my second year of voice studies. While at Memorial, I had the opportunity to be a part of many of the program's operatic performances and fell in love with the art form. My favourite experience of my undergraduate degree was my first role, Guglielmo, in a full-length opera, *Così fan tutte* by Mozart. Through my teacher back home, I was connected to my current teacher at U of T, Dr. Darryl Edwards, and I joined the Opera Division of the University of Toronto.

This summer, I will be performing in Puccini's *La Bohème* in Sulmona, Italy, at the Centre for Opera Studies in Italy workshop under the artistic direction of Dr. Darryl Edwards. I am also hoping to travel to pre-professional opera programs in Haliburton, ON and St. Andrews, NB.

After completing my education, I plan to audition for professional young artist training programs across Canada. I have enjoyed being at Kingsway-Lambton and plan to attend Kingsway-Lambton as long as I am in Toronto.

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**Living Rock:** located in Hamilton, the Living Rock supports children 13 to 25 who are at risk of falling through the cracks in their community due to poverty, mental illness, and addictions.

**The Redwood Shelter:** since 1983, Redwood has been helping women and children to live free from domestic violence.

**Storefront Humber:** the purpose of Storefront Humber Inc. is to provide support services to the elderly and/or disabled persons residing in Etobicoke and West Toronto to enable them to remain independent in their homes.

**Women's Habitat:** established to provide a safe refuge, counselling, support, and advocacy for women and their children who are fleeing violence, Women's Habitat is also working towards a more equal society where the inherent value of all women is acknowledged and celebrated.

**Youth Without Shelter:** provides an emergency residence and referral agency serving homeless youth. They are dedicated to providing shelter and support programs for homeless youth ages 16 to 24.

**YouthLink:** is dedicated to providing youth and their supports with effective, innovative, community-based and responsive services. Programs include a Walk-In Counselling Service, groups for parents struggling with difficult teen behavior, co-op housing, summer camps, recreation programs, programming in low-income areas, and the Pathways to Education program.

**Kids Help Phone:** Canada's only free, professional counselling service available for youth in every Canadian community. Founded in 1989, the service provides counselling to youth who seek it by calling a toll-free number, or posting anonymously on their website. As a charity, Kids Help Phone receives no core government or United Way funding. Instead, it relies on the support of community-based volunteers and individual and corporate donors for financial support.

**Community Living Toronto, Adult Protective Service Worker Program:** changes the lives of people with an intellectual disability by giving them a voice and supporting their choices where they live, work, and play.

**Regent Park School of Music:** We are committed to providing music, teachers, instruments, and a program that is uniquely tailored to each child's interest to give them a creative outlet that will help them flourish and reach their full potential.

**Silver Creek Association for Children:** Silver Creek provides a positive pre-school setting with therapeutic (physio, occupational, speech & language, and music therapy) services delivered within a caring and creative early education classroom. We help children with and without physical and developmental challenges to achieve success as defined by each child and family.

**Pia Bouman School for Ballet Bursary:** our donation to the bursary fund helps to make dance available to all who wish to pursue it.

**Greenest City:** Greenest City works toward bringing organizations and individuals together to build relationships for the purpose of applying a collective vision to benefit the community. Their programs include HOPE (Healthy Organic Parkdale Edibles Garden) which is a 4,000 sq. ft. communal garden with 50 plots with an emphasis on growing healthy food and PFN (Parkdale Food Network) which is a network of 30 organizations working together to address food security challenges in Parkdale.

**Jane and Finch Community Ministry, Firgrove Learning Centre:** on behalf of Toronto Conference's South West Presbytery of the United Church of Canada we provide: community development, community organizing support, pastoral care, advocacy through coalitions and networks in the Jane-Finch and Davenport -Perth communities.

**Youth Unlimited's Light Patrol:** Light Patrol is an outreach program of youth Unlimited that responds to the need of Toronto's homeless and street-involved youth. Since 2001, Light Patrol has been assisting and guiding these vulnerable young people, helping them transition away from the destructive elements of Toronto's street life.

**Autism Ontario:** Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact. The association and its chapters share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community.

**Santa Comes to Bay Street:** Santa Comes to Bay Street allows families that might otherwise have nothing, to give their children the necessities for the winter – and maybe more importantly (to a child at least) – a gift to open during the holidays. Donors give either primary gifts (from specific wish lists created by the families); cash; their time; or any combination of the three. Once a year, an event is held where these generous donations are combined to create gift bags for families in need.

### **United Church Mission and Service Fund**

The generosity of the people of Toronto Conference enables a strong annual Mission and Service Fund. Together, we support ongoing ministries and sustain trusted partnerships for the healing of the world, specifically,

- 96 global partners in 28 countries acting for peace and justice
- Community and justice work across Canada with 76 community ministries and 44 chaplaincies
- Theological education and ministry support at six theological schools and four education centres
- Faith formation and leadership support, including over 100 outreach programs for youth
- Leadership in your Conference and the other 12 Conferences
- Grants for 102 congregations in transition. ◆

# Treasurer's Report

BILL WINTERBURN

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2014 Results

The annual 2014 operating budget was approved at the Official Board meeting on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, and at the Annual Congregational meeting on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was felt that an increase in our expenditures in the areas of music, communication, as well as membership growth and engagement was necessary. Therefore, a budget for the year was approved that is calling for a small deficit of approximately \$29,000.

