



# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**APRIL 17, 2021**

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## Renewal Day Program

### *Navigating Through the Storm* (via Zoom)

Newfoundland 1:30 p.m.; Atlantic 1 p.m.; Eastern 12 noon  
Central 11 a.m.; Mountain 10 a.m.; Pacific 9 a.m.

Worship and Prayer (25 min)

Opening Remarks (5 min)

Rev. Dr. Greg Brawn (60 min)

Breakout Discussion Groups (30 min)

Group Sharing (30 min)

Closing Prayer & Benediction (5 min)

Annual General Meeting (60 min)

Closing Song, Benediction & Dismissal

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**AGENDA**

1. Welcome, process details, opening prayer.  
*"That Debbie Kallender-Stimphil be the secretary for the Annual General Meeting."* Bartlett/ Charlton
2. a) Regrets  
b) *"That the decision to hold the 2021 A.G.M. virtually be homologated."* Bartlett/ Stimphil  
c) *"The Agenda be adopted as presented"* Bartlett/ Stimphil  
d) *"That all reports without motions be received for information."* Bartlett/ Stimphil
3. Adoption of Minutes  
*"That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, April 25, 2020 be adopted as presented".*  
Bartlett/ Stimphil
4. Report of the Chairperson
5. Report of the Executive Director
6. Report of the Treasurer  
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures 2020  
Examiner's Report  
Proposed Budget 2021  
*"That the budget for 2021 be adopted as presented."* Bartlett/ Stimphil  
*"That the Board be given power to issue in appointing a Financial Examiner for 2021."* Bartlett/ Stimphil
7. Nominating Committee Report  
*"That the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted as presented and the Board be given power to issue to fill any remaining vacancies."* Bartlett/ Stimphil
8. In Memoriam
9. Other Business
10. Adjournment and Closing worship

**IN MEMORIAM**

**(Former Partners of the Renewal Fellowship)**

***Mrs. Margaret G. Hill, Nepean, ON***

***Mr. Glenn Mount, Huntsville, ON***

***Rev. Dr. Hans Kouwenberg, Abbotsford, BC***

***Rev. Iris Ford, Parksville, BC***

***Mr. Norman MacLeod, ON***

***Mrs. Evelyn Bailey, Simcoe, ON***

***Mr. William Chesney, Innerkip, ON***

***Rev. Dr. Stan Cox, Waterford, 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, April 25, 2020

The Annual General Meeting of the Renewal Fellowship was conducted online via Zoom. The attendance was approximately 86 (logged in to the meeting).

1. The meeting was opened at 2:30 PM EDT by Ian Shaw, Chair of the Board. I. Shaw provided opening greetings and outlined the process and details for the meeting. The meeting was opened in prayer.
2. Appointment of Secretary. Motion: "That Leslie Ruo act as secretary for the Annual General Meeting." (Bartlett/Cox) carried.
3. Regrets - George Anderson
4. Motions
  - a) "That the decision of the Board to hold the 2020 AGM on-line be homologated." (Bartlett/Ruo) carried
  - b) Adoption of Agenda. "That the Agenda be adopted as presented." (Bartlett/Ruo) carried
  - c) Reports: "That all reports without motions be received for information." (Bartlett/Ruo) carried
5. Adoption of Minutes, April 6, 2019. "That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting on April 6, 2019 be adopted as presented." (Bartlett/Ruo) carried
6. Report of the Chairperson. I. Shaw thanked B. Harrison and T. Ferrier who completed their terms on the board. Appreciation was also expressed for R. Ross (web master) and L. Shaw prayer coordinator. The faithful support of K. Hwang and A. Cornell to the Board was also noted. Finally, despite progress on managing expenses and income, the Fellowship ended up with a deficit in 2019 and these challenges are acknowledged for 2020. D. Bartlett chaired the discussion of the Report of the Chairperson. No discussion was received.
7. I. Shaw resumed chairing the meeting. Report of the Executive Director. A. Cornell appreciated the board's support for his juggling of various duties. He noted that leadership is often defusing dangerous situations. The unexpected is now quite normal. How do we respond to this and play a leadership role.
8. Report of the Treasurer. S. Cox, Treasurer, reiterated the reduction of the deficit in 2019 which ameliorated the slightly reduced income in 2019. S. Cox and I. Shaw responded to questions. Details of expense reductions were given. S. Cox applied for the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy. Members were encouraged to become PAR donors to save expenses.
9. Motion: That the 2019 Examiner's report be sent to all members by email when completed (Cox/Bartlett). Carried. The examiner's report will also be posted on the website and included with the mailing in June.
10. Approval of proposed budget. Motion: "That the budget for 2020 be adopted as presented." (Cox/Ruo) carried
11. Appointment of Financial Examiner. Motion: "That the Board be given power to issue in appointing Christine Gilbert as Financial Examiner for 2020." (Cox/Ruo) carried.

