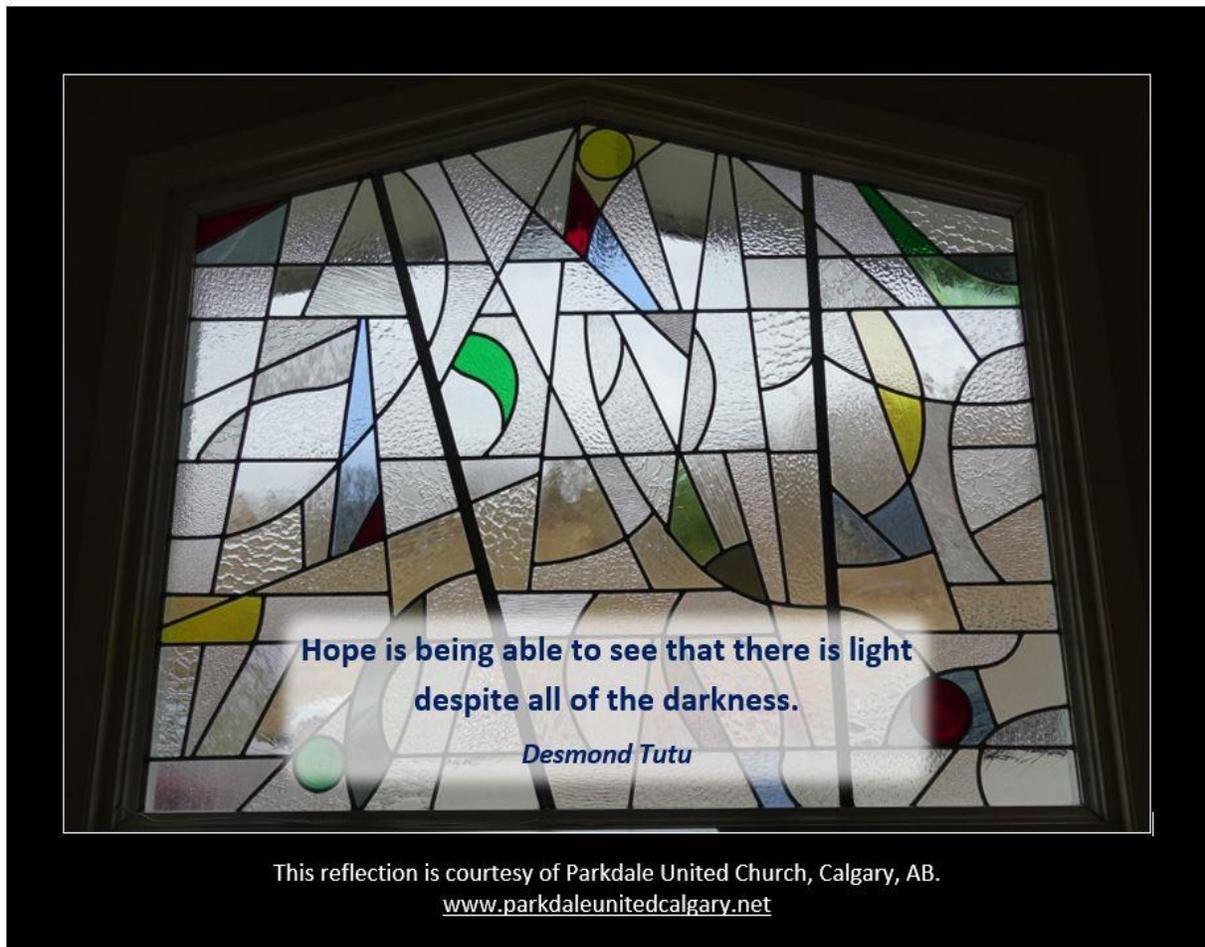




Parkdale United Church

We are an inclusive Christian community with a deep for God and God's vision of equity, justice, and well-being for all.

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Minister

It is hard to believe that I have been at Parkdale for five months; it feels as if time is on fast-forward! I began my journey to ordination just over six years ago, and I am so excited to complete my journey here at Parkdale in May. I have so much to be thankful for, and I can't express how much joy I have felt in the past months. I am so incredibly blessed to be serving such a warm, loving community of faith.

