

# ***Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting***

## **Place and Time**

The Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sackville, New Brunswick held its annual meeting at the church on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at 12:15 in the afternoon, with some people attending virtually, via Zoom.

## **Attendance:**

**Present:** Rev. Jeff Murray, Helen Amos, Mary and Paul Bogaard, Jean Cameron, Barb and Lew Clarke, Beth Cockburn-Savoie, Elizabeth Craig, Richard Fillmore, Barb Jardine, Mona Meldrum, Anne and Art Miller, Brian Neilson, Laura Snyder, Debbie Stewart, Linda Trentini, and Marc Truitt.

Rev. Murray, Chair, opened the meeting with the reading of Colossians 3:12-16, followed by prayer. In his remarks on this passage, he provided an introduction to the self-assessment process in which the Session has been engaged, and invited the congregation to participate by answering a set of questions during the month of February.

## **Secretary:**

**It was moved by Brian Neilson and seconded by Mona Meldrum, that Laura Snyder serve as Recording Secretary for the Annual Congregational Meeting. Carried.**

## **Agenda:**

**It was moved by Linda Trentini and seconded by Paul Bogaard, that the agenda distributed with the *Annual Reports for 2021* be adopted. Carried.**

## **Minutes:**

**It was moved by Mary Bogaard and seconded by Art Miller, that the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting held on February 7, 2021 distributed with the *Annual Reports for 2021* be adopted. Carried.**

## **2021 Reports:**

**It was moved by Anne Miller and seconded by Mona Meldrum, that the following 2021 reports be adopted as distributed: Atlantic Mission Society and Ladies' Aid, Atlantic Mission Society Financial Report, Board, Flower Committee, Greeting & Reading, Ladies' Bible Study, Library & Archives,**

**Music Support, Publications, Session, Social Committee, and Teddies for Tragedies. Carried.**

**Nominating Committee Report:**

The Nominating Committee report was presented by Linda Trentini.

**It was moved by Linda Trentini and seconded by Barb Jardine, that the Recommendations 1 to 7 be adopted by consent. Carried.**

1. That Barbara Jardine and Alex Whitla be appointed to the Board of Managers for a three-year term (2022-2024).
2. That Linda Trentini be appointed as Chair of the Board of Managers for 2022.
3. That Anne Miller be re-appointed as the church Treasurer for 2022.
4. That Alex Whitla be re-appointed as Secretary of the Board of Managers for 2022.
5. That Elizabeth Millar be appointed Envelope Secretary for a one-year term (2022).
6. That Becky Estabrooks be appointed as the Financial Reviewer for 2022.
7. That Richard Fillmore be re-appointed as a Trustee for St. Andrew's for a three-year period (2022-2024).

Linda Trentini noted that Art Miller is stepping down as Chair of the Board of Managers after 11 years of dedicated service in this capacity. She listed just a few of the many wonderful things that have been accomplished under his leadership during this time, including the installation of the elevator and the renovation of the washroom. Rev. Murray also commended Art Miller for his dedication, leadership, stewardship, and guidance as Board Chair.

**It was moved by Linda Trentini and seconded by Barb Jardine, that all other nominations and the Nominating Committee report as a whole be adopted. Carried.**

**Financial Reports and Review:**

Anne Miller presented the financial statements. 2021 was an amazingly good year for St. Andrew's, financially. The Operating and Building & Reserve funds ended the year with nice net gains. Donations to the Operating fund were 98% of the budgeted amount, and additions to the Building & Reserve fund included a large estate bequest, as well as other generous gifts. During 2021 total revenue received was \$113,351, while expenses totalled \$88,966, for a net gain of \$24,385. Anne noted that B&R expenses were higher than budgeted, due to needed replacement of the furnace thermostat in the church and a couple of appliances in the manse.

**It was moved by Anne Miller and seconded by Art Miller, that all Income and Expense statements for 2021 be adopted as distributed. Carried.**

Anne noted that our assets have taken a nice jump in the past two years, but our liabilities are also higher. A total of \$60,000 has been received in CEBA (Canadian Emergency Bank Account) loans. \$40,000 of this will need to be paid back by the end of 2022, and the remaining \$20,000 will become income.

