

ANNUAL REPORT

LYNN VALLEY
UNITED CHURCH
2007/2008

MINISTER'S GREETING

As we approach the June 8th AGM I am reminded that my time as your Interim Minister at LVUC is nearly half over! Surely this is a good time to look at the Goals of the Interim Ministry. They are as follows:

The Interim Minister, in consultation with the Transition Team, will facilitate a process by which the congregation will:

- be provided an opportunity for congregational grief, in response to the retirement of the previous Minister after 13 years of ministry,
- remember and celebrate our history,
- review the present status of our congregation and local community,
- develop a picture of our community for the future,
- prayerfully envision future directions for this congregation,
- review ties with the wider United Church.

The Interim Minister and the Board will see that the following are provided:

- emergency pastoral care,
- worship leadership and the celebration of the sacraments,
- effective administration of congregational affairs.

In addition the Transition Team will:

- involve as many congregational members in all processes as possible,
- communicate progress to the Board and the Congregation regularly,
- evaluate the Interim minister and Ministerial contributions,
- provide input to the Board on congregational organization, if required.

To these ends, our first Interim Ministry Congregational Gathering was held in early November of 2007. Over 40 people participated. In table groups they were asked to remember what was going on in the community and the congregation when they first arrived, and to honour what it was that moved them stay and become a part of LVUC.

After reviewing together what were the key events or issues the congregation dealt with over the years, we also spent some time considering how the congregation responded to the change in those years. Then we did some grief work. While many positive comments were offered concerning the previous Minister's valued gifts and skills it was also noted that "it was the right time for Sharon to retire, and it is probably the right time for us to discern some new directions."

At our second Interim Ministry Congregational Gathering in early March 2008, we reviewed the work done by the Transition Team and others on the demographics of both the congregation and the community. Based on the most recent Census we learned that Lynn Valley is experiencing more growth than other parts of the District, that we have fewer seniors, more children and young adults than other parts of the District, and that the median age in Lynn Valley is 40.7, however, we also learned that the demographics of the community are not matched by the congregation. It was also noted that LVUC has many strengths.

In beginning to look at the future of LVUC participants listed a number of key issues that need to be addressed in the near future: 1) long term development/redevelopment of the building and property, 2) the need to refresh the building as it is, and 3) try serving Coffee in the Narthex again, with the hope that this might make it easier for newcomers to discover LVUC and also find their way into the life of the congregation. There was also a hope expressed that LVUC would enhance its outreach ministry in the community and that we never lose sight of our call to discipleship in Christ.

In the months since three task groups have been formed. The Long Term Property Development group will hold its first meeting in late May, while the Short Term Measures Task Group which has been meeting almost weekly has developed a priority list of things that need doing. The Coffee in the Narthex (CIN) group met once and immediately proposed that we try a six week experiment, serving Coffee in the Narthex. At the AGM the congregation will offer feedback on this project.

At our next Congregational Gathering on the Saturday following our AGM we will follow up on the concern expressed by many at the March Gathering, that we need to review and possibly enhance our approach to welcoming and integrating newcomers. Since five people from LVUC attended the Emerging Spirit workshop "Living the Welcome" the congregation will undergo some training as to what the ES research tells us about the spiritual needs of those unchurched 30-45 year old Canadians who might at some time look into the life of a church as they continue to reach for a rich spiritual life.

In the fall of 2008 we will hold another Interim Ministry related Congregational Gathering as we explore some critical issues around LVUC's identity and purpose. We will also continue with the congregation's visioning process. All of the work that you will have done by January of 2009 will go into your Joint Needs Assessment report which will in turn enable the Joint Search Committee to seek the best 'fit' among all those who will apply next Spring, for your July 1, 2009 Ministry position.

It is a great privilege for me to work among you at this critical time in LVUC's history. I appreciate the spirit with which you have engaged your Interim issues so far and I am confident that God will continue to guide and direct us as we discern LVUC's unique call to discipleship and ministry.

~ Respectfully submitted, Mollie Williams

CHURCH BOARD

TITLE / POSITION	NAME	TERM EXPIRY
BOARD CHAIRPERSON	Myrna Pearce	June 2008
BOARD VICE CHAIRPERSON	Bob Powers	June 2009
BOARD SECRETARY	Stan Strilchuk	June 2008
CHURCH TREASURER	Roger Eastwood	June 2009
COUNSELLORS:		
WORSHIP & PASTORAL CARE	Jennifer Eastwood	June 2009
PROPERTY & ADMINISTRATION	John Bruce	June 2008
GROUPS & COMMUNICATIONS	Anna Sanders	June 2008
CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS	Darlene Dreger	June 2009
EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:		
MINISTER	Sharon Copeman until June 30 th , 2007 Mollie Williams as of July 1 st , 2007	
TRUSTEES	Stan Strilchuk Neil Jorgensen John Bruce	
INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL REVIEWER	David Patmore	

CHURCH STAFF AND VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

MUSIC DIRECTOR	Mary Yan
PIANIST/ORGANIST	Lori Chang-Foidl
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP LEADER	Christine Davis
CHURCH OFFICE SECRETARY	Kelly Jenner
YOUTH MINISTRY WORKER	Brendan Wanderer
LAY DELEGATES TO PRESBYTERY	Darlene Dreger
PRESIDENT, UNITED CHURCH WOMEN	Vacant
ENVELOPE SECRETARY	Stan Strilchuk
MEMORIALS FUND	Ray Boucher, Rhelda Nicholson, Marion Yanciw

ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Range	2007		2006		2005		2004		2003	
	Env & PAR	Other	Env & PAR	Other	Env & PAR	Other	Env & PAR	Other	Env	Other
Under \$400	26	20	28	39	26	26	33	15	33	28
\$401 - \$800	15	3	25	2	21	1	19	1	20	2
\$801 - \$1500	18	0	11	3	15	3	17	4	11	3
\$1501-\$2000	14	1	13	0	11	1	8	2	14	0
Over \$2000	12	1	13	1	12	1	10	0	8	0
Sub-total	85	25	90	45	85	32	87	22	86	33
TOTAL	110		135		117		109		119	

YEAR AT A GLANCE

Date	Activity	Information
Sunday, June 3	Trinity Sunday Communion	
Sunday, June 10	Annual General Meeting Helping Hands	Camp Fircom
Sunday, June 17	Sandwich Making	
Saturday, June 23	Seekers Strawberry Tea	
Sunday, June 25	Communion Ending the Covenant with Sharon Copeman Helping Hands Special Music - Lori Chang-Foidl & Shirley Mann Solo, Sharon Copeman	Camp Fircom
Sunday, July 1	Communion	
Sunday, July 8	Helping Hands	LVUC Youth Group
Sunday, July 15	Summer Pulpit Supply	
Sunday, July 22	Summer Pulpit Supply Helping Hands	LVUC Youth Group
Sunday, July 29	Summer Pulpit Supply	
Sunday, August 5	Summer Pulpit Supply	
Sunday, August 12	Communion Helping Hands	LVUC Youth Group
Sunday, August 26	Helping Hands Newsletter Distribution	LVUC Youth Group
Sunday, September 2	Beach Worship with Capilano UC & St David's UC	@ Ambleside Beach
Sunday, September 9	"Welcome Sunday" and BBQ lunch Helping Hands Meet 'n' Greet the new Youth Ministry Leader	Chili Supper for 1 st UC Mission Brendan Wanderer
Sunday, September 16	Sandwich Making	
Sunday, September 23	Helping Hands Special Music- trumpeter Michael Ertzinger	Chili supper for 1 st UC
Saturday, September 29	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	
Sunday, October 7	Worldwide Communion Thanksgiving	
Sunday, October 14	Helping Hands	North Shore Harvest Project
Saturday, October 20	Fall Fair	
Sunday, October 21	Sandwich Making	
Sunday, October 28	Helping Hands	North Shore Harvest Project
Saturday November 3	Congregational Transitional Gathering	
Sunday, November 4	Communion	
Sunday, November 11	Remembrance Day Service Helping Hands	Minister's Discretionary Fund
Sunday, November 18	Children's Sabbath Sunday Sandwich Making Newsletter Deadline	Youth Led Worship
Saturday, November 24	Chili Supper at First United	
Sunday, November 25	Helping Hands Newsletter Distribution	Minister's Discretionary Fund
Sunday, December 2	Advent I Communion Brendan Wanderer FirstGifts –month long fundraiser	First United Church Mission
Sunday, December 9	Advent II Blue Christmas	
Sunday December 16	Advent III Sandwich Making	
Sunday December 23	Advent IV Baptism Children's Christmas Pageant	Maya and William Chalmers
Sunday, December 24	10:30, 7pm & 11pm Christmas Eve Services	Special music for all 3 services!
Sunday, December 30	Carol Service	

Date	Activity	Information
Sunday, January 6, 2008	Epiphany Sunday and Communion	
Sunday, January 13	Helping Hands Soup –n- Bun Luncheon - NS Lookout Shelter	Naramata Centre Proceeds purchase socks/undies
Sunday, January 20	Sandwich Making Newsletter Distribution	
Saturday, January 27	Helping Hands Special Congregational Meeting Order forms out for Men's Club Chicken Sale	Naramata Centre Boiler Repair Due March 9, pick up March 17
Sunday, February 3	Communion	
Sunday, February 10 1 st Sunday of Lent	Multicultural Potluck Lunch Helping Hands	She Shares BC Schizophrenia Soc., NS Branch
Sunday, February 17	Baden Powell Sunday Sandwich Making	Scout Parade with the 30 th Seymour
Sunday, February 24	Helping Hands	BC Schizophrenia Soc., NS Branch
Sunday, March 2	Communion	
Wednesday, March 5	Seekers invite congregation to hear "Healthy Brain" speaker Kerry Sutherland	
Saturday, March 8	Congregational Transition Workshop World Day of Prayer	Transition Team Helen Bloom, LVUC delegate
Sunday, March 9	Infant Blessing- Henry Cheyne Helping Hands Sunday	Parents- Emma and Giles Cheyne First United- Miles for Mission
Sunday, March 16	Palm Sunday Sandwich Making Newsletter Distribution	
Friday, March 21	Good Friday	
Sunday, March 23	Easter Helping Hands Sunday	First United- Miles for Mission
Wednesday, March 26	UCW Annual General Meeting	
Sunday, April 6	Communion	
Friday, April 11 Saturday, April 12	Youth Leadership Workshop "Church Geek Posse"	Brendan Wanderer
Sunday, April 13	Brendan Wanderer joins in leading worship Helping Hands	N Shore Lookout Emergency Shelter
Saturday, April 19	Tree Planting Workshop	Property Committee
Sunday, April 20	Sandwich Making River City Gospel Jazz Slide Presentation of Haida Gwaii trip	Sharon and Bob Copeman
Saturday, April 26	Garage Sale	
Sunday, April 27	Helping Hands 70 th Anniversary for Art and Lil Speers	N Shore Lookout Emergency Shelter Cake provided by family
Sunday, May 4	Communion Congregational Budget Meeting	
Sunday, May 11	Pentecost Mother's Day Helping Hands Sunday	Offertory Solo- Christine Davis Sage House
Sunday, May 18	Annual Report Deadline AGM Announcement Sandwich Making	
Sunday, May 25	Helping Hands Sunday Annual Report Distribution Annual Report and Newsletter Distribution	Sage House
Monday, May 26	Golf Tournament for Camp Fircom	LVUC Men's club
Saturday May 31	Lynn Valley Day	Donuts and coffee sold to passersby
Sunday, June 1	Communion	
Sunday, June 8	Annual General Meeting Helping Hands Sunday	During morning worship First United Mission
Saturday June 14	Congregational Transition Workshop	Transition Team
Sunday, June 15	Father's Day	
Saturday, June 23	Strawberry Tea	Seekers
Sunday, June 24	Helping Hands Sunday	First United Mission
July and August	Helping Hands Reduced Office Hours Mollie Williams vacation	Camp Fircom

