



Lynn Valley
UNITED CHURCH

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relevant spirituality active hospitality vital community relationships

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Stan Strilchuk
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LVUC STATEMENTS OF FAITH:

The Mission for Lynn Valley United Church is to:

Nurture people's faith by learning about, celebrating, seeking and sharing God's love in the world

The Purpose of Lynn Valley United Church is to:

Energize and nurture the spiritual lives of people , modeled for us in the life of Jesus;
Provide a means for people to reflect on their lives and actions through the lens of Christian wisdom;
Call people into meaningful relationships

The Core Values for Lynn Valley United Church are:

Relevant Spirituality
Active Hospitality
Vital Community Relationships

"Jessica's Resolution":

Enable a transformation into a spiritually authentic place for children, youth, families and all people
Be a church that emphasizes being an environment of discovery for children, youth and families;
To ensure every decision in and about the future is in the best interest of children, youth and families with particular attention to our vision that Lynn Valley United Church is a a spiritually authentic environment for children, youth and families.

WAYS LVUC LIVES OUT ITS MISSION:

Each Week:

Spirituality

Sunday Worship

Building community through contemporary and traditional exploration of scripture, music, prayer to offer an experience of divine presence, within, between and beyond those present. Opportunities to be nourished spiritually for people of all ages, backgrounds and individual traits, to be challenged in thinking and to be nurtured in continuing along the spiritual path

Friday Night Live

Using the lens of performing arts to build community through a shared experience, FNL contracts with professional improvisation artists to provide all-ages alternative to “church.”

Centering Prayer

Group practice and support for individual spiritual development through weekly contemplative prayer.

Hospitality

Worship Support Volunteers

A roster of volunteers set up, run and put away church, welcome the congregation, host community time before Sunday Worship – all the more amazing as we continue to be ‘church-in-a-box’ while the new building is constructed a

Coffee & Conversation

An informal bible study & conversation group that meets at Waves

Community

Community Choir

byoV (bring your own Voice) Community Choir ,

LVUC Sandwich Session

Prepared with volunteers from NSDRC’s STAGE program for distribution to clients of the North and West Vancouver Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association (a project of the SJOT).

Each Month

Spirituality

Board of Governance

Church members providing volunteer oversight of church business

Leadership Circle Meeting

An opportunity to update all groups on what is happening in all areas of church (& report what is happening back to groups)

North Shore Community Drum Circle Held on the 4th Saturday (except Dec, Jul & Aug) at Cedarview Lodge Extended Care Facility and facilitated by Jorden Liteplo.

Hospitality

Women’s Groups

Sunrisers and Seekers on the 1st Wednesday

Community

SJOT

As called, LVUC is invited to respond to requests for financial support for those we have established relationships with, including: M&S Fund, First United Community Ministry, North Shore Women’s Centre, Lookout Shelter, Camp Fircom and others

Throughout the Year:

Other groups meet, as needed, to plan and implement the work of this church. Some groups have more frequent meetings, while others only meet once or twice a year-always in service to the mission.

Property Redevelopment Team- John Bruce, chair
 Social Justice and Outreach Team – Shared leadership
 Pastoral Care Team – Anna Sanders & Mary Yan, co- leaders
 Operations Team – Bruce Jenner, chair
 Ministry & Personnel Committee – Shari Gardiner, acting chair
 Memorials Committee – Rhelda Nicholson, chair
 Transition Leadership Team – Myrna Pearce, chair
 Children Youth and Families Table – Shared leadership

MESSAGES FROM THE MINISTERS:

FROM BLAIR ODNEY, Minister:

“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I 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. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.”

Isaiah 43:18-21

I write this report directly following a luncheon with all the women who gather as groups of the church, as we honoured the Sunrisers. And once again, Isaiah’s prophetic words return to me – the words we explored when you and I and Vancouver Burrard Presbytery covenanted to be together.

On June 1, the Sunrisers officially ended their group service to the congregation. To celebrate and give thanks, members of four womens’ groups gathered for lunch as a gift from the Board of Governance. Together, we marked a very special ending. The Sunrisers! These are the women who have held the heart of the congregation in a way that has made us all feel loved and inspired. These are the women who, on my second day in the office in the fall of 2009, welcomed me with the love they have freely shared with all of us since they formed in the late 1940’s. When the women of the Seekers, TWIGS and She Shares, gathered for lunch to honour these faithful servants of God’s church, I saw with new eyes, that the new thing that God had been making from the beginning of our ministry together, is an old thing that finds new ways of being expressed.

Returning from my sabbatical, I saw in ways I’ve never seen as clearly before, a room full of women – members and friends of the Seekers, the Sunrisers, TWIGS and She Shares – loving one another, respecting one another, inspiring one another for the work of witnessing God’s love to one another and to the world. Each of these women, faithful and gracious in her own unique way, brings to the respective groups, unique expressions of what it means to be Christ’s body. And each of them has served, loved, challenged, supported, and prayed the church into its fullness. It’s a new thing, this old thing that I just now perceive with fresh eyes, and I am humbled.

I also write this report grounded in gratitude for the gift of my sabbatical. With a generosity of resources and time, you have made it possible for me to return from a long pause, with new questions for exploration, new hopes as we watch the new building emerge, new clarity about my call with you, rested and excited to be here. I hope to share with you aspects of this remarkable experience and I look forward to inviting you to join me on a journey to Guatemala in the coming years. What is remarkable is how faithfully, skillfully, joyfully, passionately all of you have filled in while I have been away. I’m grateful for the gifts that Peter and Joan Wyatt brought to the sabbatical. More importantly, I see the outcome of your hard work to make the Sabbath time as seamless a transition as possible.

You are wonderfully gifted and you seem to have come through this Sabbath time with wisdom and grace. This annual report is full of the stories of your faithfulness. You really are a gift to the people of Lynn Valley and I hope you know it. There are so many to thank – the staff, the Board of Governance, the Ministry and Personnel Committee, the Property Redevelopment Committee, the Teams who do it all.

In 2009 we said, God is doing a new thing. Nearly seven years later, I can see with fresh eyes how true this has been. As we look forward to the move into a new facility, I know God is continuing to do a new thing. That is because we continue to say yes as God’s holy people.

~ In Christ, Blair Odney, Minister for Lynn Valley United Church

FROM SOPHIA DUCEY, Community Minister for Children Youth and Families:

Sophia’s report will be delivered at the Annual General Meeting and integrated into future iterations of this report.

FROM AMY STEPHEN, Minister of Music**Worship**

Music continues to be an important part of worship at LVUC. Talents from within and outside of the congregation continue to provide a great variety of music both for Song Leading and during the Gift of Music. I found it too difficult to continue competing schedules of places of employment, so Matt has been a wonderful and adaptive accompanist for any singers, and so I took several Sundays away where I organized musicians to lead worship music, but was not present myself. I don't believe this is an ideal situation, however the LVUC members who took over the job of leading music did a wonderful job and have gained new confidence and skills that can be further encouraged and utilized in the future. The Three Kings were hired on a few occasions (Christmas, Easter, and a few Sundays), which really added to the sound of the songs at worship.