I know you are all quite aware that Covid has created havoc in churches across the world. It has created many uncertainties – Who is a part of the congregation? Who is afraid to come to church? Who has left the church? What will church look like after this pandemic is over? How do we start to rebuild?

Since I started at Parkdale, I have been talking a lot about the three short phrases we use to describe our ministry: Building Connections, Living Faith, and Acting for Justice. What I have come to see is that these actions are our path forward. When we build meaningful relationships within our community, we become stronger, we lean on each other more, and we become a strong, united community that cannot be separated. When we live out our faith, people around us see how following in the footsteps of Jesus is making the world a better place, and they want to be a part of our community. When we act for justice and work together, we build bonds with each other. This strengthens our community. When we act for justice, we live out the plan Jesus has for us, and we make this world a better place. So, as we enter a new church year, as this (hopefully) last wave of the pandemic comes to an end, I ask that you please consider helping rebuild Parkdale one small step at a time. I ask that you take a minute to discern what these three phrases mean to you, and how you can live them out to help Parkdale rebuild.

I can't tell you how excited I am to begin this journey with you. I have so much hope and faith that all of you, with the help of God, can and will make a difference to this community, to this city, and to this world.

Blessings,
Kim Holmes-Younger, Candidate Minister

Council

Dear members and friends of Parkdale United Church,

I hope and pray that you are keeping well and safe with your families and friends.

The last year has been very challenging for you and your families, due to the Covid pandemic. Our congregation had to deal with the ever-changing Covid situation, but also had to cope with additional challenges. Thanks to a group of very dedicated and hard-working members of our congregation, we were able to continue to keep up our church services for you. Council met twice in January and twice in May, and for a special meeting in August to deal with urgent issues. Thank you to all council members for their commitment. Special thanks to Sue Brodrick and the M&P Committee for helping to find the right people to fill all the vacant positions that arose in 2021.

On January 6, Rev. Murray Laverty, our minister for the last seventeen years, wrote to council members that he was concluding his ministry with Parkdale United Church effective June 30, 2021. His last service was on May 23. Due to Covid restrictions, there was no common farewell event, but people had a chance to say goodbye at two parking lot events. Sheila Campbell announced that she was leaving her position as Chairperson of Council in May after seven years of service. We thank her for her dedicated service. I took over as the Interim Chair of Council until June 2022.

Our Music Director, Michael Coburn, left our congregation in June to move to Nova Scotia. In August, our very competent Office Administrator, Kate Currie left us.

A Ministry Search Committee was formed in January which included Beth Balshaw, Eleanor Kenny, Catherine Lebel, Barb Giles, Bob Robson, Sue Brodrick as a resource person, Erin Klassen (minister of Scarborough United Church as a liaison to Chinook Winds Regional Council), and myself, Heidi Schroter. This group worked very hard with reaching out to congregation members to give them as much input as possible. This committee worked through the process to find a minister for our congregation. In June, we welcomed Rev. Danah Cox as the Interim Minister from June to the end of September. In addition to regular Sunday services, Rev. Danah Cox started online weekly Bible studies. We all enjoyed his artistic talent.

On the initiative of Catherine and Marc Lebel, a Silent Auction was held as a fundraiser in June using an online auction service, Max Sold. This event engaged 20 church volunteers and raised over \$2000.

In September, we were very happy to announce our newly elected Candidate Minister, Kim Holmes-Younger, who attended her first council meeting in October. Kim remains under the supervision of Rev. John Pentland (Hillhurst United Church) and is working with a Lay Supervision Team until her ordination in May 2022. This committee consists of Beth Balshaw, Sandy Navrady, Judy Steele, and two people from Hillhurst.

In September, the Music Search Committee was happy to announce the appointment of Antonina Cox, who returned to Parkdale after having left us 7 years ago. At the same time, M&P announced the position of Office Administrator had been filled by Colin Redekop. Colin was known to many of us, since he had filled in as choir director for Michael Coburn in previous years.

Council is looking for 1-2 new Members-at- Large. If you are willing to join our council to take us into the next very exciting season, please contact any of the current council members.

