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## *Our Mission and Vision Statements*

### *1.1 Mission Statement*

*Inspired by the grace of God, we are a welcoming faith family called to love ourselves, others and the world. We seek to deepen our spiritual understanding and reach out to others through worship and socially just action.*

### *1.2 Vision Statement*

*Living and Acting through Faith (LAF)*

## *2. In Memoriam*

*We remember with gratitude and thanksgiving the following members of Orchard Valley Pastoral Charge who passed away in 2021:*

- Courtney Burrell*
- Peter Dekker*
- George Melbourne Leiper*
- Adeline (Del) Annie MacInnes*
- Margaret MacNaughton*
- Dorothy Walker Robbins*
- Diana Mary Wallace*

### 3. *INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS*

#### 3.1 *Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals*

*There were no Baptisms in 2021.*

*Three weddings were held in 2021.*

*There were seven funerals/memorials in 2021.*

#### 3.2 *Membership*

*In 2021, there were two Transfers of membership in, and two Transfers of membership out.*

## **4. NOTES FROM COUNCIL, MINISTRY, and MUSIC DIRECTOR**

### **4.1 Susan Cater, Outgoing Chair, Church Council**

Love to you all.

This has been an interesting year for our church and the world. We have proven our strength and commitment making it through the tough times and continuing to hold faith. The Council has been working hard to maintain the functioning of the committees to ensure our Orchard Valley Family are cared for. Through zoom meetings, in person meetings and a mix of both, we have continued to make decisions, support each other and discuss important issues on your behalf. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our dedicated members of Council for their unwavering support, work and commitment to our family in faith.

So much happens "behind the scenes". Committees; reaching out to members through visits, phone calls and cards; diligently studying the public health guidelines as they change and expand; working to get outreach projects up and running again; raising money for our new space; moving forward with the planning for a new space; ensuring services are available to all through live streaming; connecting with other churches in our communities to support the wider community; creating youth focussed programming and supports; ensuring supplies for worship and music; maintaining our building; insuring information is provided to our members in a timely and user friendly manner; keeping an eye on finances; ensuring our staff are well looked after.

It is with heavy heart I write my resignation as Council chair for Orchard Valley United Church. Through many prayers and much discernment, I have decided it is necessary to step down.

My vision for the Church and what it means to be the Church in this day and time doesn't seem to match that of the congregation. I am not in

favour of building a building which focuses on our own desires first, not

looking at what our wider communities need. Sometimes buildings create unintentional barriers to inclusive access. Especially when all space is designated to its members use. Many in our communities have different experiences and perspectives from our own. There must be awareness, sensitivity and knowledge to follow our vision statement “Living and Acting through Faith.” Once we are proficient in these three, we can develop skills to build effective relationships across experiences. It’s important to me that this occurs within our church family and in the wider community.

During my year as chair, I have become concerned that we are stuck in an anchoring bias as to what the church must be, a beautiful sanctuary and space for our own use.

I have bias due to my past experiences with the church. I often recognize my power and privilege. I work hard to be an ally, making a conscious effort to better understand the struggle of others, moving I hope, closer to socially just action.

My passion lies in outreach. This is where I believe growth and unwavering purpose will protect the United Church presence on the Valley floor, what we do not what we have. I wish the Council all the best as you continue the work of the church. I love my Orchard Valley family and I hope to return to the Outreach Committee where my vision and belief of church as a movement, faith as an action, is more obtainable.

Thanks for your support and confidence over the past year.

Susan Cater



## 4.2 Minister's Annual Report 2021

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”*

*- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Greetings and peace to you all again this year. I will begin with a confession – I have really struggled to write to you this year as the lyrics to the Herman's Hermits song, "I'm Henry VIII, I Am", running through my mind with *“second verse, same as the first...”* One of the many things that has repeated itself in 2021 was the spirit, commitment, and generosity of our faith community.

2021 did indeed echo a lot of what we saw in 2020. But throughout this past year, we kept going, kept in touch, kept worshipping, kept praying, kept adapting, kept growing, and kept learning. Even as services started with live-streaming and restrictions, then to pre-recorded, back to some in-person and restricted, then open to all, and suddenly closed again, you have proven your commitment and resilience to your faith and your faith family!

*My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.*

*- James 1:2-4*

And yes, we have been tested, but we are still here! This past year we have been able to provide in-person services, first restricted in numbers, then we were open to all, and then back to being closed for in-person service. That was a difficult time. But I believe it has made us stronger and has given us the confidence to know that we shall overcome. My closing comments from our anniversary service last year still ring true:

*Today is a good day to take a look back at all that we've been*

*through over the past years, including all the pain and isolation that the pandemic has imposed upon us, when others might begin to think we should be beaten down and hiding behind closed walls, we can shout to let everyone know that we endured, we never gave up, we persisted, we hung in there, and we kept the faith. On this Anniversary Sunday, let'em know we're still strong, we're still standing, and we're still here.*

This year we were blessed to welcomed in new members to Orchard Valley, and we did so with joy and celebration! This is a sign of a church family that is welcoming and generous in spirit. Let your enthusiasm continue to be a beacon to our community and beyond.

With a heavy heart, we also had to say goodbye to many saints of the church. We hold their good memories in our heart and let the love of God and this community flow through their families and friends.

As a sign of our commitment to being the United Church in our part of the Valley, we welcomed in our Youth and Family Minister, Katie Logan. It has been my joy to be in team ministry with her and know there is much to be optimistic about now and for our future.

*"Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you. Ponder the path of your feet; then all your ways will be sure."*

*- Proverbs 4:25-26*

My gratitude overflows for all the love and commitment that I have been shown by each of you. I could not begin to name all the saints that help me to continue to be your servant leader. Blessing to you all!

The work of being the church in the valley continues with the strength and passion of this community of faith. It is my extraordinary pleasure to be part of our faith

journey together. And one more time, there is not a better place that Cheryl and I could have been so blessed by God to call home. Thanks be to God. Hallelujah and Amen.

Blessings to you all,

Rev Don Sellsted

#### **4.3 Katie Logan, Youth Pastor**

Courage is about taking a leap into the unknown, and this year we have done just that together. We have leapt into the unknown ready to take on challenges that arise and joys that come through. As the world presents us with more unknowns, I feel ready to take on whatever comes next together as a church.

Orchard Valley United Church welcomed me into the congregation in July 2021 and after finishing my summer semester we hit the ground running. These six months have been educational, affirming and filled to the brim with blessings. I cannot begin to express my gratitude to OVUC for adopting me as part of this big beautiful family. I've settled into my new home happily and can't wait to share with you all that has happened this year.