LIST OF TASK GROUPS

<p>WORSHIP</p> <p>Members of this Task Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ray Boucher ▪ Susan Ferguson ▪ Shari Gardiner ▪ Eileen Reilly ▪ Mollie Williams (staff) ▪ Mary Yan (staff) <p>Purpose:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This committee provides guidance and oversight of the worship life for the gathered community of LVUC. They consider religious content, encourage variety and innovation and plan for alternate services from time to time. ▪ Arranges greeters, ushers, communion servers, flowers and decorations. ▪ Provides baptism & communion lay assistance ▪ Arranges holiday and emergency pulpit supply. ▪ Asks for and considers congregation input regarding services. 	<p>LIBRARY</p> <p>Highlights of the year for Librarian Helen Preston:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ made presentations to 3 women's groups in our church on the contents of the Library ▪ circulation of books is increasing ▪ attended the Spring Conference of the Congregational Libraries Association of B.C (CLABC) in April. ▪ wrote two articles for the CLABC ▪ attended the North Shore Chapter of the CLABC and gave a report on the Conference. ▪ acquired a book cart for the Library. ▪ cleaned out the children's and youth section of the Library and added many new books and VHS movies. ▪ work in the Library every Tuesday morning, giving at least 8 hours a month to it. ▪ seeking a volunteer with typing skills to help me when needed. ▪ special thanks to Anna Sanders and Ken McKeen for their help over the past year
<p>PROPERTY</p> <p>Task Group Chairperson- Ken McKeen</p> <p>Principal property initiatives/expenditures during the past 12 months include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Replacement of the heating furnace ▪ Removal of felled trees at the back of the church, clean-up and spreading of chips ▪ Planting of 40 replacement trees plus final inspection and return of deposit ▪ Repairing leaks in the roof ▪ Drain cleaning and temporary measures to prevent flooding of the lower hall during heavy rains ▪ Painting/refurbishing the Minister's office ▪ Purchase and installation of two new computers and monitors (Minister's and Church Offices) ▪ Installation of new florescent lights in the Narthex ▪ Address day care security concerns including installation of locking door knobs on small room in lower hall ▪ Waxing floors – lower hall and lounge ▪ Repair railings and paint back steps. ▪ Discussions with neighbors re: teens loitering on church steps, vandalism, graffiti, etc. ▪ On-going repairs and maintenance (heating, sinks, toilets, lights, storage/housekeeping, graffiti, basement flooding, etc.). ▪ Yard maintenance/cleanup (two work parties, garbage, sidewalks, snow removal, parking lot, landscaping, lawn mowing). ▪ Administer parking rental agreements and monitor parking violations ▪ Liaison with the Korean congregation – storage, signage, use of facilities, etc. ▪ Participation in development of a proposed action plan for short term property measures <p>Outstanding Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Perimeter Drain Tile repairs/replacement ▪ New floors and toilet stalls in the lower floor washrooms ▪ Installation of special lighting to discourage loitering on church office steps. <p>Special thanks and recognition to those that participated in the work parties as well as individuals who have given generously of their time and talents. We can't keep our building operational without a lot of volunteer help.</p>	<p>MINISTRY & PERSONNEL</p> <p>Members: Rob Fee (Chairman) Doug McDonald John Freeland</p> <p>Purpose: responsible for providing consultation& support to both staff and congregation and to promote a productive and healthy working environment, with a positive and effective feedback and communication approach for all. The committee sat with each staff member to complete an annual review.</p> <p>M&P would like to express its appreciation for the effort which regular staff Christine Davis (Children's Worship Coordinator), Kelly Jenner (Office Administration), Mary Yan (Music Director), and Lori Chang-Foidl (Musician) have put into the life of the church this past year.</p> <p>This year LVUC employed Interim Minister Mollie Williams, who has a two-year plan to journey with us in the search for a new minister while also leading us on our faith journey through worship and the everyday work of the church. Her experience in helping other congregations has proved invaluable in supporting LVUC during this transitional period. Also, M&P provides consultation and support to the new North Shore Youth Ministry, as LVUC is the calling church for this position.</p> <p>We encourage comments, questions and concerns and ask they be directed to any of the M&P committee members.</p> <hr/> <p>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</p> <p>Members: Rob Fee Richard Murray Helen Reid Kim Kilpatrick</p> <p>Purpose: to arrange for leadership for our Children's Worship and our Youth Group, and to provide support, consultation and oversight for these program leaders.</p>

