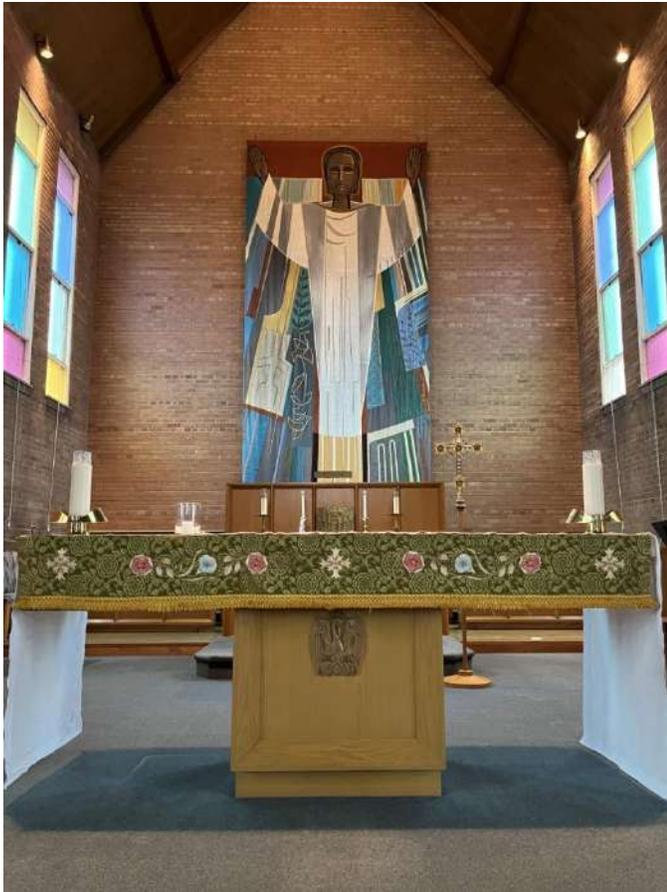




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**REPORT FOR THE
ANNUAL VESTRY
MEETING
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2022**

INCUMBENT: The Reverend Canon Gregory Carpenter
HONORARY ASSISTANTS: The Reverend Eric Howes
The Reverend Canon Francis Xavier
CHURCH WARDENS: Dilys Jones, Sharon Zagrodny
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REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022
Held on February 19, 2023

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THE CHURCH OF ST. JUDE (Wexford)
Annual Vestry Meeting on Sunday February 19, 2023

AGENDA

- Opening Prayers
- Appointment of the Vestry Clerk
- Minutes of the Vestry Meetings of February 27, 2022
- Incumbent's Report
- Churchwarden's Report
- Church Financial Report for 2022 and Budget for 2023
- Advisory Board Report
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Glory to God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine!
Glory to God, from generation to generation in the Church
and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever! Amen

MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING, FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Meeting held In person and by Zoom

Father Greg admitted the Parishioners who were joining Vestry by Zoom or Telephone.

Declaration: In order to take part in the meeting one must be

a) Belong to the Anglican Church, b) a member of the congregation of St Jude Wexford, or have attended a service three times either in Church or by Media.

Father Greg opened Vestry with prayers.

Appointment of Vestry Clerk: Olive Harris was appointed.

AGENDA: It is moved that the Agenda be accepted

Moved by Liz Farquharson, seconded by Phyllis Dennis. Carried.

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING FOR FEBRUARY 23rd 2020:

Errors and omissions to the minutes were requested. Seeing none, the minutes were moved as written.

Moved by Madeleine Ironside, seconded by Barbara White. Carried.

INCUMBENT'S REPORT

As Vestry began Father Greg asked that we continue to think of the bright colours of the sunrises and sunsets mentioned in his pre Vestry homily. Throughout 2021 there were sunrises and sunsets that were sometimes quite pale but others very bright and full of promise. The theme he has chosen for the coming year is to hope for "Stability from the present Instability".

In addition to Father Greg's report printed in the Vestry Report he expressed the following:

Firstly I am extremely grateful to Dilys Jones, who on very short notice stepped into the position of Rectors Warden. I would also like to thank Beverley Tang Choon, who has decided to step down from corporation this year, I thank her for her voice of reason, her great wisdom and her questions. Thank you Beverley for your devotion during your term as warden. Also my thanks to the other wardens Barry Wildridge and Sharon Zagrodney, who together with Dilys and Beverley offered time and commitment to the task during the continuing Covid-19 epidemic. Thank you also to the Treasurer Kevin Steffler, and Envelope Secretary Rachel Steffler for the many hours they spend caring for the financial business of the parish. I also add a thank you to Fredy Gonzalez for keeping our Facebook and Home pages updated weekly.

We are blessed to have Clergy Colleagues, Archbishop Fred, the Rev. Eric Howes, and the Rev. Canon Francis Xavier who choose to come and worship with us. To Archbishop Fred, who is an inspirational preacher and wonderful colleague in ministry, Thank you.

To our Organist, Senan Whelan, It is such a pleasure to enjoy music from Senan, for his collegiality and to work together with liturgy and music, thank you. Thank you also to the choir for their voices,(even from behind a mask.)

Thanks are also in order for our Office Staff. Secretary Mary Wilcox, Mary, retired in June after seventeen years as our parish secretary, Mary offered both pastoral and professionalism while carrying out her duties, Mary is a mine of information, there aren't many questions she can't answer. As health restrictions continued we weren't able to celebrate Mary's time in the usual manner, as an alternative we held a "Drive By" and received individually wrapped iced cookies, however Mary received the important celebration cake to share with her family.

I would like to thank Carolyn Virgo, for attending to the office duties during the time that corporation was seeking a full time replacement. We were fortunate that Martha Baquero accepted this position and became the new Office Administrator in September. Martha quickly took on the responsibilities of the busy office, while continuing to coordinate the operation of the Deacon's Pantry Food Bank with the difficulties that Covid-19 presented.

Thank you is also due to the custodians David, Lina and Jose for continuing to keep the Church, Chapel and Rectory clean, neat and tidy while including the added extras that came with the health restrictions, they also looked after the live streaming for services. Thanks also go to Cesar Valle the Sunday custodian who resigned in October in order to dedicate more time to his full time work and have a little free time at the weekend. Corporation was pleased that David and his son Jose have agreed to add Sundays to their duties.

The year began with code red health restrictions, when regular services were received on Zoom or by telephone. In April with social distancing and restricted numbers we were able to return to church for worship, gradually as months passed restrictions eased. Thanks are also due for our volunteers who weekly give their time for our time of prayer, to our organist Senan Whelan and the Choir for their gift of music, the Altar Guild, Greeters, Readers Guild, Sides People and Sound Operators, Thank you.

During this liturgical year for a number of weeks between the end of June until the week before Christmas we took time to read (just before our own Confession and Absolution) the 94 calls to Actions from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report of 2015. The readings brought renewed thoughts of the unmarked graves that are being found in areas close to former Indian Residential Schools. During this time like many other groups and organisations we set out to collect 94 pairs of shoes for infants and youths, one pair for each of the 94 calls to action. The shoes were donated to a local resettlement organisation, who assist new families arriving from Afghanistan.