#### *Children and Youth Program*

This year with the help of Christian Development, we have built our kid's programs after COVID held us back for quite some time. We have shifted our Sunday School program to a program called Voyagers, an all-ages exploration class of faith, the Bible, and our relationships with God. We've got a number of children enrolled in our Voyagers program and we had new faces showing up each week to the point where we now need multiple classes! Our youth began bringing friends with them to youth group and we had a blast getting to know each other, playing games and discussing faith in an open environment. We also started a monthly program called "Kids Hang Out" where younger children could come and play games, play some instruments along with music, do crafts and more!

We had a number of special programs as well such as our mystery friends program where we had adults and youth in the congregation partnered up and exchanging letters each week anonymously for four weeks meeting at our Santa Claus breakfast! The Santa Claus breakfast was not just a time for our mystery friends to meet but also a time for many of our families to come together and get to know one another and meet Santa! A big thank you to Congregational Life for making the event such a success.

Sadly shortly after we had to shut down due to increase in COVID cases, however, we were undaunted and ready to move forward virtually and through other methods that keep everyone safe!

### Worship

I've been fortunate to lead worship independently a few times as Don was on vacation for a short period this summer and for the occasional Sunday as well. It has been a wonderful experience getting to work with the many gifted folks here at OVUC and sharing in worship with each of you.

We had three big worship services this year that our kids and youth got to participate in. We first had Children's Sunday where the kids and I lead worship. We were so proud of our youth for standing up in front of the congregation for the first time since the pandemic and leading!

Next, we did our play for White Gift Sunday. I wrote the play last year titled "A Covid Carol" based on the story by Charles Dickens with a modern twist! With the help of a couple of adults and nine of our kids and youth, we put on a play that highlighted showing compassion even when things are tough!

To end the year we filmed our nativity play to send out to the congregation virtually! Due to Covid, things were definitely a challenge, but in the end, we put together an awesome play! A big thank you to all

the adults and kids who came together to make an awesome play.

### Education

When I first started at OVUC, I was on study leave for the remainder of the semester as I continue to work towards obtaining my Master of Divinity (MDiv). The summer was extremely busy as I took three intensive courses, United Church Worship, Intro to New Testament Greek, and Preaching Foundations. I passed all with flying colours and had a short break before beginning my fall courses. This fall I was enrolled in United Church History and Supervised Ministry Placement. I passed both of these courses as well and began United Church Foundations and Supervised Ministry Placement again, in the New Year, finally completing all my intro-level courses for my MDiv. My Supervised Ministry Placement will continue for the next four years here at OVUC. I have course work to go with this course as well as learning goals to work towards with my Lay Supervision team. I am grateful to my LST team from OVUC who have been a major support this year during my schooling.

### Closing

I'd like to start my closing by thanking every person who has helped out with our children and youth this year; you make a difference in aiding the next generation and helping them navigate their blossoming faith.

I opened with courage and I have to tell you everything we have done this year has taken courage. We stand together with the courage to come together again, and the courage to stay apart again. I saw beautiful courage in our youth for showing up and leading worship, bringing friends, and living life joyfully. We live in a time where hope is a scary thing because it seems like there is little good to come, but instead, I have seen a year filled with strength and resilience and I can't wait for whatever the future holds for us all.

May the Holy Spirit go with you in all that you do.

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Katie Logan

#### **4.4 Ken Hassell, Music Director**

Well, it's been quite a year! As restrictions began to lessen, we were able to resume chimes and choir practices and recordings. We were able to expand hymn support to encompass 8 rather than 3 so very committed volunteers. Thank you so very much to all who volunteered their time to participate in hymn support this past year!

Because of the COVID necessities, it was necessary for us to record all anthems and musical offerings for each week. We lamented that our service of Lessons and Carols had to be accomplished in this fashion. The fortunate bit, however, was that the recordings were completed before heightened restrictions returned.

Another very positive thing occurred this year. Our numbers swelled from 28 to 34 wonderful and committed choristers! We are so very thankful that Johann Botha, Roger and Lynn Bolt, Katie Logan, Rachel MacLean, Annette Wray, and Shirley Yorke joined our choir this year!

In addition to those who were able to come out so willingly and faithfully to our distanced and masked choir practice/recording sessions and chimes practice/recording sessions, the myriad solos, duets, trios, etc. made this a successful musical year at Orchard Valley.

I give a huge "Thank You!" to every chorister and instrumental musician who contributed so willingly and musically to our music ministry in 2021! Of course, a special musical and paternal thank you to our son, Colin, who was able to offer his musical talents with us on Dec.20, 2021 and Jan.3, 2022!

We are also very grateful to the entire congregation and specifically to Don, Katie, Rachel, Doug, the AV/Live Stream team, and to the Worship & M & P Committees for continued and unflagging support of our music ministry here in the Orchard.

Respectfully,

Ken Hassell, Music Director, OVUC

## 5.COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 5.1 Affirming Committee

2021 Members: Vicki Austin (Co-Chair)  
Dale MacArthur (Co-Chair)  
Cheryl Sellsted ( Secretary)  
Julien Davis  
Cheryl MacDonald  
Chris Seymour  
Carol Wooster  
Ex-Officio Rev. Don Sellsted

The Affirming Committee has had a very busy and productive year. The great news is that the Eastern Canada United Church Affirming Coordinator has accepted the **Enhanced Vision and Mission Statements, the Inclusive Marriage Policy, and the post AGM Action Plan**. This means that the Committee can present a motion at the 2022 AGM to apply to be designated as an Affirming Church. (The cost is \$100.00/year from the Affirming Committee budget).

#### **Our Vision:**

Living and Acting through Faith

#### **Our Mission:**

Inspired by the grace of God, we are a welcoming faith family called to love ourselves, others and the world. We seek to deepen our spiritual understanding and reach out to others through worship and socially just action.

As an inclusive community of faith, we actively seek to live our Mission by:

- Publicly declaring our commitment to welcome all people inclusive of age, gender, culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability/disability, ethnic background, or economic circumstances
- Creating a safe space for courageous and challenging conversations enabling “Radical Hospitality”
- Celebrating, honouring and respecting the richness that inclusion and diversity bring to our church.

- Continuing to educate ourselves, to learn and to grow by expanding our worship, study, resources, fellowship and actions.
- Praying for the Holy Spirit to guide us as we work for justice for all, in church and in society.

We will present a motion at the 2021 AGM for the congregation to accept the enhanced Vision and Mission Statements which Council has already approved. In March 2021, the Affirming Committee had a very successful PIE Day service with 306 You Tube views ( PIE=Public, Intentional and Explicit). In June, the Committee members participated in a Pride Sunday Service.

Two Affirming Banners are nearing completion. One is “**Every Bunny is Welcome Here**” and the second is a rainbow **AFFIRMING** banner with lots of affirming words.

A copy of the **Inclusive Bible** was donated to OVUC to be used where appropriate. Books and other resources are continually being added to the Affirm Library available at the Church Office.

The Committee made a \$100.00 donation to the Valley Youth Project for additional library resources. (Under the umbrella of the Lesbian Gay and Bisexual Youth Project in Halifax).

