

2023

ANNUAL REPORT



WELLINGTON UNITED CHURCH

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PROPOSED AGENDA—CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2023

Opening Prayer

Appointment of Chair and Secretary

Minutes of 2023 Annual Meeting

Review and Acceptance of Reports

Proposed 2024 Local Fund Budget

Election of 2024 Officers

Adjournment And Benediction

Minister's Message

"Thus says the Lord, 'I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?'" (Isaiah 43:19)

"And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'" (Revelation 21:5a)

When Benji was four, his mother thought he was old enough to hear the truth about Jesus. She sat him down and, using language he could understand, described the mystery of sin and redemption which is revealed in the Christian narrative, from incarnation to resurrection. When she had told Him just how much Jesus did and gave and suffered for humankind, Mom said, **"Now Benji, would you like to have Jesus in your heart?"**

Wise beyond his years, he thought carefully before answering, **"No. I don't think I want that responsibility."**

Benji's response begs a question for all of us who have aligned ourselves with a community of faith that self-identifies as disciples of Jesus. If Jesus is the physical incarnation of God who makes all things new, what is the burden of responsibility for those who call ourselves 'Christian'? Memories of how it used to be can be seductive, especially if the recollections are rosy compared with the challenges we face in the present circumstance. In my experience, being church used to be a lot easier. It has always required hard work and a measure of sacrifice, but the results were usually positive and the benefits came easier. Remember the days when pews were filled and families wanted to give their kids the benefit of a Christian education? Choir members and I, with a few others, enter the church on Sunday mornings by way of the back stairway. That takes us past the large photo of another Sunday, not that long ago, when the sanctuary was standing room only. Then, with that graphic reminder of how it used to be, we enter the sanctuary to worship with a fraction of that number.

The responsibility of being church is the same or harder than ever, but the results may disappoint. I write this not as an invitation to discouragement but to inform the perspective with which you read the following reports and messages. Here is a summary of the ministry we have shared during the past year, and of what we have accomplished together. Even with the lingering effects of the pandemic, we have endeavoured to be a church that demonstrates genuine caring for all our members and adherents. We have provided faithful witness and service to our community and beyond. With our special services at Easter, Reconciliation Week and Remembrance Day, we offered our neighbours experiences of timely and meaningful spiritual enrichment. With our partners, we provided programs for children, youth and seniors. The new lights, piano and improvements in technology have enhanced our sanctuary as a venue for worship and also for concerts and other activities.

The financial statements describe how we are meeting the challenge of financial viability at a time when many churches are drowning in deficits. With the arrival of a fulltime minister, that challenge will be even greater but your responses to the Stewardship Program suggest it is a challenge you will meet.

As tempting as it may be to long for those remembered 'good old days', we worship and serve One whose very nature is to make all things new. These reports demonstrate our willingness to be partners with God in the new things already begun. We never know what the future holds, for the church or for any of us, but we can be sure of this: God is with us. If we accept the responsibility that worried Benji, the next chapter in the life of Wellington United Church will be both new and good!

This congregation will always have my sincere gratitude for the privilege of sharing ministry with you and I look forward to seeing all the wonderful things that you and your new minister accomplish together, by the grace of God.
(Rev.) Ed Bentley

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL 2023

The renewal at Wellington United Church of which I wrote in early 2023 continued throughout the year and is moving with us into 2024!

At our last Annual Meeting, we formally adopted the Church Council model of governance and committee structure. I would always stress that nothing is perfect, but I believe that this model has served us very well this past year. We have a strong committee and Council system for debating motions and ideas and for controlling our finances in an orderly, accountable, and transparent manner. I want to thank Rev. Ed Bentley for all of the work he has done in helping shape this new model.

I also want to call once again upon any interested members and adherents for your participation as committee members. We can always use your help and would love you to join us!

We are entering 2024 with the call of a new full-time minister, whom I want to warmly welcome to Wellington: Rev. Douglas Carter. I also wish to welcome his fiancée, Sofia. We look forward to our journey and exploration of faith and Christ with you, and to your leadership of our congregation. I also want to again thank our hard-working and effective Search Committee for their absolute and tireless dedication to their task.

Our commitment involves challenges going forward, some known and others not, but I have every confidence that we can meet them with our time, talent, and treasure. Our budget for 2024 is a reflection both of those challenges and our resolve. We are coming off 2023 with very encouraging news about our finances and I have a strong sense that this will continue into 2024.