While many committees were not able to meet as usual, it was comforting to know that the work done by the Stewardship Committee continued, chaired by Liz Farquharson. A

few plans were made to hold fund raising events bringing the St. Jude's family together, these included a car wash and jumble sale.

The Deacon's Pantry Food Bank continues to assist families in need from our neighbourhood with basic personal needs. Each week we see new families seeking help, throughout the year we registered more than 100 new families. We thank Martha Baquero and her team of volunteers for their dedication to this ministry. In December we held a very successful reverse Advent Calendar event collecting groceries for each day of Advent to boost the Food Bank stocks We thank the volunteers and our partners for the help and support they give us in this mission, including Kevin Steffler, Jean Eales, The Toronto Chinese Baptist Church, The Toronto Chinese Methodist Church, the Emanuel Lutheran, Wexford Heights United and our Anglican sister parishes St. Andrew's and Mary Magdalene. Also thanks to our neighbouring congregations who help to fill the shelves.

Through the year we have continued to receive support from our City Councillor, Michael Thompson, Member of Parliament Salma Zahid, and Provincial Representative Christina Mitas together with members of the broader community they brought donations of food and PPE.

The Pandemic has slowed progress but we still hope to reunite the family already here with other family members as soon as possible.

After a year with on and off again in person worship, the end of the year 2021 once again saw the need to close because of Omicron the latest strain of the Covid-19 virus. At years end we partnered together with Toronto Public Health and our friends from East Toronto Chinese Baptist Church for two vaccine clinics held in the church one in November was slow just 5 doses of vaccine given, but the second on December 30th was very successful 290 people received a vaccine.

It was a good feeling to end the year with thoughts of a scarlet sunset. Although there is work to do we hope to gain some Stability.

Fr Greg then read the names noted in the Parish Statistics page; those who were baptized and those who were committed to God in Christian burial in 2021.

It is moved that my report be received,
The Rev. Canon Greg Carpenter Incumbent.

WARDENS REPORT FOR 2022:

Dilys Jones, Presenting for the Wardens, said there was nothing to add to the printed report detailing the work done by the Wardens throughout the year, with one exception Dilys added a special thankyou to Beverley Tang Choon for her work for her attention to detail, asking questions and remembering details, Thankyou Beverley.

It is moved that the Wardens Report be accepted:

Moved by Liz Farquharson, seconded by Elaine Proud.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kevin Steffler, Distributed a Spread Sheet of the year's financial activities and the Budget for 2022, noting that the Auditors report for the Church and Cemetery was not available, there will be special Vestry meeting later when we receive it. He then pointed out the most important items from the spread sheet.

There were questions from the floor/Zoom, Eric Eves questioned the difference in the figures between Income and Expenses.

Sherry Bedford, asked why there was such a large sum shown for Envelopes and Open Offerings?

It is moved that the Financial Report be accepted,

Motion to approve the Financial Report,

Moved by Liz Farquharson, seconded by Phyllis Dennis. Carried.

P S. Sharon Zagrodney, added that in response to a request from 2020 Vestry, Dilys and Sharon had researched the possibility of using funds from some of the established and unused funds we hold; however, they discovered it is not under Church jurisdiction but that of the Provincial Government. It would be necessary to request a change in the Provincial legislation. It was deemed this would be a long process with very little benefit.

ADVISORY REPORT: PRESENTED BY SHARON ZAGRODNEY.

Sharon said there was nothing to add to the printed Advisory report for 2021. In the coming year the board will be considering leadership development, in particular having a replacement ready when a leader steps down.

Motion to approve the Advisory Board's Report:

Moved by Kathryn Ellett, seconded by Elaine Proud. Carried.

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT: PRESENTED BY RACHEL STEFFLER.

The printed copy of the Envelope Report offered very comprehensive facts and figures of Offerings etc. Rachel commented that she and the Treasurer report some items in different categories. Also if you do not use your envelopes notify Rachel who will not order them in future.

Motion to approve the Envelope Secretary's Report

Moved by Madeleine Ironside, seconded by Barbara White. Carried.

APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS:

Rectors Warden: Dilys Jones, was appointed.

Peoples Warden: Sharon Zagrodney was elected,

Motion to approve the election of Peoples Warden,

Moved by Senan Whelan, seconded by Elaine Proud. Carried.

Deputy Warden: (two to elect) Lina Arbelaez and Matthew Shields were elected,

Motion to approve the election of two Deputy Wardens,

Moved by Rachel Steffler, and Joanne Eves, Carried.

Treasurer: Kevin Steffler was appointed.

Envelope Secretary: Rachel Steffler was elected.

Motion to approve the election of Envelope Secretary,
Moved by Elaine Proud, and Barbara White. Carried.

Lay Members of Synod (two + one alternative)

Thank you to Monique Hodge, who has completed her term as Lay Member.

Lina Arbelaez, Nicolas Castaneda and Sherry Bedford were elected as Lay members of Synod.

Motion to approve the elected Members of Synod,

Moved by Sharon Zagrodney, seconded by Mike Wilcox. Carried.

PAROCHIAL TRIBUNAL

Mary Wilcox, Mike Wilcox and Audrey Marjeram were elected,

Motion to approve the elected members,

Moved by Judy Boundy, seconded by Liz Farquharson, Carried.

ADVISORY BOARD:

Members at Large + Incumbent, Wardens, Lay Members of Synod, Treasurer, Cemetery Board chair and Administrator, Representatives of Ministry Groups, Sherry Bedford and Madeleine Ironside (members at large).

Motion to approve members of the Advisory Board,

Moved by Senan Whelan, seconded by Rachel Steffler. Carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dilys Jones and Olive Harris, were appointed.

Motion to approve the Nominating Committee,

Moved by Liz Farquharson, seconded by Madeleine Ironside. Carried.

CEMETERY BOARD CHAIR: DAVID SMITH, WAS APPOINTED.

SCRUTINEERS Mike Wilcox and Phyllis Dennis.

NEW BUSINESS:

SOCIAL JUSTICE AND ADVOCACY MOTION FOR VESTRY.

The Bible calls us to offer justice for the most vulnerable including vulnerable workers. The Covid-19 pandemic has shown that many workers from health care, and those who are employed in long term facilities, manufacturing, logistics, farms, food processing facilities and grocery stores are among those who receive low wages, and unlikely to receive benefits or paid sick days. This is almost a certainty for part time employees. Low paid workers often work two or three different jobs to make ends meet. Working in different facilities is a certain cause of spreading the Covid-19 virus.

We, the Vestry of St Jude Wexford urges the provincial government to support Ontario's most vulnerable workers by passing legislation to implement the following measures:

- 1) 10 days employer paid sick leave each year for all workers without a doctor's note, with an additional 14 days sick leave during public health emergencies.
- 2) Require employers to give workers a minimum number of hours each week (based on the type of work) and give reasonable notice of work schedules.
- 3) Require employers to give equal pay and benefits to all workers doing the same work, whether they are part time, temporary or contract workers, regardless of immigration status.