**It was moved by Anne Miller and seconded by Paul Bogaard, that the Balance Sheet, and Financial Review for 2021 be adopted as distributed. Carried.**

Anne Miller reported that the proposed budget for 2022 is about \$10,000 higher than for 2021.

Linda Trentini took over as Chair while Rev. Murray vacated the room for discussion of the payroll budget. The Board has proposed in the 2022 budget to have Rev. Murray return to full-time status, and the Session is in agreement with this. The resources are currently available to support this increased cost and Rev. Murray has indicated his willingness to return to full-time ministry. In discussion, Anne clarified that we would be paying at the top of the minimum stipend schedule. This will increase every year, based on the COLA (cost of living adjustment), and we would aim to stay committed to that. Based on our current financial situation, this change is definitely affordable at this time. Linda Trentini noted that Rev. Murray should be encouraged to utilize his Continuing Education allowance. This amount is required by the PCC and is used for formal programs such as courses and workshops. The Professional Development line is an extra allocation that we provide, and is generally used for book purchases.

**It was moved by Anne Miller and seconded by Paul Bogaard, that the payroll budget be approved as submitted. Carried, in a unanimous vote.**

Rev. Murray returned to the meeting as Chair.

Continuing with her presentation of the rest of the 2022 budget, Anne Miller explained that the aim is to have about \$1000 per month in revenue for the Building & Reserve fund, in order to cover normal maintenance costs. Additional funds will be required to replace the roof.

Anne also noted that there is currently \$8000 in the Memorial Fund. Linda Trentini presented a proposal from the Board to utilize these funds to purchase audio-visual equipment that will improve capabilities for livestreaming and recording of services and other events. A vendor has met with the Board and proposed a basic system for

the church that would cost around \$8500, including equipment and installation. A few questions were raised and answered during discussion. The system will not require upgrading of our current WiFi service. No regular maintenance of the system will be required, though repair or replacement of components may be required later. Our current insurance policy will include coverage for this equipment. A security system for the church is not currently part of this proposal. Linda Trentini will investigate this possibility; it would require an additional quote. She will also inquire about the feasibility of leaving the camera on when the building is closed, to record incidents of concern.

**It was moved by Linda Trentini and seconded by Paul Bogaard, that the Board be authorized to proceed with this project, to be funded by the Memorial Fund. Carried.**

In concluding her financial report, Anne Miller noted that our collective giving to missions such as Presbyterian Sharing and PWS&D increased in 2021. The current system of basing these contributions on designated giving rather than specific budgeted amounts seems to be working well.

**It was moved by Anne Miller and seconded by Art Miller, that the Budget for 2022, totalling \$111,849.00, be approved. Carried.**

Brian Neilson asked whether an energy assessment could be done on the manse, in order to get some money back on later improvements such as replacement of windows. An energy assessment was done some years ago; it might be a good idea to have another assessment and also to have the church building assessed. This was received as a suggestion for further investigation by the Board.

Rev. Murray thanked Anne Miller for her thorough, clear report and her continued excellent service in her work as treasurer.

**New business:**

Mary Bogaard thanked Rev. Murray for another year of extraordinary leadership.

There being no further business, Rev. Murray called for a motion to adjourn.

**It was moved by Mona Meldrum and seconded by Brian Neilson, that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.**

Rev. Murray closed the meeting with prayer at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Snyder, Recording Secretary

## *Atlantic Mission Society (AMS) and Ladies Aid*

The group generally met at the church at 10:30 on the second Saturday of the month. Our meetings continued to be affected by Covid-19 Pandemic Public Health recommendations, as well as the weather. There were no meetings in January, February, and September.

The average attendance for the year was eight. We were saddened to lose our long-time and faithful member, Bertha Fillmore, who died May 27, 2022.

The executive members are:

President	Julie Comeau
Vice President	Helen Amos
Treasurer	Eileen Smith
Secretary	Deborah Stewart

Our October meeting was held at Open Sky Co-op in September. Laura Hunter welcomed us and spoke of some of the changes and improvements that have taken place at the farm. Potluck meals were enjoyed in June and December. We have associated members who attend our potluck meals and make donations to our projects.