Bring Your Own Voice Community Choir

The Choir has enjoyed the past year (since September) singing together and generally being in community together on Thursday evenings. The choir performed as part of the One Voice concert in December at St. Clement's Anglican Church along with other choirs from around the community. The choir was invited by LVUC and came to sing on two Sunday mornings where they offered 5-6 songs to enrich the worship experience of the congregation. There have been three sing-outs in the community: one at Christmas time in Lynn Valley Mall, and two in local Seniors' Residences – there is at least one more sing-out planned before the choir ends their spring season on June 23rd. The choir held a concert for the community, again at St. Clement's, and with the proceeds being donated to St. Clement's in exchange for use of their sanctuary for the year. They were joined by special guest, Aisha Parkinson.

North Shore Community Drum Circle

Held on the 4th Saturday of most of the months in the year, the drum circle was started up again in September by Amy, and continues to be facilitated by Jorden Liteplo since February. The drum circle is held at Cedarview Seniors' Residence, so the circle includes many residents there. New drummers of all ages continue to show up every month to join the old timers. A caring community is being developed gradually in which connections are made through rhythm and drumming.

~ Respectfully submitted, Amy Stephen

FROM PETER AND JOAN WYATT, Sabbatical Support Ministers:

By way of report Peter and I would say that we thoroughly enjoyed our brief sojourn with the people of Lynn Valley United Church. Despite the administrative challenges of continuing a building project during the sabbatical leave of Blair Odney, we would observe that this faith community was in good shape, due in no small part to the ongoing commitment of those with primary responsibilities for this project.

The pastoral charge seemed able to thrive during the sabbatical in part because of the commitment of the regular worshipping community as well as the creative initiatives of the various portals. We were impressed by the variety of gifts and talents offered by lay leaders in a variety of offices and through ongoing tasks. Kelly Jenner's unfailing good cheer and attention to details helped to hold and animate the administrative aspect of the community with efficiency and grace. Sophia was encouraging and supportive to us, and faithfully focused on her portion of ordered ministry responsibilities at Lynn Valley. We felt very fortunate to work each week with very talented musicians -- Matt Grinke and Amy Stephen.

We took the liberty to make some adjustments to the worship order to fit our own liturgical sensibilities and to fit the spirit of Lent and Easter. We appreciated that these changes were accepted as time-sensitive options that either will simply pass or perhaps stimulate further reflection. While meeting weekly with the Bible study group at Waves was not part of our job description, we enjoyed this opportunity for lively discussion of the weekly worship texts. The Lenten Study on Core Beliefs was lively and interesting. We were moved that people devoted intellectual and spiritual energy to engage deeply with faith issues that, over the centuries, have produced a plethora of scholarly reflection and debate.

~ Faithfully, Joan Wyatt

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNANCE & TRUSTEES

FROM JILL PARSONS, Chair of the Board

As your outgoing Board of Governance chair, I report that since we last met at our Annual General Meeting in June 2015, I have served faithfully with God's and our Lynn Valley United Church's community's help.

The Board met regularly on the second Wednesday of every month, and held special meetings as needed. I am grateful for the support and kindness that all members of the Board of Governance have shared with one another in our commitment to serve this community of faith with a model of friendship and discipline as we collectively made some very important decisions on behalf of our Lynn Valley United Church.

I report that some major highlights from our work as a Board this past year include: a retreat over a weekend in October 2015, where we had the opportunity to engage in some team building exercises facilitated by David Hatfield. Then, as we prepared for Blair Odney's sabbatical season, The Board of Governance welcomed and enjoyed the wisdom and experience offered by The Rev. Joan Wyatt, and The Rev. Dr. Peter S. Wyatt.

The Policy committee diligently worked together to review, revise and update our Policy Governance Manual as we continue to grow further into embracing this model and style of governance in our Lynn Valley United Church community.

More recently, agenda items have included "Succession planning", "Budget review", and, listening to our congregation who have been given many opportunities to share their wisdom with the Transition Leadership Team and the Property Redevelopment Team to name a few who have played key roles in reporting to the Board as we prepare the next iteration of The Board of Governance to move back into our new church building – hopefully by the end of November 2016.

It has been my pleasure to serve, and learn and grow along with this Lynn Valley United Church community throughout a major period of transition as we rebuild our church.

~ Peace and Light, Jill C. Parsons, Board of Governance Chair

FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees manages and protects the financial and physical assets of the church.

Who are we? The Minister (Blair) plus four congregation members, presently Neil Jorgensen, Walter Wright, Ray Boucher and Judith Clark, elected for four terms, one being elected at each AGM. This year Judith Clark reaches the end of a four-year term.

What have we accomplished this year?

- (1) Kept us suitably insured: mundane but essential.
- (2) Functioned as shareholders of LVUC Holdings Ltd. Our biggest asset right now is our interest in the property development. Right now, that asset is held by a company called LVUC Holdings Ltd. Your Trustees are shareholders holding on behalf of the congregation. They appoint the board of directors of LVUC Holdings Ltd. John Bruce and Roger Eastwood have been directors since the beginning; the trustees at the direction of the board have appointed Neil Jorgensen as a third director.
- (3) Worked on policy development, specifically the Legacy Fund Drawdown policy. Once the property development is complete, money will flow from Holdings into a pot of money that we are for the moment calling the Legacy Fund. The Trustees have the job of managing and investing those funds, in accordance with Board policy directions. Everyone agrees that there is no point in having a Legacy Fund if we are not going to invest it in Ministry. But Ministry over what period? The Board asked the Trustees to make some recommendations about that. The Trustees recommended a formula based on what the UCC does with its ProVision funds: a maximum draw of 5% capital plus preceding year's interest. But we had to tweak it because that means the first year when you don't have interest from the previous year, you get less than you do in the next few years. So the board approved a tweak in the formula that evens out the draws for the first few years and another tweak that provides certainty for the budget planners. This may not be the last tweak as numbers and rates of return become clearer.

These policies go to the Board for approval and are then submitted to the AGM for ratification.

~ Respectfully submitted, Judith Clark on behalf of Board of Trustees

GATHERING AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH

WORSHIP

The 2015-16 Ministry Plan identified a significant priority goal concerning the Sunday morning experience we know as worship. That goal called for a complete analysis of worship to give direction and leadership to the Minister, for developing best practices in the Worship ministry of the congregation. A wonderful core of volunteers gathered throughout the summer and early fall with a four-fold agenda:

- to review and analyze the Sunday morning experience, noting what works and what doesn't through the eyes of the participants. Many perspectives were sought including the staff, the participants, and casual visitors.
- to review and analyze what 'others' are doing to cultivate vibrant worship (other church communities and communities of practice), including re-visiting the details of 'expert' analysis (Emerging Spirit, Environics, Reg Bibby etc....)
- to make recommendations to the Minister in preparation for a vibrant, spiritually alive Ministry of Worship
- to develop the terms of reference for a new worship team accountable to the Minister, charged with ongoing review and analysis, and with the long term implementation of the recommendations.