Motion to accept the Social Justice and Advocacy Motion,
Moved by Liz Farquharson, seconded by Elaine Proud. Carried

OTHER BUSINESS-FINANCIAL: OTHER BUSINESS FINANCIAL MOTIONS.

The following three motions are standard financial motions brought to Vestry each year.

1) IT is moved that authorises the Rectors and Peoples Wardens, along with the Treasurer to have signing authority for the Church of St Jude Wexford bank account with two signatures mandatory. It is further moved that the signing authority for the Refugee Sponsorship Program be restricted to the two Canonical Wardens alone, with both signatures mandatory.

2) It is moved that the Vestry authorises the Corporation to borrow up to \$10,000 for operating expenses for the fiscal year of 2021 should the need arise and be deemed necessary.

3) it is moved that Logan Senathi-rasa of Senathi & Associates be appointed the Auditor of the Financial Statements of the Church of St Jude Wexford.

Motion that the above three Financial Statements for the Church and Cemetery be accepted.

Moved by Liz Farquharson seconded by Phyllis Dennis, Carried.

REPORTS FROM ORGANISATIONS AND MINISTRIES:

Motion to accept the reports from Organisations and Ministries as printed in the Vestry Report

Moved by Elaine Proud seconded by Mike Wilcox. Carried.

Sharon Zagrodney, on behalf of the Congregation Congratulated Father Greg who was acknowledged by the Bishop for his long service and wisdom, and has been appointed as a Honorary Canon of the Cathedral. Thank you Father Greg for guiding the St Jude's Family.

At the conclusion of Vestry we said together the Doxology.

Motion to Adjourn from Zoom by Matt Shields and Monique Hodge.

Moved by Everyone.

The meeting of Vestry closed at 2.08 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Olive Harris, Vestry Clerk.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF VESTRY

The special meeting for Vestry was held on 2nd June 2022

Appointment of Vestry Clerk: Olive Harris was appointed.

The meeting was held immediately following the 10.30am service.

Father Greg opened Vestry with a prayer.

AGENDA: There is only one item on the agenda:

To receive the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending December 31st 2021.

Copies of the documents were circulated two weeks before the meeting - Corporation asked for people to submit any questions in advance – to give time for answers to be prepared.

The Treasurer Kevin Steffler presented the questions and answers.

Q1) Total 2021 receipts at \$288,000 are \$57,000 lower than 2020 largely because “Special donations” were down by approx. \$37,000 (121,000 vs 83,000) as on page 5. The question: why are the special donations down so much?

A1) In 2020 we received a \$30,000 anonymous donation that was not repeated in 2021. In 2020 we received about \$7,400 more than 2021 in other special donations.

I think the drop was due to people getting tired of Covid-19 in 2021 and not having the same urgent desire to support the Church as in 2020 when Covid-19 was at its peak.

I know we received almost \$10,000 less Foodbank donations in 2021.

Q2) Total operating expenses increased from \$321,000 in 2020 to \$343,000 in 2021 (page 22)

This is largely because “Incumbent clergy” expense increased by (\$19,000 from \$54,000 in 2020 to \$73,000 in 2021). The question is why is there such a large increase?

A2) In 2020 the Diocese gave us a “Jubilee Grant” of \$18,165.24 towards Clergy expenses.

In 2021 we did not receive the grant from the Diocese. In 2020 we received \$1,266.72 in Government CEWS funds towards clergy salary compared to \$9,079.27 in CEWS funds received in 2021 towards Clergy salary.

After clarification of the questions:

It is moved that the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending December 31st 2021 be received:

Moved by Lina Arbelaez, seconded by Dave Smith. Carried.

Motion to Adjourn Vestry by Matt Shields, seconded by Dave Smith.

We joined Father Greg to say the Grace.

The meeting of Vestry closed at 12.40pm.

Minutes respectively submitted by Olive Harris. Vestry Clerk.

The College of Bishops Pastoral Letter to Vestries, 2023

To the clergy, churchwardens, and parishioners of the Diocese of Toronto,



Diocese of Toronto
Anglican Church of Canada

Beloved Siblings in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 1:2)

As we come to our Annual Vestry Meetings, it is a good time for us to reflect with thanksgiving on the past and look with a sense of hopefulness to the year ahead.

The past year was significant in many ways in the life of our Diocese. First, we have been returning to some sense of normalcy after two years of Covid lockdowns and restrictions. While we continue to urge parishes to exercise caution, many of our communities have returned to something that resembles our pre-pandemic life together. We thank God that the worst of the pandemic now seems behind us.

Of course, parishes are continuing to grapple with the effects of Covid. Many of our churches continue to experience a decrease in Sunday attendance, fewer volunteers to fill key parish roles, and a diminished number of regular financial givers. Clergy and lay leaders also continue to experience a deep sense of fatigue and anxiety about the future. In that light, we continue to encourage a gentleness with one another and a renewed commitment to self-care as we navigate post-pandemic realities. Over the past year, we have been pleased to offer a mini-Sabbatical opportunity for clergy. These ten days – taken together or broken up – are intended for rest and renewal. We have been delighted to hear that many clergy have already taken a mini-Sabbatical or have made plans to do so in 2023.

The past year also saw the launch of “Cast the Net”, a strategic visioning process for our Diocese. Aably led by the Very Reverend Peter Elliott, Canon Ian Alexander and Dr Anita Gittens, ODT, the Cast the Net team has surveyed the clergy in the Diocese in various consultations, and is now engaging lay people from every parish across the Diocese. Based on John 21, this Biblically-grounded initiative is seeking to help us chart of path forward as a Diocese. We eagerly anticipate a full report from the Cast the Net team at our Synod next November.

Our restructuring of episcopal leadership also continued through 2022. The Episcopal Leadership Implementation Team followed up the good work of the Episcopal Leadership Working Group and brought forward a model for raising up and deploying territorial archdeacons and canon administrators to assist the bishops in their work. Interviews took place in November, leading to the appointment of four new archdeacons and one new canon administrator. Many of you were present at the Cathedral on January 15 as Archdeacon John Anderson, Archdeacon Theadore Hunt, Archdeacon Steven Mackison and Archdeacon Cheryl Palmer and Canon Laura Walton were collated. They

have now begun their work and are already helping to share ministry with the College of Bishops.

After twenty years of service, Canon Clare Burns also retired as our Chancellor and is now Chancellor Emeritus. We are grateful for Clare's ministry and are also delighted to welcome Marg Creal our new Chancellor. Those of you who were present at the New Year's Levee on January 1 will remember the joy of Chancellor Creal's installation. Our work in the area of anti-bias and anti-racism (ABAR) also continued in 2022. The workshops for clergy concluded last year and we began to roll out the parish-based program. Clergy and lay facilitators are now trained to visit parishes and lead this important work. The ABAR Pod has also been formed to lead the ongoing work of dismantling bias and racism in our structures. May God continue to bless our efforts and encourage us in this vital work.

As we look ahead to a new year, we do so with a sense of great hope. Our beloved Church has changed dramatically over the past few years and will continue to change. But God is present and faithful, and our proclamation and sharing in the redemptive love of God in Christ continues to be the mission to which we are called.