The Committee has developed a budget for 2022 that has been submitted to Bill Simpson.

We have submitted an article to the Christmas Advent Newsletter.

We plan to purchase a Rainbow Bench for the Church in the spring from the Flower Cart.

We are very excited that we will be able to ask the congregation for permission to apply to Affirm United to be designated as an Affirming Church. If accepted, the Committee will begin work on the long- range action plan.



## **MOTIONS**

*On behalf of the Affirming Committee, I move the acceptance of the enhanced Vision and Mission Statements for OVUC which was accepted by council on October 27,2021.*

*I move, on behalf of the Affirming Committee, that OVUC apply for membership to Affirm United and, if accepted, be designated as an Affirming Church.*

Respectfully submitted,

Dale MacArthur and Vicky Austin (Co-Chairs)

## **5.2 Christian Development Committee**

2021 Members: Andy Pitter (Chair)

Kathy Schofield

Cheryl Hill

Amanda Dominey

Heather Hennigar

Rev Don Sellsted

Katie Logan (July on)

This Committee works to provide stewardship of Orchard Valley's Christian development programs and to determine the educational and developmental needs of the congregation and initiate programs to meet these needs. This has been challenging with COVID and some programs such as the Lectionary Group have yet to resume since the pandemic began.

Grace Marcoux and Andy led the junior youth group until the spring lockdown. The group had a successful sponsorship campaign for their walk in Kentville that included a tour of Open Arms and the OATS thrift shop. Another toque sale, thanks to Valerie Mosher sand Heather, and the sponsorship campaign raised \$1,270 for Open Arms. The monthly family worship went until the spring lockdown: many thanks to Ken Hassell, Thea Burton, Sylvia Jacquard and Grace Marcoux for their leadership and support. Cheryl, Heather and Andy provided

card materials for a monthly kindness project; Andy made faith-at-home kits with Theresa Perrin's help, for Pentecost, Thea Burton's cupcakes. In lieu of monthly family worship during the spring lockdown, we had a Zoom coffee time, a Zoom Pentecost gathering and an in-person blessing of the animals at Willow Park in Wolfville. We sent one child and two youth to Sherbrooke Lake Camp and three families to Kingswood Camp. We are grateful for the congregation's donations towards camp sponsorships. Don had a movie night in response to the possible human remains detected at various residential schools.

We were very excited and pleased to welcome Katie, our new Youth and Families Minister! We held special youth group meetings and a parents' meeting for her. In the fall, she began leading the Sunday School and youth group plus initiated new programs such as Kids Hang Out (a monthly children's event), Mystery Friends (a pen-pal program), and a Santa breakfast, the latter with Congregational Life. Katie made take-home kits for Advent that more families asked for than before. She involved children and youth in the Children's Sunday worship, the White Gift worship and the Christmas Eve pageant; thanks to all the adults who participated in the pageant especially Thea Burton who co-directed it. Thanks as well to our other Sunday School teachers: Heather, Andy and Johanna Rosolen. We have not only seen growth already in the number of children and youth coming to our programs but also growth in the interconnectedness between them and the rest of the congregation. Hip, hip, hooray to Katie and the Search Committee!

Finally, a big thank you to Sylvia Jacquard and her student assistants who have been cataloguing the church books! We look forward to launching Orchard Valley's library in the renovated building!

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Pitter  
Chair

### **5.3 Communications Committee**

2021 Members: Sylvia Jacquard (Chair)  
Carol Dewar (Secretary)  
Jane McDonald  
Donna Murphy

Ex-Officio: Theresa Perrin, then Rachel Maclean Hawley

The committee met when necessary to deal with the items related to our mandate which is to let the congregation and the public know what is happening at Orchard Valley although COVID-19 certainly meant that there were no events in 2021.

We continue to create twice-yearly newsletters at Advent and Easter. They are available in regular and large print versions which are emailed, posted on the website and available in church.

They each include messages from the Minister and the Council Chair, a story specific to the season and an Outreach story and children's activity pages. The Easter newsletter included an article about Easter in Bermuda, WAICC's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, live streaming our worship services, how we are dealing with COVID, our PIE Day worship service, a building update and the Men's Group's autumn take out Turkey Dinner.

The Advent newsletter feature story took us back to 1940 with a poem recited by Fran Turner at the Christmas concert in her one-room schoolhouse and articles on Katie Logan, our new Youth & Family Minister, Rachel MacLean - Hawley, our new Administrative Assistant, music during Advent, progress in renovations and fund raising, Jane McDonald Region 15 President, Affirming update and Meet Your Feet moving to the Mall.

We were responsible for cancellation of service/event notices.

This year's Stories from the Orchard pre-service slideshows included: Youth

Group raises money for Open Arms, Blessing of the Animals, Snapshots from Camp and our Graduates, Men's Group take-out Turkey Dinner. COVID meant we were unable to do our usual Seniors' Worship Service this year.

Committee members continue to provide assistance with the live streaming of the church services in terms of preparing and presenting the power points, and the camera and computer work.

Special projects: We began working on updating the Church Directory by sending out requests for information but there hasn't been much response to it so work continues slowly on this project.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia Jacquard  
Chair

#### **5.4 Congregational Life Committee**

2021 Members: Cheryl Sellsted (CO-Chair)  
Rebecca Godfrey  
Gail Gordon  
Cheryl Manzer  
Sarah Hartman  
Frank Hartman

It has been a difficult year for Congregational Life due to the pandemic. For 2021 our committee did the following projects in January, April, October and December.

In January, Gail Gordon and Rebecca Godfrey were interviewed by the Minister for the Fruit of the Orchard series. We were both asked basic questions about what Congregational Life meant to each of us and why we wanted to join. The Interview went well. This is a good series about what the different committees

do and how important it is to our church family to let people know the various activities that are going on within our church.

In April there was an Easter Egg Hunt. Congregational Life helped out with this. There was a small group of children there and it went well.

In October, Congregational Life held a Car Rally at the church. There were 8 people who participated. It was done differently this year due to the pandemic. We had safety measures in place to make sure people felt safe. People brought their own lunches, there was no picnic for the event. The winners were announced at the church. It was a success.

In December, our committee helped decorate the church for Christmas. A huge thank you to Cheryl Sellsted for all the food that she made, and to all the people who helped decorate. It was much appreciated. It was a lovely time and got everybody into the Christmas spirit. Also during this month our committee helped out with the Santa's Breakfast. It was well attended with 48 people there enjoying a great breakfast. It went well and it was great to see the children there.