Projects supported financially during the year were the Fellowship of the Least Coin (a program of the Women's Inter-church Council), Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D), Missions, Tantramar Regional High School Culinary Program, Hymn books, Sackville Food Bank, the Tantramar Breakfast Program and Open Sky Co-operative.

Once again, the World Day of Prayer Service usually held the first Friday in March was not held in the church but was available on line.

Our members participated in the Mission Awareness Sunday Service on April 24th.

A Christmas Craft Sale was held on November 25th, following the church service. The proceeds were evenly split and donated to the Sackville Food Bank and Tantramar Breakfast Program.

New members or visitors are always welcome!

Respectfully submitted,  
Deborah Stewart  
Secretary, AMS, St. Andrew's

## ***Board***

2022 has been a busy and productive year. In the last year the Board has arranged to have the Web Streaming System installed. It has proved much appreciated by those who are unable to attend Church in person. This installation, along with the replacement of some of the windows in the Manse, have been the main structural projects for St. Andrew's this year. The Board has also arranged to have yearly services done on the Air Exchanger, Elevator, Organ and Piano. This last Summer painting of the portico area was done and this Fall the carpets were cleaned in the Manse and the Church.

The major project coming in 2023 will be the replacement of the Church roof. As you may know our present roof has required repeated maintenance due to shingles dislodging. The Board of Managers sent out a financial update this last Summer. At that time the results of the Vision 2020 campaign were shared. As well, the Roof project was introduced, and requests made for donations. We have been overwhelmed and most thankful for the response to this project. The Congregation and friends of St. Andrew's have shared their blessings through generous support of the Roof project. Due to this gracious response we will be installing a new metal roof as soon as the contractor can schedule the St. Andrew's project. If monies allow, we will have the Church windows recalked and painted. Several projects are being considered for the Manse: Replacement of the front and back doors and windows in the living and dining rooms.

Various members of the Board have taken on overseeing the Roof project, the Elevator, Snow removal and Tuning of the Organ and Piano.

We wish to take this time to thank Elizabeth Millar who will be continuing as Envelope Secretary.

In closing, we wish to sincerely thank Anne Miller, our Treasurer, for her dedicated work for us all at St. Andrew's.

Submitted by,  
Linda Trentini, Board Chair

## ***Flower Committee***

The flower committee continued to provide flower arrangements in the sanctuary during 2022 with appropriate decorating for Easter, Thanksgiving and Advent.

Cards and flowers were sent to members and adherents throughout the year for special celebrations, bereavements, and Illness. Thanks are extended to those who placed flowers in memory of loved ones.

If you know of someone who could be cheered by a bouquet of flowers, a card, or a fruit basket, please contact a committee member.

Respectfully submitted,

Mona Meldrum, Carol Sheehan, Eileen Smith, Debbie Stewart and Linda Trentini

## ***Greeting & Reading***

Throughout 2022 over a dozen people of our congregation took part in and supported every worship service. Readers, of course, read scripture, and sometimes serve as Greeters as well. Greeters' tasks are pleasantly diverse: making sure everyone is welcomed comes first, including assisting with the elevator, but they also make it their business to prepare the sanctuary for worship and play their parts within the service. Before leaving, a few tasks await them, ending with "the release of the panic bar with the allen key" which, in this age of mercurial digital/wireless technology, works just as it is meant to do, every time.

If you would like to join this band of "worker bees," please tell me (Mary Bogaard) or Rev. Murray. All will be welcomed, as Readers or as Greeters regardless of whether you are available often or only once in a while!

To all who read and greet, thank you so much for your faithfulness, camaraderie, good humour, patience and resilience.