Be assured of our prayers for each of you as you meet for your Annual Vestry Meeting. We want to express our profound thanks to all who exercise leadership in the Diocese of Toronto. Whether you are stepping down from a particular ministry, or continuing on, or taking up a new role this year, thank you for your commitment and faithfulness. You are a blessing to the Church in our Diocese.

We write this letter on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul. As the Church celebrates the beginning of Paul's evangelistic ministry to the Gentiles, please join us in praying and working for the extension of the Gospel in every place, and for the renewal of the Church in our midst.

Yours faithfully in Christ Jesus,

+Andrew Toronto

The Right Rev. Andrew J. Asbil
Bishop of Toronto

+Riscylla Shaw

The Right Rev. Riscylla Shaw
Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

+Kevin Robertson

The Right Rev. Kevin Robertson
Suffragan Bishop of Toronto

INCUMBENT'S REPORT TO VESTRY

There are many hymns in our tradition that can cause us to both reflect and encourage us in our faith. Personally, two hymns which will never cease on either point are *Amazing Grace* and *Be Thou My Vision*. Both have encouraged me in my reflection on our life as a parish in 2022.

In the final verse of the well-known hymn *Amazing Grace*, we hear the following: *When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise as when we first begun.*

In the opening verse of *Be Thou My Vision*, we hear this: *Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art. Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

In getting through to this point in our experience of Covid-19, one might think that ten thousand years had actually passed. However; in reality, instead of this being a time of learning and exploration, for many, it has been one of fatigue and frustration.

Yet, even with those opening weeks of 2022 spent in a renewed time of voluntary closure due to the emergence of the Omicron variant, we continued to navigated our way as a community of faith with care and compassion.

It is through some themes from these hymn verses where I would like to give shape to my 2022 reflection. Those themes are about Vision, Presence, and Praise.

Vision:

As you read through the reports from the many groups who make St Jude's their home - their cause of hope in this part of our Diocese - none of this life and ministry would have been possible without the devoted commitment coming from each and every group present at St Jude's. My thanks to all of you for having a vision of hope, and I am grateful that this hope has found a permanent home at St Jude's.

It was with many of those you elected and who work at St Jude's where that vision of hope burned brightest in 2022.

To your members of Corporation: Dilys Jones ODT, Sharon Zagrodney, Lina Arbelaez, and Matthew Shields - I extend my thanks for being a great team who provided counsel and wisdom. Sadly, we have two members of the team, Dilys and Sharon, stepping down from their duties on Corporation. Sharon - you have brought many gifts to this ministry and I thank you for your desire to always look for where God is calling us to be. Dilys - once again, in stepping into the breach, you have brought extraordinary wisdom, patience, and passion to our work. I look forward to the work and vision Matt, Lina, and your elected Deputy Warden will bring to 2023.

Presence:

To our staff (part-time and contract): Senan Whelan, David Lopez, Lina Rincon, Jose Lopez, Judy Boundy, Fredy Gonzalez, Martha Baquero, and Carolyn Virgo - I wish to

extend my thanks for your dedication, your care, and your untiring hope to the life and ministry of St Jude's.

I also wish to thank those who give so generously of their time as part of through our more 'front line' ministries - Kevin Steffler our Treasurer, Rachel Steffler our Envelope Secretary - and our awesome team of Food Bank volunteers who pour their hearts into this tangible expression of God's love and compassion in our community.

The many other ways we reach out into our community is inspiring. The wider community can see how we embody the hope and care of the Gospel in our lives and in how we share it with others. So many hands and hearts gave life to our Christmas Angels program, our Interfaith Iftar dinner, our Reverse Advent Calendar Food drive, and the Blue Christmas meal. These events, and many others, contribute to how St Jude's is a presence of love and compassion in a world that can sadly lack both. My deep and profound thanks to you all.

Praise:

We all know how the last couple of years have forced us to isolate, figure out how to go to church virtually, and then take tentative steps back to in person worship. Regardless of which point we found ourselves along that spectrum in 2022, St Jude's sang God's praises with great gusto. My thanks to everyone who stayed with us through these difficult times with a spirit of understanding and patience as we navigated challenging protocols. Staying the course has allowed us to emerge stronger than ever.

To those who assist the worship life of St Jude's with incredibly dedication each week and on special days: to our choir, the readers, servers and lay assistants, our altar guild, the welcome ministry, hospitality ministry (Coffee Hour), and Bible Buddies Sunday School - I am thankful for the many ways you lead us, welcome us, engage us, and help to be that voice of praise and proclamation in this part of God's garden.

It is far too easy to consider how the clergy who call St Jude's home (and those who have helped through the year) contribute to the life of praise to which we are called; however, we know their vision in preaching and their inspiring presence means so much more. To The Most Rev Fred Hiltz, Rev Eric Howes, Rev Pam Prideaux, Rev Canon Geoff Sangwine, Rev Mary Lewis, and Rev Theo Ipema - my thanks for being a part of our cause of hope; of providing pastoral care, guidance, and leadership throughout 2022.

As you have no doubt seen over the past couple of years, our online presence, through times of prayer and our excellent website, has invited people from many places beyond our city (and country) to join with us in prayer and praise. My thanks to those who ensure this infrastructure is in good working order at all times.

Finally, as we embark on a year of celebration in 2023, may we embrace the stirring sentiment of *Amazing Grace* and the abiding confidence of *Be Thou My Vision*. May we also be ready to welcome those who are looking for an Anglican parish that lives out

those themes of Vision, Presence, and Praise; and may we always have the boldness to sing of our deep roots of faith, whose foundation has and will always be Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,



The Rev Canon Greg Carpenter

Incumbent

WARDEN’S REPORT 2022

Although Covid continues to be part of our lives, we are thankful that we have, partially, returned to some semblance of normality. We are very pleased to see so many of you return to in-person worship. However, Covid is ever-present and still mutates into myriad variants. This will likely continue for the foreseeable future. Regardless, the life of St. Jude’s perseveres and presses forward. Our services are still offered online, and along with weekly prayers, continue to connect parishioners and the public.

As most of you are aware, we have received bequests from four current or former members who have passed away – may they rest in peace: Pat McCorry, Marylou Henderson, George Grace and Sylvia Bonney.

The monies from these generous bequests enabled us to pay off our considerable debt to the Diocese, and will allow us to do much needed work around the church. The Wardens are aiming to be good stewards of these bequests for the future stability of the parish. So far, we have placed \$300,000 in the Diocese Consolidated Trust Fund as a long-term investment, and we are looking at other more short-term investments. These investments generate interest on a yearly basis and will allow the funds to be ready for larger repairs and renovations as they are undertaken.

The George Grace Estate has one condition tied to its bequest: that we create and install a set of crosses in our cemetery; the “Millennial Cross” project. This was a long-time dream of George Grace dating back to 2003, and being the architect he was, he left a set of detailed plans showing how they should look. We are currently working with a firm to fulfill his dream, and hope to have it installed during our anniversary year of 2023.

The Corporation is deeply aware of the work done by certain members of the parish to hold our community together. In particular, we acknowledge the work of Audrey and Dan Marjeram; we are grateful.

