

*St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Sackville, New Brunswick*

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The Presbyterian Church in Canada



Annual Reports for 2013

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At our Annual meetings we come to review and celebrate the life and work of St. Andrew's. As we give thanks and reflect on the year that has passed we enter this New Year continuing the ministry that Christ has called us in to.

Over that past year the Session has meet with the members of the congregation and circulated questionnaires to help us, Elders and Minister, in our service to Christ within this congregation. In sharing your thoughts and experiences, praise and concerns, you help the Session in its discernment process, which will take time. Personally, it was a joy to read these questionnaires with the Session's ministry committee because together we saw the diversity that is held within our small congregation.

With the feedback offered, the Session in this year has and will continue to discuss and refer matters raised in the questionnaires to the appropriate group. For example: the concern of our church's accessibility was clearly on the minds of almost everyone in the congregation and so that matter has been referred to the Stewardship committee comprising of both session and board members, for consideration and planning.

As the Session enters this New Year and as we begin this New Year as a congregation considering our ministry in this place, it is important to remember that the foundation of all discernment begins with Christ, the head of the church. That is whom we follow and serve.

In keeping Christ at the beginning of our discernment, life, and work, I draw your attention to St. Andrew's Purpose Statement, inscribed above. These words attributed to Richard of Chichester, remind us that together our aim is to see, love, and follow Christ. We do this not on our own but with each other.

Therefore, let us provoke one another to see Christ in the world and in one another, to love Christ by loving the stranger and each other, and together let us follow not our whims or the ways of the world, but Christ who points us to imagine and to live the kingdom of God, here and now.

Yours in Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey M. Murray', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Rev. Jeffrey M. Murray

Annual Congregational Meeting
 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sackville, New Brunswick
 Sunday 9 February 2014

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Sackville, NB

Sunday, February 3, 2013

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Sanctuary

Chair: Rev. Jeffrey Murray

Recording Secretary: Sylvia Harris

Members and Adherents Present: Paul Bogaard, Mary Bogaard, Lewis Clarke, Barbara Clarke, Richard Fillmore, Bertha Fillmore, Sylvia Harris, Brian McNally, Hannah McNally, Mona Meldrum, Elizabeth Millar, Arthur Miller, Anne Miller, Rev. Jeffrey Murray, Brian Neilson, Beth Cockburn-Savoie, Charles Scobie, Mitchell Smith, Eileen Smith, David Torrance, Elizabeth Craig, and Alex Whitla.

Regrets: Wayne Hunt, Wanda Severns, Barbra Clayton, Jean Scobie, and Linda Trentini.

Opening Devotions: Rev. Murray led in worship as printed on the back of the 2012 Annual Report.

Moved by Elizabeth Millar, seconded by Art Miller that Rev. Jeffrey Murray be the Chair of the meeting and Sylvia Harris be the Recording Secretary. Carried.

Approval of the Agenda:

Moved by Elizabeth Millar, seconded by Mary Bogaard that the Agenda be adopted, with one correction to the date under item 5 (2011 to 2012). Carried.

Approval of the Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting:

Moved by Dick Fillmore, seconded by Anne Miller that the minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting be adopted as printed. Carried.

Moved by Art Miller, seconded by Mary Bogaard that the following 2012 reports be received as printed: Adult Bible Study, Atlantic Mission Society and Ladies' Aid, Atlantic Mission Society Financial Report, Board, Church School, Church School Financial Report, Congregational Life and Social Committee, Flower Committee, Food Bank, Ladies' Bible Study, Presbyterian Record, Publications Committee, Session, St. Andrew's Church Archives, St. Andrew's Library, and St. Andrew's Website. Carried.

Nominating Committee Report:

The following motions were moved by Elizabeth Millar, seconded by Alex Whitla:

- a) That Alex Whitla and Barb Jardine be re-appointed to the Board of Managers

- b) That Art Miller be re-appointed as Chair of the Board of Managers for 2013
- c) That Anne Miller be re-appointed as the church Treasurer for 2013
- d) That Alex Whitla be re-appointed as Secretary of the Board of Managers for 2013
- e) That Brian Johnstone be re-appointed as the Financial Reviewer for 2013
- f) That Dick Fillmore be re-appointed as a Trustee for St. Andrew's for a three-year period (2013-2015).

Carried.

Moved by Elizabeth Millar, seconded by Art Miller that the Nominating Committee and the Board of Managers be given power to issue to fill the final Board appointment. Carried.

Moved by Elizabeth Millar, seconded by Anne Miller that the report of the Nominating Committee as a whole be adopted. Carried.

The Treasurer then presented her financial reports.

Moved by Anne Miller, seconded by Alex Whitla that the Income and Expense statements for 2012 be adopted as printed. Carried.

Moved by Anne Miller, seconded by Art Miller that the Balance Sheet for 2012 be adopted as printed. Carried.

Anne then presented the Budget for 2013, during which Rev. Murray left the chair and the room, after appointing Art Miller to take the chair during the discussion of the minister's remuneration.

Moved by Alex Whitla, seconded by Paul Bogaard that the Congregational Addition be increased by \$250.00 over the 2012 assessment. Carried.

Rev. Murray then returned to take the chair.

Moved by Mary Bogaard, seconded by Elizabeth Millar that the Budget for 2013, totaling \$118,907.00 be approved. Carried.

Moved by Dick Fillmore, seconded by Anne Miller that the review letter from Brian Johnstone, Financial Reviewer, be received. Carried.

Rev. Murray extended thanks to Anne Miller for her work as Treasurer and to Art Miller for his work as Board Chairman. Anne and Art were given a round of applause. Rev. Murray also offered the congregation's thanks to the Session for the leadership of the elders.

Other Items:

Elizabeth Millar raised several requests:

- 1) That follow-up be conducted on an item from last year's Annual Meeting minutes regarding examining the number and compliment of church committees, which was referred to the Session,
- 2) That a list of Session members be made available and that the Clerk return to the former practice of signing the annual Session Report with a list of all the elders,
- 3) That the Session Report include the Session committees and who serves on them, and perhaps also the districts assigned to each elder,
- 4) That the list of elders and their districts be prepared for publication in The Salt, or perhaps the church directory.