BIRTHS, WEDDINGS AND DEATHS

Baptisms

Maya Suvi Chalmers
 William Rowan Chalmers
 Henry Cheyne (Infant Blessing- baptism in England)

Memorial Services

George Josef Morawietz
 Grace Florence Polvi
 Waring Edward Pentland

Weddings

Mehdi Elhaimer and Hayley Anne Kennedy
 Robert Michael Mondin and Helen Laura Clark Turner
 James Raymond Lefteruk and Jocelyn May Laws

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Breakdown

Total Membership June 2007	162
Members removed by death	2
Members removed by Certificate of Transfer	<u>2</u>
Total number of members removed from active file	-4
Members added by Profession of Faith	0
Members added by Transfer	0
Total number members added	<u>0</u>
Total Membership June 2008	158

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

LVUC funds outreach activities through the national Church's Missions and Service Fund, the "Helping Hands" collection as well as individual/ group efforts for charities and appeals locally and internationally. Contributions to Mission and Service (M&S) are made as members wish, through regular envelope offerings and PAR. The U.C.W. continues to be very strong supporters of both Helping Hands projects and Missions & Service Fund.

Monthly Sandwich Making Sundays continued and as a congregation (see separate report for details).

In January, the Seekers organized a Soup 'N Bun luncheon with proceeds use to purchase new underwear for North Shore Lookout, our local homeless shelter.

We continue to support the Mission at First United Church. The Board designated 4 of the 12 Helping Hands offerings for the benefit First United, which includes the very successful "FirstGifts" campaign through Advent- December. Advent also featured our giant Christmas stocking "sox appeal" and blanket box, and this year we added support to First's Give-A-Gift program with hand-knit toques and other new items. LVUC sent 3 runners (Judith Clark, Jason Haight, and David Turner) in the Vancouver Half Marathon and 8K events for the "Miles for Mission" fundraiser, with funds raised through Helping Hands. Contributions raised by the individual runners multiplied the church donations to a total of approximately \$2000. In addition to the fiscal contributions, gifts of used clothing, blankets, and household items continue to flow throughout the year. And the icing on the cake- a chili supper for 250 served from the Mission kitchen by the folks of LVUC in November, complete with salad and cake for dessert along with several dozen sandwiches for people to take for later.

Your suggestions for Helping Hands projects are always welcome.

FELLOWSHIP

LVUC MEN

During the past twelve months, the LVUC Men have worked on projects around the church, when requested, as well as providing support for the Fall Fair and providing worship support as ushers and lay readers. The men are also busy within the workings of the church on committees, in the choir and so forth. Our 22nd Annual Chicken Sale was a huge success, with the best ever sales- it just keeps getting better each year!. All proceeds went to the Property Contingency Fund.

LVUC participates in the annual Camp Fircom Golf Tournament, this year on May 26th.

UCW

The Lynn Valley United Church Women groups, the Sunrisers and the Seekers continue to play an integral part in church life. Two other women's groups, the TWIGS and She Shares, are not registered as United Church Women's groups, but share common interests and concerns and work together for the church and each other.

UCW- SUNRISERS

The Sunrisers group is the longest running UCW unit at LVUC and currently has 27 members and associates.

They continue to make crafts of various kinds to sell at the Fall Fair and knit for First United, with special thanks to Doris McManus who knits dozens of hats, scarves and mittens through the year.

The Sunrisers hold business meetings the first Wednesday of every month, to which they faithfully bring non-perishable food for First UC. Workshops meetings are held on the remaining Wednesday to socialize and work on crafts. The Sunrisers do not meet in July and August.

Their end of year party will be at Cheers Restaurant, June 4, with the next meeting at 10:00am on September 4^h.

UCW- SEEKERS

The Seekers have 20 members. Meetings are held in the evening of the first Wednesday of each month. Anyone wishing to attend any of our meetings is welcome to join in.

Our meetings consist of three parts: a devotional, business matters, and a program. The programs are varied and consist of games, videos, presentations on members travel and guest speakers. Speakers' subjects were "A Mission in the Ukraine", "Books in our Library", and "A Healthy Brain". Several members did a local tour of places of worship of different religions.

The Seekers provide ushers six times a year. The Seekers ran the kitchen and tea room and made apple pies for the Fall Fair. Two baskets were also donated for the Fall Fair silent auction. We put on a Strawberry Tea, a Soup and Bun Sunday Luncheon, and a Valentine Tea for the other ladies groups in the church.

Cash donations were made to the Vancouver School of Theology, Wish Foundation and Alzheimer Society. Christmas gifts were given to Sage House. Eight hens and two roosters were purchased for World Vision and clothing was bought for the North Shore Crisis Center.

At each meeting money is collected for the UCW fund.