As Wardens we must remind our members that although we are the recipients of these amazing gifts, we still rely on you for your regular generous envelope donations to

manage our day-to-day expenses. As noted, what we invest is for the future of St. Jude's, to allow us to undertake extraordinary maintenance needs and any new mission opportunities.

Your Wardens have also been hard at work with various tasks around the parish, much of them behind the scenes: building upkeep; restoring the window in our historic chapel; launching and maintaining the FundScrip campaign (with special thanks to Sherry Bedford for recommending this!); maintaining space rental, insurance and other contracts; and ensuring the Diocese's sexual misconduct policy training gets completed by all required.

Our staff continue to do excellent work. Martha Baquero was our parish secretary until her resignation at the end of November. We are now blessed to have Carolyn Virgo (our once summer temp) in this vital role; welcome, Carolyn. Martha continues her important work as food bank co-ordinator. *Gracias*, Martha.

Senan, our talented organist, continues to delight us with his music, and we are thankful for his skills and dedication.

The Lopez family, David, Lina, Jose and Dana, not only work the video camera during our worship services, but ensure our church sparkles. Thank you all for your appreciated efforts.

Our most sincere thanks go to our most competent and hard-working priest, Father Greg Carpenter. Words cannot express how thankful we are for his energy, tireless leadership and dedication to St. Jude's. BLESS you.

A church is as strong as its help, and we have so many dedicated volunteers who continue to make St. Jude's a warm, welcoming place to be. If we start to name you all, we will invariably forget someone. You know who you are, so, THANK YOU all. Having said that, we must make special mention and send heartfelt thanks to our treasurer, Kevin Steffler, who spends countless hours with our financial records. And, to Rachel Steffler, who is not only our envelope secretary, but puts up with Kevin's presence in the church office when he should be at home. THANK YOU both.

As we continue into our 175th anniversary year, we look forward to a blessed celebration and to many of you volunteering. We may be tapping you on the shoulder asking you to lend your hands, and hearts. We encourage all of you to find where Christ is calling you to help, so that by our works of love, all may see that we are Christians in this community.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilys Jones	Sharon Zagrodney	Lina Arbelaez	Matthew Shields
Rector's Warden	People's Warden	Deputy Warden	Deputy Warden

ADVISORY BOARD REPORT 2022

In 2022, the Advisory Board met four times: Jan 25, April 22, Oct 11, and November 22. All of these meetings were by Zoom or had a Zoom component. This format was challenging for some; however, deemed the safest and best for the community at large.

During 2022, we still have been moving forward towards a life beyond a pandemic. The role of the Advisory Board was curtailed during the peak pandemic years and we have been slowly developing new (or old) methods of undertaking the work of the Board in these strange times. We have worked to get back to a regular schedule of meeting. We are working on developing a system of minute taking that doesn't burden anyone unduly. We are keeping in mind the question of how we get the most work done with the least amount of bureaucracy.

The first task of the new Advisory Board will be to discuss the issue of Chairperson. During the pandemic, the role of Chairperson was held by a Warden because it made the work possible with the least exposure to risk. This wasn't intended to be a permanent step. Now that we appear to be through the worst of the pandemic, it may be time to spread the management tree back out to the previous level.

I have enjoyed my three years as Chair. I hope that my work as Chair has served the Christian goals of this community. I step down as Chair praying for the future success of St. Jude's and all of you in this wonderful community.

Sharon Zagrodney

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP REPORT 2022

Previously, St Jude's partnered with a community organization called Port Union Cares to assist in the sponsorship of 3 refugee families to Canada. This has been a very successful partnership. That group has evolved to become Rouge Cares. Leaders from Rouge Cares and the Anglican United Refugee Alliance contacted us in the summer of 2020 to see if we would partner with them once again; assisting members of one of the previous families we had supported.

The funds to support this application were deposited into our designated account.

The sponsored family arrived this past year and the funds in this account have been drawn on according to the agreement we have with Rouge Cares.

A financial summary of the Refugee Sponsorship Fund can be found with the financial report for 2022.

Envelope Secretary's Report to Vestry for 2022
(Prepared and submitted by Rachel Steffler)

<u>Envelope Distribution/Activity:</u>		(PAG = Pre-Authorized Giving)
Weekly Envelopes	36 -11	(1-etrans only, 2-PAG, 8-inactive)
Monthly Envelopes	51 -10	(1eTrans only, 6-inactive, 3-died)
Families in PAG	<u>27</u> -4 + 2	(1-died, 3-vis/occ, 2 from wkly)
	114	

2022 Contributors:

122	Members	22	Weekly envelope contributors
		36	Monthly envelope contributors
		25	PAG (Pre-Authorized Giving contributors
		39	via visitors env/eTrans only/non-anon Can Helps only
92	Visitors		In-person/via eTrans/non-anonymous Canada Helps
23	Individuals from sister churches		(donations to foodbank)
4	Sister churches & other organizations		(donations to foodbank)
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241			

<u>2022 Contributions:</u>	<u>Tax Receiptable:</u>	<u>Non-Receiptable:</u> (eg. Anon or via other orgs that issue receipts)
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Regular Givings	\$172,445.90	\$15,813.61
Lent & Easter	\$3,365.00	\$181.55
Thanksgiving	\$1,295.00	
Christmas	\$6,895.00	
Foodbank	\$22,895.00	\$5785.00
Rector's Discret.	\$460.00	
Memorial	\$2,100.92	
Cemetery		\$4000.00
Refugee Sponsorship	\$2,650.00	
Chapel Restoration	\$11,723.40	
Donation in Kind	\$818.77	
Memorial Flowers	\$1,115.00	
Bake/Craft/ACW		\$1,573.80
Organ Maintenance	\$180.00	
Outreach (CAngels)	\$7,790.00	
Swim-a-thon	\$695.00	\$250.00
FundScrip		\$433.13

Total Contributions:	\$234,428.99	+	\$28,037.09	=	\$262,466.08
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Givings from Estates	\$790,594.10
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Previous 5 Years Total Contributions		
Year	#contributors	Total
2021	244	\$264,393.97
2020	251	\$327,568.94
2019	251	\$227,648.03
2018	287	\$266,647.83
2017	234	241,477.86

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN REPORT 2022

Our A.C.W. had another very quiet year in 2022

No meetings were held during 2022. Any future meetings will be announced in the Sunday Bulletin.

We did not hold our annual Baby Shower, but hopefully we will be able to do so 2023.

Our Craft Group, headed by Marguerite Snead and Olive Harris is still active, and we are hoping for some new crafters to join us.

The A.C. W. catered several functions at the Church during 2022.

In early December our Craft Group participated in the Bake & Craft Sale held at the Church, and was quite a success, with sales amounting to approximately \$500.00, which went directly to the Church.

This year was another very different year for the A.C.W., as it has been for everyone. The A.C.W. Executive and Members are looking forward to 2023, which, will hopefully see us getting back to regular meetings and seeing each other once again.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Press

P.S. - All women of St. Jude's are automatically members of the A.C.W.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY REPORT 2022

The St. Jude's Prayer Shawl Ministry is still active.