Surveys were conducted, focus groups were held, and in each of the Sundays in the summer, volunteers wandered into other churches and faith communities to see how they're doing worship. By the end of September a new worship team had been formed to give shape and form to both the Terms of Reference of the team, as well as the recommendations coming from the Task Group. The work of this team was dormant through the Sabbatical, but a foundation has been laid for further development as we look forward to the move into a new facility.

~ Respectfully Submitted, Blair Odney

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

The Mission

In the spirit of adaptive change, the FNL production team continues to focus on evolving the experience that is FNL to continue to lean into the vision of this portal: ***“celebrating spirit through the performing arts”***. Through the art forms of improvisation and music, the cornerstones of the FNL experience, we metaphorically connect to this vision statement knowing that life is not lived in the past remembered or the future imagined, but in the present moment. Through this experience of the performing arts, FNL is a portal into *nurturing people's faith by learning about, celebrating, seeking and sharing God's love in the world*

We call this ***Life. Unscripted.***

For each of the 30+ Fridays from September 2015 through June 2016, FNL has been a 'nomadic' experience – setting up by 6 pm each Friday for a sound check by our professional improvisers and guest artists, and tearing down before 9:30 pm as required by our NV rec centre contracts. On June 10th, FNL will have produced its 23rd show of 2016 and will take a break for the summer. Being 'out of the church' has required an enormous effort in both production and promotion, as we need to move between the Community Room in Lynn Valley Centre and the Rec Centre at Frederick and Mountain Highway, based on the availability of those venues. Innovative promotional activities over the course of the year included us hosting 'Music in the Park' in September 2015, where hundreds of people saw us involved in this community gathering, and we were able to distribute flyers for LVUC and FNL. This resulted in many new people learning about LVUC and its work on the North Shore!

We have been thrilled to attract artists this year that share our desire to build community in a positive, all-ages, inclusive way. We were proud to celebrate the accomplishments of Artistic Director Alan Marriott and FNL regular performer Sandra-Mae Louyx, as they reached the semi-finals of the CBC competition recognizing top Canadian song-writing talent. We were wowed by the talents of the artists who sought us out as a place for them to share their stories: notably, Christopher Arruda (The Lion) celebrated his CD release with us; Deanna Knight and Simon Kendall offered their considerable musical talents, David Aiken: 'the Checkerboard guy' attracted a curious all-ages crowd with his joyful antics; First Nations dancer Nyla Carpentier joined us again, Al Harlow and Matt Grinke collaborate, we premiered local talent with a 'workshop' of the new play 'Swan Song' (opening at the Firehall Theatre May 26th, 2016) and multiple artists 'found us', and asked for the opportunity to play with us. We continue to be part of the fabric of the culture of the North Shore.

We continue to maintain a FNL website, and a weekly mailing list of over 250 participants.

Our Facebook presence has continued to grow, as has the involvement of our social media participants. We began our FNL season in September 2015 with 100 FB followers; we now have over 200, with a regular reach of over 1000.

Promotion and production of this unique community gathering continues to be managed by a core group of people: Myrna Pearce, Kelly Jenner, Bruce Jenner, Len Grinke, Shauna Grinke, Leslie Wolrich and Brent Wolrich. Our 'production values' have been enhanced this year with the donation of top-quality sound and light boards. We plan to run 10 FNL gatherings in the fall of 2016, and are looking forward to launching FNL 2017 in our new building!

We continued to supplement the 'ticket revenue' of FNL with a diverse array of corporate sponsorships (see www.fnlnorthvan.com for a complete listing) – from auto body shops to local liquor shops, from realtors to grocery stores, from banks to marine retailers..... and more. Additionally, we have invited individuals into donations of FNL through our 'Friends of FNL' program.

As we noticed last year that there was an increase in the number of youth that we have, we introduced a couple of 'youth-focused' initiatives over the past 12 months: a 'youth pass' (literally, a season's pass for youth 12 – 17, and 'youth nights' the first Friday of each month. Our youth nights have been well-attended events, which feature pre-FNL gathering improv lessons or magic lessons. Jordan Liteplo and Corey Stuppard, and members of the CYF Table have been instrumental in the success of these gatherings.

Through the creativity and commitment of the FNL production team and the talent of the FNL artists, Friday Night Live continues to provide a unique multi-generational gathering place for the Lynn Valley community. As we continue to explore the synergy between the CYF portal and the FNL portals, we continue to learn and find new ways to engage the community. FNL really is a place where people come to gather in community to be in the experience, share and learn through life stories, break bread, and find a place where they truly belong.

~ Submitted by Len & Shauna Grinke, on behalf of the FNL production team.

REPORTS FROM THE ORGANIZING PORTALS

MINISTRY AND PERSONEL COMMITTEE

Early last August, I sat in the sanctuary of St Clements Church along with twenty to thirty people from LVUC Sunday worship and Bring Your Own Voice Community Choir as two candidates for the Minister of Music led us in musical experiences. The evening was the culmination of two months of preparation, scheduling and collaboration between these two LVUC-associated community groups. The presentations illustrated some similarities and some very distinct differences in approach to music leadership. The evening was a great success; not only did we land a great Music Minister but it was also an enjoyable experience for all of the participants (unlike most interviews). To me, it was an example of how trying new things can bring extraordinary results.

But it was just one example. During 2015-2016, we implemented the first year of our Ministry Plan. M&P met with staff at regular intervals (about each four months) to discuss progress on their goals. A key part of the plan was planning for and successfully navigating through Blair's sabbatical. This was accomplished by assembling teams from the Board and M&P to support the LVUC staff and to work with the Operations team to administer Joan and Peter Wyatt's employment with us for four months as sabbatical ministers.

More recently we applied for and received a government grant for a summer student, and are now working to fill the position and advance a variety of initiatives that will support and potentially expand LVUC's community programs.

Over the past year the committee has been rebuilt, growing to full complement of four members: Walter Wright, Sheila Fee, Shari Gardiner and Blair Odney. We have also continued to benefit from the support and Human Resource experience of Marc Coloumbe at the BC Conference Office and Shauna Grinke in our congregation.

In closing, we would like to express our sincere thanks to the LVUC staff for their hard work and creativity over the past year

~ Respectfully Submitted Shari Gardiner on behalf of the M&P Committee

OPERATIONS TEAM

The Operations Team report, budget information and financial update are being prepared separately from this document and will be distributed independently. Future iterations of the Annual Report will integrate this information.

PROPERTY REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The past 12 months have been a busy and challenging time for the PRC as we moved into the construction phase of the project. Twelve months ago the old church had just been demolished (Jan/Feb 2015) and the excavation for the underground parking was completed (May/June 2015). At the time of last year's AGM the underground drainage system was installed and they started pouring concrete for the footings and foundations of the condos and church and by year end the underground parking was largely complete and framing of the condos was 90% complete.