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12. The Nominating Committee Report was presented by Don Bartlett. New board members have yet to be appointed at this time. Motion: "That the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted as presented and the Board be given power to issue to fill any remaining vacancies." (Bartlett/Ruo) carried
13. In Memoriam. Ian Shaw led the meeting in acknowledgement and a prayer of thanks for the friends of the Fellowship who found their rest in the Lord in 2019.
14. Comments on Reports. Webmaster R Ross appreciated A. Cornell's blog posts and the remit voting updates on the website. Listing of congregations webcasting Sunday services also proved useful. J. Hurd notes that the Channels articles are now available on the website and Channels was the inspiration and hard work of Dal Schindell. J. Hurd thanked R Ross for maintaining the website for information and communication in lieu of the print publication. N. St. Louis also thanked R. Ross, A. Cornell and L. Shaw for their service.
15. Prayer Requests. L Shaw gave thanks for prayer requests from across Canada. D. Macleod noted the responsiveness of the prayer requests to the tragedy in Nova Scotia.
16. Comment from Makram Barsoum, I believe one question we ought to ask ourselves, even if no answer is given by the panellists, are we trying to keep and protect PCC name & unity or are we standing firm to the true interpretation of the scripture and God's order of creation of marriage, is to be only between a man and a women. I. Shaw responded that the Fellowship has been responding with our vision statement through authentic biblical thinking, prayer and witnessing. Comments in the chat focused on our allegiance to Jesus Christ. P. Bush notes that there will be people left in the PCC who are committed to Jesus and he will stay in the PCC to support those people. M. Barsoum encouraged everyone to take the time we have now to take this question to God in our prayer time. D. Cameron reiterated M. Barsoum's call to prayer on this matter and noted that we need to honour everyone regardless of whether we stay or leave the PCC.
17. Motion during other business: "That the Board be empowered to hold future AGMs online." (Bartlett/Ruo). Carried.
18. Adjournment. Motion: "That the Annual General Meeting be adjourned." (D. Spencer/ J. Hurd)
19. D. Bartlett closed the AGM meeting with prayer.
20. Closing Worship with Gus and Jess from Grace West Hill, Presbyterian Church. Be Thou My Vision.
21. A. Cornell closed the meeting with prayer.

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# **REPORTS**



## **REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIR FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

Most downsides of a global pandemic are easy to name and devastating to experience. The upsides are more challenging – both to articulate and to celebrate (gratitude in the face of great loss seems callous). However, we have learned and experienced much that is good in the last 13 months.

In a country spread across five and half time zones, planning to meet virtually as the dominant pattern has now been etched far more deeply into our mindset. Last year's AGM was an example that demonstrates the benefits of this new 'normal' [and the convenience of avoiding GTHA traffic is an incredible boon; not to mention only having to dress up one's upper half!].

I suspect many congregations have also invested in internet worship and will integrate that option as part of all future ministry. Our communities of faith are generally ageing, but newer seniors are more technologically savvy and this addition to how we do important things should prove to be an ongoing, though unplanned blessing. Similarly, within our denomination, the pandemic has been a mixed experience. The cancellation of the 2020 General Assembly has given us unexpected months to hear each other and the Holy Spirit. Time outs can lead to positive resolutions. They can also just give more space for hurts to fester.

I am glad for the extra time the pandemic afforded us as a denomination to attend to the voice of the Spirit. Some tremendous prayer initiatives have begun in this past year. What a blessing! Like planted seed hidden in the soil, I do not yet detect much change [germination, shooting, ripening], but I remain convinced the effects of such faithful intercession will emerge in amazingly fruitful ways. The Board stays committed to 'powerful Spirit-led prayer' as an integral part of our vision.

I also rejoice in the number of diverse gatherings and workshops that have occurred during this 'down time'. The scriptural sharing and the leadership have been stellar. Over and over, we have been challenged to model truth and grace as followers of Jesus. Repeatedly, we have had opportunity to encourage beleaguered sisters and brothers [we just couldn't seal our support with a hug]. Again, the Board's vision to pursue 'authentic Biblical thinking' has been confirmed.