Mary Bogaard, Greeter and Reader Coordinator

## ***Ladies Bible Study***

We have been meeting on a more regular basis this year, meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. We also began doing more rotating among our homes. With perseverance and fewer interruptions, we finally finished our study of Jeremiah, *Daring to Hope in an Unstable World*. We found this to be a very insightful and thought-provoking study. We enjoyed Melissa Spoelstra's way of presenting her bible studies, so decided we would embark on another one of hers. We chose to look at the book of Romans, *Good News that Changes Everything*. Bad news surrounds us. It comes through our phones, computer, and television screens. We encounter it in doctors' offices, the workplace, and our own homes. If we're not careful, we can drift toward cynicism, fear, or despair. As followers of Jesus, we must not lose sight of the fact that God has given us *good news*. We have been working away at this study and learning about the good news it holds for us and how it can/does change everything. We are finding it quite uplifting. New members are always welcome. For more information, please speak to any one of the group members.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Cockburn-Savoie, on behalf of Barb Jardine, Heather Payne, Jean Scobie and Linda Trentini.

## ***Library Committee***

The Library Committee was, unfortunately, largely inactive in 2022, but is eager to get back to work on the St. Andrew's library collections. During 2023 we plan to focus our efforts first on weeding, reorganizing, and cataloguing the children's collection.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Cockburn-Savoie  
Laura Snyder



## *Music Committee*

Throughout the year Elizabeth Craig and Laura Snyder shared the Organist position at St. Andrew's, with Laura coordinating the schedule for services. Cellist Charles Torrance often added to the music complement when Elizabeth was the organist. For special services on Good Friday, Easter, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day, the three musicians worked as an ensemble with Elizabeth on piano and violin, Laura on organ and horn, and Charles on cello and violin. At the Christmas Eve Family service, they were joined by John Neilson on trumpet and piano, Jim Tranquilla on trombone and Evan Zicarelli on piano. The thoughtful choices, extra rehearsals and technical planning by Laura, Elizabeth and Charles and all involved, brought additional beauty and joy to these services.

Early in 2022, the choir presented two anthems under the direction of Caitlin Strong, accompanied by Jerry Yin: on March 20 and April 17. April 17 was Easter, and three other Mount Allison students came to sing with us. It was also Caitlin's and Jerry's last anthem with us, as they were both graduating. Jeff thanked them for their excellent leadership and collaboration and gave them our good wishes for the next steps in their lives.

On each Friday afternoon in May, Laura led choir members past and present in a "Hymn May-hem." Some singers brought instruments and played along, which was enjoyed by all. The last one, May 27, was very special, as Bertha Fillmore, a long-time, enthusiastic, and faithful choir member, had passed away earlier that day. With Laura at the piano, Anne Miller on recorder and Beth Cockburn-Savoie on ukulele, we dedicated this hour to her memory and sang our hymns with grateful thanks for the years we enjoyed worshipping and singing with her at St. Andrew's. Choir members also sang for her memorial service on June 1.

Come late September, still without a director, Laura and Elizabeth prepared the choir to lead the rest of the congregation in singing (in 3 parts) the hymn "By the Waters of Babylon," which we did on October 2. Encouraged by this experience, Laura, Elizabeth and others resolved to enable the "occasional choir" to contribute to worship services, to sustain the concept of having a "choir" and to help those who wanted to keep their voices in good condition.

Laura offered to lead more hymn sings, and we thought the invitation should include everyone who would like to attend, not just the "occasional choir" members.

During Advent Laura led three Friday afternoon hymn sings and Elizabeth led one; they focused on Advent and Christmas requests, as well as practicing hymns which would be sung in services to come. The hymn sings of November 25, Dec. 2, 9 and 16 were well attended and included some people from town.

As in the past, we on the Music Committee wish to thank the congregation for continued generous support for the ministry of music at St. Andrew's, both with funding and with comments of appreciation and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Bogaard,  
for the Music Committee (Laura Snyder, Carol Sheehan, Rev. Jeffrey Murray and Mary Bogaard)

## *Publications*

The publications committee is responsible for maintaining the website, the church directory and the publication of The Salt for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Jeff Murray, the webmaster, has continued to offer his expertise in maintaining and upgrading the website – [sapres.ca](http://sapres.ca)

With the installation in April 2022 of the Web Streaming System church services were available live on YouTube and Facebook and CHMA 106.9FM radio. The services were also posted on the website and on Facebook for enjoyment anytime throughout the year. We also have a [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org) donation page.