To all members of Congregational Life, we offer a huge thank you for all your dedication and hard work. We are hoping for a better year in 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rebecca Godfrey  
Member of Congregational Life

### **5.5Covenanter Committee**

*Time and Place of Meetings:* 10:00 a.m. – 2nd Tuesday of each month – at OVUC or virtually

*Number of Meetings:* 12      *Average Attendance:* 9

*Executive* : Chair – David Murphy    *Members*: Jim Keech - Building Coordinator  
Secretary – Ramona Jennex            Rev. Don Sellsted - ex officio &  
Treasurer – Betty Curry                Trustee Rep  
Bill Woodman  
Anthony Harding  
Krystal Tanner  
Carrollee Day  
Barbara Sobaszkilwicz

*Cookbook Sales*: Chris Herbin, Donna Murphy

*General Purpose:*

The Covenanter is the oldest existing Presbyterian Church building in Canada and is an object of great pride to the local community. It is a registered Provincial Heritage Building and a National Historic Site and as such, is an active tourist destination for local, national and international travellers. Because of its historical importance the Committee would like the Covenanter to remain a living church by maintaining ties with the United Church of Canada.

Currently the responsibility and a trust of the Orchard Valley United Church, the Covenanter has unique and independent sources of funding and management. The Covenanter Church is a trust of Orchard Valley United Church trustees and is managed by the Covenanter Committee. The Committee has representation from OVUC Trustees, community members, the OVUC minister as well as OVUC church members. The church has been financially self sufficient through the Heritage Fund set up to receive and disperse monies for repairs and maintenance. Funding is from a variety of sources including offerings, donations, weddings, fundraising, bequests, memorials and government grants.

*Highlights:*

During 2021 the Covenanter Committee has lost a very valued member in Dorothy Robbins who left quite a gap in the committee's decision making and at church

events where her presence was well known and felt. Also, Harvey Gilmour whose sound and sage advice as the Board of Trustees representative to the committee, will be missed and finally John Burdock, the former chair of the Covenanter Committee, has relocated to the Pictou area for his work and thus stepped down.

Many of our committee meetings were held virtually on Zoom and five were held as in person meetings at OVUC in 2021.

The proper care and maintenance of the Covenanter is always a priority of the Committee and OVUC Trustees and so thanks to Greg Allen (lawn maintenance) and Heather McKinley (custodian) for their service to the Covenanter.

Ongoing fundraisers for the Covenanter include sales of Winds of Change, a history of the peoples of the Covenanter Church in Grand Pré; sales of “A Joyful Noise”, a CD of early 1800 hymns, by Millennium Friends, an a cappella choir; handpainted note cards with seasonal scenes of the Covenanter and the sale of the Grand Pré Cookbook, compiled by the former Lower Horton UCW.

Even though services this year at the Covenanter have been curtailed because of COVID-19 there have been two wedding services take place with strict COVID protocols in place. Unfortunately Covenanter’s visitors have not been able to physically enter the building but a virtual tour is possible through the OVUC website, where a pano view of the interior is available. Rev. Don Sellsted produced virtual Easter and Christmas Eve services which included members of the Covenanter Committee. The response to these services was very positive from many congregants of OVUC and the public as well.

Special meetings this year included the annual inspection by the Building and Fire Inspector’s Office of the church; an ad hoc committee meeting to discuss the types of replacement roofing and another to consider quotes and decide on this roofing (decision considered not just the lowest quote but the one that would give longevity and durability to the roof in years to come); and a meeting with the Church’s insurance provider to upgrade the current policy.

The Covenanter Committee's goals for 2022, with an approved budget include: to continue ongoing maintenance and projects for the Covenanter; to replace the material on the roof and steeple of the church; to consider repairing or replacing the round window in the tower; to initiate conversation/ ideas for fundraising for the Covenanter and to finalize the Committee's Vision and Mission Statement which will be incorporated with that of Orchard Valley United Church.

Respectfully submitted

Dave Murphy, Chair Covenanter Church Committee



2021 Covenanter Heritage Fund Financial Summary

Operating Income		Operating Expenditures	
Cookbook Sales	1160.00	Bank Charge	36.00
Church Offerings	725.00	Bookkeeping Supplies	33.91
Donations	700.00	Heat &Electricity	378.25
Wedding	<u>300.00</u>	Sewer Tax	152.29
HST Refunded	<u>50.09</u>	Custodian	200.00
<b>Total 2021 Operating Income</b>	<b>2935.09</b>	Lawn Care	530.00
		Cemetery Maintenance	363.48
Expenses over income	<637,79>	Repair & Maintenance	183.60
Jan 1, 2021 Beginning Bal	<u>5309.90</u>	Miscellaneous	495.35
<b>Book Operating Balance</b>	4672.11	Insurance	<u>1200.00</u>
Consultation grant	3000.00	<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>3572.88</b>
Dec 31 Book/Bank Balance	7672.11	<b>Bal. Insurance Payable</b>	<b>1800.00</b>
		<b>Designated- Payable</b>	
	<b>3000.00</b>		

**Dec31, 2021 Operating Fund available for 2022 \$2872.11**

Dec.31 HST Refund Due \$23.99                      Petty Cash on hand \$29.05

Jan 1, 2021 Bank Balance	5309.90
2021 Income Deposited	<u>5935.09</u>
Total available in 2021	11244.99
Total Expense withdrawals in 2021	<u>3572.88</u>
Dec 31, 2021 Bank Balance	7672.11
Insurance Payable to OVUC	1800.00
Grant Payable to consultant	<u>3000.00</u>
<b>Dec. 31, 2021 Operating Fund for 2022</b>	<b>2872.11</b>

HST Refund Due \$23.95                      Petty Cash on hand \$29.05

**Covenanter Heritage Fund****2022 Budget****Revenue**

Sales	1000
Offerings via OVUC	600
Wedding	300
M Donation	500
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$2400</b>

**Expenditures**

Heat/Electricity	400
Bank Charge	36
Bk Keeping-cheques	42
Sewer tax	152
Lawn Care	530
Insurance	<u>3000</u>

**Total of fixed expenses      \$4160**

**Capital Budget 2022**

Roof repair	\$66,000
\$22,000 pledge toward cost	
Consultation fee	\$20,000
\$3000 Consultation grant	
Balance Covenanter Trust Fund and	
\$5696 HST Refund Due	
\$5000 Hunter Fund grant?	
Provincial repair grant?	

Grounds labour	440
Repair & Maintenance	200
Custodian	200
Miscellaneous	<u>200</u>
Total other expenses	1040

**Total expenses      \$5200**

## **5.6 Facilities Committee**

The Facilities Committee, composed of Harvey Gilmour, Rev Don Sellsted, David Murphy, Jane McDonald and Gary Dunfield, has continued to meet regularly to bring the renovation and expansion project to the next state.... Approval by the congregation and then the Region15 Property Committee.

Two sub-committees have been created: one, to deal with finding us a home for the 9-12 months we will be out of our building, and the second to help determine what to keep, what to get rid of and how to store.