Today, the condos are fully framed with plumbing, electrical and drywall complete while interior flooring, cabinets and finishing are nearing completion. Work on the exterior finishing is well advanced.

The church has taken shape in the past 2 months with completion of the steel framing, roof and exterior sheathing.

There have been numerous meetings with the developer, contractors, interior designer, architect, AV consultants, and electricians as well as internal meetings with the Board, TLT and others.

The project is proceeding well with very few problems. There has been approximately 2 weeks slippage in the scheduled completion date. Occupancy for the condos is now the end of October and completion of the Church is expected to be late November or early December. The only possible hitch is that the District must issue an occupancy permit before anyone can move in.

At this time we expect the Legacy Fund will slightly exceed original projections.

~ Submitted by Ken McKeen on behalf of the Property Redevelopment Committee

PRC members: John Bruce (chair), Roger Eastwood, Anna Sanders and Wendy Watson

TRANSITION LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Transition Leadership Team, TLT, has continued to function as a mechanism for gathering information from the congregation in order to make recommendations to the Board about matters pertaining to the redevelopment project and our time in transition between the old building and the new.

For most of the past year, we have been a part of the Transition Executive Team, monitoring the progress of the development and being aware of the development timelines in order to prepare for the work that would arise around moving into the new building.

In Jan, a timeline was set out by the Transition Executive Team that looked at when and how furnishing requests would be handled. The TLT resolved to survey the congregation to determine what the appetite was for discussions about how the various spaces in the new building would be used in order to make recommendations to the Board for the purchase of furnishings.

The work was divided into the following categories: Sacred Space, Offices, Kitchen, Multi-purpose Spaces, Chairs and Worship Items. The surveys showed that there were people who were interested in participating in Circle Meetings around these different issues. The Centering Prayer group lead the discussions about the Sacred Space, the staff were responsible for the Offices, the Children Youth and Families Team looked at the Multipurpose Spaces and some of the Seekers made recommendations regarding the kitchen. A group of interested folks met to discuss important issues around choosing chairs. The overall desire of the congregation appears to be that the designer should pick a Communion Table, Font and Pulpit that are pleasing with the rest of the decor in the building. All of the discussion groups were open to anyone in the congregation who wished to participate and each group met a minimum of three times.

The Circle Meetings that were held were very rich in discussion especially the Sacred Space discussions. Peter Wyatt, one of our Sabbatical Ministers, commended the congregation on the foresight to set aside and dedicate a separate, permanent space for prayer and contemplation. He said that in his large multi-use church, they have no such space and it is noticeable in its absence. Each of the Circle Meetings asked the questions "What is the purpose of this space?" and "How will it fulfill our Mission and Purpose?". Recommendations for furnishings were made based on how the furniture would help achieve the Mission of the space involved. Policy recommendations were also proposed to the Board to help clarify and guide the Board and the Ministers in the use of the various spaces.

The TLT gathered all of the information from the various Circle Meetings and compiled reports that were passed onto the Board for consideration. The TLT will be directly involved with the PRC in arranging for the congregation to provide feedback on a selection of chairs chosen by the designer of the new building. By the time this report is published, this work will have already been completed but at this juncture, we are still in the arrangement process.

~ Myrna Pearce, Chair of the Transition Leadership Team

Other TLT Members are Len Grinke, Kelly Jenner and Sophia Ducey

REPORTS FROM TASK & SOCIAL PORTALS

COMMUNICATIONS AND PROMOTIONS TEAM

“The words you speak become the house you live in.”

– Hafiz (Persian poet)

What a gift it has been to share community spaces with our neighbours as we set-up and take down ‘gypsy church’ and hold worship services and programs, and even the church office, within shared spaces in our neighbourhood. What a gift it has been to watch with anticipation as a new building emerges from the place where our house once stood. What a gift it has been to have taken this risk and found that while there have been a few bumps in the road, the anticipation of a joyful and promising return to a place we can call home looms large and shining. What a gift it has been to recognize that each of us has something of a leader within and that each of us still has something to learn.

Last year we learned that the ‘why’ of church is as important as the ‘what’ of church and this year the ComPro Team built on that idea by paying attention to the stories that celebrate the lived expression of our faith. By sharing the stories of insight, wisdom, transformation and faith, we continue to knit ourselves into a community of shared experience and inspire one another in our faith and in the work that gives meaning to our lives. Great effort has been put into sharing information about LVUC in as many ways as possible and hearing from as many voices as possible.

The **church website** continues to be the main source for information for everything LVUC. This year we added an online Congregational Directory and Community Sharing Lounge that are password protected and only available to those who sign up and get approval from the website administrator. This added layer of secure web access allows for details pertaining to meetings, especially as we are in transition, to be posted online while protecting sensitive or personal information. This also allows for members within each group to monitor and update their information on the website directly without having to rely on the time allotted within the office administrator’s schedule. An upgrade to the Calendar Page also allows for a calendar of events to be viewed online, with a paper version offered to those without access to the internet.

The **eNews** saw a return to using the MailChimp app in order to utilize the built-in measurement tools that help determine the effectiveness of this communication. The eNews goes out on Fridays, but only when there is direction from the various portals, which links to the church website for meeting / event / program details.

A decision was made to replace announcements, which have long-standing challenges as a communication tool, with a regular time in worship devoted to **Minute for Ministry**. M4M is an opportunity to tell the stories of ‘why we do what we do’ and the ways our faithful work testifies to lives transformed while celebrating a vibrant and deeply involved congregation.

A regular monthly **Leadership Circle Meeting** applies the ‘Leader in Every Chair’ model gleaned from our adaptive change work so that all of the LVUC portals can inform others about what they are working on, hear what all of the groups are doing and report back to members of their circles of influence when a call to action is required. For those not involved with a group or team, the notes from these meetings are published in the Sharing Lounge on the church website.

Reaching out to people in new ways has also been on the radar, with the **Life? Right Podcast** Project paving the way into a whole new realm of possibilities. See the separate report for information about this innovative communication tool.

Finding the most effective and resource efficient way to share information so that everyone feels heard and well informed is a continuing goal. Have some ideas to help us achieve this? Let us know, or consider being a part of this team!

~ Kelly Jenner, for the Promotions/ Communications Team

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OUTREACH TEAM

The Social Justice and Outreach Team took a new direction this year, focusing on creating opportunities to engage in a broader exploration of social justice issues in the community that included education and partnership development. The most noticeable change was the elimination of Helping Hands and hosting 2 community meal conversations that we called ‘Lunch and Learn’

- (1) October 4, 2015: *There’s More to Food than Just Eating It: Food Justice and Food Sovereignty*. Guest speakers were Jen Rustemeyer (the *Clean Bin Project, Just Eat It*), the Edible Garden Project, and Argyle Social Justice class. \$600 from luncheon was shared with Argyle Social Justice class and Edible Garden Project. 45 people attended, primarily from the congregation and Argyle.