We hope you can attend our Annual General Meeting on March 6 at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom. (The link will be sent out closer to the date).

Blessings and peace to all of you.
Heidi Schroter (Interim Chair)

Strategic Planning Group

Introduction

The Parkdale United Church Planning Group was appointed by Council on November 7, 2021 to prepare a Strategic Plan to guide the community over the next 3-5 years. A plan will help us understand where Parkdale United Church (PUC) is going, and what it will be like in the future. Effective planning brings unity to a church, and provides a clear purpose, reveals the church's strengths and weaknesses so that it may build on strengths and shore up weaknesses. Finally, it helps the church to embrace change as new members and new ideas come into the congregation.

What is a Strategic Plan?

Strategic Planning is a process that helps focus on aligning the unique gifts and resources God has given PUC, to take advantage of its opportunities. Strategic Planning at PUC is a structured conversation about what a group of people believe God calls them to be and do.

Work to Date

The Planning Group agreed that due to the impact of the Covid pandemic, and with the introduction of a new minister, Kim Holmes-Younger, and new ministry team members, that our initial focus would be inward-looking, to re-establish our community. Our current work involves preparing a Needs Assessment, a process of gathering information and evaluating PUC's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. We have found the Congregational Survey completed by the Hiring Committee for our new minister to be of invaluable assistance.

To date, we observe that PUC has a caring, generous congregation supported by a talented, progressive ministry team. We benefit from a modern, energy-efficient, barrier-free building with good potential for rental revenue. PUC's greatest challenge is recovering from the impact of the Covid pandemic and returning to a balanced operating budget. This will be a key goal in our plan as we undertake ways to improve congregational participation, giving and finding ways to maximize our building revenue to support our ministry. We also observe a need for lay leadership, small group ministry training and taking full advantage of the gifts and talents of the congregation.

Next Steps

Our next steps are to identify PUC's strategic advantages, review our Mission and Vision Statement, and formulate our short-term goals and the actions required to meet them. The major goals and actions will clearly address PUC's recovery from the Covid pandemic. We are working diligently to have a draft report available by mid to late spring 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne Parkinson, Marc Lebel, Eleanor Kenny, Nick Finn, Sandy Navrady and Kim Holmes-Younger

Operations Committee

The Operations Committee generally meets on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August) and is responsible for caring for the physical and financial assets of the Congregation. Continuously, the committee reviews and executes building and equipment maintenance, reviews and approves building use by outside groups, reviews financial statements, receives income and pays expenses, supervises the caretaker and counts and deposits the weekly offering. Other special projects are undertaken as necessary.

Members of the Operations Committee are Sherry Anderson-Kepke (who is the church's bookkeeper), Ken Coburn, Wayne Flood, Rev. Murray Laverty (and later, Kim Holmes-Younger), Kim Leong and George Norton. The Office Administrator is an essential member of the Operations team and attends our meetings. Please consider joining the Operations Committee as we are looking for additional members. We are a fun-loving and friendly bunch!!

We also thank Jim Balshaw, who helps out with "electronics projects", Helen Heacock who oversees the garden, and Bill Crabbe who volunteers to look after lawn care.

Our caretaker is Hector Renderos.

Due to the Covid pandemic, almost all of our building use revenue was lost as groups ceased meeting in-person and the nursery school paused operation or operated at reduced capacity.

During 2020 and 2021, the Operations Committee undertook or oversaw a number of projects, the most notable being the following:

- Developing and supporting Covid infection reduction processes at the beginning of the pandemic, both for worship and for outside building users
- Supporting resumption of in-person worship in September 2020 and re-opening to outside building users
- Purchasing a new coffee maker for the lobby in anticipation of "re-opening"
- Authorizing repairs to the main kitchen commercial cooler and dish sanitizer
- Completing minor maintenance projects, replacing many fluorescent light ballasts, drywall repairs and painting

During 2022, we hope to regain some of the building use revenue lost during the pandemic, as this revenue stream is integral to the sustain the church; however, this might take several years.

We thank the congregation for its generosity and for its continuing support for the ministries of Parkdale United Church.