It has been a pleasure to work with a wide group of individuals on this project

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Dunfield

For the Facilities Committee

## **5.7 Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee made up of Bill Simpson (Treasurer), Jenny Bustin, Helen Gill, Andrea Purvis, Betty Curry and Gary Dunfield, has met on a regular basis to approve the monthly statements, required expenditures and to set the 2022 Budget as well as other matters as they arise.

We are pleased with the financial position of the church and the work that we are able to do.

The statements from Kelly Coombs CPA are included with this report as well as the treasurer's report and 2022 Budget.

Gary Dunfield

## 5.8 Ministry and Personnel Committee

2021 may not have been the best year ever on a larger scale; the pandemic has caused stress in many lives, and impacted many people's health and financial stability. On the other hand, in our small region of the Valley, I think it is more healing to focus on our many blessings:

- Rev Don & Cheryl Sellsted continue to be a bastion of support for our Orchard Valley congregation. Although the pandemic has definitely impacted how Don can reach out to the congregation in person, technological know-how has enabled him to reach out in many other wonderful ways, through, for example, recorded sermons and Lenten messages to help us keep our eyes on God's goodness and to encourage us to be good to others.
- We have been blessed to welcome Katie Logan as part of our ministerial team as our youth and family minister (and even in the choir). It has been a delight to all ages to see more engagement and involvement with our youth, and to see exciting new ways for cross-generational involvement (through, for example, the mystery friend pen pal initiative before Christmas). We look forward to what Katie will continue to bring as she grows in her schooling and ministry.
- Our music director Ken Hassell has been so very innovative in finding ways to bring musical ministry forward safely in our church, through recording anthems and with all of the extra work involved in organizing hymn support.
- Custodian Doug Mackinnon has been very vigilant in sanitizing the church continuously and arranging and rearranging the sanctuary set-up for proper distancing for worship, meetings and other activities. He

- even volunteered some of his time to help clean up and paint the Meet Your Feet space in the mall. We are again grateful for his hard work and positive attitude.
- Treasurer Bill Simpson has managed the church's finances again through 2021, certainly a daunting task and a critical one.
- Although 2021 brought some goodbyes within our staff, we have been delighted to welcome Rachel MacLean Hawley as our new office administrator, and she has quickly fit in with kindness and grace, and is even participating in the choir when able.
- Although not part of our staff, we would be remiss if we did not mention how we are blessed with wonderful volunteers; our live streaming team rose to the challenge of supporting our ministers – by taking over the technical aspects of live streaming, which get our services to those unable to attend, they help Don and Katie minister to us all.

Ministry and Personnel has held the annual meetings with staff to discuss any concerns and to review job description. We want to thank each of them, along with the many volunteers, for their service to Orchard Valley in 2021.

I would also like to thank the current members of the M&P team, Sheila Francis, Sarah Hartman and Nancy Handrigan, for their continued commitment to supporting both the needs of our staff and the needs of our congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Mindy Vinqvist-Tymchuk  
Chair

## 5.9 Outreach Committee

The effects of COVID-19 continued to be felt on some of the Outreach programs of Orchard Valley. Again unable to take place in 2021 were: Canucopia, the Clothing Swap and Give Away, Highland View Seniors Apartment Complex Social Program and Meet Your Feet (except for one clinic in December). A few programs, like the Christmas Hamper Program and the annual Scholarships were able to take place as usual and a few others took place partially or in a modified form.

**Benevolent Fund:** It has been a relatively busy year for the benevolent work of the Outreach Committee. The phone line is checked most days and calls are returned, normally the same day.

We assisted those in need with food, power, phone, money for medications and furnace oil.

(Gary Dunfield)

**Christmas Hamper Program:** Orchard Valley United Church assisted with Christmas Hampers in Wolfville, New Minas, Kentville and surrounding areas. In Canning, we contributed \$500.00 to The Canning Interchurch Council to assist their families in need. In Wolfville, our contribution was \$500.00 toward pies and turkeys distributed throughout the Wolfville and Area Interchurch Council. The salvation Army co-ordinates the Hamper program for the Kentville and Area Council of Churches. Various churches participated from this area helping families in need. Children were helped under the toy store part of the program with OVUC providing approximately \$2,500.00 in toys for the store. OVUC provided coordinators, registration, delivery and toy store workers. We delivered 41 Christmas Gift Card hampers to families in this area. In total 512 children and 469 families were helped at Christmas. A special "Thank You" to all volunteers and for your very generous support. (Helen Seymour & Sheila Fisher, co-ordinators)

**Food Bank:** Fundy Food bank served 4,922 clients (3,302 adults/1,620 children) in 2021. Orchard Valley United Church donated a total of 339kg. All home deliveries at the food bank are being delivered by the Kentville Rotary Club drivers. Our numbers are down in 2021 compared to the previous year but in December the numbers are starting to rise once more. (Sue Smith)

**Meet Your Feet Foot care Clinics:** The program was restarted on December 21 at the County Fair Mall. It was unable to continue at Orchard Valley because it required a space with no carpet. The space needed some work so the Friday Morning Breakfast Group and the Men's Group each donated \$1000.00 which was used for new flooring and repainting (which was done by the Men's Group). It is a great location because it is central for clients on the bus route and all of the equipment and supplies are able to be in one space. We had 35 clients with four nurses and three volunteers. It was very well received and free will offering was a plus. We hope to start up again in March as long as the COVID numbers come down. (Cheryl Manzer)

**Glooscap Elementary School Breakfast Program:** The Glooscap Breakfast Program was able to re-start at the beginning of 2021-2022 school year. We were asked to provide two volunteers each morning for four weeks. Volunteers did two of the scheduled weeks (Sept. 27-Oct.1; Nov 22-26) before COVID restrictions closed the schools to volunteers. (Sylvia Jacquard, Co-ordinator)

**Low Income Families:** We continue to provide support in different ways to a number of low income families. I am grateful again for all the advice the committee gave me regarding these families. (Andy Pitter)

**Scholarship Program:** The five- member Scholarship Committee administers the \$1000.00 Rev. Dr. K.G. Sullivan Scholarship and the \$500.00 Arthur R. Allen Scholarships on behalf of the congregation. This year we received 19 applications from the three high schools in our catchment area (Central Kings

Rural High School, Horton High School and Northeast Kings Education Centre) and the students chosen were Anna Syme and Sarah Stockdale, both from Horton. WE would especially like to thank Theresa for all of her work in redacting any identifying information in the applications so committee members are able to choose the winners based solely on merit, without the influence of any other factors. (Sylvia Jacquard, Chair)

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Seymour  
Acting Chair, Outreach Committee

### **5.10 Pastoral Care Committee**

The Orchard valley United Church Pastoral Care Committee, in partnership with the Ministry team, coordinated pastoral care visitation to members of the congregation (and other United Church of Canada people living in our communities). The Pastoral Care Committee encouraged and supported Orchard valley United Church home, hospital, and institution visitations, while providing a nurturing environment for both the visiting volunteers and those being visited.

