



# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**APRIL 6, 2019**

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**AGENDA**

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**IN MEMORIAM**

(Former Partners of the Renewal Fellowship)

*Miss Ruth McCurdy, Hanover ON*

*Mr. Gerry Schalk, Lethbridge AB*

*Mrs. Joyce McLean, Vancouver BC*

*Mr. Bruce Heal, Pickering ON*

*Mrs. Hendrika Donkersteeg, Spencerville ON*

*Mrs. Beatrice Firth, Guelph ON*

*Mr. Patrick Taylor, Mississauga ON*

*Mr. Ronald Axford, Kingston ON*

*Mrs. Kathleen Lyons, Lindsay ON*

*Mr. James A. Robertson, Oakville ON*

*Rev. Dr. Brice Martin, Guelph ON*

*Mr. Harold Dawes, Prince George BC*

*Mr. Edward Bell, Toronto ON*

*Rev. Robert Allison, North Vancouver BC*

*Rev. Ken Wheaton, Edmonton AB*

*Mr. Rene Vanderspek, Toronto ON*

*Dr. Tamiko Corbett, Vancouver BC*

*Rev. Dr. Wally Whyte, Scarborough ON*

*Mr. Neil MacOdrum, Forest ON*

**MEMORIAL GIFTS**

*Mr. Jim Tunk, Chatham ON*

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# **MINUTES**

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**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Of The Renewal Fellowship  
Within The Presbyterian Church in Canada**

Saturday, March 3, 2018

The Annual General Meeting of the Renewal Fellowship was held at Cornerstone Church, Kleinburg, Ontario, on March 3, 2018.

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

The meeting was opened by Ian McWhinnie, acting chairperson of the board, who also welcomed those in attendance.

**Appointment of a Secretary**

Ian Shaw moved, seconded by Timothy Ferrier, that Duncan Cameron be the secretary for the meeting.  
Carried

**Regrets**

Regrets were received from James T. Hurd, Calvin and Phyllis Brown, Germaine Lovelace, and Nan St. Louis.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

It was moved by Timothy Ferrier, seconded by Karin Cowan, that the proposed agenda be adopted.  
Carried.

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of April 22, 2017**

Ian Shaw moved, seconded by Timothy Ferrier, that the minutes of the last AGM be adopted. Carried.  
Ian McWhinnie thanked Bill Harrison on behalf of the Fellowship for his work in producing the annual report.

**Report of the Chairperson**

Ian McWhinnie informed the meeting that while Nan St. Louis was not able to be present, she was praying for us as we met. He drew our attention to Nan's report, as well as to his own as acting chairperson over the last few months.

The reports were received for information.

**Report of the Executive Director**

Andy Cornell spoke about the challenges of balancing congregational ministry with his role with the Fellowship. With limited resources there is always lots to do. He drew our attention to the business model of the Steam Whistle Brewery – that they do one thing and strive to do it really well. This could be

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an important model for us as the Board decides how to allocate resources going forward. A few areas likely to receive significant attention would be Andy's blogs and their wider distribution, our prayer focus (centred around the 7:14 campaign and prayer groups), and our presence at General Assembly as deliberate and strategic prayers.

The question was asked whether the blogs represented the official position of the Fellowship. It was noted that Andy's blogs are not vetted by the Board, but that the Board has been comfortable with the direction they have been taking.

Our role within the denomination at this time continues to be a question for prayerful discernment and the Board will be seeking the input of the AGM on this matter.

Ian McWhinnie pointed out Andy's role as a pastor to pastors, continuing the emphasis of Fred Stewart's ministry as ED. Many pastors are struggling in the conflicted and polarized environment we currently find ourselves in as a denomination.

**Other Reports**

Ian McWhinnie drew our attention to the Website Report and the Prayer Calendar Report, and thanks were offered to Robin Ross and Leslie Ruo for their work on the website and to Linda Shaw for her efforts in producing the prayer calendar and calling us to pray. Other reports detailed the efforts of our prayer groups.

**Report of the Treasurer**

Karin Cowan presented the financial statements of the Fellowship and offered thanks to individual and congregation supporters. She noted that the budget being presented contained a deficit – there is little wiggle room in our expenses, and therefore increased support will be crucial.

Karin Cowan moved, seconded by Patrick Taylor, that the financial statements and budget be adopted. Carried.

**Report of the Examiner of our Financial Records**

The report of Christine Gilbert as the examiner of our financial records was received for information.