(2) January 31, 2016: *Homelessness: An Invisible Problem*. Guest speakers were Don Peters of North Shore Community Services Housing Liaison, and Joy Hayden of Hollyburn Family Support Services. Over 80 attended, including politicians, concerned community members and print & TV media. Proceeds of \$500 were shared between the guest agencies.

The SJOT undertook justice projects as there was interest and with a desire to respect long-standing relationships.

Refugee Support

Carolyn Cole represents LVUC on a coalition of local United Churches (the North Shore United Refugee Response or NSURR) responding to the refugee crisis: The NSURR has committed to sponsoring two large families; unfortunately both families have experienced delays in processing their applications because of the area of Iraq where they have taken refuge. The Canadian government has recently committed to more staffing to process applications and we hope they will arrive soon. LVUC contributed \$13,000 to this project so far. This did not come from budget funds but from very generous individuals in the congregation and the community. Other SJOT members contribute time, notably online communications, legal/ administrative for the NSURR.

Sandwich Project

We continue to feed the hungry, notwithstanding having no space to call our own. Marion Kirk coordinates volunteers to support the STAGE (Supported Transitional Adult Group Education –North Shore Disabilities Resource Centre program) young adults who help make 8 loaves of sandwiches each week. Sandwiches are delivered to the North & West Vancouver Canadian Mental Health Association for distribution by outreach workers to clients. Expenses for this project are covered by generous individuals within the congregation and donations from Save-On Foods.

First United Church Partnership

LVUC has a life-long connection to this ministry, which operates an emergency shelter, meal programs and several other services for the marginalized and underprivileged of Vancouver's downtown eastside. This year, LVUC members donated \$995 to First United through an Advent appeal that included a guest sermon with Executive Director, Genessa Greening.

United Church of Canada Mission and Service Funds (M&S): This is the mechanism by which the United Church of Canada operates General Council (national office) and disperses Canadian and international mission funding. LVUC members support M&S through envelope/PAR donations and, in past years, has bolstered that contribution with an additional \$1500 allocated from fundraising revenue plus any additional funds offered in response to emergency appeals. As the church is currently unable to hold fundraising events, the recommended "top-up" amount of \$1500 is not being added to LVUC's designated M&S contributions.

M&S Contributions 2016 YTD	\$ 2280.25
M&S Contributions Jan-Dec. 2015	\$ 6517.50
M&S Contributions Jan-Dec. 2014	\$ 9854.00
M& S Contributions Jan-Dec. 2013	\$ 7667.00
M& S Contributions Jan.- Dec. 2012	\$ 10,341.00

Communications

The SJOT shares information via the church website on the portal page and in the community lounge, in updates in worship through the Minute for Ministry and through the church Facebook page.

Your SJOT is: Ray Boucher, Judith Clark, Carolyn Cole (refugee project), Rev. Sophia Ducey (staff), Kelly Jenner, Marion Kirk, Melissa Neubauer and new members are welcome at any time!

~ Submitted by Judith Clark on behalf of the SJOT

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

The Pastoral Care Team (PCT) is comprised of members whose spiritual gifts may include encouragement, faith, healing, mercy, prayer, service and wisdom.

Members of the PCT over the past year were Mary Yan, Ev McDonald, Rae Lord, Wendy Watson, Anna Sanders, Joyce Roberts, Helen Preston, Rhelda Nicholson, Helen Bloom, EuChoo Hong, Jan Ollis, and Pat McKillop.

Why are we doing what we do?

Our members strongly value the need to care for others in accordance to our church's core values of Relevant Spirituality, Active Hospitality, and Vital Community Relationships. Some of the ways we express our care and concern are through sending cards, visiting congregation members, gifting of prayer shawls, and coordinating a prayer circle to

pray for others when in need. In addition, this past year we supported the seven week program, When Blessings Flow; and we coordinated a potluck lunch to celebrate Pentecost Sunday and to welcome Blair back after his sabbatical. We also decided to utilize the Members' Lounge on the LVUC website to include prayer requests from church congregants. We hope that this will widen our church's prayer circle.

We would like to extend a special Thank You! to members of the congregation who have volunteered their time & skill during the year to knit prayer shawls. Since the Prayer Shawl Ministry began in May of 2011, 58 prayer shawls have been presented on behalf of our congregation.

~ Submitted by Anna Sanders and Mary Yan

PODCAST PROJECT

In May, 2015, a project team of Shauna Grinke, Joel Grinke, and Andrea Loewen, received approval by the Board of Governance to apply for a ProVision and a Seeds of Hope grant to enter into an experiment which tested a way to create a 'vibrant new form of ministry. The project had a working title of 'a Faith Podcast' project. This podcast came to be called Life, Right? Lynn Valley United Church contributed \$1000 to this project, ProVision provided \$5000, and Seeds of Hope provided \$2000 over the course of the 2015 – 2016 Fiscal year.

The full final report of the success of the project can be found in the Lounge area of our Lynn Valley United Church website. What follows is a summary of our achievements and next steps.

We are thrilled with the outcome and achievements of this project. We planned to complete 10 unique podcasts; we created 11, and have additionally created a 'summary podcast', whereby Blair Odney (Minister Lynn Valley United Church), and the Hosts (Joel Grinke, Andrea Loewen) debriefed the learning and possible next steps.

Our first objective was experimenting with the medium of podcasting to explore faith conversations. We learned quickly about creating a professional and unique podcast experience. After our first two podcasts, it became evident that, in order to be able to do a podcast each week, that we would need a professional editor and sound designer. The third through eleventh episodes benefited greatly from the addition of a skilled professional in that technical capacity. We were delighted to be able to attract diverse age ranges, ethnicities, faiths, life experiences, and perspectives to each weekly podcast. The guest artists on each podcast – including musical and spoken word artists, and writers from prose, poetry and play-writing disciplines – added a unique lens to the weekly subjects and conversation. The professional website and the inclusion of Life,Right? The podcasts appearing on iTunes are testament to the strong production values of the podcast series. <http://liferightpodcast.com/>

Our second objective was promotion of faithful public witness. We definitely brought conversations about faith and spiritual practices to a new audience. We stepped into conversations with courage and authenticity, and people responded. The full 11-podcast series can be found here: <http://liferightpodcast.com/life-right/>

We also learned the challenges of getting noticed in the very noisy environment of social media marketing. We used a focused and proactive social media marketing campaign, and achieved the following results:

Website Visits: 2,060

Page Views: 3,050

Visitors: 1,694

Listens: 1,968

Listens per Week: 151-210

Regarding our third objective of "the promotion of a multicultural and intergenerational approach to ministry", our guests were culturally and generationally diverse, and explored topics of relevance to a diverse listening audience. We explored topics such as Unconditional Love, with a transgender couple; issue of Identity with a young Middle Eastern woman and a lesbian; Reflections on Death with a 80-something doctor and a Twenty-something who has written her own eulogy; the topic of Forgiveness from the perspective of a psychologist, and a young woman who had been abused; the topic of Social Justice was explored with young adults through a 'theoretical' lens, and a priest through a highly practical and very personal lens. Feedback that we received on Facebook, through email, and through conversations among listeners was that the content and delivery was relevant, profound, and authentic.