Unfortunately, it appears some within the denomination have used this time of uncertainty to circumvent or bend our polity and procedures to act in ways that are disrespectful and divisive. Our times of prayer and gatherings of encouragement and reflection have enabled many to speak truth to power and abuses of power with humbleness and courage. What excellent training for faithful witness in a world that seems determined to fracture and destroy itself along various fault lines of pride, race, ethnicity, economics, beliefs, culture, and other forms of tribalism and self-conceit. More and more the Board is convinced of the import of our vision's emphasis on 'effective gospel witness'.

Prior to the emergence of COVID-19, we had decided to increase our use of internet technology as a major means of carrying out our ministry. 2020 accelerated our efforts and deepened our resolve to emphasize the virtual world as an effective way to connect and interact. Doubtless road trips and congregational visits will happen once restrictions have disappeared, but Renewal Cafes, online workshops and congregational resources for renewal posted on the website will more and more be our main portal for ministry.

As well, we are pondering how best to 'deploy' our Executive Director in these changing circumstances. We are convinced two mainstays of Andy's activity are support to leaders within our congregations and promoting powerful, Spirit-led prayer. We hope many will avail themselves of our small group gathering times [Cafes] and work with Andy to establish regular prayer gatherings in their area [virtual or in person].

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Again, like most, we too have been struggling with the drift from our understanding of authentic Biblical thinking among many in our denomination. In the midst of the pain and sadness such heterodoxy evokes, we have wrestled with our identity and mission. We continue to believe God has called us to labour within the P.C.C. seeking renewal and to promote boldly the live-giving, life-changing, life-sustaining gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Rarely, has such a mission been easy. It may become even more difficult. Nonetheless this is the path toward which we sense God is still directing the Fellowship. We request your prayers as we determine how best to use the resources of time, energy and money at our disposal.

Regarding finances, our year was another example of upsides and downsides. On the downside overall contributions from supporters – individuals and congregations were reduced. On the upside, a major bequest [Margaret Hill] and pandemic support programs provided some significant benefits. While death and taxes are two of life's certainties, we don't want to rely on either for our financial needs. I invite you to review your support of the Fellowship and to invite one other person to do so as well. For those who are able we encourage you to use PAR as a method of careful stewardship.

I continue to value the contributions of our Executive Director and Administrative Assistant to the health and well-being of our denomination. Andy and Kyoungsoo serve with diligence and often without visibility or recognition. Thanks to both of you for all you do for the glory of God.

We are also blessed with our Web Site 'Manager', Robin Ross and our Prayer Co-ordinator, Linda Shaw. They keep us connected to each other and to the One whom we adore. Both of them exhibit skill and passion for their responsibilities. We are grateful for their partnership.

I also appreciate very much the efforts of the other Board members. In these days when finding committed and capable 'volunteers' becomes harder and harder, my colleagues continue to give of themselves in this ministry. Thanks.

With deep gratitude for their devoted service, we bid farewell to three Board members completing their time of service – Diane Eaton, Germaine Lovelace and Leslie Ruoh. May God enrich you in new avenues of ministry. At this point in my initial report, I had offered thanks to Stan Cox who has been our treasurer for two years. Now my gratitude is both amplified and tempered with a profound sense of sadness and loss. His death on March 24 has left a void in many hearts, but also great joy in memories of a journey shared and a confident hope that Stan is now with all the saints who went before him in God's eternal presence.

May each one reading and reflecting on these know the hopeful peace and joy rooted in our DNA as God's holy and beloved children.

Enthusiastically,

Ian Shaw, Chairperson

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**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT 2021**

We are pleased to present the following individuals to be named to the Board of the Fellowship: Stan Cox and Ian Shaw who are continuing, and Glynis Faith and Philip MacFie who will be starting a term on the Board. With these confirmations the following will be the composition of the Board.

Till 2022: Don Bartlett ['18], John Park ['18], Ian Shaw ['17], Don MacMillan ['17]

Till 2023: Debbie Kallender-Stimphil ['20], Jillian McWhinnie ['19], Ed Charlton ['20], xxxxxxxx

Till 2023: Glynis Faith ['21], Philip MacFie ['21], xxxxxx, xxxxxxx

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 consecutive three-year term.