This virtual connection allows continuous interactions for the session, the board and many members and adherents locally and at a distance for the ministry of St. Andrew's.

A special thank-you to Rev Jeff for his technical abilities, in addition to his ministerial duties, enabling many to connect with the work and ministry of St. Andrew's.

The Salt was published twice in 2022: an Easter edition and a Christmas edition. All publications of The Salt and AGM reports can be found on our [sapres.ca/News.html](http://sapres.ca/News.html)

The directory was printed and published in January 2022.

Respectfully submitted

Mona Meldrum

## *Session*

The Session met fourteen times during 2022, and the meetings were well attended. Five of those meetings were in person, four by Zoom, and five in person with some attending by Zoom.

In the early months of 2022 we continued to adapt our services to accommodate provincial “Covid” health regulations. From January 2 through February 13 five services were held in the church but with no singing. The church was closed for two Sundays; those services were livestreamed with just the minister, organist, and reader present. Restrictions were eased in late February and were lifted altogether during March. We chose, however, to continue following precautions such as the use of face masks. In all, we celebrated 52 Sunday services and 4 special services, with no weather cancellations. Services were live-streamed throughout the year. The installation of a new AV system in early April improved the quality and made the operation easier, aside from a few glitches. In mid-January local radio station CHMA began broadcasting our Sunday services using the livestream feed through Facebook. This has become a popular option, especially for those who lack good internet connections at home. Many thanks to Brian Neilson for setting this up and moderating the weekly broadcasts!

The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated on seven Sundays, as well as Maundy Thursday and the late Christmas Eve service. We continued to use the procedures developed in 2021 for preparation and distribution of the elements, to minimize the risk of virus transmission.

Our services included three guest preachers during the year. Our Anniversary service was celebrated on October 30, with guest preacher Rev. Dr. Philip Lee. In Rev. Murray’s absence, Brian Neilson led services on May 1, July 3, 10, and 17, October 23, and November 6. Rev. Todd Nelson led the service on June 5. Mindful of changing health regulations and the reality that Covid and other illnesses such as flu continue to spread, we have tried to balance the health needs of our congregation with the need to return to more social connections. Coffee & Conversation events were brought back with revised procedures and Lemonade on the Lawn was a pleasant way to reconnect after services in July and August, but we decided, reluctantly, that it was too soon to bring back our traditional December church potluck.

We were saddened to mark the passing on May 27, 2022 of Bertha M. Fillmore, a faithful long-time member and Elder at St. Andrew’s. A service commemorating her life was held at the church on June 1.

We welcomed one new member during 2022. Irene Corkerton joined by certificate of transfer from Ile Perrot Presbyterian Church, Pincourt, Quebec.

During the service on November 27 we celebrated the baptism of Margaret Grace Strong-Harris, daughter of Gillian Strong and Michael Harris, born August 18, 2022.

Brian Neilson continues to serve as Representative Elder. He and Rev. Murray provide regular reports on meetings of the Presbytery and the Synod. Linda Trentini serves as Alternate Representative Elder.

During 2022 Laura Snyder continued to serve as Clerk of Session and Mona Meldrum served as Roll Clerk. Mona also took on the role of Session representative to the Board, as Linda Trentini became Board Chair.

During Lent, Rev. Murray led five study sessions (primarily via Zoom) focused on the Passion narrative in the four Gospels.

In early 2022 the Session submitted a General Assembly Standing Committee nomination for Brian Neilson to serve as a member of the Life and Mission Agency Committee. This nomination was successful, and Brian has now begun his work on this committee. Donna Capper continues to serve on the International Affairs Committee and Rev. Murray serves on the Assembly Council. Elizabeth Millar is a member of the Archives and Records Management Committee of Assembly Council, serving as the representative for the Atlantic region. Laura Snyder was named by the Session as a commissioner for the Presbytery of New Brunswick, to the General Assembly, held virtually on June 5-8, 2022.