Rev. Murray told the meeting that these items would be examined and thanked Elizabeth for raising them.

There being no further business, Elizabeth Millar moved adjournment. Carried.

Rev. Murray closed the meeting with the prayer printed on the back of the Annual Report, spoken in unison. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Harris
Recording Secretary.

Special Congregational Meeting
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sackville, New Brunswick
April 21, 2013

The Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sackville, New Brunswick, met in special meeting on Sunday, April 21, 2013, following morning worship.

The Minister, Rev. Jeffrey Murray, opened the meeting with prayer.

Attendance/Regrets

Present were: Donna Capper, Michael Capper, Lewis Clarke, Barbara Clarke, Beth Cockburn-Savoie, Florence Cole, Elizabeth Craig, Bertha Fillmore, Richard Fillmore, Sylvia Harris, Barbara Jardine, Helen Lawrence, Mark MacDonald, Brian McNally, Hannah McNally, Mona Meldrum, Anne Miller, Art Miller, Skip Mills, Lynda Scott-Mills, Rev. Jeffrey Murray, Brian Neilson, Nita Robinson, Charlie Scobie, Jean Scobie, Eileen Smith, Mitchell Smith, Laura Snider, David Torrance, and Linda Trentini.

Regrets were received from Mary and Paul Bogaard and Anneke Houtsma.

Chair and Secretary

Rev. Murray indicated that, due to the subject matter of the meeting, he was declining to act as chair.

Moved by Charlie Scobie, seconded by Lewis Clarke, that Art Miller serve as chair and Sylvia Harris serve as secretary for the congregational meeting. Carried.

Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Art Miller, seconded by Skip Mills, that the Agenda be approved as circulated. Carried.

PAR

The chair called on Treasurer, Anne Miller, to describe the PAR programme (Pre-authorized Remittance), what it is, how it works, and how a person can sign up for it. She had forms available for anyone interested in becoming a PAR contributor.

Presbyterians Sharing

Moved by David Torrance, seconded by Richard Fillmore, that our Presbyterians Sharing allocation be reduced from \$14,300 to \$10,000 for 2013. Carried.

Minister's Stipend

Moved by Richard Fillmore, seconded by Lewis Clarke, that the congregational

addition and stipend be integrated into one budget line and that the stipend be frozen until the minimum stipend schedule catches up with the current amount being paid. Carried.

New Business

Items raised:

The matter of the church sign. Art Miller said it will be replaced soon and preliminary planning is under way.

The state of the front doors. Art stated he is waiting for the warmer weather to refinish the doors, as he expects they will have to be taken off their hinges to do the work.

There being no further business, the chair called for a motion to adjourn.

Moved by Lewis Clarke, that the meeting adjourn.

Art closed with prayer and benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Harris
Recording Secretary.

2012 Reports

Adult Bible Study

In 2013, the Adult Bible Study group met, as usual, on the first and third Sundays in the Dykeman Room at 9:30 in the morning. From January to May, we continued our studies of the Lectionary readings, but in September we chose a particular study. Since then we have been inspired and challenged by Jesus's teachings in "The Sermon on the Mount". If we desire to grow in our discipleship, this is the perfect place to start finding out what Jesus wants us to be and to do.

We would be delighted to have more people join us, but at the moment we have a very cosy group of four.

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Harris, Coordinator

Atlantic Mission Society

Twenty-five years ago, the Women's Missionary Society changed its name to the Atlantic Mission Society thereby enabling our menfolk to be part of the society. While the men do not often choose to attend the regular AMS meetings, they maintain a keen interest in all aspects of our work and each year contribute to a cause of their choosing. Mitchell Smith is such a loyal member. In 2012-14 the Men's Offering is going to Evangel Hall Mission in Toronto where up to two hundred men and women find a safe haven from life on the streets. Their earlier challenge was to assist in the purchase of a truck for the Cariboo Mission out in B.C.

The latter has been the focus for the Presbyterian Church Study this past year ... a study our own AMS has found interesting and challenging. As we sat round the table for our monthly study we were reminded of the form regular church services in the Cariboo region often take ... not in a church building but any day of the week in the homes of the people.

In recent months AMS members have taken turns in hosting the monthly meetings in their homes - thus enabling one or two of our members who cannot negotiate the stairs at the church to attend.

As you will see from our financial report we are strong believers in sharing our offerings not only with AMS work throughout the world but within our own congregation and wider community. We are most grateful for the congregational support you gave us for our foster child in Mauritania.

Representatives from our group attended the 137th Annual Meeting of the society in Summerside, P.E.I. in September and the Fall Rally held in Moncton in October.

Several of us shared in the service on Mission Awareness Sunday and enjoyed having the children assist in the formation of our Prayer Tree for the narthex. We invited them to think of the names of those in our church family and beyond who were in need of prayer and place their names on a leaf for the tree.

Respectfully submitted - Jean Scobie, Secretary

**Atlantic Mission Society & Ladies Aid Annual Report
2013**

Balance forward January 1, 2013 **\$2,333.47**

Received:

Missions	\$1,375.00
Ladies Aid	\$366.00
Foster child	\$230.00
Special Missions	\$125.00
Mutual Funds	\$933.12
Dues	\$45.00
Least Coin	\$20.00
TD Investments	\$30.93
Message Subscriptions	\$156.00
Craft Table	<u>\$464.05</u>

Total Received **\$3,745.10**

Expenditures:

St. John Presbyterian AMS	\$2,302.30
St. Andrew's Church	\$1,000.00
World Vision	\$468.00
Forest International	\$200.00
Church School Advent Project	\$200.00
Open Sky Project	\$200.00
Sackville Christmas Cheer	\$200.00
Sackville Food Bank	\$200.00
Message Subscriptions	\$168.00
Parents/Tots Program	\$50.00
Reg. Fees to AMS Gen. Meeting	\$45.00
Least Coin WICC	\$20.00
BSC Recording Keeping Fees/Service Charge	\$32.25
Quilting Fabric	\$27.54
Postage	<u>\$18.20</u>

Total Expenditures **\$5,131.29**

Bank Balance December 31, 2013 **\$947.28**

Cheques Outstanding:

180 Breakfast School Program \$200.00 and #181 Tantramar Family Resource Center \$200.00

**Reported by Eileen Smith, Treasurer
AMS & Ladies Aid**



*14 Jan 2014
I have examined this
document and find it
correct
Lewis Adams*

Board Report

The 2013 year was a busy one for the Board, with several projects undertaken for the maintenance and enhancement of the Church's buildings and grounds:

- A new Church Sign was installed in the spring, with funds coming from the Memorial account and individual donations.
- The entrance door to the Church was refinished, and window frames on the Bridge St side of the Church as well as the framing around the stained glass window exterior were painted.
- The Board purchased a flat panel tv and Blue-Ray DVD player for the use of the Sunday School. These were installed in September of 2013. Funding for this project came from local donations, the Church School account, and the Library fund.
- The air exchanger in the church hall required the installation of a new blower assembly.
- The leaks around Church Bell Tower area of the church were repaired with the installation of drainage pipe to remove excess water off the roof and caulking to prevent water from entering the siding. That work was completed in October. The completion of this project will involve the installation of new gutters and downspouts on the Bridge Street side of the church in spring, 2014.
- As usual, the job of maintaining the lawn at the church this summer was accomplished by the helpful hands of many volunteers. The Board wishes to thank all those "mowers" who so graciously offered their time for this ongoing task. Snow removal for the Church driveway in the "snow" months was furnished by Kirk Meldrum.
- The Church Treasurer, Anne Miller, has continued to handle the church finances in a most conscientious way, and this has allowed the Board to administer its duties with confidence.

The Board wishes to thank all those who have contributed its work, and we look forward to the months ahead as we move into the new year.

Art Miller, Board Chair.
February, 2014

Church School

Church School has enjoyed a wonderful year. We have 8 children enrolled and 4 teachers this year. We are so blessed. Heidi Griffin and Sharon Griffin lead the class of older children. One of their 'hi lights' was an Advent Project to raise monies for two worthy causes: The Hanon Typhoon Relief project sponsored by PWS & D and the Quinoa project sponsored by PLAN Canada. The children decorated gingerbread cookies made with the generosity of Jean Scobie and Heidi and Sharon. The decorating was very creatively done. Nutritious quinoa cookies were made, as well. The children met at a Midnight Madness night and cookies were offered for a donation. The table was well supported by members of the St.

Andrew's family as well as the public. The AMS also donated a generous amount to the project. Between the AMS donation and that donated by the public at Midnight Madness \$450.00 was raised with \$200.00 going to typhoon relief and \$250.00 for the quinoa project. What a great way for us to learn that Christmas is about giving as well as receiving.

The class of older children continue to use the One Room School curricula.

Our younger children are using the Spark/Activate Faith curricula. This class is lead by Linda Trentini.

Elizabeth Craig lead the music. All the children are able to participate as we gather after our time in the worship service. We are so fortunate that Elizabeth continues to share her musical gifts with us all.

At Christmas we developed a pageant based on Alice Parker's "Songs from at the Stable". Verses of the song were read by Bergen Fraser and Charles Torrance while the children dressed as angels, a star, shepherds and wise men progressed up the aisle where the manger was featured. The last verse of this melodic song was then sung by all the children and other helpers. It made by a special event at a the very special time of Christmas Eve.

In closing, I wish to repeat that at St. Andrew's we are so blessed with children, willing teachers, supportive parents and congregation. All of us involved in leading these children in their faith journey praise God for His faithfulness to us.

Signed - Heidi Griffin, Sharon Griffin, Linda Trentini

Church School Financial Report

Cash

Opening	\$	38.13
Offering		83.86
Bank Deposit		(85.00)
Supplies		(28.21)
		8.78
Closing Balance	\$	8.78

Bank Account

Opening	\$	453.82
Interest		0.20
Bank Charges		-
Supplies		-
TV		(300.00)
Deposits	\$	85.00
		239.02

Congregational Life Committee

In 2013, the following members served on the Congregational Life Committee, Mary Bogaard, Barb Clarke, Hannah McNally, Debbie Stewart and Linda Trentini. We took it in turn to coordinate the events of the church which involved food, such as Coffee and Conversation, Christmas Pot Luck, Maundy Thursday dessert gathering and a Presbytery Lunch. Hannah's term is up, and we all want to thank her for her work on the committee.

We also thank everyone who has taken a turn at providing food for our church events. The phoning lists are posted in the kitchen on the refridgerator. If anyone wishes to add their name or withdraw their name, please speak to one of the committee members.

We would like to ask the congregation to approve changes of the title and description of our committee as it appeared in the 2012 Annual Report from:

Congregational Life Committee

Six members, appointed for 3-year rotational and staggered terms.

Duties: to plan and be responsible for all congregational social and fellowship activities. Social Convenor is responsible for organizing and supervising catering arrangements for congregational events, including monthly Coffee and Conversation.

to:

Social Committee

Up to six members, appointed for 3-year rotational and staggered terms.

The Committee may decide to elect a chair. Duties are organizing and supervising catering arrangements for congregational events, including monthly Coffee and Conversation.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Bogaard, on behalf of the committee

Flower Committee

Our committee members have enjoyed arranging the flowers arrangements in the sanctuary each Sunday. We are most thankful to all those who have chosen to place flowers in the Church in memory of loved ones or to celebrate special occasions. We would encourage anyone who would like to contribute to the beauty of the sanctuary and to our worship experience to contact any of the committee members. Each summer we have placed annuals under our Church sign.

As part of our mandate the Flower Committee has also remembered those of our congregation during times of celebration, illness or bereavement with cards, flowers or fruit.

Your flower committee: Carol Sheehan, Linda Trentini, Mona Meldrum

The Food Bank

St. Andrew's continues in their faithful donations to the Sackville Food Bank. The first Sunday of each month is dedicated to the donation of food and monies by the congregation. The local organization has provided food for families for well over 20 years. There continues to be a need for supplemental food to the marginalized families of Sackville area. Unpaid volunteers meet each week on Tuesdays to sort and pack boxes, which are then dispersed each Wednesday morning. The Provincial government grant for the food bank covers slightly less than 50% of it's total cash needs, which are rent, food, telephone, postage and computer expenses.