Finally, this was my last year as Chair, and I want to thank everyone in the congregation for making my term so interesting and, hopefully, effective. As I have said before, it is easy to lead as Chair with such effective, creative, and responsible committee heads and members and congregational members and adherents to back me and us. It has truly been a pleasure for me to take on this role, so I thank you for that opportunity. I am certain that Janet Marissen will be a wonderful Chair of Council into the coming year.

We continue to move forward as a viable community of faith, demonstrating compassion and commitment in our part of the world. I am very interested and hopeful to see where we go with our new leadership into 2024.

Stuart Hoegner,
Chair, Wellington United Church Council

WORSHIP & PASTORAL SUPPORT COMMITTEE**2023**

A lot of work was done in the Sanctuary in 2023 to add to the beauty of our space, to make it safer, and to better equip us to video our services for viewing by those worshipping from home. The old light fixtures in the sanctuary were replaced with new hanging fixtures, track lights and sconces which are stunning. Exit lights were also installed and the electrical wiring updated. A new projector and video camera were purchased and a new media booth is nearing completion. A new Clavinova electronic keyboard with much greater capabilities was purchased for the sanctuary. We hosted three very successful concerts this fall which helped to offset the extra cost of the Clavinova. These improvements were made possible by the generous donations, both public and anonymous, of members of our community of faith. We are most grateful for these very generous gifts.

The Decorating Committee worked diligently to fill the front of the sanctuary with special flowers at Easter, decorations at Thanksgiving and poinsettias and decorations at Christmas. Much thanks to them and to all who contributed to the costs of the flowers, and to those who loaned their nativity scenes to decorate the windows. Our sanctuary, while always appealing, was festively beautiful.

Our Sunday morning services are enhanced by the many volunteers who act as greeters, ushers, readers, projectionists and videographers, coffee hosts, and guardians of our building. Thank you for your caring contribution and I encourage more of our church family to step forward and volunteer. We are especially in need of people to become familiar with the running of the projector and the video recorder.

We celebrated communion on New Year's Day, Palm Sunday, World Wide Communion Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent, and New Year's Eve.

We held a special service in September with guest Sarah Tsawentehs Brown-Dunkley who spoke thoughtfully and sincerely about Truth & Reconciliation. There were two special happenings which brought joy to my heart - one old and one new. How thrilling it was to hear the sound of children laughing, running, singing, praying, doing crafts, and learning as the Kids Can Camp children enthusiastically occupied the sanctuary and the basement on their days here. This initiative of Bloomfield and Wellington United Churches, the Wellington Pentecostal Church and Storehouse Foodbank welcomed children from throughout the County and was widely supported by many County businesses and residents. The other event was our traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service which because of Covid and weather we had been unable to host for several years. The Christmas story, the music, Rev Ed's message, and the candlelight brought both joy to the heart and a tear to the eye of many in the congregation.

Pastoral Care (Norma Griffiths)

A team of six church members plays an important role in keeping approximately 30 shut ins, or folks unable to attend regularly, up to date with church news and more importantly compassionate friendship. Many of these recipients are totally housebound or in long term care facilities and the visits are truly valued by them. The minister and team work closely together to offer this support and this is all done confidentially. Examples of what the team has done in addition to visiting, is driving them to appointments, offering meals, driving them to church functions and helping in various other ways as the need occurs.

A card ministry is part of the work as well and Linda Giglio is advised of cards to be sent out including: Sympathy, Thinking of You and Get Well. A prayer group is also advised of names to be prayed for. As two of the team have recently moved away we really could use more members.

These 2023 statistics are provided for your information by Rev Ed

Baptisms: 2 (One service with two children baptized)

Funerals/Memorial Services: 19

Members received by Profession of Faith: 1

Total Members Added: 1

Members removed by Death: 4

Members removed at own request: 2

Moved to Non-resident Roll: 2

Total Members Removed: 8

Jan 1, 2023 # Resident members: 135

Non-resident members: 62

Total membership: 197

Dec 31, 2023 # Resident members: 125

Non-resident members: 65

Total membership: 190

Households 193 (includes members & adherents)

2023 was a year of challenges, successes, suspense, accomplishments, hope, and renewal in the life and work of Wellington United Church - and we not only survived but flourished. As the Search Committee continued their work, the M&P Committee, with a lot of help from Rev Ed, ensured that our summer Sunday morning services featured inspiring and talented speakers. Again, in the Fall, they filled the void left by Andrew's sabbatical, with accomplished musicians who worked diligently with the choir to enhance our morning worship with beautiful and meaningful music. This committee, and indeed the congregation, is indebted to Rev Ed and M&P for their excellent work in filling these vacancies.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Cranshaw, Committee Chairperson

In February of 2023, the Faith Development Committee was expanded to include Fellowship. With this came the welcome addition of Lynn Ward as a committee member and active leader in children's programming. Prior to this point in time, Lynn Ward ran (amongst other things) a very successful Messy Church event on an early Friday evening in the church auditorium. It was a multigenerational event with kids, families and older folks enjoying games and food.