~ Alice Strilchuk

SHE SHARES

This year, She Shares coordinated the Fall Fair, planned another tasty multicultural potluck lunch, did a "spring cleaning" in the Narthex and is taking a turn at serving folks donuts and refreshments on the lawn in front of the church for Lynn Valley Day.

The group is still small- but She Shares has increased its membership by 30% (there are 9 of us!) and welcomes any who wish to attend when they can. Meetings, which are usually "project or event oriented" and VERY casual, are held the last Sunday each month, but may vary due to busy schedules.

TWIGS

During the past year, the Tuesday Women's Interest Group has continued to work producing crafts for the Fall Fair and to sell their very "green" Magic cloths. The work and income have diminished from the very active years they used to have before members passed away, moved and developed stiff hands and fuzzy vision. However, the members have maintained strong ties of friendship and given what they can to the community. Forty-eight toques have been knitted and distributed to the homeless. Other activities have included a very interesting visit to the North Vancouver Archives in the old Lynn Valley Elementary School. Twigs will be donating \$400 to the church furnace fund in May, 2008.

~ Judy Bolam

CHOIR

The biggest news of last year was of course the release of our CD ("He's Got the Whole World In His Hand—Music at Lynn Valley United Church") at the end of June, 2007. Over the course of a few months, more than 100 copies were requested and we received donations of over \$2,000. (The exact figure is not available since our Treasure is away at this time.) The money will go towards the upgrading of our sound system in the sanctuary. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU for your tremendous support and compliments.

In the recent few months, we have been introducing music from "More Voices," the new supplement to "Voices United." The choir, Hugh & Jessie McCready, and Christine Davis have presented and will continue to present music of varied styles from this new hymn book. Thank you for your feedback so far--please keep them coming.

Thanks to all the choir members, our pianist, Lori, and Librarian, Joan, for all your hard work in the past year!

~ Mary Yan

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

An exciting year in the ever changing lives of our Children and Families is coming to a close and another new beginning is not far away!

This past season we have subscribed to 'The Best of Whole People of God' (WPoG). This curriculum was chosen because it offers lesson plans and suggestions for all different age groups and is accessed online so that only the material being used is printed - an environmentally friendly option!

We have between 6 and 15 children (ages 5 – 12) attending Children's Worship each Sunday plus approximately 5 younger children (age 0 – 5) who attend occasionally or are in the crèche.

The children are excited and interested to become more involved in the volunteer aspects of the church. They helped out at the Fall Fair, Tree Planting, Garage Sale and Pentecost decorations as well as coffee time.

Some of our children are part of the children's choir which rehearses before worship on Sunday morning. On many occasions these children have comfortably and confidently stood up in front of the congregation and presented a hymn or song during the worship service.

Some concern has been expressed over a few missing faces from our children and families. Busy schedules with sports and activities as well as winter colds and flu have kept some families away on Sunday mornings but I have been keeping in touch with everyone and look forward to their return in the near future.

Sarah and I will be away for 6 weeks in the fall to welcome the new addition to our family. During this time parents and members of the congregation will be filling in and leading the Children's Worship. These volunteers will have access to the curriculum and supplies they need to lead their session.

Thank you for your support of the children over this past year!

~ Christine Davis

YOUTH GROUP

In September, the North Shore Youth Initiative (NSYI), which is a coalition of United Churches on the North Shore, hired Brendan Wanderer to co-ordinate a collective youth program. The program is called "WayAware" and currently has 3 groups meeting weekly, plus a monthly intergeneration worship service. There have been as few as 4, and as many as 46 people in attendance to the youth programs. Brendan is accountable to the NSYI, which has a representative from each of the participating churches. Elly Sanders is the representative for LVUC. There are no LVUC youth who regularly attend the weekly programs, but some of our members attend the monthly worship services.

SANDWICH MAKING

Sandwich making continues to flourish despite the changes within Ellen's ministry though. Ellen has retired due to ill health both in her family and in herself. A young fellow named Roy took on the sandwich-making project to keep it going, but due to his own serious health issues, has had to take a step back as well. With both Ellen and Roy unable to deliver the sandwiches to street youth, I looked for an alternative program that might benefit from our established sandwich-making program, since we have great enthusiasm and strong support for it.

We have just begun to deliver 400 sandwiches to Covenant House in downtown Vancouver in the same area where Ellen delivered our sandwiches, continuing Ellen's ministry. We have also started to deliver 350 sandwiches to the North Shore Lookout Emergency Shelter. Both are quite thrilled to receive our donations! This means with the same amount of sandwiches we have been making for the past several years, we are able to serve both our own local community and the youth in the downtown core, plus we are now able to revert back to providing more substantial sandwiches with egg, meat and fish filling as well as Peanut butter and Cheese Whiz.

We continue to receive incredible donations from our congregation, which help keep the costs of our sandwich-making program down. Thank you to everyone!

We have made over 7,500 sandwiches this year (to April 2008)! This is down a bit from last year, as we no longer have been receiving sandwiches made at home and brought in to include with our delivery.

Thank you – each and every one – for all you do and have done to make our sandwich making such a success. Thank you too, for giving me the ongoing honour of being the sandwich making coordinator!

~ joy Fai

MEMORIAL SERVICE RECEPTION

Only one memorial service reception was held at LVUC between May 2007 and May 2008 and that was to honour the life of long time LVUC member Grace Polvi.