Purchased and donated food stuffs are supplemented weekly with food transported from the Food Depot Alimentaire, Moncton, free of charge by Amherst Toyota. This used to be a large expense for the Food Bank.

Linda Trentini

Ladies Monday Evening Bible Studies

In response to our thoughts of wanting to study a particular book of the Bible this fall, a search for material suitable for our small group began!

When nothing quite seemed to meet our needs, Charlie Scobie kindly volunteered to write a study for us..... and we readily agreed.

A most helpful study guide to "John's Gospel" has been the outcome!

In the introduction we read "It has been said that John's Gospel is so simple and straightforward that anyone can understand it, yet so profound that even the greatest theologians could not exhaust its meaning".

We'd love to welcome new 'gals' to this group which meets on Monday evenings at 7 pm. We take turns in hosting this study time in our homes.

This study on John's Gospel has been made available to all by way of our church website - **sapres.ca** Call 536-0247 if you would like further information.

Submitted by Jean on behalf of Barb, Beth, Hannah, Linda.

Parents 'n Tots

The number of strollers and cars to be seen outside the church door on a Thursday morning is strong evidence that the Parents 'n Tots group is alive and well in their new residence with us! There are over 30 little ones on the role - mercifully not all there EVERY Thursday! Our United Church friends Beth, Brenda and Florence run a "tight ship" but a very happy one.

We invite you to take a look at the small notice board we now have - above their register table. On this you will see information regarding a number of interesting and helpful classes and activities that are available to young families in our community.

An extra pair of hands is always welcome. If interested contact Jean Scobie or Brian Neilson ... or just drop in for a visit.

Presbyterian Record

The Presbyterian Record is presently received by 6 members of our congregation. Over the last few years I have found that the magazine has greatly improved with interesting and thought provoking articles.

For those who do not wish to subscribe, there is a copy of the publication each month on the table in the church entrance. You may take it home, read it, and return it when you have finished.

The cost of renewal subscriptions for 2014 will be \$23.95 plus \$3.11 GST/HST for a total of \$27.06.

The Record has recently created a website, www.presbyterianrecord.ca

I believe you will enjoy our Presbyterian Church magazine.

Respectfully Submitted
Bertha Fillmore.

Publications Committee Report

Three issues of *The Salt* were distributed in 2013. The Easter issue was the largest at twelve pages, and the Thanksgiving and Advent issues were both ten pages. Forty-five copies of each issue were printed and distributed, while thirty-two members and friends of the congregation received electronic copies. Readers may request a change in their delivery format from print to electronic or from electronic to print at any time by contacting me or a member of the Publications Committee.

The updated Church Directory was distributed in early 2013, and the 2014 edition is in progress.

The hard work of the Committee members needs to be acknowledged. Sincere thanks go to Julie Comeau and Mona Meldrum who are in the middle of new terms, and to Jean Scobie who has re-offered for another three-year term. I would also like to thank our regular contributors without whom there would be no newsletter to assemble.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Millar
Chair, Publications Committee

Session Report

The Session met regularly during 2013, and all meetings were well attended. An Elders' Workshop was held on Saturday, March 16th. We were sad to receive the resignation of Anneke Houtsma from the Session, and a letter expressing our appreciation for years of faithful service was sent to her.

During 2013 we welcomed two new members: Bob and Cairine Heughan. Also this year Alex McLeod, Mairi Chantal Hunter Setchell, and Irma Hoogendoorn transferred their memberships to other churches and places. Noel Dawe, now living in B.C.,

simply requested that his membership be withdrawn.

The sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated nine times, including Maundy Thursday and the late evening service on Christmas Eve.

On July 18th, we all rejoiced in the safe arrival of twin daughters born to Lindsay and Jeff Murray, Amelia Jean Rose and Madeline Joy Violet. The sacrament of Holy Baptism was celebrated on November 17th, when they were baptized by visiting preacher, the Rev. Jeff Lackie, of Thorburn, NS.

Rev. Murray took a ten-week parental leave in the summer to be able to help Lindsay with the care of the twins as well as Ellie and Sam. We welcomed Brian Neilson to the pulpit, and his leadership and pastoral care was a blessing to us. On three Sundays during this summer hiatus, we enjoyed visiting preachers: Rev. Terrence Trites, whom we had not seen in many years, and Rev. John Perkin, Chaplain at Mount Allison University.

Other highlights of the year were:

- The Easter sunrise service and breakfast on March 30th, held this year at the church,
- The special service on April 14th, to dedicate the new storage cupboard in the sanctuary, so beautifully built by John Crawford,
- The church picnic on June 16th,
- The 100th birthday of Helen Smith on August 20th,
- The Thanksgiving Community Hymn Sing on October 12th.

Also St. Andrew's was the location of a very moving "Concert of Remembrance", performed by the Elliott Chorale under the direction of Gayle h. Martin, on October 28th.

We had three Coffee and Conversation Forums. The first was a presentation on March 10th by Norm and Laura Hunter of the Open Sky Co-operative. The second, on October 6th, by Donna Capper, was entitled "Home Sweet Home, the Habitat for Humanity Way" and focused on the build in Sackville. The third presentation was on November 3rd, All Saints Sunday, the day chosen this year for our Anniversary Sunday. Charlie Scobie gave a fascinating talk and slide presentation on "This is Our Story", as we celebrated our history and our own saints who had shaped it. All these presentations were highly educational as well as inspirational.

On Sunday, October 27th, we welcomed to our pulpit Joan Smith, President of the Women's Missionary Society and a member of the PWS&D Committee, which had been meeting in Moncton. Her presentation on the work of PWS&D was very moving.

During Lent, Rev. Murray offered a study of aspects of the crucifixion in a book entitled *Cross-Shattered Christ* by Stanley Hauerwas.

We continued to enjoy "Hymn Sing" on the last Sunday of most months other than the summer.

The Parents and Tots ministry continued on Thursday mornings, with Brian Neilson and Jean Scobie volunteering from our congregation. This is a shared ministry with the Sackville United Church, and volunteers came from that congregation as well as ours.