I am able to report on our performance for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter ending March 31<sup>st</sup>. The first quarter is always an important period of time, as it usually sets the tone in terms of how the year is likely to shape up for us financially.

I am pleased to report that the numbers so far are satisfactory. Revenue and expenses are on budget. We have taken into account that Easter falls in April this year, so we know that the "bump" from Easter givings will not occur until the April results are in.

## Online Givings

A gentle reminder to the congregation that our online giving initiative has been up and running for a few months now. It is designed to let members of the congregation make a donation, even if they haven't been able to come to Church. Donating online provides an instantaneous confirmation, and puts the money in the Church's bank account the next day. It

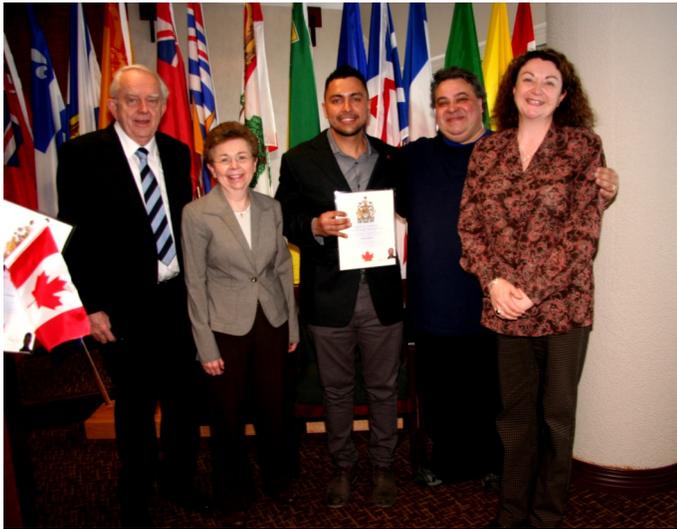
is our hope that online giving will become an important addition to the ways in which members of the congregation can contribute to the financial health of our Church.

## Long Term Capital Projects

Beyond the day to day operating requirements of the Church, it is important that we keep our eye on longer term funding requirements. This is what we call our capital budget, where we attempt to identify major expenditures that we know are going to have to be made in the future. Examples could be a new roof, a new boiler, refurbishment of our organ, or other long term projects. A committee has been struck within the Stewards to examine all possibilities, prioritize them, and determine where the funding for these projects is likely to come from.

*Click on [donate.kingswaylambton.ca](http://donate.kingswaylambton.ca) and you can donate directly from this screen!*

## Congratulations!



We are pleased to report that on May 2, Santiago Duque was awarded Canadian citizenship. Santiago who came from Columbia, has been our Senior Sexton for the past four years. We are very proud that he has chosen Canada to be his new home!!

Friends in attendance from the church were: Don MacInnes, Gail Teal, Gary and Anne Marie Page. ♦

## What a Fine Group!



## Kingsway-Lambton Events

**Sacrament of Communion**  
Sunday, May 25

**Senior's Luncheon & Communion**  
Sunday, May 25, West Reception Room

**Congregational Picnic**  
Sunday, June 1, following Worship

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of David Winsor's Ministry**  
Sunday, June 8, Luncheon following Worship

**Pet Blessing**  
Sunday, June 8, 2 pm

**U.C.W. Spring Dinner**  
Tuesday, June 10, 5:30 in the Auditorium

**Father's Day / Sacrament of Baptism**  
Sunday, June 15



## Surprise Visitor!



On March 2, an Eastern Screech Owl was discovered near the windows by the elevator at the West Entrance. The Eastern Screech Owl can be found in shade trees within cities or along streams. The Staff of Kingsway-Lambton were thrilled to have this surprise visitor.

*Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.  
Psalm 84:3*

Sparrow can loosely be translated Screech Owl.

## In Memoriam

Mary McMillan  
*April 25, 2014*

Mary Ellen Sharp  
*May 6, 2014*

Margaret Raymond  
*May 9, 2014*

## Marriages

*April 12, 2014*  
Dylan Steuart and Stacey Franklin

## Baptisms

*March 16, 2014*  
Elizabeth Victoria Lindsay  
daughter of Michael and Carly Lindsay  
and sister of William



## Confirmation

*May 4, 2014*

Baptized and Confirmed:

Emilia Grace Loewen  
Juliana Helen Mal

Confirmed:

Christian Alexander Coutts  
Jordan Campbell Davis  
Olivia Ann D'Ippolito  
Jay Aston Hollingworth Hanuschak  
Calvin Berend Klapwyk Roorda

## Message From the Editor

Sincere thanks to all who contributed articles and helped with the proofreading, printing, and distribution. If you would like to receive this issue in the electronic version which is in colour, please contact me at 416-239-6260 or click on [mmm@macinnes.com](mailto:mmm@macinnes.com).

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