**Appointment of the Examiner for 2018**

Karin Cowan moved, seconded by Timothy Ferrier, that the Board be given power to issue in the naming of an Examiner for 2018. Carried.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Duncan Cameron presented the report of the Nominating Committee and moved, seconded by Bill Harrison, that the listed nominees be elected to the Board for the terms specified. Carried.

Duncan Cameron moved, seconded by Ian Shaw, that Karin Cowan, whose term on the Board was ending, be appointed a director ex officio for as long as she serves the Fellowship as treasurer. Carried

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Ian McWhinnie indicated that we really need three additional Board members and that suggestions could be given to himself or the Board chairperson. Ideally these people would provide more eastern and western representation.

Thanks were extended to Karin Cowan, Janie Robertson, Ian McWhinnie and Duncan Cameron for their years of service on the Board.

**In Memoriam**

Duncan Cameron led the meeting in acknowledgement of and a prayer of thanks for the friends of the Fellowship who found their rest in the Lord in 2017/18.

**Constitution Committee**

Timothy Ferrier reported that a review of the constitution would be undertaken by a committee appointed for that task, with a report to come to the next AGM.

**Open Discussion**

Small group discussions were held around the question of the Fellowship's role at this time within the PCC. The results were passed along to the Board for consideration.

**Adjournment**

Ian Shaw moved, seconded by Duncan Cameron, that we adjourn. Carried.

Andy Cornell closed the meeting with prayer.

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# **REPORTS**



## REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIR FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

I suspect the wrong time to write an annual report for 2018 is soon after working on the budget for 2019. If you agree, you may wish to skip the next 5 paragraphs for the more typical annual recap. Reviewing our finances was scary and a blow to my ego. In 2017, after 3 decades of indirect participation [Remember 'Take my Wife and let her be...'], I agreed to serve on the Board. Last year, the executive invited me to succeed Nan as Chairperson.

At the time, having served a year on the Board and with 30+ years of fringe involvement, I was aware the road forward went steeply uphill. Our society has little appetite it seems for things denominational. Our denomination was rapidly imploding. Some of our Renewal 'stalwarts' were now more involved in 'Psalty' initiatives. Our Executive Director was only a 40% position. And our adopted budget for 2018 projected a loss of \$14,500.00!

A year later, it appears that little of that steepness has lessened and with respect to things financial, our actual deficit in 2018 was over \$21K. As we prepared a budget for 2019, even with good cost cutting measures in place, we are projecting another large shortfall.

I'm writing before our Board meets in advance of the AGM, so this is the observation of only yours truly, but it appears that I may have come out of the shadows, only to preside over the conclusion of a great and valuable ministry. Even though I quoted Peter Bush's title, In dying We are Born in a recent newsletter article and while I am thoroughly an Easter person, I find the possible demise hard to embrace.

Most of that difficulty is personal. The thought of being the last Board Chair grates my inner 'winning bent.' It feels like losing. As well, I have been enriched and sustained through my whole ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Fellowship. It would be like the death of a companion. On a less personal, though biased note, I believe the ministry of the Fellowship has also been a boon to The PCC. We have punched above our weight class since the mid-eighties.

If our time is drawing to a completion, so be it. God remains. Leaders and organizations are not eternal, God is. However until such decisions are made, I will continue to endeavour to be the most effective Chairperson I can be and to do all I am able to do to lead us and The Presbyterian Church in Canada to authentic Biblical thinking, powerful Spirit-led prayer and effective Gospel witness.

Now I turn to the more typical part of an annual report. This has been noted in others places, but let me express again our gratitude to Bill Harrison and Karin Cowan. Both had indicated their desire to 'retire,' but when successors were not found, each agreed to continue. [Loud applause please]. I believe God has rewarded their perseverance. On January 1 we were delighted to welcome Kyoungsoo Hwang as our Administrative Assistant to succeed Bill. At the same time, one of our Board members, Dr. Stan Cox, responded to the Spirit's nudge [maybe push] and offered to assume the duties of Treasurer.

For over a year prior to those changes the Board had been reviewing the role and responsibilities of both positions. Last April a position description for the Administrative Assistant was adopted by the Board and guidelines for the Treasurer were also put in place.