The Board Executive will be:

Chairperson	Ian Shaw
Vice-Chairperson	Ed Charlton
Secretary	Debbie Stimphil
Treasurer	Don Bartlett
Executive Director	Andy Cornell

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT FOR 2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

What a difference one year makes.

For the sake of posterity – assuming that future historians or the curious who stumble upon this may wonder what I'm referring to – 2020 was the year everything changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For months on end, our sanctuaries were empty. Planes were grounded. Seniors' homes became prisons. For the first time, General Assembly was cancelled. We were forced to do ministry online.

But the church continued, and so did the work of Renewal.

The year started out like any other, remits notwithstanding. In preparation for General Assembly, I compiled a history of the LGBTQ issue in the PCC which was posted to the website under the new page, "response to the remits," where we tracked the presbytery voting. There wasn't much winter travel; we're Canadian, after all. Just a late February attendance at a London, Ontario prayer meeting. I continued to expand our online presence with Orthodoxy in the PCC: three online gatherings: Feb. 11, 12 and 18 in which approximately 90 people shared their frustrations and challenges as orthodox believers in a denomination that appeared to be ready to approve Remits 'B' and 'C' in June. It was a rich experience. And a taste of things to come.

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Then – bam! Within a few days in Mid March, we shut down. We cancelled our in-person AGM and Renewal Day – planned in great anticipation with the gracious and hospitable folks at St. Andrew’s Huntsville, Ontario – and we scrambled to go online. Thankfully, guest speaker Rev. Jonathan Hong agreed to carry on and we arranged three panelists to engage in Q&A. On the bright side, attendance was the best in many years and we were blessed with coast-to-coast participation. (Grateful for the online expertise of board member Rev. John Park.) I marvel at how virtual meetings can bring us together.

The pandemic has resulted in gatherings that might not have otherwise taken place. Not all have been our initiative, but we have been active participants. The cancellation of GA prompted our spiritual brothers and sisters to start a twice-monthly online time of prayer entitled, “Praying, Listening, Trusting.” RF’s leadership has been in active support.

In late summer, we were invited to participate in the planning of what would become “PCC-Covenant,” online town hall gatherings to unite those in PCC orthodoxy. RF is a signatory to this initiative and board vice chair Don Bartlett and I are on the organizing committee. John Park is tech host and admin assistant Kyoungsoo Hwang handles registrations.

In September, several members of the RF board and I had the pleasure of meeting online with our counterparts from Cruxifusion, the organization which networks evangelical ministers in the United Church of Canada. It was there where we met several kindred souls. We were greatly encouraged. One of them agreed to be the guest speaker at our 2021 Renewal Day.

The board of directors continued to meet on the first Saturday of the month for prayer by Zoom. The greatest toll from the pandemic is the loss of face-to-face gatherings. The numbers tell the story. In 2019, I logged 16,755 kilometres (by land, sea and air) to meet with ministers and congregations. In 2020, it was 222 km.

When will we meet again?

Other highlights from 2020.

**Renewal Café:** This is a new Zoom gathering for those in orthodoxy who need to connect in a small-group setting. There are many reasons to feel disconnected – geography, pandemic, lack of like-minded community and theological uncertainty. The first was Dec. 8 for pastors only – nine turned up, which was a nice number for conversation. We planned monthly gatherings in the new year on the first Thursday of the month.

**Ecumenical conversations:** I reached out to orthodoxy movements within the Anglican and Lutheran churches. I discovered interesting parallels to the PCC, which I will share in upcoming editions of Renewal News.

**Blogs:** a total of 13 were published. I continue to be amazed at the response. Each produces anywhere from 1-2 to a dozen emails. I respond to each one.

**Message:** I produced a December video message of encouragement for congregations. It was designed as an online sermon for any congregation on those weeks they lacked virtual pulpit supply.

**Website:** We did some reorganization in mid January and eliminated some duplication. Better grouping of like material in same spot. We added the “renewal tools” section. (See separate report from the webmaster.)

**Newsletter:** All four editions were published in tandem with our quarterly Prayer Calendar. (See separate report from the Prayer Calendar co-ordinator). I added a regular feature, profiling healthy congregations. If you know of one – let me know.



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**Letter writing:** With no road trips, I mailed letters of encouragement to ministers and congregations as the need arises. Sent not by email, but actual hard copy with a real signature.