During 2022, several Prayer Shawls were requested for individuals.

Currently, we have several Shawls available for distribution. We currently have a very small supply of yarn available for anyone who wishes to knit or crochet a shawl.

Hopefully, our supply will be replenished soon.

According to the records I have, Karen Ball initiated this ministry in 2012, and faithfully administered it until mid 2018, during which time approximately 300 shawls were blessed and distributed.

Hopefully, everyone will continue to support this important ministry, as so many people have benefited from receiving the lovingly crafted shawls, and we hope to continue this caring ministry.

Thank you to each one of our dedicated knitters and crocheters for your continued support of this important St. Jude's outreach ministry.

Any financial contributions to the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be most welcome and the donor will receive a tax receipt.

Any questions about the Ministry may be directed to the Church office and will be forwarded to me.

Respectfully Submitted

Sharon Press

ALTAR GUILD REPORT 2022

My thanks to everyone who have worked diligently and given their time to this ministry. In 2022 we welcomed Christina Fitzpatrick and Patricia Pingarron Rangel to the guild. Patricia looks after the monthly Spanish Mass.

Prior to the pandemic, the Altar Guild operated with four teams; with people usually being called upon once a month to fulfill our work.

Since reopening, we maintained the same schedule of four teams; however, trying to maintain this schedule was causing considerable stress to those whose teams had been seriously depleted.

With people more reticent to return to 'normal', the decision was made to reorganize down to two teams. In consultation with Fr Greg, on a trial basis, we are working on 2 weeks on/2 weeks off schedule. The effectiveness of this will be reassessed early in 2023.

This ministry is an important one and we would be happy to welcome others who are interested to join this ministry.

Blessings,

Barbara White
Alter Guild Directress

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE 2022

Not available at time of printing.

MINISTRY OF WELCOME 2022

Although we seemed to have past the worst of the pandemic, we have had a decrease in the number of members of the Committee due to passing on, moving and/or decreased mobility for a number of the members. I would like to thank all the members who have been able to assist with the Sunday Service when needed. With that in mind we have merged the members into 2 teams from 4 – so that we’d have 2 strong teams. We would love to have more people join us in the Welcoming Committee so that we can go back to at least 3 teams and in the future 4 teams. Many thanks to Walter Proud for his assistance on the Sound Desk along with Tom Wilson who has stepped in occasionally to help out when needed.

I have stepped down as the Interim Chair of the Welcome Ministry as of Dec 31, 2022

We desperately need more people to assist on the Sound Desk as we are only operating with 2 of us. I would like to see at least 2 more people to help out. If anyone is interested in helping please contact me through the Office or you can speak to either myself or Walter on Sunday mornings.

Mike Wilcox

FELLOWSHIP CLUB REPORT 2022

The Fellowship Club has been dormant since before Covid.

Although we would very much like to keep it alive, it is quite difficult. Mainly due to the lack of members!!

As with many other organizations, our members are getting older and less able, and indeed we have lost people who were very active.

It would be sad to see the fellowship club fold, and there is a real need in this parish to have functions that bring people together just for the fun of it! Soup lunches, and parish picnics have been enjoyed and well attended.

We are always ready to help other groups at St Jude s. So..... we are looking for more members. Give it a try- we might still be able to revitalize this great corner of St. Jude’s.

Think about it !!

Thank you,
Jill Raine

THE CHOIR ASSOCIATION OF ST. JUDE (WEXFORD) REPORT 2022

This year started out much the same as 2021 ended with only one member of the choir singing as cantor. The full choir resumed singing at Sunday services on February 20th. We sang together as a choir until July, when we broke for the summer.

During the summer, Rachel and her mother swam laps in the lake at their cottage. Rachel did this in memory of Nancy Pearson and the many way Nancy impacted St. Judes. Rachel swam approximately 50 km and donated \$945 to the Church's General Fund.

One of our long time faithful chorister, Phyllis Philips turned 92 in January. Unfortunately, she fell ill in November and hasn't sung with us since. We miss he, and hope she gets better quickly.

We were very fortunate to receive a new choir member on June 5th, Manab Naskar, originally from Kolkata, India. Besides dinging tenor with Kevin, he also play the cello. After the choir broke for the summer, Manab continued to accompany Senan with his beautiful cello playing during the service. He returned to his home the week of July 24th. On the date of the anniversary of Nancy Person's death, July 16th some members of the choir and congregation together with Nancy's good friends met at her grave site and Father Greg led us in a very nice remembrance service for her.

Choir resumed on September 11th. With the exception of Phyllis, we were all together for the 9 Lessons and Carol service on December 18th. This was the last time we were all together. The choir was hit with some virus's including coughs and cold that lingered up to 3 weeks at least. There were only 3 choir members singing the midnight service at Christmas.

Our thanks go to Senan once again for faithfully playing the services every week plus his wonderful postludes. We would welcome new choir members. If you are interested and like to sing, please see any choir member or speak to Senan.

The choir has sung at many funerals of our St Judes friends this past year:

Bob Haydon	died Jan 18 th	Pat McCorry	died Aug 9 th
Sylvia Bonney	died Mar 4 th	Tome White	died Aug 30 th
George Grace	died Jun 20 th	Frank Welch	died Nov 9 th

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace and rise in glory

Respectfully submitted

Elaine Proud

CEMETERY REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2022

The Cemetery operations are an integral part of our ministry here at St Jude's. The Board operates under the guidance of our By-Laws which were drafted and approved by the Bereavement Authority of Ontario as constituted by Provincial Statute. There are 11 members who meet 3 or 4 times a year or more often as necessary. Our numbers have increased this year by the welcome addition of Bob Bedford and Nicolas Castañeda to our Board.

Judy Boundy continues to serve as our redoubtable and very capable Administrator. Her report on our 2022 activity follows.

Our programme of phasing in significant plot interment selling prices, which we started last year, has continued this year. Our current casket and cremation plot prices were increased by 20% effective January 1, 2023. Notwithstanding, our prices continue to be significantly lower than those of comparable cemeteries within the Diocese.

Accordingly, we will probably have to continue the phasing in process for at least a couple of years more.

We continue to struggle with the interpretation of some of our By-Laws as they relate to governance and financial issues. It is probable that some By-Law revisions will be required and we will be working with the Rector and Wardens in that regard over the coming year.

Finally, I want to thank all the Board members for their diligence and significant contributions to the life our Cemetery.

David Smith, Chair

CEMETERY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO VESTRY 2022

Once again our beautiful little cemetery was able to support those in need in our parish and community. Here are the statistics and a brief overview of cemetery activity for the year 2022.

SALES:

Total Purchasers	10
for a Total Plots/Lots/Niches/Scatterings	17
Casket Lots = 4x single depth + 4x double depth	8
Cremation Lots	6
Columbarium Niches	0
Scatter Garden scatterings	3

Note (A) There are 3 installment purchases on-going which will be finalized in 2023.

Note (B): Buy-Back Request – We had a request from a Rights Holder to buy-back their casket lot. This was approved and they were refunded the Interment Rights part of the

original purchase. Within one week this casket lot was re-sold to a family with an immediate need.