- In March, a joint bible study group, led by Rev Cathy Duggan and Rev Ed Bently took place in Bloomfield, Consecon and Wellington United Churches. This was well attended and appreciated.
 - In July we introduced our colourful "Talk to Me" Mugs with the hopes of helping strangers or new comers feel welcome and make it easier for us to get acquainted. It seems to be working.
 - In August, under the energetic leadership of Rev Cathy Duggan and Lynn Ward, we hosted a fun filled week of Kids Can Camp. Close to 30 children attended the free half day program which provided snacks and meals, many sponsored by the community, as well as indoor and outdoor games and activities. It was a HUGE hit. As a result, full day programs continue to be offered, free of charge, registration required, on subsequent PA days. This is a wonderful service to our community. Feedback from parents and families is very positive and they are grateful for this program.
 - Good things come to those that wait. This summer saw the very welcome addition of Diane Mills and Alyson Cranshaw to the committee. I am grateful for their continued contributions of input, ideas and help.
 - In September, we provided a number of ideas for secular and nonsecular activities to the congregation and solicited feedback. While the response was underwhelming there were some ideas which we may circle back to in the new year.
 - The cooler days of fall were the perfect backdrop of our first lakeside outdoor bonfire. October 27th was a cool, still evening with clear skies. Coffee, tea, hot chocolate was served and apples, popcorn and ingredients for making s'mores were provided. The bonfire took place in the parking lot behind the church and overlooking Lake Ontario. With the help of many volunteers everything ran smoothly. Approximately 40 or so people attended, including community members from Wellington and Bloomfield and everyone enjoyed themselves.
 - We are considering hosting more throughout the year with earlier advertising in The Wellington Times and social media. While the new year is still very young, we already have several, varied events tentatively planned for the winter. Stay tuned. We are also very excited to have a full time minister on board in the not so distant future and look forward to working with him on new ideas and opportunities.
- Again, MANY MANY thanks to Lynn Ward, Diane Mills and Alyson Cranshaw for their tireless work and support.

Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Hoy.

This is my final report as Chair of the Outreach Committee for Wellington United Church. It has been a privilege to serve in this way as the Outreach Committee came together to figure out our role and responsibilities in this new church structure. While we have been a small committee in number of members, I am very proud of what we have accomplished.

Throughout the year we have continued to support the “Soup’s On” initiative that was started last year at St. Andrews Anglican Church. Together the two churches have provided Soup, a bun and coffee and tea and a cookie to many people in our community who look forward to the time they can spend each Tuesday at lunch time with friends. Initiated originally as a way to provide a meal for people experiencing food insecurity, it has transitioned into a time of fellowship for anyone in the community.

In the spring when the warmer weather came, we moved into our hall and became “Coffee’s On” to continue the warm fellowships. We even learned some new card and board games! Another partnership activity presented itself to our committee when the Prince Edward County Lions Club who meet in our hall, were asked to serve a breakfast of some sort at the Market held in our church parking lot each Saturday. Since the Lions did not have enough volunteers to take on this task alone, they approached both churches to see if other volunteers might like to share in the work and funds raised at the market. It was a great success with each group sharing in the work and each group earning \$ 1900.

In the late summer, another outreach opportunity presented itself when the church was asked to join with a couple of others to have an end of summer “day camp” for children and youth. Although the committee was not directly involved in this activity, we feel confident in reporting that this was definitely a wonderful outreach from our church and it continues to be so on days when students are off school because of Professional Activity days.

The subscriptions for **Broadview** magazine have been appreciated by those members of our community who have subscribed. We were able to ensure that three local library branches will now be receiving the magazine each month.

Perhaps our biggest undertaking was the organization of the “Indigenous Service” on the Sunday in September immediately preceding the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (which will be Monday, September 30, 2024). Putting our heads together and seeking advice from others we were able to provide and very significant and moving speaker, Sarah Dunkley, on September 24, 2023.

AT our last meeting of 2023, we decided to donate \$500 each from our 2023 budget to a local, a national and an international charity –

-Locally, we chose **The Roc** which supports youth in Prince Edward County.