**The other 60 per cent of my call:**

- My home congregation of St. Andrew's Dresden (Ontario) returned to the sanctuary for the final two months of the year. We are blessed with elders who have the vision to invest in a tech upgrade (cameras and hardware) to allow better online streaming. The Presbytery of Essex-Kent is willing and able to fund 75 per cent of the cost.
- As interim moderator at Lakeshore St. Andrew's, I am grateful that session hired a lead pastor who has applied for Education and Reception into the PCC. I continue to lead session through difficult restructuring issues.
- Mt. Zion Ridgeway had stable regular supply for most of 2020 and didn't take much of my time.

**The home front** has served as a therapeutic outlet, providing great opportunities to continue renovation projects. With the passing away of one canine, our happy home now consists of two parents, two adult sons, one aging dog and a parade of friends as pandemic precautions permit.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andy Cornell, Executive Director  
<amcpastor1@gmail.com>

**Renewal Fellowship WEBSITE REPORT for April 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021**

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. Andy Cornell has been very active in re-organizing the website in response to the changing issues that have surfaced during the year. He wrote 16 blog articles and produced 4 issues of Renewal News, which were all posted on the website and sent out by e-mail. During the past twelve months, 69 new pages have been added to the website, and many behind-the-scenes improvements to the mailing system were implemented.

During the period of this report, 32,778 views of our website pages occurred, down from 59,912 the previous year, primarily because 28,000 views occurred from January to March 2020 alone due to interest in the results of the voting on Remits B and C. That single page has garnered 14,787 views during its lifetime!

The next-most-visited article on the site continues to be *Generosity: David at the Brook Besor (1 Samuel 30)* by Eugene Peterson, published on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 1997, with 1,798 views. After our Subscription Management page, the next-most-viewed pages were the Letter to the Assembly Council re: Gracious Dismissal (968) and the Gracious Dismissal Final Report (941). Between Psalt and the Renewal Fellowship, 303 names were added to the Assembly Council letter, resulting in a number of new emails being added to our mailing list, which currently stands at 949.

With our Renewal Day and AGM being online on April 25<sup>th</sup> last year, everyone had to register with Eventbrite, and 85 registrations occurred, although more individuals than that would have viewed the event. The broadcasting of the Renewal Day is one positive outcome of the pandemic.

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During the year, publicity was given to the fees associated with various types of donations. Our preferred method of support is by pre-authorized remittance (PAR), and by Canada Helps for online donations. During the year, for one-time donations, we began accepting Interac e-Transfers, which bear no fees.

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,  
Robin Ross <rross@telus.net>,  
Webmaster, Mission, British Columbia

## **REPORT OF THE PRAYER CO-ORDINATOR FOR 2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

During 2020, approximately 220 households received a printed version of the Prayer Calendar quarterly and over 400 churches received multiple copies to make available to their congregation. Many more receive the prayer calendar by email: 296 daily, 93 weekly and 389 monthly, so that's a lot for people praying for our denomination and our world. Some of our prayers are also included on the PresbyCan Daily Devotional which adds to our count!

I appreciate the prayer submissions I received from coast-to-coast in 2020. We are a national church. I believe it is important that prayers for specific needs for congregations and presbyteries are included; 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 2021 even in the midst of many changes due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and difficult decisions facing the denomination.

The best way to send prayer requests to me is by email, but they can also be sent by regular mail to my home address (see below). To ensure your prayer submissions are included in the quarterly printed Prayer Calendar, they must be sent at least 4 weeks prior to publication.

Thanks to all who submitted prayer requests in 2020. Special thanks to my husband, Ian, for his assistance in preparing the prayer calendar; to Kyoungsoo Hwang, Administrative Assistant, for printing and mailing the printed versions of the Prayer Calendar; to Robin Ross, Webmaster, who posts the Prayer Calendar by email and Andy Cornell, Executive Director, who posts them on Facebook.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON RENEWAL PRAYER NETWORK**  
**FOR THE 2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

Just as 2020 has been a year of transition from mostly in-person to mostly digital (distanced) connection, so too there has been a significant transition in the Presbytery of Hamilton prayer network.

Initiated by former RF Executive Director Calvin Brown and seen by many as simply a Renewal Fellowship prayer gathering, it is my understanding that part of Calvin's vision was the hope that in time these prayer gatherings would be taken under the wing of presbyteries and be seen as an essential component of presbytery ministry. This has now happened in the Presbytery of Hamilton!

