

November 2020 – Official Board Reports

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Session Report to Official Board

October 31, 2020

Since the COVID-19 pandemic hit last March, the Session has kept busy. There were no “in-church” worship services and we started with Rev. David LeBlanc taping services at Mattatall-Varner’s.

With the launch of our new website on July 1st, and thanks to Reg Henderson, we have videotaped the services in Old Barns with Hilden and Old Barns supplying the soloists and readers week about. At the same time, we welcomed The Reverend Phillip Kennedy into our fold.

Services commenced in the sanctuary on September 27th under strict Public Health guidelines. Thus far, all is working well.

The Elders have stayed in contact with those in their districts to ensure that all know we are there if any need arises. A cookie drop-off in the spring was appreciated.

We were saddened to lose several members of our congregation since the first of March – Hazel Brenton, Bill McCurdy, Allen Large, and Don Chisholm.

Five High School graduates were honoured on the front steps of the church at the end of May.

Two baptisms took place this summer. A Covenanting Service was held on September 13th between the Clifton Pastoral Charge, The Reverend Phillip Kennedy, and UCC Region 15.

The Session works with Phillip to ensure that you are offered the best services possible under the pandemic umbrella. The next on the agenda is how to celebrate Advent and Christmas in the church.

Walk with Me started in October – a twenty-minute walk followed by a time of reflection and fellowship. The gathering is small but enjoyed by all who attend.

Leslie Burrows
Clerk of Session

Board of Stewards/Trustees Report 2020

The Board of Stewards/Trustees monthly meetings for 2020 were predictably affected by Covid19, but did have opportunities to meet and discuss the matters of the church.

Our current members include members: Kent Loughead (chair), Laurie Sandeson (secretary), Bob Francis (treasurer), Lloyd Yuill, Gordie Miller, Anthony Waugh, Reg Henderson, Julia Blois, Lorne Burrows, and Rev. Phillip Kennedy. We welcome Julia and Anthony as new members and express our thanks to Dave Parsons and Rev. David LeBlanc for their contributions this past year. A special welcome to Rev. Phillip Kennedy as he begins his ministry with us.

Activities in the church after the middle of March were discontinued or cancelled. Although groups such as the Youth Drama Club, Yoga classes, Seniors Luncheons, Men's Club, Clifton 4-H were impacted, we look forward to the day the church can become a pivotal meeting place for these groups.

Fundraising activities played a prominent role during our shutdown period and we extend special thanks to Bob Francis for spearheading the Cheese and Pizza fundraisers in July and October, respectively. We realized \$3,200 for the church with those two projects. The other fundraising event was held in February and we are thankful to Highway 236 for hosting a variety concert/pie auction evening that proved to be a big success, raising almost \$1,100 for the church. We were beginning plans for our Pancake Brunch in early April, but the province shutdown forced us to cancel our plans. Nonetheless, thanks go out to the board and community support for all their work in raising \$4,300 with our 3 fundraisers.

As to building, property, and equipment maintenance, the following was accomplished - kitchen clean-up which included declaration of surplus offered to the community, ramp repairs, repairs to dishwasher, lawns mowed by volunteers, flower beds maintained by volunteers. Thanks to Julia Blois and UCW for taking on the kitchen clean-up and thanks also to Anthony for the ramp repairs. In addition, our gratitude goes out to Bob, Anthony, Gordie, Kent, Lloyd, and Heather MacLeod for mowing the lawns over the summer and to Bob and Sandra for their work on the flower beds.

One item currently tabled concern repair of the cracks appearing in the parking lot and that will be addressed again in the spring. With no Presbytery overseeing our church as of 2020, the board proposed a draft governance model based on a Council rather than an Official Board. It was presented to the congregation in January at which time it was suggested that members of the Board of Stewards and Trustees meet with other churches that have adopted a Council approach. The concept has been tabled until sometime in the future when pandemic restrictions are loosened.

Members of Session and BST met regularly over the summer to develop a re-opening plan following the lockdown. The plan was approved by Region 15 and the first day back for services in our church was September 27. The plan allows for 19 attendees plus the

leadership team and appointments are booked through Clerk of Session, Leslie Burrows, in advance of the Sunday service.