During this same time period, we undertook a review of our Constitution and last July agreed in principle to a substantive number of amendments. These were further reviewed in September and December and will be before the AGM in 2019 for adoption. Some of the proposed changes seek to incorporate 'wont and usage,' practices that have emerged over time. Others are efforts to define our theological emphases in light of our contemporary mission.

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Andy Cornell continues to connect with The PCC on our behalf. We were delighted to encourage him to journey to B.C. to be in a face to face situation far from the Golden Horseshoe. As Fred did before him, Andy found a hunger among us for someone to support our pastors and more remote ministries. If funds can be found, we would hope to make a similar venture in another non-Ontario location in the foreseeable future.

A praying presence at the General Assembly has been an important ministry for many years. It has not always been easy or well-received by every commissioner. In these testy times, we were even mentioned during debate last June. [Though I'm not sure if Barnum was correct - there may be such a thing as bad publicity.] Our goal is to continue to be there in prayer in 2019. Ask that God would open the doors needed for that to happen. And we are determined to be fervent in passion, but circumspect in language.

Robin notes in his report our concerted efforts to make our web site as accessible as possible and as relevant and helpful as it can be. We are getting many 'hits' on a daily basis and are attempting to add features that will be usable for people and congregations desiring renewal. Given all the restraints of limited resources this does seem to be an effective avenue by which we can pursue our mission.

The partnership of the Board and Staff during the challenges and transitions of this past year are greatly appreciated. We have been and will continue to be a 'grass roots' organization, dependent on God's call to various volunteers to share themselves and their gifts in the task of renewal within The PCC. Andy is ever ready to listen and assist, as am I and the other Board members.

I'm excited about the year past and I look forward to sharing more good news a year from now, Deo Volente.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ian Shaw  
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**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2019**

We are pleased to present the following individuals to be named to the Board of the Fellowship: Don Bartlett, John Park, Stan Cox, Don MacMillan, all of whom are continuing, and Jillian McWhinnie, who will be starting her first term on the Board. With these confirmations the following will be the composition of the Board.

Till 2020: Ian Shaw ['17], Timothy Ferrier ['17], Bill Harrison ['17], Jillian McWhinnie ['19]

Till 2021: Pye Chew ['18], Diane Eaton ['18], Leslie Ruo ['15], Germaine Lovelace ['15]

Till 2022: Don Bartlett ['18], John Park ['18], Stan Cox ['17], Don MacMillan ['17]

The date in [brackets] indicates the year the person first came on the Board. An initial term is normally for three years, with the possibility of one second three-year term. We thank Nan St Louis who is completing five years on the Board.

The Board Executive will be:

Chairperson                      Ian Shaw

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Vice-Chairperson	Don Bartlett
Secretary	Pye Chew
Treasurer	Stan Cox
Executive Director	Andy Cornell

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT FOR 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

Five words I uttered in the spring of 2017 continue to haunt me, but in a good way. “These are not normal times,” I told the four gracious people from Renewal Fellowship who interviewed me for this job. The haunting, more of a holy nudge, is a reminder that we are about to enter uncharted territory, as a fellowship and as a denomination. Ever since the Committee of Former Moderators was charged by General Assembly last June “to propose a way ahead that allows the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to continue,” we have been in a holding pattern. The image is of a ship anchored just offshore, unable to proceed because the destination is unknown. We gently bob on relatively calm waters, going about our business as normally as we can and disembarking on occasion to do business ashore. We can sit in this mooring for a long, long time. We can tell ourselves to be patient. But there is the knowledge that we cannot remain here permanently. At some point, we will need to go in a new direction, take in some new scenery and ports of call and hopefully arrive at our new destination safely. And with stories to tell.

This is where we’re at in the eight months following GA. We continue to proclaim that the only rational way forward for the PCC is to adhere to unchanging Biblical truth and to submit to Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. That truth is embodied in our new mission statement, carefully crafted last July after months of prayer and discussion: “To lead each other and The Presbyterian Church in Canada to authentic Biblical thinking, powerful Spirit-led prayer and effective Gospel witness.” It’s a mission that I love. I proclaim it at every opportunity.

We proclaim the truth in a loving way, downplaying our theological differences and avoiding a war of words simply because now is not the time.

The first half of 2018, of course, was a different story. The ship was moving – slowly, to be sure – but it was advancing. In partnership with our theological cousins Presbyterians Standing for Apostolic Love and Truth (PSALT) we were focused on planning for our two-day conference, Thriving in Babylon. It was a bold and loud statement that the church which adheres to classical orthodoxy is thriving in a dark world. And we had speakers who proclaimed that truth and provided great encouragement.