~ Alice Strilchuk

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

CARDS are sent on behalf of the congregation for milestone celebrations, in sympathy, to welcome new members and babies, as well as convey get well and thinking of you wishes. Nancy Saunders has been providing the pen for this special ministry. Please remember, she can only share news of what she hears. If you know of an upcoming event or someone that deserves a card, please let the office or Nancy know.

CRECHE volunteers, under the organization of Elly Sanders, are available most Sundays to sit with and help out parents with young children, some of whom are visitors and may not be familiar with the church. While there is a safe space to for small children to play quietly in the back pew during worship so parents can feel included and welcome, some parents feel anxious if their children become restless and noisy, and volunteers direct them to the crèche or offer support.

WORSHIP SUPPORT is the other work that goes on behind the scenes each Sunday. Volunteers make coffee and serve as ushers, greeters and lay readers. Traditionally this work has been shared by the groups of LVUC, but a small change to the sign-up sheets has made the system more inclusive. Thank you to all who's involvement "in the wings" helped to make the worship experience at LVUC meaningful and enjoyable for all.

INDIVIDUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

These reports will be delivered with the audited financial statements in September.

2006-2007 FINANCIAL REPORT

While this report is being prepared some two months prior to the end of our fiscal year (June 30th), it appears that we will end up with a deficit on the year of just over \$3,000 – only \$400 higher than originally budgeted. We have achieved this despite a significant expenditure to replace our ancient and ailing heating system in March.

The Revenue numbers indicate that we will slightly exceed our targeted donations total and total income should be 1% over budget. A continuing trend is the shift from envelope givings to P.A.R. donations (Pre Authorized Remittance). This process allows for regular monthly donations to be made from the donor bank account to L.V.U.C., thus avoiding the need for weekly envelopes and providing greater monthly income certainty for your treasurer.

Facility Rentals will be a little short of the budget, but, at almost 28% of our total revenue, this is a major contributor to our operations and one to which we must be ever mindful. Any significant loss in this area could have serious implications for our financial well-being.

Fund Raising is another important generator of revenue with the Fall Fair and Garage Sale bringing in over \$11,000 this year, much of it from outside our immediate congregation. It is important that these activities continue to receive significant support from our congregation in order that major budget cuts are not required.

Most members will be well aware of the problems we encountered with the heating system this past winter, resulting in the replacement of the boiler at a cost of \$9,000. Half of the cost (\$4,505) was charged to our current year operating expenses. The remaining \$4,505 was charged to the new Contingency Fund that was set up following the Congregational Meeting on January 27, 2008.

We replaced the trees that were removed last year and are anticipating the return of our \$1,000 deposit from the District of North Vancouver within this fiscal year. With an aging building, a number of repair and maintenance issues arise each year, ensuring that our occupancy costs remain high. However, thanks to a small group of energetic and capable volunteers, many tasks are handled on a volunteer basis, thus avoiding even higher maintenance costs. The drainage issues that have plagued us in previous years appear to have been at least partially resolved, although additional work is anticipated in the near future.

We have been able to keep good control over our expenses during the year and our income has remained consistent. My thanks to everyone who has contributed to our financial well-being during the year, whether through regular donations, through gifts-in-kind, helping with the fundraising activities or in many other ways. Full and audited financial statements, including the Memorial, Contingency and Sandwich Making Funds will be published in a separate document by Thanksgiving.

-Roger Eastwood, Treasurer

2007 - 2008 YEAR-END ESTIMATE

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>2006-07 ACTUAL</u>	<u>2007-08 YEAR-END ESTIMATE</u>	<u>2007-2008 BUDGET</u>	<u>ESTIMATE VARIANCE TO BUDGET</u>
Envelope Offerings	\$42,599	\$38,750	\$42,840	90.5%
P.A.R. Offerings	\$41,290	\$46,530	\$43,660	106.6%
Loose Offerings	\$4,900	\$5,100	\$4,800	106.3%
Total Offerings	\$88,789	\$90,380	\$91,300	99.0%
The Observer	\$302	\$257	\$300	85.7%
Coffee & Tea Donations	\$537	\$550	\$0	-
Other Donations	\$8,717	\$7,470	\$6,500	114.9%
Total Donations	\$98,345	\$98,657	\$98,100	100.6%
Total Facility Rentals	\$42,641	\$44,100	\$44,700	98.7%
Fund Raising	\$15,271	\$12,000	\$10,500	114.3%
Interest	\$3,351	\$3,375	\$3,300	102.3%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$159,608	\$158,132	\$156,600	101.0%
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
Salaries & Benefits	\$99,322	\$112,210	\$110,000	102.0%
Office	\$8,736	\$6,400	\$6,000	106.7%
Property	\$28,821	\$27,000	\$26,950	100.2%
Continuing Education	\$195	\$600	\$800	75.0%
Worship	\$1,878	\$2,500	\$2,850	87.7%
Christian Education	\$412	\$300	\$500	60.0%
Congregational Life	\$76	\$650	\$300	216.7%
Library	\$250	\$250	\$250	100.0%
Presbytery Allocation	\$5,383	\$5,555	\$5,600	99.2%
U.C.W.	\$3,966	\$4,025	\$4,000	100.6%
The Observer	\$409	\$343	\$425	80.7%
Minister's Discretionary Fund	\$130	\$50	\$100	50.0%
P.A.R./Miscellaneous Expenses	\$3,398	\$300	\$350	85.7%
G.S.T.	\$1,115	\$1,000	\$1,100	90.9%
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$154,091	\$161,183	\$159,225	101.2%
<u>NET INCOME</u>	\$5,517	-\$3,051	-\$2,625	
Percentage of Expenses	3.6%	-1.9%	-1.6%	

BUDGET FOR 2008-2009

The financial projections accompanying this report, for the fiscal year July 1st, 2008 to June 30th, 2009, were reviewed in detail at a congregational information meeting held on May 4th, 2008, after the service.