This transition away from the RF moniker is actually good news because presbytery has finally officially recognized its existence and supports all presbyters receiving an invitation to participate in the lunch-hour prayer meeting scheduled on the first Thursday of each month.

Further with this transition, a new monthly prayer meeting open to a wider constituency of all Presbyterians on the afternoon of the fourth Sunday of each month has been instituted by presbytery. Of key importance, RF supporters continue to be active members of the leadership teams of both these prayer gatherings.

The authentic Christ proclaimed and at the centre of prayer is our heart's desire. What better text to call us to humility and obedience than the words of our Saviour in Matthew 26:40-41.

'Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping. He asked Peter, "So, couldn't you<sup>[e]</sup> stay awake with Me one hour? Stay awake and pray, so that you won't enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.'"

Respectively submitted,  
Bill Harrison,  
<canoebill@sympatico.ca >

**EASTERN ONTARIO REGIONAL RENEWAL TEAM For 2020 Annual Report**

Highlighted and emphasized in the last chapter of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians is a significant balance and interplay between our actions and those of our gracious God. In a letter addressed to those who were both anxious and troubled by the delay in Jesus' return in view of those who had fallen asleep — i.e. died — in their midst, Paul gives a series of commands and comforts.

The church is charged to:

- respect those oversee and admonish (counsel and correct) the believers
- live in peace with each other
- warn the timid

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- help the weak
- be patient with everyone
- avoid paying back others for wrongs
- be joyful always
- pray continually
- give thanks in all circumstances
- quench not the Spirit
- test everything
- hold on to the good
- avoid every kind of evil.

This is a formidable list!

On the other hand, we are reminded that our Lord is at work to aid us:

- whatever the circumstances, “this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus”
- the One who calls you is faithful and do it — “it” being
  - to sanctify you through and through
  - to keep spirit, soul and body blameless at the coming of Lord Jesus Christ.

That provides substantial comfort and encouragement!

At the very end of the letter, Paul, with his eye fixed on the Lord, solemnly charges the church: “I charge you before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers.” (1 Thess. 5: 27, NIV) Surely this sets before us the imperative to read Scripture as the word of God to us for both our action and the assurance of God’s comfort.

This provides the basis for all our life and work as members of the Renewal Fellowship.

The Eastern Ontario Regional Renewal Team met on nine occasions during 2020: in person, at Parkwood Church, Ottawa on January 18th and February 15th, and then, via Zoom conference, on March 21st, April 25th, May 9th, June 20th, September 19th, October 17th, and November 21st. Those participating took turns leading in devotional exercises prior to a time of corporate intercession for the work and witness of Christ through The Presbyterian Church in Canada, lifting up needs and undergirding strategic plans and circumstances known to us.

Meeting via Zoom conference on account of the restrictions arising from the present pandemic has curtailed participation by some and impeded others, but we were thankful to have the Executive Director join us remotely on a couple of occasions.

Respectfully submitted,

James T. Hurd,  
Eastern Ontario Regional Renewal Team.

HISTORY OF MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION -- 2006 TO 2020																
AREA	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
MARITIMES	74	70	59	66	51	46	45	43	43	43	37	38	37	34	25	
QUEBEC	18	13	13	13	12	10	9	10	10	10	8	8	8	10	11	
ONTARIO	580	550	484	487	423	437	415	410	419	419	377	380	387	364	326	
PRAIRIES	50	51	45	46	37	38	34	36	36	36	28	26	24	23	21	
B.C.	128	122	98	100	87	81	84	82	82	82	73	67	70	64	57	
FOREIGN	6	6	2	2	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
TOTAL	856	812	701	714	613	614	590	583	591	591	524	520	527	496	441	
MEMBERSHIP ANALYSIS - LAY AND CLERGY																
AREA	TOTAL LAY MEMBERS			TOTAL CLERGY MEMBERS			GRAND TOTAL MEMBERS									
	2019	2020	CHANGE	2019	2020	CHANGE	2019	2020	CHANGE							
MARITIMES	24	18	-6	10	7	-3	34	25	-9							
QUEBEC	7	8	1	3	3	0	10	11	1							
ONTARIO	293	262	-31	71	64	-7	364	326	-38							
PRAIRIES	19	17	-2	4	4	0	23	21	-2							
B.C.	53	46	-7	11	11	0	64	57	-7							
FOREIGN	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0							
TOTAL	396	351	-45	100	90	-10	496	441	-55							