-The national charity we chose is **True North Aid and the Misiway Nation.**

-The international charity we chose is **The United Church of Canada, Philanthropy Unit, Emergency Respose for humanitarian relief in Ukraine and Gaza.**

I would like to close by sincerely thanking the members of the Outreach Committee. We have worked together to discern our role and carry it out as a team. Sincere thanks to Gail Dick, Paula Gray, Sharon Hopkins, Dayna Law and Lynn Ward.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Marissen

Current committee members are: Gary Hoy (chair) Dennis Dick , Jim Law , Harry Mills Gayla Campney , Steve Jones

Nov 2022, new Church lighting was approved,

Dec 2022 the snow storm uprooted our large tree at the back of the church fell across the neighbours fence and needed to be removed asap in Jan 2023.

Feb/Mar normal maintenance, snow removal etc.

Mar started the appraisal of lighting installation , electrical requirements etc which led to the discovery of a water leak in the Belfry.

We then approached alerted our property insurance provided and obtained an assessment of the costs. This took some time, also through the United Church of Canada we received a request to have our insurance put through their UC of Canada policy , this required us to get a new church replacement assessment completed which was accomplished.

The required documentation to the UC was submitted and we are still awaiting a response. The electrical work for the new lighting was started .

Mar/Apr the A/V platform was designed and started .

Barn Restorations were hired to start the repair on the Belfry.

We continued negotiations with our current insurance providers and we able to receive some payment for the repair.

May/June we had outside cleanup we hosted the County Blooms Flower show, the new retaining wall completed at back of church. July/Aug , Belfry completed, Church lighting completed,

The church At this time one of the local families lost their home in a devastating fire and the church was able to offer them the use of the commercial kitchen so they could continue to cook food for their business. (Adnan Mustafa of PapaGhanoush & MommHummus)

Sept/Oct Fire Extinguisher maintenance completed and approved, elevator maintenance completed (furnace maintenance to be completed in Jan)

Oct/Nov A/V platform design continues, new piano installed,

Nov/Dec we held concerts in the sanctuary .. The committee has created a list of Property maintenance concerns and has prioritized their requirements, we are all looking for a good and prosperous New Year !!

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Hoy

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee at Wellington United is responsible for supporting our staff, overseeing the relationship between our staff and the congregation, and supervising the working conditions, responsibilities and compensation of WUC staff. Much of the work of the M&P Committee relates to personal matters, and confidentiality is very important.

This past year has been a very busy one for our team. At the end of February, Reverend Bentley informed the committee of his intent to resign as our Interim Supervisory Minister at the end of May. After some discussion, it was determined that Reverend Bentley would in fact be prepared to stay on to oversee our Governance and Pastoral Care, and we would prepare a schedule of Pulpit Supply Ministers to conduct our Sunday services for June, July and August. Working in coordination with the Worship Committee and Reverend Bentley, we were able to secure the services of some wonderful Ministers including Malcolm Sinclair, Frank Hamper and Morag McDonald. In September, Reverend Bentley returned to conduct services on a weekly basis. He would be our Supervisory Minister until the end of 2023.

Annual reviews were conducted with both Marg McLeod, our Administrator and Andrew Tibbetts, our Accompanist. Both individuals continue to provide wonderful support to our congregation. Marg is entering her 8th year at WUC and Andrew his 7th. We want to thank them both for all that they do!

This past summer, Andrew requested a LOA to return to his studies for 4 months. Reverend Bentley was able to recommend 3 different individuals to fill in for Sunday services. Wellington United had the good fortune of enjoying Michael Faulkner, Ben Vandergaast and Jean Herrington. All of these talented musicians worked effortlessly with our Choir to provide exceptional music throughout the fall and Christmas season.

The one position that remains to be filled is that of Music Director, a position that has been vacant since 2020. This past year, we expanded our search tools by advertising in both print and social media. We will continue our efforts in 2024. We would also like to acknowledge Dianne Cranshaw for providing leadership and support not only to our Choir, but to all of the musicians who joined us in 2023.

We started 2023 with six (6) members, and today there are currently five (5) members of the M&P Committee including Lynn Ward, Karen Hurst, Pat Howard, Harry Marissen and myself. We saw the resignation of Gail Dick in May, and in October Lynn Ward resigned as Chair and I assumed the role. Lynn has remained on the committee. We cannot thank Lynn and Gail enough for their many years of service on M&P, and want to especially acknowledge Lynn for her efforts as Chair. I want to personally thank all the members of this team for their dedication to WUC and their valued contributions!