During 2022 the Session continued the process of discernment (self-assessment and planning) that was begun in 2021. In February we distributed a questionnaire inviting feedback on the gifts of our church, the needs in our community, the challenges for St. Andrew's, our calling as a church, and scriptural passages or hymn texts that might inspire us in this process. On May 15 the Session organized a Coffee & Conversation, where participants gathered in small groups to discuss the question "What have you been missing about the church in the past 2 years?" The lively conversations on this question produced many insightful comments and excellent ideas for the future. For the November meeting of the Session, Rev. Murray prepared a summary of the ideas that have come out of this process. That document is appended to this report.

One key concern of the Session continues to be the need for a workable solution to provide Church School for the children of our congregation. We are very grateful to the AMS as they continue their outreach to the children.

The Prayer Tree, ably coordinated by Mary Bogaard, continues to serve as a vital way to keep us connected, as we support each other and the extended church family through the power of prayer.

The St. Andrew's congregation responds generously to needs in the local community through donations to the Sackville Food Bank and the Tantramar Regional High School's Food for Thought & Tantramar Pantry programs, as well as "White Gift Sunday" donations for the Community Association's Christmas Cheer boxes. Jerry Ward handles the deliveries to the Food Bank, Mary Bogaard takes care of the TRHS donations, and Brian Neilson is our Community Association representative. Reminders and lists of needed items for these programs are distributed on a regular basis. In the fall we welcomed the Parents & Tots program back to our child-friendly lower level.

We are thankful for the engagement and resilience of our congregation as we work together to support and nurture each other, and to be a caring church in our community. God continues to bless us and the ministry we share.

Respectfully submitted, *The Session of St. Andrew's*  
Rev. Jeffrey Murray, Terrlynn Allen, Mary Bogaard, Richard Fillmore, Mona Meldrum, Brian Neilson, Laura Snyder, and Linda Trentini.

#### *Discernment summary*

Last year's Discernment process identified many of the challenges that our congregation and many other congregations face: declining attendance (not helped by COVID), fewer families and children, aging congregation, etc.

Nevertheless, the information collected was very affirming of the life, work, and ministry of our congregation with a deep appreciation for the hospitality and worship of our congregation. There is an appreciation for what our congregation offers and wish others could experience the sense of warmth and community found at St. Andrew's.

There is a strong desire to also reach out to the community and beyond, while recognizing the limitations of our congregation's size and abilities.

After searching the Scriptures, discerning as a session, and hearing from the congregation the following scripture passages, thoughts shared, and hymn provide a summary of our work and what guides us as we move forward in our ministry together at St. Andrew's.

#### ***Scripture***

The following passages of scripture came before us frequently throughout the process and seems to balance worship, personal growth, the church family, and outreach for our small congregation:

Luke 11:33

“No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light.”

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Colossians 3:12-17

12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

***Thoughts & Discernment***

Below are some of the thoughts, which members shared in the questionnaires circulated about how as a small church we might do Christian Ministry in these challenging times:

“Persistence... and a sense of community.”

“To keep our little church standing, and keep its doors open. Not very exciting, nor imaginative... but our church provides for the needs of whoever joins in, and in a way that cannot be readily provided any other way.”

“We often think we have to do big things but it is often the small things that matter.”

## ***Hymn***

The following hymn recognizes the challenges we face, encourages outreach, and the calling of the church:

*The church of Christ, in every age:*

The church of Christ, in every age, beset by change but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.

Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry for shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.

Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be a partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.

## ***Social Committee***

2022 saw St. Andrew's return to celebrating Coffee and Conversation the second Sunday of each month. It was a delight to meet once again with our Church family over a cup of tea or coffee....along with a sweet of two. Some Coffee and Conversations were celebrations, both happy and sad. Anniversary Sunday, a discernment discussion, a Baptism and a goodbye for Bertha Fillmore.

During the Summer, Lemonade on the Lawn was restarted and offered an opportunity to share a refreshing glass of lemonade or cool water along with cookies on the cool grass and shade of the trees beside the Church.

Many thanks to Julie Comeau, our Communication Specialist, whose telephone skills are much appreciated.

The committee thanks all who shared food and time to make our times together celebratory and sustaining.

Linda Trentini for the 2022 Social Committee: Beth Cockburn-Savpoe. Debbie Stewart, Helen Amos, Julie Comeau, Becky Crossman and Lynn Estabrooks.