Respectfully submitted by K. H. (Ken) Coburn, P. Eng., chair, on behalf of the Operations Committee

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy

During 2020 and 2021, Parkdale United Church was eligible for benefits pursuant to the federal government's Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) program. The program rebated, to employers, a portion of employee wages, depending upon the reduction in revenue during the pandemic compared to pre-pandemic times. Although offerings remained relatively steady, Parkdale lost almost all of its building use revenue and much of its fundraising revenue. The CEWS program ended October 23, 2021.

Over the course of the pandemic, Parkdale received a total of \$105,587 in subsidies; \$63,535 in 2020 and \$42,052 in 2021.

Ken Coburn

Parkdale United Church (Calgary) Foundation

For 2021, the Directors of the Parkdale United Church (Calgary) Foundation were Jim Balshaw (Chair), Sheila Campbell, Ken Coburn (Secretary), Gordon Thomson (Treasurer), Sheila Smith, and Barb Giles.

In 2021, the Foundation's primary activity was managing the investments we have, totaling around \$370,000. The only expenses for 2021 were professional fees and administration (office, printing and postage) totaling \$774.

The Foundation Directors met two times to do the work required of the Foundation and prepare for the Annual General Meeting.

A special thank you to Gordon Thomson for his work as treasurer, and keeping on top of the investments, renewing them when they mature or moving them to other investment vehicles in order to create good value on all investments. I would also like to thank Ken Coburn, the Foundation's secretary, for keeping track of all the records of the Foundation. Also, a big thanks to Sheila Smith for serving on the Board these past 6 years.

At the 2021 AGM to be held following the morning service on March 13, 2022, there will be two new board members elected, and recognition of retiring board members Ken Coburn and Sheila Smith.

Faithfully submitted,
Jim Balshaw
Chairperson

Board of Trustees

The Trustees hold the physical property of the Congregation (the land and building) in trust for the United Church of Canada. The following were elected to the Board of Trustees at the 2018 Annual General Meeting: Jo Anne Atkins, Sue Brodrick, Ken Coburn, Murray Laverty, Sandy Navrady, Suzanne Parkinson and Gordon Thomson. Upon his retirement from PUC, Murray Laverty submitted his resignation from the Board of Trustees. The Trustees did not meet in 2020 or 2021.

Ken Coburn

Ministry & Personnel Committee Report

The past couple of years for the M&P Committee were fairly slow until January 2021 when Rev. Murray Laverty informed the congregation of his retirement effective June 30, 2021. Then, in late April 2021, our Music Director, Michael Coburn, informed us that he and his family were moving to Halifax in July 2021; and shortly after that, Kate Currie, our Church Administrator, informed us that she was moving on to new adventures. All of a sudden, the committee had a lot of work to accomplish in order to fill these positions.

The work required to find a new minister was not the responsibility of the M&P Committee, but rather that of Council, who created a Search Committee of six people: Eleanor Kenny, Heidi Schroter, Beth Balshaw, Catherine Lebel, Bob Robson and Barb Giles. Thanks to their great work, we now have Kim Holmes Younger as our new Candidate Minister, who will be ordained in May 2022.

A Search Committee was then established to find a new Music Director. This group was led by Jeff Campbell from the M&P Committee, and included Nick Finn, Margaret DeLaet, and Helen Heacock. Two others from our congregation helped in the interviewing process: Beth Balshaw and Bob Robson. This team worked together in a very short time to find the new Music Director. We were so happy when the new Music Director, Antonina Cox, started on September 1, 2021.

When Kate Currie gave her notice, the M&P Committee met to discuss how to move forward, since we were not going to have any original staff to give us some continuity during the summer. We then approached Kate, and took her up on her offer to work throughout the summer on reduced hours in order to maintain that continuity. With this decision made, the Search Committee for the Admin Position was formed in July 2021 with Sue Brodrick, Ken Coburn and Emily Flood as the people working to fill this vacancy. The result from this search gave us our new Church Administrator, Colin Redekop, who started with us August 16, 2021.

The M&P Committee were so pleased that by October 1, 2021, we had all our vacancies filled, and are very happy with the staff we now have at Parkdale United Church.