A major initiative was undertaken this year, as the Session decided to conduct a self-evaluation of our congregation. During September, the elders' districts met in groups for a discussion of thoughts, ideas and concerns. Questionnaires were given to all participants and then sent to people who were not able to attend the district gatherings. They were to be returned by October 27th. We are grateful to all who submitted questionnaires for their honest and thoughtful comments and suggestions. The Session's meeting in December was entirely given over to the discussion of the responses, and there will be further discussion as this year progresses.

We give thanks for God's steadfast love and faithfulness to us, and pray that he will help us to see Christ more clearly, to love him more dearly, and to follow him more nearly, day by day throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
The Session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Sackville, NB.

Rev. Jeffrey Murray
Mary Bogaard
Lewis Clarke
Bertha Fillmore
Dick Fillmore
Sylvia Harris

Mona Meldrum
Brian Neilson
Charlie Scobie
Jean Scobie
Linda Trentini

St. Andrew's Church Archives

The Church Archives preserve a record of the life and work of the congregation for future generations. We are fortunate that our archival material is housed in the Mount Allison University Archives where it is carefully preserved, catalogued and available to historians and researchers.

The Archivist collects materials such as the Annual Report, the Church Directory, "The Salt" newsletter, the bulletins for every service in the year and any other materials of historical importance.

The Mount Allison Archives has requested that instead of making a deposit every year we collect the material and deposit three years' worth at a time. This is the procedure now being followed.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any material, including photographs, that might be suitable for deposit in the Archives.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Scobie, Archivist.

St. Andrew's Library

In 2013 fifteen books were added to the adult library. Ten books and four DVDs were added to the children's library. The library committee thanks those who donated items. The library budget supported the acquisition of the new audio-visual equipment for St. Andrew's.

The 2013 additions to the library are listed at the beginning of each of the printed catalogues (blue binders), and a list is also available on the church web site.

The library committee believes that books will survive way beyond blogs, tweets, CDs, and other newer types of media, and we hope that the congregation will make use of the reading material available. We are particularly pleased that the young people continue to enjoy books.

Beth has been writing up books (one from each library) several times a year for the web site. She has also given the write-ups to Elizabeth Millar to put in *The Salt*. We invite anyone in the congregation who wants to recommend a book, from our library or from his or her own reading, to do the same.

Happy reading.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Cockburn-Savoie, Hannah McNally, Margaret Whitla

St. Andrew's Web site

Our church website at sapres.ca provides up-to-date information and news on the life and work of the congregation. Members who have internet access are encouraged to bookmark the site and visit it regularly. The site is updated on a regular basis, often weekly.

The most visited part of the site is probably the CALENDAR section which lists all congregational activities and events for several weeks ahead. Other sections, in addition to the HOME page, include WORSHIP, OUR CHURCH (a short history of the congregation), ACTIVITIES, CHURCH SCHOOL and WE'RE PRESBYTERIAN (including information and links to the Presbyterian Church in Canada).

Other reference material includes the Session's 2013 statement on "Children at the Lord's Table," our "Leading with Care" policy, and listings and reviews of books added to the Church Library in the past year. New this year is a study guide to John's Gospel, prepared for the Monday evening Ladies Bible Study group, but available to everyone; this is a work in progress and will eventually cover all of John's Gospel.

Leaders of our various groups and organizations are requested to contact me with information and updates for inclusion in the site.

Respectfully submitted,
Charlie Scobie,
Webmaster

Nominating & Financial Reports

Nominating Committee Report

- The left hand column indicates those who have served during 2013.
- The right hand column indicates those who are currently serving or have agreed to stand for nomination starting in 2014. The date in parentheses indicates the term end date.
- Names in italics are serving existing terms.

Please note that committee members are responsible until the Annual General Meeting for their final year - i.e. service until 2016 extends until the AGM which will be held in 2017.

We, the nominating committee, thank sincerely all those who have served over the last year, those who will continue to serve and those who are newly nominated for appointments.

Nominating Committee

Chair: Elizabeth Millar	(2015)	<i>Chair: Elizabeth Millar</i>	<i>(2015)</i>
Lindsay Murray	(2014)	<i>Lindsay Murray</i>	<i>(2014)</i>
Barb Jardine	(2013)	Barb Jardine	(2016)

Board of Managers

Chair: Art Miller	(2013)	Chair: Art Miller	(2016)
Secretary: Alex Whitla	(2015)	<i>Secretary: Alex Whitla</i>	<i>(2015)</i>
Treasurer: Anne Miller	(2014)	<i>Treasurer: Anne Miller</i>	<i>(2014)</i>
Jean Scobie	(2013)	Session Representative	(2016)
Paul Bogaard	(2014)	<i>Paul Bogaard</i>	<i>(2014)</i>
Wanda Severns	(2014)	<i>Wanda Severns</i>	<i>(2014)</i>
Ross Thomas	(2014)	<i>Ross Thomas</i>	<i>(2014)</i>
Barb Jardine	(2015)	<i>Barb Jardine</i>	<i>(2015)</i>
Michael Capper	(2015)	<i>Michael Capper</i>	<i>(2015)</i>

Envelope Secretary

Brian McNally	(2013)	Brian McNally	(2014)
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Financial Reviewer

Brian Johnstone	(2013)	Brian Johnstone	(2014)
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Trustees

Kirk Meldrum	(2013)	Kirk Meldrum	(2016)
Anne Miller	(2014)	<i>Anne Miller</i>	(2014)
Richard Fillmore	(2015)	<i>Richard Fillmore</i>	(2015)

Congregational Life Committee

(This committee does not have a designated chair.)