In mid March, we received word that the Committee on Church Doctrine was going to recommend that the church uphold its classical position on marriage – a theological victory. Talk about putting wind in our sails. We were buoyed. But we were also cautious, because the committee was hardly united. And there was the Life and Mission Agency, which would likely have a different point of view. The stage was set for an actual vote on a recommendation that could set the course of the PCC for some time.

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We got to work with a pre-Assembly prayer campaign – which included daily prayer for each commissioner by name – and a strategy to place prayer warriors on the floor to pray actively during proceedings as inspired by the language used in Ephesians 6. The latter move was met with vocal opposition during the assembly by one commissioner who declared that “this assembly has been made a dangerous space for LGBTQ people . . . Renewal Fellowship boasted in their newsletter that they and members of PSALT would be using prayer warriors stationed around the room as a line of attack. . . . It is a bullying position that intimidates and misuses prayer as a weapon against fellow Presbyterians.” His accusation – which was allowed to stand unchallenged – reflected a misunderstanding of what we were doing: praying for commissioners to vote in accordance with God’s will. In retrospect, it was an eyeopener and a reminder that we need to choose our words with great care, lest they be misunderstood.

Did our prayer campaign achieve anything? God only knows. Assembly did not have an opportunity to vote – referendum style – on the issue of LGBTQ rights, which I was cautiously optimistic would uphold the status quo. Would the vote have resulted in an ugly battle no matter what the outcome? Was it divine intervention that prompted the motion by Rev. Andrew Allison to strike the committee of former moderators – a motion that passed by a healthy majority?

So yes, 2018 was a different sort of year. Will 2019 be bisected by whatever happens at GA? Time will tell.

Here’s a glimpse back at 2018, by the numbers.

**Blogs:** I penned a total of 14. I was never comfortable as an opinion writer as a journalist, so I was honestly surprised at how well they were received by readers and supporters. I write these as the Holy Spirit directs.

**Newsletter:** It graduated to 8 pages. My vision is to gradually transform this quarterly publication into a collection of insightful essays – similar to the former Channels magazine – but still include news and updates. The high cost of publishing and mailing may mean few printed copies and an eventual online “zine.”

**On the road:** I delivered a total of 7 Sunday messages to RF-friendly congregations (First Trail BC, St. Columba Parksville BC, St. Paul’s Nobleton Ont., Grace West Hill Ont., Knox Meaford Ont., New St. Andrew’s Dover Ont. St. Andrew’s Wingham Ont.) 1 midweek presentation to the Maitland WMS Presbyterial, 1 presentation to elders at Victoria BC Chinese Presbyterian Church, 1 presentation and healthy Q&A to a Saturday morning breakfast at Grace West Hill and 1 discussion with a small group in the home of Rev. Ken & Irene Oakes in Ladysmith, BC. Speaking of West Coast, my 10-day road trip there in May was an attempt to plant seeds and encourage supporters who are often neglected by our Ontario-centric denomination. Hospitality on that excursion meant that I only had to purchase a handful of meals myself. Most nights were spent in Presbyterian homes. (A full account of my adventure can be found in the Summer 2018 issue of Renewal News.)

**Mission mindset?** I find it noteworthy that 2 of my Sunday appearances so far have been on Mission Sundays. We were invited specifically to share our mission statement. I truly see RF as a mission to our own denomination.

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**Website:** A full report can be found by our webmaster elsewhere in this report. I am impressed by the fact that we get an average of 1,675 visits per month. And here's something very cool: a 1997 article by Eugene Peterson which first appeared in *Channels*, was accessed more than 1,300 times from August-December 2018 – likely all through Google searches. All the more reason to cultivate and publish a new generation of writers and thinkers (see newsletter, above).

**Prayer:** The RF board gathered online 3 times for one hour of prayer. It's the start of what I hope will take place on the first Saturday of every month at 9 a.m. eastern. Prayer is essential, as any believer knows. We publish a widely-read daily prayer calendar. But I don't think we fully grasp its power. Faithful prayer groups gather here and there, but we could do so much more. I am convinced that our Spirited early-morning prayer at GA was powerful and effective. But the best is yet to come. May that be my earnest prayer for The Renewal Fellowship as we discern God's purpose for us in this time and place.