**The Renewal Fellowship 2019**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
 As of December 31, 2020

	Dec 31, 20	Dec 31, 19	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets				
Chequing/Savings				
11010 - CIBC Current Account	117,211.01	14,786.03	102,424.98	692.7%
Total Chequing/Savings	117,211.01	14,786.03	102,424.98	692.7%
Other Current Assets				
11193 - HST Receivable	0.00	1,171.82	-1,171.82	-100.0%
12000 - Undeposited Funds	1,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	100.0%
Total Other Current Assets	1,300.00	1,171.82	128.18	10.9%
Total Current Assets	118,511.01	15,957.85	102,553.16	642.7%
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>118,511.01</b>	<b>15,957.85</b>	<b>102,553.16</b>	<b>642.7%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
22200 - Accounts Payable	0.00	253.00	-253.00	-100.0%
Total Accounts Payable	0.00	253.00	-253.00	-100.0%
Other Current Liabilities				
22330 - EI Payable	164.59	150.94	13.65	9.0%
22340 - CPP Payable	301.98	336.52	-34.54	-10.3%
22350 - Income Tax Payable	473.39	493.11	-19.72	-4.0%
25450 - CEBA Loan Advance	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00	100.0%
25500 - GST/HST Payable	-530.79	0.00	-530.79	-100.0%
Total Other Current Liabilities	40,409.17	980.57	39,428.60	4,021.0%
Total Current Liabilities	40,409.17	1,233.57	39,175.60	3,175.8%
Total Liabilities	40,409.17	1,233.57	39,175.60	3,175.8%
Equity				
32000 - General Fund Net Assets	11,599.52	39,365.64	-27,766.12	-70.5%
33560 - General Fund - See A/C 32000	0.00	-16,318.09	16,318.09	100.0%
33570 - Road Trip Fund	647.88	647.88	0.00	0.0%
33580 - Scholarship Fund	2,476.88	2,476.88	0.00	0.0%
Net Income	63,377.56	-11,448.03	74,825.59	653.6%
Total Equity	78,101.84	14,724.28	63,377.56	430.4%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>118,511.01</b>	<b>15,957.85</b>	<b>102,553.16</b>	<b>642.7%</b>

The statements appear reasonable

April 13, 2021

*Christine Gilbert*



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Accrual Basis

**The Renewal Fellowship 2019**  
**Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison**  
 January through December 2020