We urge the congregation to contact any of our committee members if you have either praise or concern relating to our staff. All matters will be kept confidential.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Marie Jones
Chair, Ministry and Personnel

The Wellington United Church were able to meet in 2023 in a more normal manner after the covid restrictions the last couple of years. The first meeting was held January 3rd. Special birthdays included Gladys Dainard's 100th and a few 90 plus years! We celebrated Betty Cronk 's birthday with cake and some gifts. Despite our aging group we have been busy with sending cards, knitting and crocheting and earning funds for the church and community.

Suzanne McKeague sent out Easter cards to house bound people and took on sending cards to the congregation when she was informed of the need.

This year the Kente Region held their AGM in March at the Eastminister Church and a number of our members enjoyed a time of worship with other UCW members.

Suzanne and Jim moved to Toronto in October to live with their daughter and she is missed for her devotion to the church and the UCW and her sense of humour. Vivian Lloyd unfortunately fell and required surgery to repair the fractured hip and moved to Belleville temporarily. We miss her to keep our history accurate. She made a surprise visit at the Christmas potluck to make the time more special.

We delivered a number of tins of cookies to house bound people.

This year we supported seven grieving families by providing receptions with light refreshments after funeral or memorial services .

Wellington United church , Bloomfield United church , Wellington Pentacostal and Wellington Storehouse Foodbank collaborated to provide a Kids Can Camp the last week of August and was so successful they are continuing to provide PA days as well. The UCW provided some funds to the camp.

2023 was a busy year and look forward to welcoming a new full-time minister for 2024

Respectfully submitted by

Lynn Ward

President, Wellington United Church Women



U.C.W. FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2023

Wellington United Church Women as of December 31, 2023

Revenue

Funeral Receptions (7)	\$ 2,580.00
Monthly Collections	\$ 496.45
Sale of Crafts	\$ 802.50
Breakfast with Santa	\$ 137.00
Dues	\$ 75.00
Bank Interest	\$ 0.14
Total -	\$ 4,091.09

Disbursements:

Dues	\$ 100.00
Donations	\$ 4,350.00 total, including:
	• \$ 3,000.00 - WUC – Local Fund
	• \$ 750.00 – WUC – M&S Fund
	• \$ 250.00 – Kid’s Can Camp
	• \$ 350.00 * – Storehouse Foodbank
Petty Cash	\$ 150.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 50.00
Gifts for staff	\$ 150.00
Bank charges	\$ 42.00
Total	\$ 4,842.00

Opening Balance from 2023	\$ 1,251.03
Plus Revenue	\$ 4,091.09
Minus Disbursements	\$ 4,842.00

Bank Balance on December 31, 2023 \$ 500.12

Balance in Petty Cash on December 31, 2023 \$ 61.05

Note * - donation to Foodbank includes the purchase of colouring books and pencils in March

Finance Committee Report

Our Finance Committee met regularly throughout the year, usually in the hours before our monthly Council meeting. These regular meetings and monthly financial reports allowed us to keep on top of the finances of the church.

Some items to note:

- The format of our monthly reports to council has been modified so that we can easily see month-by-month activity as well as progress against the budget.
- High-level monthly updates on operating revenue and expenses have been noted in the bulletin as well as e-blasts.
- In addition to Canada Helps, we are now able to accept e-transfers as another way of making on-line donations.
- We have returned to passing the offering plate as a giving opportunity.
- Our November Stewardship program proved fruitful in engaging people in both the work and the finances of the church.

You will note that the presentation of financial information to the wider congregation (eg. in this Annual Report) no longer details Ministry and Personnel expenses – a single line is all that appears. This is in accordance with new privacy laws in Ontario and supported by regional council.

While congregational donations are the most significant source of revenue for our church, income from fundraising and building rental is also important. It's interesting to see how small amounts add up at the end of the year. The work of those who hull strawberries, bake pumpkin pies and knit slippers is much appreciated. We're also grateful to all who mysteriously appear to welcome user groups and ensure the building is safely locked up at the end of the day.

Many thanks to Ann Marie Jones, our Envelope Steward, who is assisted by Pat Howard. Linda Lavalée is our able bookkeeper. Kerry Burgess was our Treasurer until August when he began his well deserved retirement from the role.

Other members of our committee are Stuart Hoegner, Gary Hoy and Rev. Ed.

Respectfully submitted

Christine Gillespie

Chair, Finance Committee



I have included the following table for information and review:

Comparative 2023 totals.xls – composite report.

This report incorporates the category-by-category comparison between 2023 and 2022, a breakdown of the “others” list of all subsets of non-standard donations, and the overview of donations versus donor population.