Throughout all these changes, our Caretaker, Hector Renderos, continued and is still doing a great job of keeping our church space clean and inviting.

The only other activity that the M&P Committee did in both 2020 and 2021 was to update the salary portion of the budget for Council.

With COVID, we were not able to have our staff gathering in the winter of either 2020 or 2021 and hope maybe in 2023 we can resume that activity.

I would like to take this time to thank the M&P Committee: Catherine Lebel, Jeff Campbell and Bob Robson, for sharing of their time to this very important work of our congregation. I would also like to thank Chet Marlett who was on the M&P Committee in 2020 but needed to step down due to family commitments.

Again, thank you to all who served on the searches; a job well done by all.

Faithfully Submitted
Sue Brodrick,
Chair of M&P Committee

Music Ministry

In 2021, our music program was greatly affected by COVID and restrictions around singing. From March 2020 – August 2021, choir practices were suspended. In September 2021, practices resumed under the leadership of Antonina Cox. The choir and individual singers provided musical leadership for many services, and prepared many new hymns and anthems. Thank you to all members: Beth Balshaw, Sheila Campbell, Susan Daye, Margaret DeLaet, Heidi Schroter, Sheila Smith, Ben DeLaet, Nick Finn, Bob Robson, and Ian Winchester. Between singing through masks and rehearsing outdoors, they have persevered admirably. Special thanks to Beth Balshaw and Bob Robson for their leadership of the hymn singing.

Some of the past year's highlights include: the choir joining with guest singer Barb Newman, a piano/organ duet with our Office Administrator Colin Redekop on piano and Antonina on organ, the solos of Bob Robson, guest instrumentalists during Advent (Elbow River Bells, violinist/pianist Eileen Kosasih), and the three Christmas Eve services which included Beth Balshaw (piano), Ben DeLaet (saxophone), Neil Younger (guitar), and Alida Doornberg (guest soloist). The recording of a Bob Robson/Nick Finn duet was used to represent our choir in the region's *Twelfth Night* virtual service, released last January.

We are very thankful for Beth and Jim Balshaw's work in preparing the slides and videos for Sunday worship, and for our sound system volunteers (Ken Coburn, Ted Moon, Jeff Campbell, Kevin Kepke).

We hope that in 2022 we will be able to implement new ideas in our music program.

Submitted by Antonina Cox
Music Director

Prayer Circle

Our group normally meets once a month to update our Prayer Circle Lists. Our members are Kim Holmes-Younger, Evelyn Peterson, Lee Norris, Sandra Horton, Sheila Campbell, Susan Daye and Sandy Beattie. It has been a pleasure working with this group of amazing ladies.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Beattie

Pastoral Care Committee

Mission Statement

A group of Parkdale United Church people working together to provide encouragement and support to the congregation that all may know and care for one another. Pastoral Care members are building a particular kind of Parkdale United Church Community, one that welcomes people, connects people with people, and one who cares for those in need among us. We are the pulse of the church. We cheer up, recognize and encourage.

Annual Message

Thank you to our greater church membership for your help and care for those around us. Our members are: Kim Holmes-Younger, Sarah Leeuwerke as current chair, Barb Giles, L, Susan Daye, Marg DeLaet, Irene Norton, Marg Latimer, Wendy Grey and Lee Morris. In the last year, Joan Johnson, Eleanor Kenney, and Lauren Warrack have retired from Pastoral Care. We thank them for their gifts of time and effort to Pastoral Care.

The responsibilities of Pastoral Care are many and diverse, but as outlined in our mission statement, our overarching responsibility is aiding in congregational care. Our programs include Ringing the Doorbell, a visitor program which ensures that every member of our congregation receives the connection and care they need in their lives. It is available to those who are ill, homebound or facing difficult situations. Our Christmas gift and spring gift programs aim to bring the congregation together in cheer and connection. Other programs that focus on connecting members of the congregation with one another is our letters to the homebound, which connects those who cannot make regular service with church activities. Another responsibility is spiritual care and programs such as prayer shawls, stones and squares. The Prayer Circle and Healing Pathway ensure that members receive what they need when they need it. Our memorial reception team is dedicated to helping with receptions for those who are grieving, providing our Church community and our greater Parkdale community with invaluable service during difficult times. Other programs under our umbrella include holiday letters to retired ministers, anniversary and baptismal cards, and a monthly ladies lunch brunch at Boston Pizza and a monthly breakfast at Cora's. While some of these activities have been paused due to the pandemic, Pastoral Care is hopeful that we may soon return to serving our community with our regular programs and services and more.