Regarding our fourth objective "To revitalize the health of the United Church", the production team for the project was 'wowed' by the response of the United Church community to the series. The interest in the project in the United Church community was high – with anecdotal conversations at presbytery, the Fircom community, our Spiritual Cinema evenings, Saturday Waves conversations and on Sunday. People in the congregation listened to the podcast, and the podcast series gave them the vehicle to reach out to people – like sons and daughters – who had actively resisted being included

in 'church stuff' previously, but were intrigued by this project. The forwarding of iTunes links via email could not be captured numerically. However, anecdotally, we know that this was a key method of distribution of the series. At the January 9th, 2016 Vancouver Burrard-Presbytery meeting/workshop with clergy, congregational leaders on Adaptive Change, there was considerable interest expressed on the story of this project, and interest in continuing the discussion of expanding the involvement of the broader United Church community into this work. There was widespread agreement that furthering this project would be in support of the wider United Church community.

The series stands up against any professional podcast available on iTunes today. From the sound quality to the production values to the guests to the depth of inquiry and content, Life. Right? is a project of which to be incredibly proud.

This has been an incredible project! It has brought discussion, conversation, reflection and excitement to our community. It introduced a diverse audience to reflect on human and spiritual themes. It brought people together to talk about topics that 'we've all thought about, but never really talked about.'

We learned that if we are going to continue to develop and leverage this medium as a new form of ministry we need to continue to explore funding streams. From a financial perspective, we learned that a realistic budget for a quality 10-podcast series is \$12,000. The Board approved an additional \$2,000 spend in fiscal year 2015 – 2016 to continue the project. The response from other United Church leaders at the January 9th meeting, and the positive feedback from both ProVision and Seeds of Hope suggest that there is energy around furthering this work. The production team has applied for further funding through ProVision and Arts funding organizations, as we know we need a deeper library of episodes to leverage different funding (crowdsourcing, sponsorship) in the longer term. We have been invited to present at the Seeds of Hope Board Meeting on June 1st, and we plan to apply for further Seeds of Hope funding in the fall. We imagine that the continuation of this project will enable us to leverage relationships with the broader UCC community – including Heartwood Café and other United Churches.

The project team is grateful for the support of the Board and the whole Lynn Valley United Community for their support of this unique project.

~ Submitted by Shauna Grinke on behalf of the Life, Right? project team

WOMEN'S GROUPS

Seekers

The Seekers began as a group of young women 37 years ago (some of us met not at church, but at the mom & tots drop-in group that was held in the church basement all those years ago!) and continue to learn, grow and share together within our midst, our community and the world at large. By now we individually and collectively embody many more years of wisdom, plenty of gratitude and find ourselves transforming as we go. Meetings vary from speakers to discussion evenings to travelogues to hands-on creativity and sometimes just plain fun as with our recent Zumba evening...and of course our potluck dinners are in the super fun category. Our outreach focus this year has been supporting the North Shore Women's Centre and most recently the victims of the Fort McMurray fire.

Ongoing are our traditional gifts of nighties, pj's and robes to Emily Murphy House (North Shore Crisis Centre) at Christmas time.

We welcome new members at any time.

~Respectfully submitted, Sue Roy

Sunrisers

After heaps of discussion, the Sunrisers have determined that following their June 1 luncheon, they will no longer hold official monthly meetings. With 2 centenarians in the ranks and several members in their 90's, this group no longer actively volunteers in worship or at events. We will continue to take part in the spiritual life of Lynn Valley United, and will continue a well-established routine of meeting regularly to connect socially.

The congregation has generously supported us through many years and provided us with so many happy memories- it is with deep gratitude and appreciation for all the wonderful times we've shared over the years that we give sincere thanks. In our last official capacity, we wish the Seekers and She Shares, and all of the other groups at LVUC, well in all they do.

~Submitted Dorothy Symons, on behalf of the Sunrisers

She Shares

(No report from She Shares for this Annual Report)

STATISTICAL DATA

MEMORIAL SERVICE RECEPTIONS

One memorial service took place between June 2015 and May 2016, held on July 18 for Anne Tait.
~ Alice Strilchuk, Memorial Reception Coordinator

MEMBERSHIP DETAILS

New Members

No new members this year

Memorial Services

Anne M Tait

Weddings

*Lynn Bradshaw to Geoffrey Hill
Annabelle Shabani to Mason Huation
Amanda Webb to Arif Nuraney
Carol Anderson to Peter Matthews*

Baptisms

Owen Van Nes

Membership Breakdown

Total Membership June 2013	160
Members removed by death	0
Members removed by Certificate of Transfer	1
Other	0
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Total number of members removed from active file	- 1
Members added by Profession of Faith	0
Members added by Transfer	0
Total number members added	0
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Total Membership May 31, 2015	159

Membership data (Jan 1- Dec 31) is sent to General Council (UCC National Office) for inclusion the "Year Book". LVUC Annual Report data is recorded from June 1- May 31, and is a reflection of members only (including non-residential members).

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Range	2015		2014		2013		2012		2011	
	Envelopes & PAR	Other								
Under \$400	8	7	4	4	7	4	4	3	11	10
\$401 - \$800	13	0	13	2	9	2	15	2	14	4
\$801 - \$1500	14	0	11	0	10	2	10	1	8	3
\$1501-\$2500	10	0	14	0	20	0	17	2	11	0
\$2501-\$4000	4	0	3	0	5	0	10	0	14	0
\$4001-\$6000	5	0	4	0	5	0	3	0	3	0
Over \$6000	3	0	4	0	3	0	4	0	8	0
Sub-total	57	7	53	6	59	8	63	8	69	17
TOTAL	<u>64</u>		<u>59</u>		<u>67</u>		<u>71</u>		<u>86</u>	

FINANCIAL REPORT 2015-2016

The Operations Team is preparing the financial information separately from this document and it will be distributed independently. Future iterations of the Annual Report will integrate this information.

MINUTES FROM THE LVUC AGM HELD SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2015

Attendance: 42 participants **Ministers:** Blair Odney & Sophia Ducey

1. **Call to Order** – Jill Parsons, the Board of Governance Chair, called the Annual General Meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

2. **Devotional** – Blair Odney, Minister, offered the devotional.