This year, we have more certainty regarding staffing costs and, having recently replaced the old boiler, we should see improved heating reliability and modest cost savings in gas usage. However, with suggestions for improvements to our aging building, our maintenance and repair costs could increase substantially.

As we near the mid-point of our Interim Ministry, we also become increasingly aware that we will be seeking a new permanent minister early in 2009. The search process could involve costs for advertising or travel. As it is impossible to develop an informed estimate of what these costs might be, they have not been included in the budget presented with this report.

For the second year in a row, I find it necessary to present a deficit budget to the congregation. This will occur even after allowing for a 3% increase in envelope and monthly P.A.R. givings. This requires all regularly-contributing members to commit to this additional donation, as a minimum. With many members on fixed incomes, there are those for whom any increase is very difficult, if not impossible.

Other major revenue items include Facility Rentals which are anticipated to grow by 7%, (bringing the share of total revenue to 29%) and Fund Raising. The latter represents the income generated by the Fall Fair and the Garage Sale. Without these two major events, we would need to increase our regular donations by an additional 14%!

Staff Compensation again allows for modest increases and includes the previously committed amount for the North Shore Youth Initiative. This will be the second year of our 3-year commitment. We hope to see our Property expenses reduce modestly as a result of the boiler replacement and completion of the tree removal and replanting at the west end of the property. Most other expense lines are at or close to previous levels.

A new expense item is the inclusion of a Building Upgrade Contingency. This is to fund proposed small improvements to the church building to increase its visibility and appeal to both members and the general public. The specific projects will be identified by the Short Term Property Improvement group as they develop their ideas and determine the costs involved.

The bottom line is a budget with a projected \$5,000 shortfall. This is not sustainable for more than a one-year period. By this time next year, we will need to have identified ways to increase our revenue or to decrease our costs by cutting operational expenses or funds provided for programs and activities. None of these options is likely to be popular or easy to achieve. However, with faith that "all things are possible with God", we will find ways to achieve the goals for our continuing ministry in Lynn Valley.

~ Roger Eastwood, Treasurer

BUDGET For Fiscal Year 2008 - 2009

<u>REVENUE</u>	2007- 2008	2007-08 YEAR- END	2008- 2009	ESTIMATE	
	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ESTIMATE</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>TO BUDGET CHANGE</u>	<u>% CHANGE</u>
Envelope Offerings	\$42,840	\$38,750	\$39,650	\$900	2.3%
P.A.R. Offerings	\$43,660	\$46,530	\$49,835	\$3,305	7.1%
Loose Offerings	\$4,800	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$0	0.0%
Total Offerings	\$91,300	\$90,380	\$94,585	\$4,205	4.7%
The Observer	\$300	\$257	\$275	\$18	7.0%
Coffee & Tea Donations	\$0	\$550	\$550	\$0	0.0%
Other Donations	\$6,500	\$7,470	\$7,000	-\$470	-6.3%
Total Donations	\$98,100	\$98,657	\$102,410	\$3,753	3.8%
Total Facility Rentals	\$44,700	\$44,100	\$47,200	\$3,100	7.0%
Fund Raising	\$10,500	\$12,000	\$10,500	-\$1,500	-12.5%
Interest	\$3,300	\$3,375	\$3,300	-\$75	-2.2%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$156,600	\$158,132	\$163,410	\$5,278	3.4%
<u>EXPENSES</u>					
Staff Compensation	\$110,000	\$112,210	\$117,595	\$5,385	4.8%
Office	\$6,000	\$6,400	\$6,200	-\$200	-3.1%
Property	\$26,950	\$27,000	\$25,400	-\$1,600	-5.9%
Continuing Education	\$800	\$600	\$700	\$100	16.7%
Worship	\$2,850	\$2,500	\$2,915	\$415	16.6%
Christian Education	\$500	\$300	\$350	\$50	16.7%
Congregational Life	\$300	\$650	\$650	\$0	0.0%
Library	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$0	0.0%
Presbytery Allocation	\$5,600	\$5,555	\$5,600	\$45	0.8%
U.C.W.	\$4,000	\$4,025	\$4,000	-\$25	-0.6%
The Observer	\$425	\$343	\$350	\$7	2.0%
Minister's Discretionary Fund	\$100	\$50	\$100	\$50	100.0%
P.A.R./Miscellaneous Expenses	\$350	\$300	\$300	\$0	0.0%
G.S.T.	\$1,100	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0	0.0%
Building Upgrade Contingency	\$0	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$159,225	\$161,183	\$168,410	\$7,227	4.5%
NET INCOME	-\$2,625	-\$3,051	-\$5,000	-\$1,949	
Percentage of Expenses	-1.6%	-1.9%	-3.0%		

MINUTES FROM 2006 AGM HELD JUNE 10, 2007

This Annual General Meeting was included as part of the 10:30 am Sunday morning service. Following announcements and the introduction of the meeting process, Sharon Copeman led the congregation in worship and conducted prayers of thanksgiving for the work of the Church. Before the commencement of the meeting a 20 minute photo essay on the activities at Lynn Valley United Church was shown by Darlene Dreger.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Chairperson Myrna Pearce called the formal portion of the meeting to order at 11:15 am. There being 72 persons in attendance, the meeting was declared to be constitutionally valid.