Pastoral Care is always happy to welcome new members and new ideas to our group. Our meetings are posted in the weekly bulletin or you can reach out to any member for more information. On behalf of the entire Pastoral Care committee, it is a pleasure to be a part of the Parkdale United Church community, and a privilege to be able to assist in growing community connections that enrich our daily lives.

Submitted by Sarah Leeuwerke

Healing Pathways

Members of Parkdale's Healing Pathway Team include Evelyn Peterson, Lee Morris, Joanne Atkins, and Teeya Scholten. Since the advent of COVID-19, the activities of our group have been reduced. There have been some visits to the hospital for one member of our congregation, as well as several distance healing sessions for members of the congregation, friends, and family. We are looking forward to being able to offer in-person sessions again, when everything returns to normal.

In the meantime, we are available for distance healing. Please contact Evelyn Peterson for any requests (evelynpeterson@gmail.com or 403-283-8121).

Respectfully submitted,
Teeya Scholten

Children's Ministry

The children's ministry continued faithfully on this year with Jennifer Razzo and Emily Flood leading a single class, typically in the auditorium. In the beginning part of the year, we shared the word of God with the in-class kids from Spark Lectionary. We delivered craft kits to all our home-bound families in February for Valentine's Day/Lent, and in March for Palm Sunday/Easter. In May, there was no Sunday School due to health restrictions, and in June, we delivered year-end gifts packs to our families with books, crafts and outdoor play activities. We resumed mid-September with two regular families, moved through a special "heart prayer" series for several weeks, and as the fall progressed into winter, we enjoyed the company of additional children to help us celebrate each week of Advent. We finished off the year with a simple pageant which discussed the special meaning of familiar Christmas decorations.

We look forward to 2022 bringing more togetherness, and moving back into our special Sunday School room!

Submitted by Jennifer Razzo

United Church Women (U.C.W)

Our world has changed with Covid-19, but we are still doing our best to work in the church.

Our group is very small – five active members and two members who are busy caring for family members. In November, we held a meeting to decide how to help our charities. With the congregation's support, we managed to have a very successful bake sale on December 5th. Because of this, we were able to support our charities.

Everybody is hoping for normal life to return soon.

Submitted by Sheila Smith

Faith and Justice Committee

Throughout this incredible year of challenges, we continued to extend the reach of our ministry beyond our four walls. It has been a gift. This work has helped us think about the values now underlying global economic policies and structures, and the values we would like to see in our world in the future.

One value is ensuring **a sustainable, healthy global environment**. Following the 2012 environmental audit of Parkdale, we insulated the auditorium roof, switched to energy efficient lightbulbs, installed low-flow dual-flush toilets, moved to environmentally friendly cleaning agents, and checked to ensure the faucets don't leak.

As a church, in past years, we took two major steps: we installed fuel efficient boilers in the basement and 92 solar panels on the sanctuary roof. The solar panels are working well, generating electricity for our building. The excess that we have not required due to reduced use of the building during COVID has been sold. To view daily data, visit this web site: <https://monitoring.solaredge.com/solaredge-web/p/site/1486514/#/dashboard>

As individuals, many of us have switched to Tru Earth (formerly Dizolve) eco-strips laundry detergent and Unwrapped Shampoo bars to lessen use of plastics and to sharply reduce transport costs for these goods.

Another value is **supporting Fair Trade International**. This means “a robust system which ensures coffee farmers receive a fair price for their beans as well as a premium. This premium can be invested in a variety of social and environmental initiatives (e.g., schools, reforestation, etc.), helping to support coffee farming communities.” We sell Fair Trade coffee to individuals at a slightly increased cost, and that increase funds coffee for Parkdale’s use.