The following should be noted:

1. The General/Local donations were up \$ 32,173.00 over 2022.
2. Seven designated funds were created for fundraising purposes in 2023, but the two largest were:
 - The “Belfry Repair Fund” which totaled \$13,420.00.
 - The “Clavinova Fund” which totaled \$13,073.00.
3. In 2023 approximately 75% of donations came from regular envelope/PAR contributors.

Many thanks to Pat Howard for her ongoing assistance with the weekly counting and reporting of donations.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Marie Jones
Envelope Steward
January 31, 2024

COMPARATIVE TOTALS,

2023

CATEGORY	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	BREAKDOWN OF "OTHER"		
	2023	2022	DESCRIPTION	# of Donations	Amount
Local/General	139,611.00	107,437.89	Clavinova Fund	33	13,073.00
M&S	3,915.00	3,045.00	Belfry Repair Fund	10	13,420.00
Building	2,945.00	2,985.00	Audio Visual Equipment	4	2,802.00
Memorial	1,379.99	790.00	New Lighting Fund	1	7,845.00
Use of building	7,160.00	7,700.00	Earthquake Relief Fund	4	640.00
Other	47,931.60	76,520.28	Flower's for Sanctuary	27	1,075.00
Sunday School	20.00	120.00	Kids Can Camp	10	2,180.00
Choir	640.00	360.00	Use of Church Sign	1	500.00
			Fundraising		
			Bulb Sales	9	1,057.50
			Sale of Lights	1	2,100.00
			Lion's Breakfast	1	1,904.60
			Sale of church furniture	1	100.00
			Strawberry Social	1	1,234.50
GRAND TOTAL:	203,603.27	198,958.17	Group totals:	103	47,931.60
less PAR fees	255.50	280.00			
NET TOTAL	203,347.77	198,678.17	ENVELOPE/PAR HOLDERS AND THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS		
				2023	2022
Gift in Kind	1,418.20	2,204.77	0 - 100	6	8
			101 - 200	7	3
NOTES:			201 - 500	12	14
			501 - 1000	20	16
1. Approximately 26% of the 2023 total was contributed by non-envelope/PAR holders.			1001 - 2000	25	24
			2001 - 3000	10	10
			3001 and over	12	12
2. Total in revenue includes \$ 2600.48 which came in through Canada Helps.				92	87
			This group contributed \$150,732.61		
			December 2023, there were 38 members on PAR		
			PAR total for the year - \$65,807.50 NET		
			Year end 2022, this group contributed \$143,437.0		
			45 were on PAR		
			Respectfully submitted January 31, 2024.		
			Ann Marie Jones (Envelope Steward)		

TREASURER'S REPORT 2023

Treasurer's Report

The budget for Wellington United Church for 2023 was for operating revenue of \$133,250 and expenses of \$148,660 leaving a deficit of \$15,410.

As a result of the generosity of our congregation and the fact that we have not had a full-time minister at any point in the year, our operating revenue has exceeded our expenses in 2023 by \$35,026.

While this is certainly good news, it's not without considerable contribution by many people who have pitched in to help with our ministerial void.

In addition to funding our day-to-day operations, significant donations have been made to special funds which have allowed us to purchase new technology, improve lighting in the sanctuary, repair our belfry tower, acquire a new piano, and run a successful children's camp. Donations have also added to our building fund and supported mission and service initiatives (including earthquake relief) within the national church.

The budget for 2024 represents a significant increase in ministry and personnel costs as we have included Rev. Doug's full-time salary from April 15 when he begins his time with us. As a result, our revenue requirements from congregational donations, facility rental and fundraising will be \$194,320, almost 30% higher than what we received in 2023 from these sources.

While this will be a significant stretch, it's worth noting that the total of all giving in 2023 (operating plus special projects/funds) was \$203,403.

Council has made the decision to present the budget as a balanced one, as opposed to a deficit, so that we can keep our aggressive revenue target front and centre throughout the year.

We have much to be thankful for and to look forward to in 2024 but will need to work together to make it happen. If you are not already on PAR, consider signing up to ensure we receive your gifts on a monthly basis. If you're already on PAR, might you be able to increase your monthly offering?

Supporting events and organizations that use our space and engaging in fundraising projects are also ways of helping us achieve our goal. And if you know of any groups that would like to rent space, let them know that we are open for business.