Empowerment to Act:

- 3.
1. a) **Enabling Motion** – Myrna Pearce **Moved** the extension of corresponding voting privileges to all AGM attendees less voting privileges specifically restricted to full members per United Church of Canada policy. Seconded by Tom Jenner. **Carried.**
 2. b) **Agenda Approval** – Marilyn Mann **Moved** acceptance of the Lynn Valley United Church Annual General Meeting Agenda as presented. Seconded by Adrian Jorgenson. **Carried.**

Celebrating the Journey

- 4.
1. a) **2014 AGM Minutes** – Neil Jorgenson **Moved** adoption of the June 15, 2014 Lynn Valley United Church Annual General Meeting Minutes as circulated. Seconded by Myrna Pearce. **Carried.**
 2. b) **Annual Report** – Tom Jenner **Moved** receipt of the Lynn Valley United Church 2014/2015 Annual Report as circulated. Seconded by Ray Boucher. **Carried.**

Blair Odney, Minister, verbally highlighted a number of significant accomplishments, successes and extraordinary commitments identified in the 2014/2015 Annual Report. In addition, Blair emphasized the positive direction of our church and how we are growing and evolving, which is opposite to the United Church of Canada trend. Further, Blair outlined how we have positively repositioned ourselves since the 2013/2014 AGM meeting and credited the churches investment in the Adaptive Change consultants and process for improved communication and decision making skills.

Empowering New Leadership:

a) **Election of Members to the Board of Governance** – per Lynn Valley United Church bylaws (Constitution) there are three BOG vacancies to be filled, each having a two-year term. Jill Parsons called for nominees and received the following:

- i. Ray Boucher nominated Walter Wright;
- ii. Len Grinke nominated Jason Haight;
- iii. Alice Strilchuk nominated Judith Clark; and
- iv. Jill Parsons nominated Carol Sawyer.

Based on sufficient nominees, Walter Wright respectfully withdrew his name from the BOG election citing his current participation on the Board of Trustees and the value of having new BOG leadership. A question on process was asked by Shirley McKeen as to why Jason Haight was up for election since he was elected the previous year for a two-year term.

5. In response, the BOG needed to comply with Lynn Valley United Church bylaws to sync the AGM election process whereby three and four members are elected (for two terms) in alternating years to ensure BOG continuity. To achieve this, the BOG allocated Jason Haight to stand for re-election at this year's AGM. Blair Odney thanked Myrna Pearce for her service on the Board of Governance.

Doug McDonald **Moved** affirmation of Jason Haight, Judith Clark and Carol Sawyer to the Lynn Valley United Church's Board of Governance for a two-year term. Seconded by Myrna Pearce. **Carried.**

2. b) **Election of a Member to the Board of Trustees** – the current Board of Trustees include Walter Wright, Judith Clark and Ray Boucher meaning there is one vacancy to fill. Neil Jorgenson was nominated to the Board of Trustees with the understanding this would be his second consecutive four-year term and that he is not eligible for a third consecutive term.
Marion Kirk **Moved** appointment of Neil Jorgenson to the Lynn Valley United Church Board of Trustees. Seconded by Shari Gardner. **Carried.**

3. c) **Election of a Member as a Presbytery Representative** – Blair Odney outlined that Ray Boucher is the current Lynn Valley United Church Presbytery Representative and there are two evolving situations. The first is that Lynn Valley United Church has undefined

Terms of Reference and/or policy on our Presbytery Representative and that the Policy Committee and Board of Governance will apply some structure to this in the coming church year. The second situation is that Presbytery is changing its process and duties for church representatives to modernize it and to change meeting commitments. As such this position will be in transition for the 2015/2016 church year. In addition, Lynn Valley United Church, due to its size, is entitled to have two Presbytery Representatives, which the church has not exercised in recent years. Blair requested that the Congregation empower the Board of Governance to appoint Lynn Valley United Church Presbytery Representative(s) once we implement our Terms of Reference based on Presbytery's implementation of its new format and meeting responsibilities.

Stan Strilchuk **Moved** to empower the Lynn Valley United Church Board of Governance to appoint Presbytery Representative(s) upon Presbytery reformatting. Seconded by Ray Boucher. **Carried.**

Empowering our Ministry Plan

a) **Review of Plan Highlights** – Blair Odney outlined Lynn Valley United Church priorities, developed in collaboration with numerous church Teams, Committees and members, as:

- i. Discipleship and stewardship that guides resources;
- ii. Fiscal sustainability;
- iii. New relationships (community partnerships) with shared values;
- iv. Annual work plans with systems to monitor performance;
- v. Leadership development to increase capacity (services) across Lynn Valley United Church; and a
- vi. Sabbatical plan to achieve above goals during the approved Minister's absence January to April 2016.

6. Clarity was requested on the Ministry of Music in the outlined Ministry Plan. Steve Munshaw, Interim Ministry of Music staff member, has completed his temporary Term and will not continue on with Lynn Valley United Church. The Ministry and Personnel Committee are in-progress with a recruitment process for this vibrant and growing ministry that serves both worship and outreach musical services. Further clarity was requested on how this position will serve children. The Ministry of Music job description does speak to children's musical services, however, the existing workload consumes the budgeted 10 hours per week meaning we need to increase resources or reallocate time and service delivery (i.e. decrease or end a current musical service offering). Sophia Ducey indicated, using partnerships and/or program resources, one of her work plan goals is to offer children's musical programs in the new church year. Shari Gardner **Moved** acceptance of the 2015/2016 Ministry Plan as submitted and outlined. Seconded by Barb Matina. **Carried.**

b) **Approval of the 2015/2016 Budget** – Bruce Jenner provided an operational budget overview that included a review of the:

- i. 2014/2015 budget and year-end projections;
- ii. 2015/2016 budget development process using principles that support the church mission, reflect accurate operational expenses, include Ministry and Personnel Committee input and responsible use Lynn Valley United Church Holding's resources;
- iii. 2014/14 Balance Sheet (cash reserves);
- iv. Lynn Valley United Church Holding's resources; and
- v. Proposed 2015/2016 Lynn Valley United Church operational budget (see Attachment "B").

Clarity was requested on Lynn Valley United Church Holdings. In response, Lynn Valley United Church Holding's received a profit sharing advancement from Marcon of \$450,000 of which \$50,000 is allocated to Holding's operational expenses. In turn, \$130,000 was allocated to off-set the Lynn Valley United Church 2014/2015 operational budget deficit. The remaining \$270,000 is proposed for allocation in two parts: \$180,000 to off-set the 2015/2016 Lynn Valley United Church operating budget deficit; AND \$90,000 to off-set a portion of the 2016/2017 budget year until we take position of our new church, anticipated as December 2017. Further, it was outlined that Lynn Valley United Church Holding's exist to facilitate the redevelopment partnership with Marcon and thereby retain Lynn Valley United Church's charitable non-profit

status.

Clarity was requested on the promotions budget line item and costs were summarized by web hosting, social media, advertisement, brochures signage and other marketing costs. Clarity was requested on the Children, Youth and Families budget line and it was indicated that the 2014/2015 year-end projects don't fully qualify expenditures meaning the apparent funding 'gap' is not as significant as indicated on Attachment "B". Further, this funding line includes provisions for renting spaces to deliver services, to bring in subject matter instructors and to offer a five day spring break day camp (off-set by corresponding registration revenue and a possible grant).