We value work to address **Poverty and Affordable Housing**. Parkdale has collaborated with other church groups through KAIROS (the ecumenical justice coalition) and the Calgary Homeless Foundation to buy and support four apartment buildings in Calgary. By supporting the *Coldest Night of the Year* event, you can assist paying off the mortgage for the last building.

Normal activities with KAIROS Affordable Housing/Calgary Urban Society/Band Aid were curtailed but changed from sitting on Zoom to creative ideas on how to serve.

Many individuals in the Parkdale Community have contributed to Band Aid with beds and supplies to assist with housing high need families and individuals.

Band Aid supported housing for fewer people this year (231), with over 3,000 in the past ten years, about 40% Indigenous.

Due to Covid, additional requests were added as the year progressed. Examples are desks, computers, laptops, iPads, and reading lights to facilitate at-home Zoom learning and educational support groups such as Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE’s).

A heartwarming message we received last December:

To My Favorite Volunteers

Every time I see you I always smile. I hope I have that affect on people when I show up. Due to budget restraints this past year, we ALL have to work and share and sharing is caring.

I hope you enjoy many Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Tea, or Soup in Your New Mug.

Take care. Sincerely Sam

We value **educational opportunities for our community**. The community is reached with Sunday Night Movies with a social justice flavor if we maximize our advertising communications. This year, though a slightly reduced group, we were grateful to gather by Zoom for good movies and discussion. Movies included were *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, *Stuck Together*, *Freedom Writers*, *The African Doctor*, *Skater Girl*, *Green Book*, *The Third Harmony*, *Flint*, and *Social Dilemma*.

Zoom allowed us to participate in United Church National webinars and United-in-Learning programming and KAIROS. The events for us were Indigenous Children Then and Now, completed the mandatory Racial Justice Training 1&2 with 3 &4 to follow, Thriving Churches and some long-range strategic planning for United Churches. Some were able to participate in a six-week course called "Bridges Out of Poverty," which explored ways of enhancing relationships with Indigenous communities and those experiencing poverty.

We value **work for peace**, and are grateful for Parkdale's years of support for Ploughshares Calgary Society. This group, centered at Parkdale, has continued monthly education and peacemaking by ZOOM. The guest speakers in 2021 have included former diplomat Earl Turcotte; former Ambassador for Disarmament, Peggy Mason; David Swann; Madelyn McKay, an expert in unarmed civilian protection; Paul Maillet, a former military engineer now trained in peace strategies; and an Afghani refugee. The topics included the state of play with nuclear diplomacy, global citizenship in a time of global crisis, human security, nonviolence, anti-racism in Calgary, the humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan, and active bystander intervention training. We are trying to strengthen our group to better enable education on peace practices throughout Calgary.

Please share any proposals you have for social justice projects or topics of study! We may be able to work with you on them.

For the Faith and Justice Committee,
Doreen Kot

Refugee Sponsorship

In July 2018, Parkdale United Church joined with Michael Embaie's Ghebru Group to co-sponsor several Eritreans to come to Canada. Parkdale's role is purely administrative and supportive – all funds have been raised by Michael's group, and all settlement responsibilities will be fulfilled by them. However, Covid has created long delays in the processing of refugee sponsorship applications. While we have received word that six of the seven Eritreans are conditionally approved, the final steps in the process have yet to be completed by Canadian embassy officials, and there is no word as to when we can expect them to arrive in Canada.

Submitted by Sheila Navrady

Book Club

Coordinators & Newsletter: Beth Balshaw and Lynn Sloane

Members: Sue Brodrick, Joan Cameron, Heather Curry, Janine Dawson, Margaret De Laet, Debbie Dobson, Lindsay Hunt, Sharon Janzen, Jody Klippenstine, Doreen Kot, Roslyn Mendelson, Lee Morris, Ruth Radetzky, Mary Sherman, Sheila Smith, Jean Tollefson, plus 15 or so others on mailing list