Peace of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Cornell, Executive Director  
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## **RENEWAL FELLOWSHIP WEBSITE REPORT FOR 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

The continuing purpose of the Renewal Fellowship website is to advance the cause of God and the Renewal Fellowship as efficiently and effectively as possible. Our gratitude goes to The Presbyterian Church in Canada, which graciously continues to host our website at no cost to us. We are grateful to James Laursen, the Web Coordinator at Church Offices in Toronto, Ontario, who continues to be very responsive to any of our needs.

Andy Cornell has been very involved in the appearance of our online presence. He and Leslie Ruo had chosen a new format for the website in August of 2017. In August of 2018, a major redesign involved showing only excerpts (teasers) for the posts shown on the home page, rather than the complete posts. However, in January of this year, Andy asked Leslie to come up with a new theme that would move the navigation menu to the left instead of the top and use the image of 2 Chronicles 7:14, which had been taking up most of the home page, as a background image instead. Spurred on by the new format, to make our content more accessible, I developed an index page of articles that had appeared in our *Channels* magazine from 1996 (when our website first began) until it ceased publication in 2006, and an index page of archived articles from 2008 to 2016, the end of Fred Stewart's term as Executive Director. Far and away the most visited article on the site is *Generosity: David at the Brook Besor (1 Samuel 30)* by Eugene Peterson, published on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1997. Interestingly, with a Google search for "Brook Besor", the Renewal Fellowship article is the very first one listed!

Throughout his time as Executive Director, Andy has been very active in writing new material for the website, which has also been sent out by e-mail. At the end of February this year, he had written 23 *Andy's Blog*. Since October of 2017, he has also produced 6 issues of Renewal News that, for the first

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time, were posted in PDF format and then advertised by an email teaser.

Although our membership prefers to register for our Renewal Days by cash or cheque, 13 people did use Eventbrite for the March 3<sup>rd</sup> event last year. However, all but 10 of the 132 registrants at the *Thriving in Babylon* conference in May registered online using Eventbrite, and I served as Registrar for that event.

During the year, publicity was given to the fact that online donations carry fees, and that our preferred method of support is by pre-authorized remittance (PAR). Consequently, our online donations (11) and membership renewals (20) were down this year to a total of \$2,745 from last year's figures of 33, 24, and \$5,300 respectively.

Coincidental with the solution to showing excerpts on the home page was the resumption of traffic counting on the website. The gathered statistics show that for the 5 months from August until December, we had 8374 site visits, an average of 56 per day and 1675 per month, which extrapolates to 20,100 per year.

During the fall, the Board spearheaded a campaign to encourage our members to reduce our postal mailing costs by receiving emails only. Using records in the RF office, we added 235 active email addresses to our list of online subscriptions. At the end of 2018, our emailing list stood at 841, over 629 at the end of 2017. During this process, we were also able to delete 80 obsolete emails from the office records. It is amazing how many people change their email address!

Our prayer ministry was undergirded by circulating our Prayer Chain requests by e-mail, under the greatly appreciated editorship of Linda Shaw, of Simcoe, Ontario, as reported elsewhere.

I consider it a great privilege to be involved in the Internet presence of the Renewal Fellowship. I am always open to considering new ideas for ways to use technology to advance the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Webmaster, Mission, British Columbia

## **REPORT OF THE PRAYER CO-ORDINATOR FOR 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

During 2018, approximately 450 households received a printed version of the Prayer Calendar quarterly and approximately 500 churches received multiple copies. During the fall, a campaign to encourage members to reduce our postal mailing costs meant that our active email versions of the Prayer Calendar increased to 395 monthly, 86 weekly and 360 daily for a total of 841 receiving the prayer requests by email.

I appreciate the prayer submissions I received from coast-to-coast in 2018. We are a national church. I believe it is important that prayers for specific needs for congregations and presbyteries are included;

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and for that to happen, I need members of the Renewal Fellowship from across Canada to send me prayer requests. The requests need to be short, specific and dated, if possible. That would make my job easier! If needs arise after the prayer calendar is printed, it is still possible to have them included in the email version of the prayer calendar thanks to the faithful and quick work of webmaster Robin Ross. Please look at your church calendars and send your prayer requests to me; and more importantly, PRAY morning and night for our church. Pray that God would give our leaders and our people great wisdom in these days. Pray that we will love God and love people. Pray that we will have eyes to see how the Lord wants us to serve our communities and our world in 2019.