Hannah McNally	(2013)	Vacant	(2016)
Debbie Stewart	(2014)	<i>Debbie Stewart</i>	(2014)
Linda Trentini	(2014)	<i>Linda Trentini</i>	(2014)
Mary Bogaard	(2015)	<i>Mary Bogaard</i>	(2015)
Barb Clarke	(2015)	<i>Barb Clarke</i>	(2015)

Library Committee

Margaret Whitla	(2013)	Margaret Whitla	(2014)
Beth Cockburn-Savoie	(2013)	Beth Cockburn-Savoie	(2015)
Hannah McNally	(2013)	Vacant	(2016)

Publications Committee

Chair: Elizabeth Millar	(2015)	<i>Chair: Elizabeth Millar</i>	(2015)
Julie Comeau	(2015)	<i>Julie Comeau</i>	(2015)
Jean Scobie	(2013)	Jean Scobie	(2016)
Mona Meldrum	(2015)	<i>Mona Meldrum</i>	(2015)

Archivist

Charlie Scobie	(2013)	Charlie Scobie	(2014)
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Bible Society Representative

Not filled	(2013)	Will not be filled	(2014)
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Child Care Coordinator

Brian Neilson	(2013)	Brian Neilson	(2014)
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Communion Elements

Beth Torrance	(2013)	Beth Torrance	(2014)
Margaret Torrance	(2013)	Margaret Torrance	(2014)

Flowers

Mona Meldrum	(2013)	Mona Meldrum	(2016)
Linda Trentini	(2013)	Vacant	(2016)
Carol Sheehan	(2014)	<i>Carol Sheehan</i>	(2014)
Lindsay Murray	(2015)	<i>Lindsay Murray</i>	(2015)

Food Bank

Linda Trentini	(2013)	Linda Trentini	(2014)
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Greeter Coordinator

Mary Bogaard	(2013)	Mary Bogaard	(2013)
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Reader Coordinator

Mary Bogaard	(2013)	Mary Bogaard	(2013)
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Community Association Representative

Richard Fillmore	(2013)	Richard Fillmore	(2014)
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Presbyterian Record

Bertha Fillmore	(2013)	Vacant	(2014)
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Website

Charlie Scobie	(2013)	Charlie Scobie	(2014)
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For the 2014 Annual Meeting

Chair: Rev. Jeffrey Murray
Secretary: Sylvia Harris

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Millar (Chair)
Barb Jardine
Lindsay Murray

Income Statement 2013 and Budget 2014 Overview, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Total Revenue, all accounts:	\$136,568.00
Total Expenses, all accounts:	\$124,178.00
Net gain/loss:	\$12,390.00
Total Budget 2013, all accounts:	\$114,407.00
Total budget 2014, all accounts:	\$118,939.00

Income Statement - Main Operating Account
 St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
 For the Year January 1 - December 31, 2013

REVENUE	2014 Budget	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	2012 Actual
Local Givings	101739	95693	93757	85757
Presbyterian Sharing	9500	10145	10000	9937
Rental of Facilities	500	461	1000	975
Parental Leave reimb.		4636	4600	4396
Subtotal (budget)	111739	110935	109357	101065
Loose Offering	1000	1013	1000	816
PWS&D	n/a	947	n/a	1535
AMS	n/a	2134	n/a	2014
Other	n/a	3121	n/a	1100
Subtotal(non-budget)	1000	7215	1000	5465
TOTAL REVENUE	112739	118150	110357	106530
TOTAL FOR BUDGET:	112739	111948	110357	101881

EXPENSES	2014 Budget	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	2012 Actual
Synod Assessment	2078	2158	2158	2305
Pres. Assessment	1807	1846	1846	1972
Church School	900	429	700	239
Fruit & Flower Fund	300	196	300	167
Youth Work	100		100	0
***Pulpit Supply	1500	4990	5350	4892
Caretaking	2500	2200	2500	2120
Library	200	200	200	54
Kitchen Sup. & Hosp.	300	189	300	162
**St. James	1500	1500	1500	1500
Printing Services	1200	1249	1000	1027
Advertising	400	255	600	652
Ins.(church & manse)	2700	2650	2700	2919
Liturgical Materials	100	169	100	204
Music Expenses	9145	6175	9145	6169
Present., Honor., Gifts	200	135	200	55
Benevolent Fund		520	500	300
Sundry	400	11	500	257
Office Supplies	400	198	200	233
Bank Fee	200	158	400	166
Financial Consultant	1200	1200	1200	1200
Org./Piano Tuning etc	400	342	700	652
Elder Education	500			
Subtotal Expenses:	28030	26770	32199	27245

***2013 Actual incl. \$4050 for student minister during Parental Leave
 **Manse debt: St. James (long term liability)

EXPENSES (cont.)	3014 Budget	2013 Actual	2013 Budget	2012 Actual
CHURCH UTILITIES				
Electricity	1300	1274	1350	1320
Furnace Oil & Service	6050	6018	4650	4625
Telephone	680	658	650	639
Water	300	283	300	298
Snow Removal	100	213	100	133
Total Church Utilities	8430	8446	7050	7015
MANSE UTILITIES				
Electricity	1800	1783	1400	1364
Gas, Fuel Oil & serv.	4000	3974	3700	3655
Telephone	1400	1361	1300	1292
Water	600	597	500	484
Total Manse Utilities	7800	7715	6900	6795

PAYROLL				
Stipend + Increment	44152	39415	36362	34732
Cong. Addition			3000	2813
Payroll Expenses	3000	3021	2976	2892
Cong. Pension Assess.	4620	4532	4500	2909
*Continuing Ed.	1000	1000	1000	1000
Med. & Dent. Ins.	4182	3945	3945	3942
Entertain. Allowance	100	30	500	29
Professional Dev.	500	491	500	465
Total Support of Min.	57554	52434	52783	48782

DONATIONS				
Presbyterian Sharing	9500	10145	10000	14000
Int'l Student Bursary				200
Camp Geddie	500	500	500	500
Sack. Comm. Assoc.	200	200	200	200
C C for Reconciliation	200	200	200	200
Community Forests Int'l	200	200	200	200
Open Sky	325	325	325	325
PWS&D	n/a	947	n/a	1535
AMS	n/a	2134	n/a	2014
Other	n/a	3174	n/a	1120
Total Charitable Don.	10925	17825	11425	20294

TOTAL EXPENSES	112739	113190	110357	110131
TOTAL FOR BUDGET:	112739	106935	110357	105462
NET GAIN/LOSS	0	4960	0	-3601

Income Statement - Building and Reserve Fund

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
For the Year January 1 - December 31, 2013