Many thanks to all in our congregation who donate their time, talent and treasure to make this a vibrant faith community with a hopeful future.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Gillespie
Acting treasurer

SPACE FOR NOTES



TREASURER'S REPORT LOCAL FUND 2023 (CON'T)

Line	Item	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	Draft Budget 2024
LOCAL FUND					
REVENUE:					
IN1	Congregational Donations	107,437.89	115,000.00	135,191.68	174,820
IN5	Facility Rental	7,700.00	10,000.00	7,660.00	10,000
IN6	Fundraising - WUC	3,005.00	8,000.00	5,516.60	8,000
IN7	COPE Fundraising	604.55		0.00	0
IN8	UCW	250.00	250.00	3,000.00	1,500
IN9	Other Revenue - Gov't Subsidies & Interest	1,142.40	0.00	0.00	0
Total Revenue:		120,139.84	133,250.00	151,368.28	194,320
EXPENSES:					
Ministry & Personnel Committee					
Total:		55,248.50	96,310.00	62,298.50	135,270
Worship & Pastoral Support Committee					
WPS1	Advertising and Promotions	1,538.19	2,000.00	1,865.31	2,000
WPS2	Instrument Tuning & Repairs	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000
WPS3	Music & Other Resources	0.00	1,000.00	758.35	1,000
Total:		1,538.19	4,000.00	2,623.66	4,000
Fellowship & Faith Formation Committee					
FFF1	Resources & Supplies	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	100
FFF2	Fellowship Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	90.86	400
Total:		0.00	2,000.00	90.86	500
Outreach Committee:					
OR1	Charitable Giving	1,760.00	2,000.00	1,560.00	2000
OR2	Memberships & Dues - Outreach			125.00	
Total:		1,760.00	2,000.00	1,685.00	2000
Pastoral Support Committee: (2022 only)					
PS1	Ministry & Pastoral Supplies	458.28	0.00	0.00	
Total:		458.28	0.00	0.00	
Property Maintenance Committee:					
PM1	Building Maintenance & Repairs	11,569.40	7,000.00	8,898.69	10,000
PM2	Grounds Maintenance	3,625.77	4,600.00	6,402.42	7,000
PM3	Insurance	7,433.00	7,500.00	8,850.00	10,000
PM4	Sewer & Water	1,310.05	1,500.00	1,254.72	1,500
PM5	Hydro	2,457.51	2,600.00	3,744.29	3,500
PM6	Gas	3,464.90	4,000.00	5,009.23	5,000
Total:		29,860.63	27,200.00	34,159.35	37,000
Finance Committee:					
SF1	Regional Council Assessment	7,245.00	7,500.00	4,973.00	5,500
SF2	Postage	162.71	250.00	161.99	250
SF3	Office Supplies	2,234.44	600.00	1,617.94	1,000
SF4	Bank Charges & Service Fees	1,087.41	1,100.00	1,035.74	1,100
SF5	Bookkeeping Fees	5,883.09	5,800.00	5,593.08	5,800
SF6	Office Phone & Internet	1,286.07	1,400.00	1,346.52	1,400
SF7	Loan Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	
SF8	Fundraising Costs	100.00	0.00	457.80	
SF9	Stewardship Program Costs	410.66	500.00	298.99	500
Total:		18,409.38	17,150.00	15,485.06	15,550
Total Expenses:		107,274.98	148,660.00	116,342.43	194,320
Balance:		12,864.86	-15,410.00	35,025.85	0

TREASURER'S REPORT BALANCE SHEET 2023(CON'T)

Wellington United Church			
Balance Sheet as at Dec 31, 2023			
ASSETS	2023	2022	
Current Assets			
Cash - operating	60,670.09	27,388.61	
Cash - designated	31,448.02	18,778.21	
Cash - reserved	29,322.53	29,370.93	
Total Cash	121,440.64	75,537.75	
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00	
Undeposited Funds	2,984.12	1,500.00	
HST Receivable	2,955.76	2,647.11	
Total Current Assets	127,380.52	79,684.86	
TOTAL ASSETS	127,380.52	79,684.86	
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Long Term Liabilities			
UCC Loan Payable Jan 1, 2022	0.00	0.00	
Loan Balance Payments	0.00	0.00	
UCC Loan Balance as of Apr 30, 2022	0.00	0.00	
Total Long Term Liabilities	0.00	0.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	0.00	0.00	
Equity			
Retained Earnings	79,684.86	27,095.35	
Current Earnings	47,695.66	52,589.51	
TOTAL EQUITY	127,380.52	79,684.86	
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	127,380.52	79,684.86	