The 2021 Pastoral Care Committee membership included Rev. Don Sellsted, Admin Assistant Jean Millett, Vange Leslie, Vera Burke, Noreen MacGregor, Edie Lloyd, Allyson Dunfee, George Dunfee, Linda Draper, Jan Porter, and Joy Waterbury (Chair). All members have the requirements for the Duty to Care Program.

The committee met monthly except for the summer months and December either in person or by Zoom. The meetings all started with a meditation and ended with a blessing and prayer circle. We reported to the OVUC Council and attended the Council meetings. Bills for expenses were forwarded to Council for payment from the 2021 Budget.



COVID restrictions have limited Point-to-Point and Cab transportation for members to be brought to church.

Nursing Home Services to seniors were on Zoom for the Wolfville Nursing Home. Committee members have provided assistance when needed. Bulletins and cards were sent, telephone calls were made, funerals were attended where possible and e-mails were sent. Hospital visiting was limited to Rev. Sellsted.

The Journeying Through Grief books (four short books set) are available for committee members to share with Orchard Valley United Church at four crucial times during the first year after a loss.

Pastoral Care's two sub-committees were Prayer Shawls and Spirit Yoga met when COVID restrictions allowed. There were a total of 25 Prayer Shawls or Prayer Squares given out this year. Yarn and patterns are available at the church for those who prefer to work at home.

Rev Don, Katie Logan, Ken Hassell and our Pastoral Care committee hosted a virtual Longest Night Service, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

A program called "You've Got a Friend" (to help OVUC Church members to keep in touch with each other) was organized by Vera Burke, Linda Draper and Allyson Dunfee. Thank-you to our callers: Lois Tracy, Judy Gilmore, Jan Porter, Jean Millett, Edie Lloyd, Eleanor and Ned Chase, Linda Draper, Peggy Jones, Anne Clattenburg, Fran Turner, Betty Rockwell, Joy Waterbury, Margaret Curry, George and Allyson Dunfee, Cheryl Manzer and Gloria Hick. This group effort was especially important this year to support and prevent loneliness for church isolated members.

We wish to thank those Church members who donated cards, stamps, time and money for our OVUC Pastoral care work throughout 2021. Linda Draper has sent 291+ cards this year!

Partnership with our clergy team is essential for Pastoral Care. Rev Don Sellsted participated in meetings. For this, we are very grateful. Thank you to our OVUC Administrative Assistant and Rev. Don.

We are forever grateful to all of those caring prayers, energy and innovative OVUC people who have stepped up to the challenge of keeping our church family connected this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Waterbury

Chair

### **The Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The Prayer Shawl group resumed meeting in 2021 with 4 evenings of sharing friendship and handiwork. Shawls have been completed, donated and gifted to those who are celebrating a milestone (2), experiencing grief (6), or recovering from illness or surgery (17). There were a total of 25 Prayer Shawls given out this year. We would welcome anyone who enjoys knitting or crocheting to contact the church for yarn. Although, we are unable to meet at this time due to COVID, we hope we can soon meet together to create shawls and enjoy the friendship of others in the church. Please let the church know if you have someone who would appreciate receiving a shawl.

Submitted by Helen Seymour

## 5.11 Property Committee

2021 Members: Bill Woodman (Chair)  
Pat Foote (Secretary)  
Norma Mailman  
Doug MacKinnon

Ex-Officio Pastor Katie Logan

The Property Committee met 7 times during 2021. Items looked after included

- Carrying out normal maintenance. Non urgent items are on hold pending renovations.
- An office was set up in the Board Room for Pastor Katie Logan. “Meet Your Feet” has moved to the Mall
- The Property Committee has been working with Andy Pitter (CD Committee) to clear surplus items out of the upstairs area.
- We obtained another storage container
- Mike MacDonald (J.M. MacDonald Construction) was awarded the snow removal contract for 2022.

Respectfully submitted.

Bill Woodman

Chair

## 5.12 Worship Committee

2021 Members: Cynthia Bruce (Chair)  
Pat Godfrey  
Marion Buchan  
Betty Rockwell  
Kathy Schofield  
Fran Turner

Ex-officio: Rev. Don Sellsted  
Pastor Katie Logan  
Ken Hassell

Once again, this was a year unlike any other! We were glad, however, to be able to resume in-person services at a reduced physical capacity; and we were particularly grateful to have increased live-streaming capacity supported by our fabulous technical team. We were extremely pleased to welcome Pastor Katie Logan to our worship team, and her leadership and energetic presence have been a tremendous addition to our Sunday services and programming for families and youth. As always, I am ever grateful to Rev Don and Ken for their commitment, flexibility, and creativity as we continue to navigate the uncertainty COVID has generated.

The Worship Committee continued to meet monthly in-person and via Zoom to consider and respond to the various issues that our mandate requires us to resolve in a timely and dedicated manner. As always, we attended to arranging worship schedules with a specific focus on what was possible given the variable restrictions implemented by the Department of Health and Wellness. We were pleased to be able to consider and approve requests for Baptism, Marriage, and Confirmation and to be able to welcome new members during live stream services. Importantly, we continued to participate in the planning for the rapid shift to live-streamed services with no in-person attendance we were required to make during the

Christmas season, and we support ongoing considerations of how worship can evolve during these challenging times.

On behalf of the Worship Committee, I extend thanks and appreciation to the following:

- To Rev. Don Sellsted for providing dedicated spiritual leadership. It has been our pleasure to continue our work with him to support the worship life of Orchard Valley Pastoral Charge
- To Pastor Katie Logan for her spiritual guidance, warm and energetic presence, and thoughtful bold leadership with our youth, young children, and families. She has brought so much life to our church family and we are so incredibly pleased she has joined us.
- To the choir for providing inspirational anthems, and to those who have offered special music throughout the year. Our musicians have given of their talents in new ways this year through recordings of small ensembles, solos, and through providing weekly hymn support in very small numbers. We know this is challenging, and your efforts are greatly appreciated.
- To Ken Hassell, for providing exceptional musical direction and to his dedication to offering outstanding music via live streamed and recorded services.
- Our thanks and a warm welcome to Rachel MacLean Hawley; she continues to keep us organized when doing so is not always easy; and we were so pleased to welcome her to our choir.
- Our thanks also go to Doug MacKinnon for his tireless and meticulous attention to safety of our church facility during what I know is a challenging time to be ensuring everyone is well-protected from virus transmission.
- Finally, we are appreciative to all who have contributed to making recorded and live streamed services both possible and successful.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia Bruce  
Chair

## **OTHER GROUPS**

### **6.1 Orchard Valley UCW (OV-UCW)**

The Orchard Valley United Church Women (OV-UCW) follow their purpose, to unite women of the congregation for the mission of the church to provide a medium through which they express their loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship, and service. Members normally meet on the third Monday of the month, at 2 pm at Orchard valley United Church. Due to the many closures due to Covid-19 and the vulnerability of our senior members, meetings have not been held. We hope in this next year that we will be able to resume meetings. Even without meetings, members are aware of how they are able to follow their purpose. All women of the Church are “United Church Women.”