The best way to send prayer requests to me is by email, but they can also be sent by regular mail to the national Renewal Fellowship office. To ensure your prayer submissions are included in the quarterly printed Prayer Calendar, they should be sent at least 3 ½ weeks prior to publication.

Special thanks to my husband, Ian, for his assistance in preparing the calendar; to Bill Harrison (Hamilton ON) for help in sending out the printed versions of the Prayer Calendar; to Robin Ross who posts the Prayer Calendar by email. Special thanks to Terry Folster (Saskatoon SK) for posting our prayers on the Renewal Fellowship Facebook page for 5 years. Terry retired in September 2018.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON RENEWAL PRAYER NETWORK**  
**FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

A prayer group open to and for all the pastors in the Presbytery of Hamilton has been going since 2011. Although first initiated by then-RF Executive Director Calvin Brown, the prayer time quickly became simply a presbytery gathering. For 7 years it was hosted at Knox, Waterdown. At the beginning of January 2018, the Prayer Network moved to Cheyne, Stoney Creek. With the move, the leadership of this group now consists of Cheyne's minister Steve Lindsay (currently moderator of Hamilton presbytery) and myself, Cheyne representative elder.

It has been a time of great change since the AGM of March 2018. Throughout 2018 and even into early 2019, the location, date, and composition of the monthly prayer time has changed.

Location: Recognizing the preference of many to remain close to home, in November the decision was made to seek invitations from the various pastoral charges throughout presbytery to host this prayer time. This initiative has been well-received and has been promoted by personal contact, presbytery clerk email announcements, and invitations extended at presbytery meetings.

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Date: We have found it a good policy to schedule the prayer gatherings outside of the second week of the month when presbytery normally meets. The third Thursday has worked well for many years, but in 2018 we found that a number of ministers were already scheduled that day for other prayer meetings – what a delightful discovery that was! Therefore, we have now chosen the first Thursday for our time together. Further, we have shifted the time from 10:30-12:00 to 12:30-2:00, now encouraging a bag-lunch prayer meeting utilizing just the middle portion of the day.

Composition: Also, in 2018 we determined that our time together should really be together – inviting all presbyters to participate, not just the ministers. This change has energized our fellowship as we have welcomed new participants. Through 2018 we had an average of 3 pastors joining together each month apart from July and August, and an increasing number leading into the early part of 2019 as our changes took place.

Purpose: We have experienced prayer, encouragement, and accountability as we have committed ourselves to one another. The focus has been on listening to one another in our personal lives and ministry and then offering each other up to the Lord. A Bible continues in the centre of our time of prayer, ready to be opened, read and listened to. We have waited on God. We have held each other up to the Lord’s care and for the gift of his strength. Each time we have left encouraged, with a deeper bond of friendship in Christ.

It would be a source of real encouragement in the PCC to see an expansion of, and increased participation in, ‘powerful Spirit-led prayer’ in each presbytery across Canada. I have found timely direction from posts that several friends have made recently consisting of quotes from Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s excellent book, *Life Together: The Classic Exploration of Christian Community*.

“A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another, or it collapses.” ..... “To make intercession means to grant our brother the same right that we have received, namely, to stand before Christ and share in his mercy.”

Respectively submitted,  
Bill Harrison, Board member  
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## HISTORY OF MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION -- 2004 TO 2018

AREA	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
MARITIMES	84	71	74	70	59	66	51	46	45	43	43	43	37	38	37
QUEBEC	22	21	18	13	13	13	12	10	9	10	10	10	8	8	8
ONTARIO	691	574	580	550	484	487	423	437	415	410	419	419	377	380	387
PRAIRIES	69	49	50	51	45	46	37	38	34	36	36	36	28	26	24
B.C.	154	126	128	122	98	100	87	81	84	82	82	82	73	67	70
FOREIGN	1	3	6	6	2	2	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1021</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>583</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>591</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>527</b>

## MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS - LAY AND CLERGY

AREA	TOTAL LAY MEMBERS		TOTAL CLERGY MEMBERS		GRAND TOTAL MEMBERS				
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018			
MARITIMES	26	25	-1	12	12	0	38	37	-1
QUEBEC	6	7	1	2	1	-1	8	8	0
ONTARIO	313	315	2	67	72	5	380	387	7
PRAIRIES	21	19	-2	5	5	0	26	24	-2
B.C.	55	57	2	12	13	1	67	70	3
FOREIGN	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>520</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>7</b>