REVENUE	2014	2013	2013	2012	EXPENSES	2014	2013	2013	2012
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Special Offerings					Church Annual Mainten.	1000	8696	1000	650
Env. Offering (w.PAR)	12000	16126	12000	18388	New gutters main bldg.	1350			
Manse Kitchen donations				9130	Re-roof main building				10662
Interest		20		24	New oil tank	2000		2000	
Total Revenue B&R	12000	16146	12000	27542	Manse Annual Mainten.	750	349	750	
					Manse kitchen reno				33062
					Interest on debentures	100	247	300	197
					Total Expenses B&R	5200	9292	4050	44571
					NET GAIN/LOSS	6800	6854	7950	-17029

Income Statement - Memorial Fund

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
For the Year January 1 - December 31, 2013

REVENUE	2014	2013	2013	2012	EXPENSES	2014	2013	2013	2012
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual		Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
In Memorium		1020		30	Handrail for sanctuary	1000			
****Benevolent/Church Sign		750		500	Banner Closet		905		7394
Banner closet		500			Church Sign		791		
Interest		2		62	Total Exp. Memorial	1000	1696	0	7394
Total Rev. Memorial	0	2272	0	592	NET GAIN/LOSS	-1000	576	0	-6802

****Benevolent fund is held here for use when needed, as of 2013

Balance Sheet

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
As at December 31, 2013 (compared with December 31, 2012 & 2011)

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
<u>Current</u>				<u>Short Term</u>			
Bank				Accounts Payable/Accruals	2791	1403	1520
Operating Account	5532	-822	1931				
Building & Reserve Acct.	11398	14334	13686	<u>Long Term</u>			
Memorial Account	5199	4120	5149	**Manse Debt: St James	11846	13346	14846
GIC(Memorial Acct.)	0	0	5743	Debentures (\$25,500-\$16,500)	9000	19000	
Prepaid Expenses	2473	2602	2808	Total Liabilities:	23637	33749	16366
Account Receivable	1097	1399	828				
Total Bank Accounts:	25699	21633	30145	ASSETS OVER LIABILITIES:	959262	945084	942979
<u>Fixed</u>							
Church (book values)							
Building	439400	439400	439400				
Furnishings	55000	55000	55000				
Land, 36 Bridge St.	30000	30000	30000				
Memorial Window	26700	26700	26700				
Organ	223400	223400	223400				
Piano	10700	10700	10700				
Manse (book values)							
****Manse	136000	136000	108000				
Manse Contents	11000	11000	11000				
Land, 13 West Avenue	25000	25000	25000				
Total Fixed Assets:	957200	957200	929200				
Total Assets:	982899	978833	959345				

*Continuing Education Fund(maximum \$5000)	
Total available for 2013	1000
Withdrawals in 2013	652
Balance Dec. 31, 2013	348
Budget 2014	1000
Total available for 2014	1348

****Of the \$33,000 spent on the Manse, \$28,000 is considered "capital improvement", and is therefore added to the value of the Manse

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January 24, 2014

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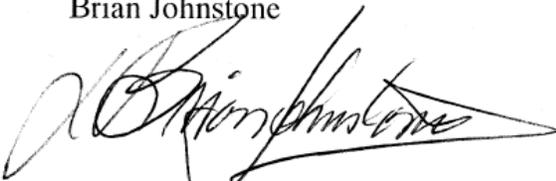
To The Members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church,

I have reviewed the balance sheet of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church as of December 31, 2013, and the statements of income for the year then ended. My review consisted of enquiry, analytical procedures, discussion relating to the supplied information, and assistance in the preparation of accounting reports with the Treasurer of the church.

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that these financial reports are not, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures.

Sincerely

Brian Johnstone



Tantramar Accounting Services

Appendix

Congregational Committees - Term of Office and Duties

Annual Meeting Officials:

Chair - “At congregational meetings the minister of the congregation, or the minister appointed by the presbytery, presides. But if the minister is absent or declines to preside, the meeting appoints one of its number to take the chair”(Book of forms 154). Duties: Calls the Annual Meeting to order. Conducts the business of the Annual Meeting in an orderly and expeditious fashion. Assures that all motions are properly moved, seconded, debated and voted upon.

Secretary - Appointed annually. Duties: Records the minutes of the Annual Meeting to be reported to session and to the Board and recorded for the next Annual Meeting.

Board of Management:

Consists of a chair plus eight members. “One-third of the board shall retire each year by rotation, and their places, as also the places of any who vacate their office during the year, shall be filled at the annual meeting. The retiring managers may be re-elected” (Book of Forms 159).

Chair- “Appointed by the congregation at its annual meeting from among the members of the board. If this is not done, the board appoints them at its first meeting held after the annual meeting” (Book of Forms 167). May be re-appointed. Duties: “have each meeting opened and closed with prayer. See that business is properly ordered and recorded; to take the vote; and to announce the decisions. He/she may introduce any business to the Board, and may speak regarding it, but has only a casting vote. As the executive of the board, he/she also has power to perform any functions explicitly assigned to him/her. In the absence of the convener from any meeting of the board, one of the other managers may be chosen to preside” (Book of Forms, 168.)

Treasurer- “Appointed by the congregation at its annual meeting from among the members of the board. If this is not done, the board appoints them at its first meeting held after the annual meeting” (Book of Forms 167). May be re-appointed. Duties: “to keep the accounts of the congregation, together with all vouchers; to receive and disburse all moneys subject to the direction and control of the board; and to produce his/her accounts, properly audited, to the annual meeting of the congregation. Where there is a chartered bank convenient to the congregation, it is the duty of the treasurer to deposit therein, without delay, all money received by him/her, and in a separate account identifying it as belonging to the congregation” (Book of Forms 170).

Secretary - “Appointed by the congregation at its annual meeting from among the members of the board. If this is not done, the board appoints them at its first meeting held after the annual meeting” (Book of Forms 167). May be re-appointed. Duties: “to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the board; to engross therein the record of any congregational meeting held for temporal purposes; and to take charge of all papers belonging to the board that are not entrusted to the custody of the treasurer. The minute book shall be available to the board at all times, and shall be signed by the convener and secretary” (Book of Forms, 170).