**2022 United Church Calendars-** Most of the 50 calendars ordered have been sold.

**Chrysalis House** has been an ongoing project for the OV-UCW, through donations for the women and children who are staying at the home. Due to Covid-19, the house has been unable to accept personal donations into the house. You will be advised when they are able to accept our donations again.

**Events:** Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, our gatherings such as The World Day of Prayer, the Spring Rally, and our afternoon at Berwick Camp could not be held. We pray that the pandemic will soon be over and we will be able to meet again in fellowship. Stay safe and well in God’s care.

**Financial:** The group will meet to disperse donations when able. The bank balance is \$520.23.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Millett  
President

## **6.2 Wolfville UCW Unit (V-UCW)**

The Wolfville UCW unit normally meets once a month at Wickwire Place seniors' residence.

During the pandemic we have not been able to meet regularly. In the past year 2021, we met in September, October and November. In November we had Joan Boland as a guest speaker. Joan talked to us about the Port Williams health auxiliary and their role.

In December, we met for lunch at Troy Restaurant, Wolfville.

We're a small group of approximately 8, but our meetings, when possible, provide a lovely social time during this pandemic. We appreciate Wickwire Place allowing us to meet. They kindly provide tea and coffee for our meetings.

This year we have been able to make donations to various causes, memorials, Valley Regional Hospital and Port Williams Health Auxiliary.

Submitted by  
Jan Porter

### **6.3 Orchard Valley Men's Group**

There are 24 men in The Men's Group from Orchard Valley United Church. The Men assist the Property Committee with projects at the Church when required.

We lay a Wreath on November 11<sup>th</sup> at University Hall; we put up and take down the Church Christmas tree every December.

We raise funds for Outreach programs by running Fundscrip and Guys Cans Program on a regular continuous basis.

We meet the first Sunday of every month at The Big Stop for breakfast, conversation and fellowship.

We serve on various Committees at the Church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Seymour  
Chairman

### **6.4 Friday Morning Women's Breakfast Group**

This group met for 8 weeks in the fall of 2021.

The group gave \$1,000 to the Meet Your Feet (MYF) program , which helped with fixing up the new space for Meet Your Feet in the County Fair Mall, New Minas.



## 6.5 Wolfville & Area Inter-Church Council

The Wolfville Area Food Bank stuck to only deliveries in 2021 due to COVID, but otherwise continued providing food help two Thursdays a month as usual. The Special Needs program, which saw fewer requests in 2020 because of less direct interaction, has found new ways of communicating with those in need and is now responding to a more usual number of requests for help with rent, electricity, heat, medication, dental/ophthalmological care, and transportation. The programs for school food and supplies and for Christmas hampers also continue. We are all in debt to the many hard-working volunteers who make these programs possible.

WAICC churches provided worship to the Wolfville Nursing Home via Zoom for the first part of the year, and for a couple of months they made DVDs of this worship for the Elms. In September, in-person worship resumed at both seniors' residences but then was suspended again mid-December.

Clergy led weeknight Biblical reflections via Zoom for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity followed by an in-person Sunday afternoon worship hosted by Wolfville Baptist, with the preacher being Father John MacPherson from Corpus Christi, the regional Roman Catholic parish St Francis belongs to. Due to the spring lockdown, WAICC made a video for the annual Good Friday walk-with-the-cross and held their AGM via Zoom. The latter included a presentation focused on Black Nova Scotian athletes with guests from Horton High School's Africentric Cohort and Hockey Nova Scotia's Diversity and Inclusion Task Force.

Many thanks to everyone who supported WAICC's activities in 2021!

Respectfully submitted,

Andy Pitter  
OV Representative

## 6.6 Kentville, New Minas and Area Council of Churches

Due to the Covid-19 virus and Omicron variant, the Council of Churches did not meet in 2021.

### **Ecumenical Worship**

Christian Unity Worship – No service was held

Blessing of the Grads/Family Picnic – Was planned and hosted by Northeast Kings Education Centre in June

Advent Service – No service was held.

**Valley Foodgrains Bank** – Various fund- raising activities were cut back this year due to the Covid-19 virus. One church participated in the sale of pumpkins – Kentville Baptist Church Youth group raised \$1,308.75.

**Fundy Food Bank** – The Kentville Rotary Group provided drivers for the 230 weekly deliveries for clients who had medical issues, elderly, etc. Our numbers on the average were down throughout the year but now we are starting to see a rise in the last couple of months. The food bank served a total of 4,922 clients (3,302 adults/ 1,620 children) this past year. Orchard Valley donated 339 kg food items to the food bank.

**Christmas Hamper & Good Neighbour Energy Home Heating Programs** are administered by the local Salvation Army. In 2021, 469 Christmas Hampers and 512 bags of children’s toys were distributed through various churches in the area. OV provided 41 Christmas Hampers and \$2,500 worth of toys. The Good neighbour Energy Home heating Program is for clients who need financial assistance with their heat and funds are provided by NS Power.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith

## 6.7 Valley Foodgrains Bank Project

The Valley Foodgrains Bank Project (VFGBP) has been a multi-faith and community project since its inception. The VFGBP works under the direction of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB)

The CFGB is a partnership of fifteen churches and church-based agencies working to end global hunger by supporting international programs to meet immediate food needs, reduce malnutrition, and achieve sustainable food security; influencing improvements in national and international policies that contribute to ending global hunger and increasing and deepening the engagement of Canadians to end global hunger. Churches in the areas forming the VFGBP are Orchard Valley, Berwick United, former Woodville United, Kentville Baptist, Bethany Baptist, St. James Anglican, and Kings Presbyterian.

Due to Covid, the usual meetings and projects have not taken place. However, the Youth Group at the Kentville Baptist Church were able to do a Pumpkin Sale project They raised \$1,308.75. Wonderful job!

This year we were able to send \$1,300 to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to help end global hunger. Thank you to the Kentville Youth Group for their donation to make this possible.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Millett  
Secretary/Treasurer



## **7. Board of Trustees**

2021 Members:

Harvey Gilmour (Chair)

Nancy Handrigan (Secretary)

Gary Dunfield (Treasurer)

Carolyn Cameron

Ned Chase

Jim Dewar

Bryan Draper

Ian Godfrey

Debbie Selig

Ex-officio: Rev Don Sellsted Susan Cater (OVUC Council Chair)

The Board of Trustees is mandated to oversee the real assets of Orchard Valley United Church under the umbrella of the OVUC Church Council. It meets on the call of the Chair and works through its own meetings as well as a standing Investment Committee. The Trustees are linked to the oversight of Covenanter Church through the appointment of a member to the Covenanter Committee. The Board of Trustees is also represented on the Facilities Planning Group.