TREASURER'S REPORT DESIGNATED FUNDS 2023

Wellington United Church

Designated Funds at Dec. 31, 2023

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	2022	2023		Transfer to	Transfer from	Balance
	Balance	Income	Expenses	Other Accounts	Other Accounts	
Mission & Service	-	4,555.00	4,555.00			-
Building	2,985.00	12,945.00		2,624.35	7,736.13	21,041.78
Digital Sign	1,267.70	-	-	1,267.70		-
Shoreline	15,121.34	-	-	15,121.34		-
Memorial Gifts	790.00	1,379.99	-			2,169.99
Choir	62.97	640.00	-	702.97		-
Sunday School	120.00	20.00	-	140.00		-
Office Computer	131.95	-	-	131.95		-
Sanctuary Lighting	- 4,039.37	9,945.00	14,558.54		8,652.91	-
AV Equipment	2,338.62	1,802.00	1,140.23		2,798.96	5,799.35
Belfry Repair	-	3,420.00	6,044.35		2,624.35	-
Kids Camp	-	2,180.00	587.43		140.00	1,732.57
Clavinova	-	14,073.00	12,108.96	2,604.04	640.00	0.00
Sanctuary Flowers	-	1,075.00	370.67			704.33
Total	18,778.21	52,034.99	39,365.18	22,592.35	22,592.35	31,448.02

MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of WELLINGTON UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, February 26, 2023

- 1) Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Confirmation of Quorum - Stuart Hoegner
- 2) Prayer - Rev. Ed
- 3) Election of Chair, Secretary and Scrutineers: Moved by Harry Marissen and Seconded by Lynn Ward:
That Stuart Hoegner be Chairperson of this meeting and Dianne Cranshaw be Secretary.
Carried.

Moved by Harry Mills and Seconded by Lynn Ward That Scrutineers for this meeting be Shelley Fredericks and Steve Jones.
Carried.

- 4) Motion to include: Moved by Norma Griffith and Seconded by Bruce Ferguson:
That active adherents of Wellington United Church and those attending via Zoom be granted the right to vote at this meeting.
Carried.

- 5) Approval of Agenda: Moved by Bill Hurst and Seconded by Marg Blakely:
That the proposed agenda be adopted for this meeting.
Carried.

- 6) Approval of Minutes: Moved by Dianne Cranshaw and Seconded by Dennis Dick:
That the Minutes of the March 27, 2022 Congregational Meeting be approved.
Carried.

- 7) Reports: Moved by Lynn Ward and Seconded by Harry Marissen:
A) That the Messages of the Minister and Council Chairperson be received. pp 3-5
Carried.

Moved by Dianne Cranshaw and Seconded by Janet Marissen:
B) That the Reports of the Pastoral Support, Worship & Fellowship, Faith Development, Outreach, Property Maintenance and Ministry & Personnel Committees and the UCW be received. pp 6-14
Carried.

Moved by Kerry Burgess and Seconded by Ann Marie Jones:
C) That the reports of the Stewardship & Finance Committee, Envelope Steward, and Treasurer, be received - with the change of date on page 16 to read the shoreline loan was paid off in August not July as printed. pp 15-20
Carried.

Moved by Kerry Burgess and Seconded Ann Marie Jones:
D) That the Shoreline Project Summary, 2022 Operating Account Income Statement, and 2022 Balance Sheet be approved. pp 21-25

- 8) 2023 M & S Fund Goal: Moved by Janet Marissen and Seconded by Paula Gray:

That the 2023 goal for giving to the Mission and Service Fund be \$3,000.00. Carried.

9) Approval of Proposed Constitution for Wellington United Church. Rev Ed assumed the chair while Stuart gave the report on the proposed constitution. Moved by Chris Gillespie and Seconded by Anthony Griffith:

That the proposed Constitution be adopted. Carried.
Stuart resumed the Chair.

10) 2023 Local Fund Budget: Moved by Kerry Burgess and Seconded by Chris Gillespie:
That the proposed 2023 Local Fund Budget, as amended, be adopted. Carried. Kerry, in acknowledgement all the hard work done, thanked our bookkeeper, Linda Lavalley.

11) Election of Officers: Moved by Janet Marissen and Seconded by Vic Alyea:

A) Trustees:

That Bill Hurst be elected to the Board of Trustees. Carried.

B) Other officers: Moved by Shelley Fredericks and Seconded by Vivian Lloyd:

That the officers in the proposed Leadership Directory (overleaf) as amended to include Dayna Law on the Outreach Committee be elected, and that the Church Council be given power to add.
Carried.

12) Other Business: Kerry informed the congregation that in future budgets the salaries of individual staff members will not be listed but will be lumped together in one salary line as per the new government regulations regarding privacy.

13) Adjournment: Stuart declared the meeting adjourned at 12:11.

14) Closing Prayer - Christine Gillespie.

The Scrutineers reported 43 members/adherents of the congregation in attendance and 6 members/adherents taking part via zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Dianne Cranshaw.