The Parkdale Book Club meets on the second Saturday of each month except July and August. Anyone is welcome to join the book club, to participate in the discussions or to simply receive the book club newsletter prepared roughly once a month from September to June. Currently, we are meeting by Zoom to make the meetings accessible to more people during the pandemic. Books of diverse range are chosen by book club members – we nominate ideas throughout the year and vote on the top 10 in May for the following year. Discussions range widely (sometimes wildly). Please contact Lynn Sloane at sloanelm@shaw.ca or Beth Balshaw at bethbalshaw@shaw.ca to get on the mailing list for the book club newsletter. We also have a Facebook page: search "Parkdale Book Club Calgary". Here is our schedule for the next 5 months:

February 12 – <i>The Glass Hotel</i> by Emily St. John Mandel	(Lindsay)
March 12 – <i>Hamnet and Judith</i> by Maggie O'Farrell	(Lee and Janine)
April 9 – <i>Weight of Ink</i> by Rachel Kadish	(Roslyn)
May 14 – <i>American Dirt</i> by Jeanine Cummins	(Beth)
June 11 – <i>Davita's Harp</i> by Chaim Potok	(Margaret)

Submitted by Lynn Sloane

Journaling Group

The journal group has closed down. For those who want to journal on their own, daily journal prompts are available on a Facebook page: search "Dr. Lynn Sloane", or contact me (sloanelm@shaw.ca) to let me know you'd like your email address added to an address list to receive journal prompts each day by email. Here are a few of the recent prompts:

31st tiny journal: Thomas Aquinas: "The things that we love tell us what we are." Write about the things you love and what they tell.

30th tiny journal: The secret to changing my life is changing something I do daily. What do I want to change in my day/life?

1st tiny journal: Write a letter to a childhood friend.

2nd tiny journal: Favorite and least favorite things about being an adult?

Submitted by Lynn Sloane

Parkdale United Church, 2022 Budget for Approval

	2021 Budget Approved	2021 Year End Unreviewed	2022 Budget for Approval
Revenue			
Donations Received			
General	215,000	205,571.40	215,000
Open Plate	1,000	881.25	1,000
Total Donations Received	216,000	206,452.65	216,000
Weddings & Funerals	-	500.00	-
Building Use	24,000	21,595.00	36,000
Fund Raising			
Co-op Cards	5,000	3,718.00	3,500
Garage Sale	8,000	2,150.20	8,000
Special Events	-	254.89	-
Federal Covid-19 CEWS Benefit	10,000	42,052.52	-
Mary Fund	11,000		11,000
Total Revenue	274,000	275,723.26	274,500
Expenses			
Staff Costs			
Salaries/Wages, Con. Ed. & Allowances	223,905	187,087.00	187,237
Relief Staff	6,423	2,180.85	5,716
Travel	3,500	1,627.17	3,500
Benefits	42,885	38,713.38	42,345
Total Staff Costs	276,713	229,608.40	238,798
Office, Administration & Bookkeeping	12,500	14,068.57	12,800
Building Operations			
Major R&M Reserve	2,000	2,000.00	2,000
Caretaking	-	-	-
Utilities (Power, Water, Gas, Waste)	18,000	17,529.20	18,000
Security	800	741.48	800
Telephone	4,000	3,452.76	3,500
Repairs & Maintenance	19,700	16,588.26	18,600
Supplies	2,500	681.73	2,500
Insurance & Licenses	6,700	9,791.79	10,000
Total Building Operations	53,700	50,785.22	55,400
Support of the United Church of Canada			
Assessments: National & Region	17,559	17,559.00	13,475
Mission & Service	4,041	4,041.00	8,125
Total Support of the United Church of Canada	21,600	21,600.00	21,600
Programs & Mission			
Council	1,800	1,139.41	1,800
Christian Education	300	445.85	300
Music	500	602.34	2,000
Naramata	-	-	-
Worship	450	722.87	1,000
Pastoral Care	500	278.60	1,000
Camp Kasota	-	-	-
Faith & Justice	250	272.44	250
Ministry & Personnel	150	-	-
Refugee Fund	-	-	-
Outreach (from Mary Fund)	11,000		11,000
Picturing Parkdale	-	-	-
Communications	250	307.50	2,000
Total Programs & Mission	15,200	3,769.01	19,350
Total Expenses	379,713	319,831.20	347,948
Surplus/Deficit	-105,713	-44,107.94	-73,448