Note (C): We had a request to officially change the Rights Holder from parent to adult child. This was completed.

INTERMENTS: There were a total of 12 interments in 2022.

(1x DD Casket burial; 8 Cremation burials; 3x Scatterings in Scatter Garden; 0 Columbarium niche entombments.)

MONUMENTS / MARKERS / PLAQUES: There were a total of 9 installed in 2022. (2x Monuments; 5x Markers; 2x Columbarium Plaques)

INQUIRIES: Throughout the year we have had quite a few inquiries on a variety of topics. They have included the usual requests for plot prices, interment needs, monument and marker installation guidelines. Also we receive questions about what is permitted and not permitted in the cemetery and requests from people seeking burial information on family members who may be buried in St. Jude's.

MAINTENANCE:

Grass Cutting - continues to be overseen by Corporation.

Grounds Keeping – a schedule has been set-up for our custodians to regularly check the cemetery for any trash that needs to be removed.

Fence – Nicolas Castañeda has accepted the responsibility of repairing the fence and re-locating the laneway gate closest to Victoria Park Ave. This is slated to be done in Spring 2023.

Scatter Garden – a) As there are only two or three spaces left before the current Scatter Garden Memorial stone runs out of space to engrave the names of loved ones scattered in the garden, the Board and Corporation decided to ask Creber Monument Company to search for a suitable second stone to be installed in the Garden. So far nothing suitable has been found.

b) There has been a proposal to make some small adjustments to the Scatter Garden layout and boundary. Discussion is still on-going for this project.

c) Sincere thanks to Audrey and Dan Marjeram who continue to weed, plant and care for the Scatter Garden and surrounding space. And thanks also to John Small who adds pots of flowers and generally keeps a vigilant eye on our lovely cemetery.

Finally, my most sincere thanks to Dave Smith and all the Cemetery Board members, Fr. Greg, the Wardens, Martha and Carolyn our secretaries, and Kevin Steffler (who is a wonderful help to me for all kinds of things including computer related issues and keeping my numbers straight) for their continued support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Boundy – Cemetery Administrator

THE DEACON'S PANTRY FOOD BANK 2022

The year 2022 was another year of challenges in our Food Bank Ministry. We have worked hard to offer this essential service, while supporting our families and community.

Thank you very much to our amazing dedicated volunteers, who helped our food bank succeed. Thanks to all of you who helped to serve each week, to register, to translate, to unload the truck from Second Harvest each Monday, to do the weekly shopping, to set up and prepare on Tuesdays, and to clean up after we close on Wednesdays. Your commitment to this work is awesome!

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our work, financially and through food donations dropped off through the week. Our statistics, which we provide in the announcements each week, show you how many families we support. I would also like to thank and acknowledge those outside of St Jude's who assist us in our work: Second Harvest, East Toronto Chinese Baptist Church, West Toronto Chinese Methodist Church, Churches in the Scarborough Deanery, and the many friends of St. Jude.

In 2022 we were able to support 1736 families consisting of 5,222 individuals. That is, 188 unique families and 537 unique individuals. 80 new families were registered consisting in 215 unique individuals.

For our Christmas Angel program this year we continued to offer gift cards to the families we were able to support. Thanks to the parishioners and friends of St Jude who participated in this program by buying a gift card through Fund Scrip. This year we successfully supported 36 families (consisting in 98 individuals). In addition, we supported 14 families (consisting of a further 98 individuals) through the Holiday Helpers organization.

Special thanks to Jean Eales, Kevin and Rachel Steffler, and Father Greg for helping me with the coordination of Christmas Angels: choosing families, making calls, buying gift cards, and distributing them. Thanks to Carolyn Virgo from her support answering calls and distributing the gift cards.

Blessed Regards,

Martha Baquero,

Food Bank Coordinator

LAY MEMBERS OF SYNOD REPORT FOR 2022

The 161th regular session of Synod was held from November 17-19 online. The theme of Synod was ‘Cast the Net’.

In his Charge to Synod, Bishop Asbil used the story of his own love for fishing as a boy as a parallel to Peter’s; “I’m going fishing” from scripture; introducing us to the theme of Synod where we all have to keep casting our net to find a way to move forward. He highlighted ways in which the Covid-19 pandemic has changed our way of life at church, how we need to understand our current position and find ways to move forward with faith in what the future will bring.

In the first missional and outreach moment, Synod members learned about St. Luke, Creemore’s foodbank, which caters to the needs of several families in the community. Local merchants provide food to the foodbank, which is run by a dedicated group of people at the church.

Synod voted on and carried motions regarding an affordable housing plan, increasing diocesan investments instead of raising allotments and the future of energy management in parishes.

Synod voted on and defeated a motion to have a paid staff position to develop an affordable housing plan, as there is work well underway to develop this using volunteer committees.

Then Synod members learned about Cast the Net, the diocese’s visioning and strategy process. Synod members were given an overview of Cast the Net and the results of a Synod survey, and then broke into small groups to answer important questions related to it. In particular, Synod members were asked, “What would it mean as a diocese, in this time and place, to cast our net on the other side of the boat?”

Chancellor Clare Burns gave an update on the Governance Pilot Project, spoke about changes to the diocese’s governance structure and progress since last synod. Its findings showed that the majority of responses were positive and showed support for the new Synod Council structure.

On the second day of Synod, we received an update from the Episcopal Leadership Implementation Team, whose work has resulted in the creation of territorial archdeacon positions in the Diocese. They said work was progressing well and they thanked all those who contributed to this important initiative.

Due to time constraints, Synod voted on three motions together that dealt with the Constitution and Canons. Before voting, Chancellor Clare Burns took Synod members through the various proposed changes to the Constitution and Canons. Executive Director Canon Robert Saffrey and Controller Patricia D’Souza then presented the Priorities and Plans 2023 document and the diocese’s budget for 2023. After their presentation, Synod voted in agreement that those elected in 2021 to General Synod and Synod Council should continue to hold these positions.

Respectfully submitted,
Lina Arbelaez, Nicolas Castañeda

Bible Buddies Sunday School 2022

Not available at time of printing.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

Not available at time of printing.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT 2022

Our ‘new’ church building is in its eighth decade of life and ministry. We are thankful that this space continues to be a blessing to many. Not only is it our spiritual home, an Ethiopian Orthodox community uses our Hall each week. Our Church plays a vital role in our area: it is home to our Deacon’s Pantry foodbank, which makes a difference in so many lives; it is a space where groups such as AA, Northdale Band, and Guiding and Scouting groups can safely meet; and it is a place where people from all walks of life can come together on special occasions to share a meal and fellowship.

We thank Nicolas Castañeda for his work and guidance in helping to maintain our space throughout the past year. Even while away in Colombia, Nicolas was always willing to lend his advice for any issues that sprung up.