The Trustees are incredibly grateful to retiring members Ned Chase and Debbie Selig for their dedicated and diligent work since the formation of the UVPC Trustees.

There were two meetings of the Board of Trustees held in the 2021 calendar year to review financial statements, the land acquisition agreement with BD Stevens,

Covenanter Church renovations and required approvals, and membership of the Board due to the resignation of Chair Harvey Gilmour for health reasons. The Investment Committee met with ScotiaMcLeod to review the portfolio of OVUC Trust funds.

Members of the Investment Committee are Gary Dunfield, Ned Chase, Ian Godfrey, and Nancy Handrigan, with Peter Miller as ex-officio Investment Counsel. Rev. Don Sellstead and Harvey Gilmour represented Trustees on the Covenanter Church Committee. Gary Dunfield and Harvey Gilmour have represented Trustees on the Facilities Planning Committees.

**ORCHARD VALLEY PASTORAL CHARGE  
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

April 11, 2021

**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Susan Cater welcomed the congregation in person and online and invited Jane McDonald to join in explaining voting online at 1:00 pm.

**2. OPENING PRAYER** – Susan Cater shared an opening prayer.

**3. MOTION**

**MOTION:** that adherents be granted voting privileges for this meeting

**Moved:** Betty Currie **Seconded:** Norma Mailman **CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION:** to approve the agenda as circulated with the addition of Covenanter roof and steeple project at 14. (f)

**Moved:** Harvey Gilmour **Seconded:** Bill Woodman **CARRIED**

**5. Approval of Minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting**

**MOTION:** to approve the minutes of the 2019 annual congregational meeting

**Moved:** Bryan Draper **Seconded:** Heather Bishop **CARRIED**

**6. Correspondence** – none

## **7. Committee Reports**

- a) Affirming Church Committee
- b) Christian Development
- c) Communications
- d) Congregational Life
- e) Covenanter Church
- f) Facilities Committee
- g) Finance
- h) Ministry & Personnel
- i) Outreach
- j) Pastoral Care
- k) Property
- l) Stewardship
- m) Worship

## **8. Other Groups**

- a) UCM
- b) UCW
  - i) Orchard Valley
  - ii) Wolfville
  - iii) Friday Morning Breakfast Club
- c) Inter-church councils
  - i) Wolfville & Area Inter-Church Council
  - ii) Kentville, New Minas & Area Council of Churches
- d) Valley Food Grains Bank Project
- e) Search Committee
- f) Region 15

## **9. Board of Trustees**

**MOTION:** to accept the submitted reports as presented

**Moved:** Sheila Francis    **Seconded:** Vera Burke    **CARRIED**



**10. Financial Statements**

- a) General Fund - Financial Reports for 2019, 2020
  - i) Budget 2020, 2021
- b) Trustees
  - i) Financial Reports – 2019, 2020

**MOTION:** to accept the operating fund financial statements prepared by Bill Simpson and reviewed by Kelly Coombs CPA for 2019 and 2020 as presented

**Moved:** Bill Simpson      **Seconded:** Thea Burton      **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** to accept the budgets for 2020 and 2021 as presented

**Moved:** Bill Simpson      **Seconded:** Thea Burton      **CARRIED**

**1. Financial Statements**

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  - i) Budget 2020, 2021
- b) Trustees
  - i) Financial Reports – 2019, 2020

**MOTION:** to accept the operating fund financial statements prepared by Bill Simpson and reviewed by Kelly Coombs CPA for 2019 and 2020 as presented

**Moved:** Bill Simpson      **Seconded:** Thea Burton      **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** to accept the budgets for 2020 and 2021 as presented

**Moved:** Bill Simpson      **Seconded:** Thea Burton      **CARRIED**

**11.Clergy's Report**

**12.Report from the Chair** – thank you to everyone for their support, especially in the extraordinary circumstances of the last year. Please support Susan Cater in the role of Chair.

**MOTION:** to accept the reports of Clergy and Chair of Council as presented

**Moved:** Jane McDonald **Seconded:** Fran Turner **CARRIED**

**13.New Business**

a) Approve Auditor for 2021

**MOTION:** to approve the engagement of Kelly Coombs CPA as auditor for 2021

**Moved:** Bill Simpson **Seconded:** Gary Dunfield **CARRIED**

b) Approval of Education Grant to Rhonda Schofield

**MOTION:** to approve the Education Grant of \$10,000 to Rhonda Schofield for 2021

**Moved:** Gary Dunfield **Seconded:** Bill Woodman **CARRIED**

- c) Update on Facilities
- d) Fundraising Committee
- e) Recommendation from Search

**MOTION:** that OVPC concur with the recommendation of the search team that Katherine Logan be appointed to the OVPC with the following terms –

Category: Candidate, Step 1

-Cost of Living category: 2

-Effective date: July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

-Hours per week: 20 (50%)

-Salary of \$24,758.00 per year for ½ of full-time

-One month (including Five Sundays) of paid vacation (to be negotiated with consultation to the full-time minister, the Worship Committee and M&P

-Up to six weeks of study leave if enrolled in a summer program as part of studies for ministry, or three weeks of study leave if not

-Continuing education budget (reimbursement for eligible expenses to a maximum of \$737 per year

-Payment of ½ cell phone and internet bills paid monthly

-Payment of eligible travel reimbursement at standard UCC rates

-We would expect that the candidate attends Council at Council's (or the full-time Minister's) request

-We would expect that the candidate attends Christian Development committee meetings and other committee meetings as necessary in discussion with those committees

-We would encourage regular participation and presence at our weekly Sunday Service

-Assistance would be negotiated if the candidate chose to move to the local area and that this request be forwarded to Region 15 Regional Council for approval of the appointment

**Moved:** Christine MacDonald

**Seconded:** Gary Dunfield

**CARRIED**

f) Covenanter Roof, Tower, and Steeple Project includes the architect's consultation fee. There are grants for which the church is eligible and there are Trust Funds held by OVPC which can be used. Trustees have approved this, but the congregation also needs to approve it so that Trustees can take it to Region 15 for approval.

**MOTION:** That the OVUC approve the repair project of the Covenanter Church roof, tower and steeple at a cost of \$60,000 which amount includes the \$18,000 fee for the architect's consultation.

**Moved:** Betty Currie

**Seconded:** Harvey Gilmour

**CARRIED**

**15. Closing Prayer** – Rev. Sellsted offered a closing prayer

**16. Benediction & Adjournment-** Rev. Sellsted offered a benediction.

**MOTION:** to adjourn the 2021 Annual Congregational meeting

**Moved:** Sheila Francis

Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm

Nancy Handrigan  
Secretary