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**YEAR END STATEMENT OF FIANNCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	<u>31 Dec 18</u>	<u>31 Dec 17</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
CIBC Current Account	\$ 18,297.26	\$ 42,353.20	\$ (24,055.94)
HST Receivable	8,099.75	6,189.13	1,910.62
Total Other Current Assets	<u>\$ 26,397.01</u>	<u>\$ 48,542.33</u>	<u>\$ (22,145.32)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>\$ 26,397.01</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 48,542.33</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (22,145.32)</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable	\$ 237.00	\$ 84.60	\$ 152.40
EI Payable	-	195.60	(195.60)
Income Tax Payable	(12.30)	900.00	(912.30)
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 224.70</u>	<u>\$ 1,180.20</u>	<u>\$ (955.50)</u>
<b>Equity</b>			
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 60,555.46	\$ 63,509.77	\$ (2,954.31)
General Fund	(16,318.09)	(16,318.09)	-
Road Trip Fund	647.88	647.88	-
Scholarship Fund	2,476.88	2,476.88	-
Net Income	<u>(21,189.82)</u>	<u>(2,954.31)</u>	<u>(18,235.51)</u>
Total Equity	<u>\$ 26,172.31</u>	<u>\$ 47,362.13</u>	<u>\$ (21,189.82)</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><b>\$ 26,397.01</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 48,542.33</b></u>	<u><b>\$ (22,145.32)</b></u>

*I have reviewed the financial information presented and believe it to be reasonable.*

*Christine Willett*  
February 9, 2019

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**YEAR END STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	<u>Jan - Dec 18</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 17</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Office Space Donation	\$ 2,499.00	\$ 2,499.00	\$ -
Gifts Individuals	33,749.92	33,897.81	(147.89)
Bequests	5,140.42	-	5,140.42
Gifts Congregations	9,235.00	11,374.00	(2,139.00)
Honoraria	2,102.80	-	2,102.80
Other Gifts	5,000.00	5,000.00	-
Membership Congregation	900.00	800.00	100.00
Membership Individual	1,920.00	2,205.00	(285.00)
AGM Renewal Days	1,425.00	2,921.00	(1,496.00)
PSALT/RF Conference	8,292.30	-	8,292.30
Miscellaneous Income	85.00	148.90	(63.90)
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$ 70,349.44</u>	<u>\$ 58,845.71</u>	<u>\$ 11,503.73</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
55020 · Executive Director Stipend	\$ 34,291.98	\$ 14,599.98	\$ 19,692.00
55021 · Executive Director Health Dent.	1,869.28	932.68	936.60
55100 · Administrator Salary	12,000.00	12,000.00	-
55120 · E.I. Expense	1,075.80	661.74	414.06
55130 · CPP Expense	1,524.18	754.86	769.32
55160 · E.D. Pension & PCIC Expense	3,453.12	1,587.90	1,865.22
55165 · Housing Allowance	-	2,400.00	(2,400.00)
55175 · Study Leave	517.00	540.00	(23.00)
55200 · Rent	2,500.00	2,500.00	-
55290 · Office Supplies	2,663.23	1,419.30	1,243.93
55300 · Postage for Mailings	3,504.40	4,033.97	(529.57)
55320 · Printing Mailings	6,159.60	3,698.49	2,461.11
55400 · Telephone	1,183.82	1,139.79	44.03
55420 · Board Travel Mileage	1,310.14	4,713.11	(3,402.97)
55425 · Board Travel Other	387.07	1,362.22	(975.15)
55430 · Executive Director Mileage	4,705.36	930.39	3,774.97
55436 · ED Travel General Assembly	317.50	-	317.50
55440 · Administrator Mileage	440.71	1,597.25	(1,156.54)
55450 · Pulpit Supply & Mileage	1,110.13	357.90	752.23
55455 · PCC General Assembly	-	572.00	(572.00)
55698 · PSALT/RF Conference	8,096.46	-	8,096.46
55699 · AGM & Renewal Expenses	3,079.42	4,166.31	(1,086.89)
55700 · Gifts Expenses	250.00	450.97	(200.97)
55785 · Bank Charges	480.47	319.12	161.35
55786 · OnLine Charges	357.69	523.65	(165.96)
62140 · Legal Fees	-	80.00	(80.00)
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	261.90	275.00	(13.10)
65030 · Printing and Copying	-	183.39	(183.39)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>\$ 91,539.26</u>	<u>\$ 61,800.02</u>	<u>\$ 29,739.24</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>\$ (21,189.82)</u>	<u>\$ (2,954.31)</u>	<u>\$ (18,235.51)</u>