A new one-time expense of \$10,000 in the Operations/Finance budget line was explained as critical funding to implement a new software system to support church operating and accounting needs.

Adrian Jorgenson **Moved** adoption of the 2015/2016 Lynn Valley United Church operational budget as presented. Seconded by Walter Wright. **Carried.**

6. **Empowering Decision Making: Adoption of Revised Policies** – Jill Parsons outlined the BOG created a Policy Committee to review, update and clarify the policy governance manual to better align with Lynn Valley United Church's purposes and operations. Jill further outlined the dedication and successes of the Policy Committee's efforts to date and their process to advance policy governance improvements through BOG meetings/workshops and open congregation meetings to review proposed policy amendments and to receive feedback.

Report policy Policy Book June 10 changes AGM 2015.d 2015.doc

Judith Clark **Moved** acceptance of the Lynn Valley United Church policy revisions to date. Seconded by Myrna Pearce. **Carried.**

7. **Giving Thanks** – Jill Parsons expressed gratitude to our church community, and its success with overcoming uncertainty associated with transition and doing so with grace. We have come a long way! Blair Odney gave appreciation to our members and volunteers for their investment of time, talent and spiritual commitment that make Lynn Valley United Church a special place. There is a leader in every chair!

8. **Surrendering to God's Grace** – Sophia Ducey offered the closing pray.

9. **Adjournment** – Jill Parsons Moved adjournment of the meeting. The meeting concluded at 1:53 pm.

*Please note that these minutes, collected at the June 14, 2015 AGM, require review and a motion to adopt before they are official minutes of the meeting. Please contact Board Chair, Jill Parsons, if you notice any errors or omissions that they may be included at the June 12 AGM

Attachment "A" Attendance for AGM June 14, 2015



Attachment "A"

Annual General Meeting

List of Congregation Members, Adherents and Participants

Attendance AGM

1/ <i>Jessie Toljanek</i>	24 <i>Judith Clark</i>
2 <i>Carol Sawyer</i>	25 <i>Walter Wright</i>
3/ <i>Kelly Jenner</i>	26 <i>Wendy Watson</i>
4 <i>Myra Pearce</i>	27 <i>DAVID YAN</i>
5/ <i>SHAOJA GRINKE</i>	28 <i>Mary Yan</i>
6/ <i>LEN GRINKE</i>	29 <i>Dorothy Symons</i>
7/ <i>Thomas Jenner</i>	30 <i>Rachel Lord</i>
8/ <i>Barbara Matilda</i>	31 <i>Joan Roberts</i>
9/ <i>Marilyn Mann</i>	32 <i>Rhonda Nicholson</i>
10/ <i>Bruce Jenner</i>	33 <i>Er McDonnell</i>
11. <i>PAT MacKinnon</i>	34 <i>Daisy McDonald</i>
12 <i>Shirley McKeen</i>	35 <i>Susan Roy</i>
13. <i>Jennifer Eastwood</i>	36 <i>Marion Kirk</i>
14 <i>Pat McVicar</i>	37 <i>Prna Sanders</i>
15 <i>J. McVicar</i>	38 <i>Alan W. Powell</i>
16 <i>WIFREID GRIFFITHS</i>	39 <i>Adrian Jorgensen</i>
17 <i>Reg Wakefield</i>	40 <i>Neil Jorgensen</i>
18 <i>Helen Preston</i>	41 <i>Shari Gardiner</i>
19 <i>Ray Barcher</i>	42 <i>Susan Haight</i>
20 <i>En Choo Hong</i>	
21 <i>Helen J. Brown</i>	
22 <i>Stan Strickland</i>	
23 <i>Alice Strickland</i>	

Attachment "B" - Lynn Valley United Church Operating Budget**Attachment "B"****Lynn Valley United Church Operating Budget**

Lynn Valley United Church Budget				
Month Jun-15	2014/2015 Budget	Year-End Projection	Diff	2015/2016 Budget
Revenue From Operations				
Receipted Tithes and Offerings	87,726	102,544	14,818	105,000
Non-Receipted Offerings	10,336	18,289	7,953	9,000
Program Revenue	8,290	4,598	-3,692	6,000
FNL Revenue	23,200	28,149	4,949	20,000
CYFM and Spiritual Life				10,000
Sub-Total	129,552	153,580	24,028	150,000
Other Earned Revenue				
Fundraising Revenue	2,400	2,791	391	1,500
Grants Revenue	8,000	0	-8,000	0
Flow Through Revenue	0	35	35	0
Property Rentals	19,140	40,161	21,021	0
Investment Income	360	3,113	2,753	3,000
Sub-Total	29,900	46,100	16,200	4,500
Internal Transfer				
Sabbatical	0	0	0	11,500
Sub-Total	0	0	0	11,500
Total Revenue	159,452	199,679	40,228	166,000
Expenses From Operations				
Presbytery	7,697	8,986	-1,289	8,000
Governance	12,800	12,932	-132	2,000
Compensation	237,378	221,988	15,390	244,995
Building	10,530	10,326	204	2,800
Office	21,372	10,340	11,032	8,000
Interim Facility Costs	34,500	20,654	13,846	26,300
Ministry Programs				
CYFM and Spiritual Life	12,000	2,141	9,859	13,100
Worship	2,350	2,220	130	1,000
Friday Night Live	23,010	29,289	-6,279	27,000
Music	13,388	3,945	9,443	8,840
Pastoral Care	850	0	850	500
Social Justice and Outreach	2,600	1,513	1,087	1,000
Promotion	15,000	3,047	11,953	3,000
Emerging Min. Fund	0	150	-150	0
Operations/Finance	9,000	1,582	7,418	10,000
Total Expenses	402,475	329,112	73,363	356,535
Allocation from Re-Development Fund	243,724	130,000	-113,724	180,000
Balance	700	568	-133	-10,535

Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar *(subject to change)*

Until August	Summer Sermon Series "Love Letters to the Church"
June 18	Lynn Valley Day (Gala Dinner on June 17)
June 25	North Shore Community Drum Circle ,10-noon Leadership Circle Meeting 1pm
June 26	Grad Sunday
July & August	Most LVUC groups break for summer, Centering Prayer continues weekly BOG meets 2 nd Wednesday of both July and August LVUC staff working on planning/ strategy through the summer Kelly on vacation: July 1 to 12, August 2-8 and Aug 29-Sept 6
September	Welcome Sunday – date TBD Culture Days (FNL Season Opener & Drum Circle)

Watch the church website (www.lynnvalleychurch.com) for information, dates and details on programs, events, workshops and meetings as they arise. or look at the Leadership Circle Meeting Notes

Dates for Fall Events and Programs: planning & development occurs through July
scheduling and promotion production through August
"Guide" (or other product) distributed through September

Next AGM date will be in June 2017, details to be confirmed by the Board