Like any other year, our parish building had its ups and downs and maintenance requirements. The following is a point form list, and although not exhaustive, highlights some of the work that has been done (both foreseen and unforeseen!):

- Usual maintenance was completed for the upkeep of our elevator, fire alarms, and other building necessities
- The church hall (basement) suffered a flood that was dealt with by ServiceMaster; however, costs were below our insurance deductible
- We discovered that a storage room in the basement also received water damage (and mould) that ServiceMaster claimed was not as a result of the above-noted flooding. This was cleaned and all mould was remediated
- This past autumn 2022, the furnace in the main church required important maintenance; the furnace in our historic chapel also required unforeseen maintenance
- The west window of our historic chapel was restored and replaced by McCausland's (the company that originally installed the windows of our chapel)
- We received new (used) refrigerators as a result of a donation from another parish, and they are being put to good use in our Deacon's Pantry foodbank

Looking ahead to 2023, we believe there are a few projects of upgrade and maintenance required, including the following, if possible:

- Paving large areas of our parking lot (major capital project)
- Possible roof repairs (also as a result of water damage in hallway between the elevator and entrance to the Church)
- Repairs to the steeple of our historic chapel
- A window in the church hall requires maintenance

We realize that these projects may have substantial costs, particularly the parking lot; however, to maintain a safe building, we must put a plan in place to address them. It also must be reiterated that the financial bequests received are for the future good of the parish and are not meant to cover our bills, either for overhead, or repairs. Corporation is considering fundraising with especial focus on parking lot repairs, so please keep the needs of your parish in mind. We are grateful for all your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Members of Corporation for Nicolas Castañeda

Social Justice and Advocacy Motion for Vestry:

This year's Social Justice Vestry Motion addresses the issue of chronically low social assistance rates in Ontario.

To live on social assistance in Ontario is to live in increasingly deep poverty. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, single people on the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) were 40% below the poverty line, while those receiving Ontario Works (OW) were more than 60% below the poverty line. As inflation has soared, this gap has only widened. In September 2022, the current provincial government followed through on a campaign to raise ODSP rates by 5% and plans to index those rates to inflation. While this is a welcome step after a four-year rate freeze, it still leaves ODSP recipients in deep poverty. Meanwhile, recipients of OW continue to receive the same rates they received in 2018, with no indexing to inflation. A single person on OW receives a mere \$733 per month – hardly enough to afford housing, much less other basic needs.

It is hardly surprising that homelessness is increasing everywhere in our Diocese, while food banks are reporting a huge spike in the numbers of people relying on their services. Our parishes on the front lines can attest to this increasing need.

In July 2022, an open letter signed by more than 250 community organizations, faith groups, and service providers called on the provincial government to double social assistance rates and index them to inflation. This year's vestry motion offers our parishes to add our voice to this growing call for income support levels that allow people on social assistance to meet their most basic needs.

We are called to recognize in our neighbour the face of Christ, and to work together to ensure all have enough.

This motion was approved by the College of Bishops on November 9, 2022 and presented to the Regional Deans on November 30, 2022.

We, the parish of St Jude, Wexford call on the Province of Ontario to double social assistance rates for both Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program, and thereafter to index these rates to inflation, so as to provide a safety net that enables people to meet their most basic needs.

OTHER BUSINESS – FINANCIAL MOTIONS

The following 3 motions are standard financial motions brought to Vestry each year.

It is moved that The Vestry authorizes the Rector's and the People's Wardens, along with the Treasurer to have signing authority for the Church of St. Jude, Wexford bank accounts with two signatures mandatory. It is further moved that the signing authority for the Refugee Sponsorship Program be restricted to the 2 (two) Canonical Wardens alone, with 2 (two) signatures mandatory.

It is moved that The Vestry authorizes the Corporation to borrow up to \$10,000 for operating expenses for the fiscal year 2023, should such need arise and be deemed necessary.

It is moved that Logan Senathi-rasa of Senathi & Associates be appointed the Auditor of the Financial Statements of the Church of St. Jude, Wexford.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Weekend Services of Holy Communion and Morning Prayer (in English & Spanish):

We celebrated 46 services of Holy Communion at 8:00am; with an average of 7 people in attendance.

We celebrated 52 services of 10:30am (5 of Morning Prayer, 47 of Holy Communion); with an average of 39 people in attendance in person and 43 people through live streaming.

We celebrated 12 services of Holy Communion in Spanish; with an average of 28 people in attendance in person and 22 people through live streaming.

** There were also a few who phone in through the Zoom platform, for which we do not have accurate statistics.

Other services:

Additional services included Ash Wednesday, 4 services of Stations of the Cross in Holy Week, 3 services of Holy Communion in Holy Week, a Deanery service of Compline in prayer for Ukraine, Live Streamed prayers for HM Queen Elizabeth II, and Lessons and Carols in Advent.

Weekday Attendance:

We continue to offer weekly prayer services in English and Spanish streamed on Facebook Live. Over the course of 2022, we held an average of 6 prayer services each week with an average of 68 persons per week engaging.

Our annual Christmas Novena was held in person this year; with an average of 28 people in attendance over 9 nights.

Christmas (Christmas Eve & Day) Easter (Easter Vigil & Day)

2021	47 (in person) / 151 (live streamed)	2021	24 (in person) / 354 (live streamed)
2022	100 (in person) / 107 (live streamed)	2022	114 (in person) / 165 (live streamed)

Those welcomed into a new life in Christ through the waters of Baptism.

Troy Justice Ramrattan	Headley Simone Edey	Carylin Parra Ruiz
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Those who renewed their commitment to Christ in Confirmation

Salome Sanchez Diaz	Luis Eduardo Ospina Herrera
Juliana Agudelo Ospina	Matthew David Shields

Those who entered the covenant of Marriage

Mauricio Caicedo Riveros & Catalina Torres Gutierrez
Albino Azzoli & Tetiana Shcherbinska
Randy Lee Scott & Brenda Louise Haley

We committed to God the following persons in Christian Burial.

Robert James Haydon	Philip Anthony Chaplin	Hyacinth Grace McConney
Alfred Roy Jones	Harold Cortland Gray	Sharon Louise Crawford
Geza Zarand	Margaret Elizabeth Beaver	Samuel Earl Roy Martin
Geraldine Jogie	Thomas William R White	Patricia Violet McCorry
Nori Nakata	Sylvia Jeannette Bonney	Charles Edward Taylor
Joan Grace Douglas	Anthony Dominico Marcucci	Francis John Welch

Nominations Sheet for Vestry ~ Canonical Elections/Appointments

Rector's Warden (*appointed*)

Matthew Shields

People's Warden

Lina Arbelaez

Deputy Warden (one to elect)

Treasurer (*appointed*)

Kevin Steffler

Envelope Secretary

Rachel Steffler

Lay Members of Synod (2 + *alternate*)

Lina Arbelaez

Nicolas Castañeda

Sherry Bedford (*alternate*)

Parochial Tribunal (3 + *Incumbent & Wardens*)

Senan Whelan

Audrey Marjeram

Advisory Board

(Members at Large + Incumbent, Wardens, Lay Members of Synod, Treasurer, Cemetery Board chair & Administrator, Representatives of Ministry Groups)

Sherry Bedford, Marlon Perry, Hugo McIntosh, Dilys Jones

Nominating Committee (*usually 2 or 3 persons*)

Dilys Jones

Olive Harris