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2019 Budget**

	Jan - Dec 2019 Budget	Jan - Dec 2018 Actual	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Income</b>				
· Office Space Donation	\$2,499.00	\$2,499.00	0.00	0.00%
44020 · Gifts Individuals	34,000.00	33,749.92	250.08	0.74%
44027 · Bequests	0.00	5,140.42	(5140.42)	-100.00%
44040 · Gifts Congregations	10,000.00	9,235.00	765.00	7.65%
44050 · Honoraria	1,500.00	2,102.80	(602.80)	-40.19%
44055 · Other Gifts	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.00%
44070 · Congregation	1,000.00	900.00	100.00	10.00%
44080 · Membership Individual	2,000.00	1,920.00	80.00	4.00%
44285 · AGM Renewal Days	2,000.00	1,425.00	575.00	28.75%
44286 · PSALT/RF Conference	0.00	8,292.30	(8292.30)	-100.00%
44550 · Miscellaneous Income	75.00	85.00	(10.00)	-13.33%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$58,074.00</b>	<b>\$70,349.44</b>	<b>(\$12,275.44)</b>	<b>-21.14%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
55020 · Executive Director Stipend	\$29,784.00	\$29,491.98	\$292.02	0.98%
55021 · Executive Director Health Dent.	1,906.84	1,869.28	37.56	1.97%
55100 · Administrator Salary	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00	0.00%
55120 · E.I. & CPP Expense	3,331.64	2,599.98	731.66	21.96%
55160 · E.D. Pension & PCIC Expense	2,000.00	3,453.12	(1,453.12)	-72.66%
55165 · Housing Allowance	4,800.00	4,800.00	0.00	0.00%
55175 · Study Leave	600.00	517.00	83.00	13.83%
55200 · Rent	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00%
55290 · Office Supplies	2,500.00	2,663.23	(163.23)	-6.53%
55300 · Postage for Mailings	3,000.00	3,504.40	(504.40)	-16.81%
55320 · Printing Mailings	5,500.00	6,159.60	(659.60)	-11.99%
55400 · Telephone	120.00	1,183.82	(1,063.82)	-886.52%
55420 · Board Travel Mileage	1,700.00	1,310.14	389.86	22.93%
55425 · Board Travel Other	500.00	387.07	112.93	22.59%
55430 · Executive Director Mileage	2,000.00	4,705.36	(2,705.36)	-135.27%
55436 · ED Travel General Assembly	400.00	317.50	82.50	20.63%
55440 · Administrator Mileage	450.00	440.71	9.29	2.06%
55450 · Pulpit Supply & Mileage	1,000.00	1,110.13	(110.13)	-11.01%
55455 · PCC General Assembly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
55698 · PSALT/RF Conference	0.00	8,096.46	(8,096.46)	-100.00%
55699 · AGM & Renewal Expenses	3,000.00	3,079.42	(79.42)	-2.65%
55700 · Gifts Expenses	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00%
55785 · Bank Charges	500.00	480.47	19.53	3.91%
55786 · OnLine Charges	360.00	357.69	2.31	0.64%
62140 · Legal Fees	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
65010 · Books, Subscriptions, Reference	275.00	261.90	13.10	4.76%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$78,477.48</b>	<b>\$91,539.26</b>	<b>(\$13,061.78)</b>	<b>-16.64%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(\$20,403.48)</b>	<b>(\$21,189.82)</b>	<b>\$786.34</b>	<b>-3.85%</b>

**Renewal Day Program**  
*A Day of Renewal*

- 9:30 – Registration, refreshments
- 10:00 – Worship and prayer
- 10:15 – Rev. Ian Shaw – “Authentic Biblical Thinking”
- 10:45 – Break
- 11:00 – Rev. Andy Cornell – “Powerful Spirit-Led Prayer”
- 11:30 – Small-group discussion
- 12:00 – Greetings from the Moderator, Rev. Daniel Cho
- 12:30 – Lunch
- 1:15 – Worship and Offering
- 1:30 – Rev. John Park – “Effective Gospel Witness”
- 2:00 – Small group discussion
- 2:30 – AGM
- 3:45 – Final thoughts
- 4:00 – Dismissal