Envelope Secretary: Appointed annually at the Annual Meeting. May be re-appointed. Duties: Verify and record the totals of offerings received. Prepare income receipts quarterly. Maintain the envelope holder number file.

Reviewer: Appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting. May be reappointed. Duties: Review the Church’s financial records annually.

Trustees:

Three members appointed for three year rotational staggered terms; must be professing members of the church (Book of Forms, 149). Duties: Hold the property of the congregation in trust as provided for in the trust deed.

Congregational Life Committee:

Six members appointed for three year rotational, staggered terms.

Duties: Plans and is responsible for all congregational social and fellowship activities. Social Convener is responsible for organizing and supervising catering arrangements for congregational events, including monthly Coffee and Conversation.

Library Committee:

Three members appointed for three year rotational staggered terms. May be reappointed for a second term. Duties: set policy for the Church Library in consultation with the Session when appropriate. Purchase new materials in consultation with the Minister. Accession and classification of new materials. Maintain the collection in an orderly fashion. Encourage use of the library by the congregation.

Publications Committee:

Five members, appointed for rotational staggered three year terms. May be reappointed. Duties: For Newsletter - plan, edit and publish on a regular basis. For Congregational Directory - to gather information, edit and publish annually.

Church Archivist:

Appointed annually. Duties: To collect and deposit in the Mount Allison archives the archival record of the congregation.

Bible Society Representative:

One member, serving for three years. May be re-appointed. Duties: Represents the congregation on the local chapter of the Canadian Bible Society. Helps to organize, with other churches, the work of the Bible Society in the congregation and the wider community

Child Care Coordinator:

Appointed annually. Duties: to co-ordinate child care during the worship service

Flower Committee:

Two (or more) members, one being the chair, appointed for 3-year terms. May be re-appointed. Duties: Providing weekly flower arrangements in the Church, either live materials, potted plants or dried/artificial floral material depending upon availability. Coordination of floral memorials with donor, receiving requests and arranging for purchase and placement as required. Notify Minister of memorial so that acknowledgement can be made from the pulpit or in the bulletin. Arranging cards and flowers for special events within the life of the congregation - Christmas, births, marriages, illness, deaths, etc.

Greeter Co-ordinator:

Appointed annually. Duties: to co-ordinate and remind two persons per Sunday to act as greeters, ring the bell, and take up the offering.

Reader Co-ordinator:

Appointed annually. Duties: to co-ordinate and remind persons to read Scripture lessons during weekly worship service and special services.

Communion Elements:

Appointed annually. Duties: to prepare communion table and elements for the purpose of celebrating the Holy Communion as directed by the Session.

Secretary for the Presbyterian Record:

One member, appointed annually.

Duties: The Presbyterian Record - notify potential subscribers in January/February that it is time to subscribe or re-subscribe. Collect subscriptions for the Treasurer. Prepare and submit subscriber list to the Record.

Webmaster:

Appointed annually. Duties: supervise setting up and maintenance of church web site.

Community Association Representative:

Appointed annually. Duties: Represents the congregation on the Sackville Community Association.

Nominating Committee:

Three members appointed for three year rotational staggered terms. The chair is senior member of the Committee. Duties: prepares a list of candidates to serve on various Church committees and boards, other than those appointed by Session.

Revised January 12, 2012

Session Recommendations to the Annual Meeting **Regarding Donations to Agencies and Organizations carried over from 2013**

Camp Geddie

Current allocation \$500.00

Recommendation: \$500.00

Purpose: To assist the Synod of the Atlantic Province operates the summer camps and other programmes of Camp Geddie.

Sackville Community Association

Current allocation \$200.00

Recommendation: \$200.00

Purpose: This group works in three main areas - Christmas Cheer, Wayfarer's Assistance, and family and individual assistance. Christmas Cheer distributes food, clothing, and toys/gifts to needy families in the Sackville area at Christmas. Wayfarer' s

Assistance program provides food, lodging and travel assistance to transient visitors to Sackville. This operation has experienced a decline in need over the last several years. The family and individual assistance programme works with clients recommended by local clergy to receive assistance with heating expenses, power bills, prescription and medical expenses, school supplies, recreational fees, etc. This side of the operation has experienced a significant increase in need over the last few years.

Concilio (formerly Christian Council for Reconciliation)

Current Allocation \$200.00

Recommendation: \$200.00

The Mission of the Christian Council for Reconciliation is:

"To promote reconciliation between the prisoner and God, the prisoner and her/his family, the prisoner and self and the prisoner and others." The Council is made up of interested and committed persons from various faith traditions and organizations. Together we seek to fulfill the Mission of the Council through three primary ministries: Kairos Marathons, St. Luke's Renewal Centre and Springhouse.

Community Forests International

Current Allocation: \$200.00

Recommendation: \$ 200.00

Community Forests International is a volunteer-driven organization, working to connect people and their communities to the forests that sustain them. As the pace of environmental degradation intensifies around the world, the need for positive environmental stewardship and a restored balance between humanity and nature has become a necessity.

Building on the belief that a few strong-willed individuals can motivate for positive environmental change, Community Forests International currently supports over **12 communities** in Pemba, Tanzania while initiating forest and climate change education around the world.

Jeff Schnurr (Executive Director) travelled in over 35 countries before landing in Tanzania, where he began the tree planting initiative that grew into Community Forests International. Jeff has done much to spread the techniques of forest renewal around the globe and has planted over half a million trees in the process.
<http://forestsinternational.org/>

Open Sky

Recommendation: \$325.00

From Open Sky's Facebook page:

Open Sky Co-operative is founded by a group of friends who love food, farming and people. We are concerned about the lack of employment opportunities and inclusion of people who are partially employable (due to mild developmental challenges or mental health issues). This new enterprise is a combination of a charitable organization and a farming business.

Open Sky Cooperative is a residential farm established to provide home, employment and a caring community for young adults who require social and vocational support to improve their quality of life. There is lots of room for community involvement. We seek friends, partners and membership in the Tantramar region of New Brunswick.

Summary:

Total for 2011: \$1625

Total for 2012: \$1625

Total for 2013: \$1425