	Jan - Dec 20	Jan - Dec 19	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
43400 · Direct Public Support				
43410 · Corporate Contributions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total 43400 · Direct Public Support</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
44000 · Income Funds				
44010 · Unallocated Income	0.00	35.00	-35.00	-100.0%
44020 · Gifts Individuals	89,948.20	40,331.56	49,616.64	123.0%
44021 · Road Trip Support	0.00	3,370.00	-3,370.00	-100.0%
44030 · Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	24,316.08	0.00	24,316.08	100.0%
44040 · Gifts Congregations	14,158.00	16,221.70	-2,063.70	-12.7%
44050 · Honoraria	0.00	762.00	-762.00	-100.0%
44055 · Other Gifts	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	-100.0%
44070 · Membership Congregation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
44080 · Membership Individual	1,530.00	1,475.00	55.00	3.7%
44082 · Membership Household	0.00	90.00	-90.00	-100.0%
44100 · Advertising Revenue	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.0%
44285 · AGM Renewal Days	2,112.98	2,382.65	-269.67	-11.3%
<b>Total 44000 · Income Funds</b>	<b>132,165.26</b>	<b>69,667.91</b>	<b>62,497.35</b>	<b>89.7%</b>
46440 · HST Recovered	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>132,165.26</b>	<b>69,667.91</b>	<b>62,497.35</b>	<b>89.7%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>132,165.26</b>	<b>69,667.91</b>	<b>62,497.35</b>	<b>89.7%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Reconciliation Discrepancies	0.00	-0.30	0.30	100.0%
55020 · Executive Director Stipend	30,010.00	29,837.98	172.02	0.6%
55021 · Executive Director Health Dent.	1,788.84	1,754.00	34.84	2.0%
55100 · Administrator Salary	12,249.96	13,500.00	-1,250.04	-9.3%
55120 · E.I. Expense	1,056.26	1,090.62	-34.36	-3.2%
55130 · CPP Expense	2,101.23	2,044.40	56.83	2.8%
55160 · E.D. Pension & PCIC Expense	3,990.48	2,608.08	1,382.40	53.0%
55165 · Housing Allowance	5,120.00	4,800.00	320.00	6.7%
55175 · Study Leave	0.00	597.01	-597.01	-100.0%
55200 · Rent	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.0%
55290 · Office Supplies	839.84	165.14	674.70	408.6%
55300 · Postage for Mailings	2,195.13	2,514.02	-318.89	-12.7%
55320 · Printing Mailings	4,088.35	3,921.66	166.69	4.3%
55370 · Office Software General	83.13	0.00	83.13	100.0%
55400 · Telephone	55.49	56.35	-0.86	-1.5%
55420 · Board Travel Mileage	0.00	904.14	-904.14	-100.0%
55425 · Board Travel Other	0.00	109.16	-109.16	-100.0%
55430 · Executive Director Mileage	90.35	785.63	-695.28	-88.5%
55432 · Executive Director Auto Rental	0.00	400.21	-400.21	-100.0%
55435 · Executive Director Road Trips	0.00	2,431.61	-2,431.61	-100.0%
55440 · Administrator Mileage	153.88	364.34	-210.46	-57.8%
55450 · Pulpit Supply & Mileage	0.00	893.44	-893.44	-100.0%
55699 · AGM & Renewal Expenses	350.00	1,949.33	-1,599.33	-82.1%
55700 · Gifts Expenses	150.00	218.93	-68.93	-31.5%
55785 · Bank Charges	1.97	148.92	-146.95	-98.7%
55786 · OnLine Charges	573.81	611.45	-37.64	-6.2%
62800 · Facilities and Equipment				
62850 · Equipment - Office	935.40	0.00	935.40	100.0%
<b>Total 62800 · Facilities and Equipment</b>	<b>935.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>935.40</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
65000 · Operations				
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
65030 · Printing and Copying	0.00	1,910.31	-1,910.31	-100.0%
65040 · Supplies	0.00	40.19	-40.19	-100.0%
65050 · Telecommunications	477.62	50.00	427.62	855.2%
<b>Total 65000 · Operations</b>	<b>477.62</b>	<b>2,000.50</b>	<b>-1,522.88</b>	<b>-76.1%</b>
65100 · Other Types of Expenses				
65120 · Insurance - Liability, D and O	0.00	33.77	-33.77	-100.0%
65150 · Memberships and Dues	275.00	275.00	0.00	0.0%
65160 · Non-Recoverable HST	0.00	4,600.55	-4,600.55	-100.0%
<b>Total 65100 · Other Types of Expenses</b>	<b>275.00</b>	<b>4,909.32</b>	<b>-4,634.32</b>	<b>-94.4%</b>
69800 · Uncategorized Expenses	-299.04	0.00	-299.04	-100.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>68,787.70</b>	<b>81,115.94</b>	<b>-12,328.24</b>	<b>-15.2%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>63,377.56</b>	<b>-11,448.03</b>	<b>74,825.59</b>	<b>653.6%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>63,377.56</b>	<b>-11,448.03</b>	<b>74,825.59</b>	<b>653.6%</b>

**Annual General Meeting  
April 17, 2021**

**2021 Proposed Budget**

Renewal Fellowship within the Presbyterian Church in Canada

**Income**

Office Space Donation	2,499.00
Gifts – Individuals	40,000.00
Gifts – Congregations	12,000.00
Honoria	1,000.00
Other Gifts	3,000.00
Membership	1,500.00
AGM/Renewal Day	1,400.00
Miscellaneous	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>61,499.00</b>

**Expense**

ED Stipend	30,750.00
ED Health/Dental	1,985.00
Administrator Salary	12,750.00
EI & CPP	3,250.00
ED Pension	3,575.00
Housing Allowance	5,280.00
Study Leave	600.00
Rent	2,500.00
Office Supplies	2,000.00
Postage	2,500.00
Printing	4,500.00
Telephone	100.00
Board Travel	1,500.00
Board Meeting	200.00
ED Mileage	1,500.00
Administrator Mileage	300.00
Pulpit Supply Mileage	1,000.00
AGM expenses	600.00
Bank Charges	150.00
On-line charges	100.00
Books, subscriptions	150.00
Insurance & Misc.	100.00
Memberships & Dues	<u>275.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>75,665.00</b>
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>14,166.00</b>