A very big thank you goes out to Reg Henderson for his videography services, his posting of services online, and all the additional cleaning during the entire period of the shutdown and re-opening.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Sandeson, Secretary and Kent Loughead, Chair

Hilden Worship Committee

This March when Covid-19 arrived not only did our personal lives change but also the life of our church. In this report I wish to thank those who made the taping of our services a success: readers, Edith-Selwyn-Smith, George Creelman, Ron Patterson, Keith Selwyn-Smith and also Rev. Phillip Kennedy for the music and special thanks to Reg Henderson for taping these services.

Rev. David LeBlanc led the taped church services at Mattatall-Varner funeral home from mid-March until the end of June. At that time, we welcomed our new minister, Rev. Phillip Kennedy, who conducted our taped services from the Old Barns Church until September 27th.

This summer a Covid-19 re-opening committee was formed to prepare a plan for opening our sanctuary, following government restrictions, on September 27th. Those on this committee were: Sylvia Patterson, Sheila Marshall, Diane and George Creelman and Wayne Smith. This committee then met with the Old Barns committee and the two plans were submitted to the Region for approval.

Lastly, I want to thank Edith and Keith Selwyn Smith for singing at Rev. Phillip Kennedy's covenanting service held in Old Barns.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Dickey, Chairperson
October 24, 2020

United Refugee Sponsorship Group

October 31, 2020

The Sponsorship Committee's financial commitment to the Alkhalaf family ended Oct 10. The remaining funds in the URSG account was transferred to the family's own bank account. They had been receiving a monthly allowance, as well as child benefit and have adapted quite well in doing things the Canadian way. The committee is still in place to provide support if needed.

COVID 19 prevented the URSG committee from interacting with the family as much as was needed. It also interrupted Saleh and Marya's English language classes and that made it impossible to obtain permanent employment, due to the language barrier.

Things are looking better though: English language classes have started again; Saleh has a job at Kohlar Windows, starting Nov 2; Saleh was successful in obtaining a drivers licence and purchased a family vehicle.

The three oldest children, Azzam, Azzah and Ola enrolled at Ecole Acadiene this year and are reportedly doing well. An application has been submitted to day care for the youngest, Nabaa.

The Alkhalaf's still have a financial commitment to the Canadian government for their transportation from Jordan to Canada. This \$9,480.56 must be paid in monthly installments of \$98.75, starting Nov 8. If Saleh is able to continue working full time, I am sure the family can handle this. Thank you to the Old Barns UCW for their contribution of \$250.00 towards this.

Submitted by,
George Creelman

CLIFTON PASTORAL CHARGE
2020 STATEMENT OF OPERATING FUND RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
For the Period: Jan. 1 - Oct 15, 2020

Balance - Jan. 1, 2020 \$ 29,116.21

Receipts:

Old Barns allocation	\$ 45,675.00	
Hilden allocation	19,571.75	
Interest on investments	3,375.08	
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	8,255.15	
Donation for web site	368.64	
		<u>77,245.62</u>
		<u>106,361.83</u>

Expenditures:

Minister:		
	Salary	46,618.91
	Travel	2,719.33
	Church pension / ins.	1,540.89
	C.P.P. & E.I.	2,837.19
	Book and cont. ed.	1,276.93
	National allocation	5,368.00
	Supplies	2,374.67
	Telephone and internet	1,784.26
	Moving costs	1,575.00
	HST	971.44
	Secretarial	853.30
	Photocopier	625.00
	Web site	368.64
	Pulpit supply	368.00
	Office rent	300.00
	ADP / bank, service charge	225.70
	Affirm United renewal	100.00
		<u>69,907.26</u>

Balance - Oct. 15, 2020 \$ 36,454.57

Represented by:

Bank - current account	\$ 33,760.56
Bank - savings account (Moving Fund)	<u>2,694.01</u>
	<u>\$ 36,454.57</u>

Mission & Service:

Old Barns	(Incl. UCW 2000.00)	\$ 15,870.00
Hilden	(Incl. UCW 225.00)	<u>2,888.00</u>
Total	(Incl. World Development 2975.00)	<u>\$ 18,758.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Beckie Burrows, Pastoral Charge Treasurer