The meeting was divided into two parts. The first half looked back over the past year, celebrating our congregational life since the previous AGM and ratifying the actions of the current Board. The second half looked forward to the planned events for the coming year. The budget was considered and Board members were elected for the ensuing year.

2. Speaking and Voting Privileges

Motion: That all present be given corresponding privileges and the privilege to vote on all matters except those reserved to United Church members by the constitution of the United Church of Canada.

Moved: Kim Kilpatrick

Seconded: Susan Ferguson

Carried

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on June 11, 2006 be approved as printed.

Moved: Darlene Dreger

Seconded: John Bruce

Carried

4. Presentations from Members of the Board and Review of Annual Report

Presentations were made on the following subjects by the persons listed:

- o Mission & Outreach – Judith Clark
- o Presbytery Visitation Report – Myrna Pearce
- o LVUC Groups – Anna Sanders
- o Spiritual & Pastoral Life – Jennifer Eastwood
- o Property – John Bruce
- o Fund Raising – Darlene Dreger

The following amendments were deemed to be appropriate.

Page 5	Under Year at a Glance	Add – May 28	Annual Golf Tournament in support of Camp Fircom
Page 6	Spelling of Geoffrey MacPherson	Should be Jeffrey MacPherson	
Page 6	Under Profession of Faith	New members added after report was published	
		Add – Bob Powers, Mary & David Yan	
Page 7	Under UCW-Sunrisers	Author was Winnifred Griffiths	
Page 15	Spelling of Muriel Yanciw	Should be Marion Yanciw	

Motion: That the annual reports (except for the financial reports and budget) be approved as amended.

Moved: Ray Boucher

Seconded: Joan Eastwood

Carried

Roger Eastwood provided a review of the Operations and Financial Report for 2006/2007.

Motion: That the 2006/2007 actual and projected financial data be approved as presented.

Moved: Roger Eastwood

Seconded: Alice Strilchuk

Carried

Motion: To ratify and approve all actions of the Board and groups since the last AGM.

Moved: Ray Boucher

Seconded: Kathy Stubbs

Carried

Alan Fitch came forward to close the retrospective on the past year with an expression of appreciation and gratitude to the many persons who contributed to the life and work of Lynn Valley United Church since the last AGM.

5. Plans for the Coming Year

The following subjects were covered by the persons listed:

- o Fall Fair – Kelly Jenner
- o Garage Sale – Ray Boucher
- o Youth Group – Jennifer Eastwood
- o Missions – Judith Clark
- o Children's Program – Christine Davis

The Budget for 2007/2008 was reviewed by Roger Eastwood:

The budget presented includes the participation of Lynn Valley United Church in the Joint North Shore Youth Ministry program. Lynn Valley United Church will administer the financial aspects of the Youth Ministry program on behalf of all participating churches.

Motion: That the 2007/2008 budget be approved as presented. .

Moved: Roger Eastwood

Seconded: Kelly Jenner

Carried

Motion: That Elly Sanders be nominated as the representative for Lynn Valley United Church on the North Shore Youth Oversight Committee.

Moved: Kim Kilpatrick

Seconded: Joan Eastwood

Carried

Motion: That Rhelda Nicholson be appointed to the Memorials Committee.

Moved: Marion Yanciw

Seconded: Judith Clark

Carried

Don Preston spoke of the work of the Transition Committee in the search for an Interim Minister to lead the congregation until a replacement is called. He reported that 5 expressions of interest were received for the Interim Minister posting and that two were short listed and interviewed. The Rev. Mollie Williams was selected.

Motion: That Lynn Valley United Church ratify the request of the Board to Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery that Presbytery approve the appointment of Rev. Mollie Williams as our Interim Minister for a period of 2 years and with remuneration as approved within the 2007/2008 budget.

Moved: Don Preston

Seconded: Susan Ferguson

Carried

6. Nominations and Elections for Board Members and Trustees.

Myrna Pearce proposed the following slate of candidates for office.

Chairperson	Myrna Pearce	Term ending June 30, 2008
Vice-Chairperson	Bob Powers	Term ending June 30, 2009
Treasurer	Roger Eastwood	Term ending June 30, 2009
Board Secretary (1 year)	Stan Strilchuk	Term ending June 30, 2008
Counselor A -Worship & Pastoral (2 years)	Jennifer Eastwood	Term ending June 30, 2009
Counselor B Property & Administration (2 years)	John Bruce	Term ending June 30, 2008
Counselor C Groups & Communications (2 years)	Anna Sanders	Term ending June 30, 2008
Counselor D Congregational Events (1 year)	Darlene Dreger	Term ending June 30, 2009

There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion: That the above named officers be elected for the terms specified.

Moved: Myrna Pearce

Seconded: Helen Preston

Carried

Trustees: John Bruce Neil Jorgensen Stan Strilchuk

Motion: That the above name Trustees be confirmed for the 2007/2008 Year.

Moved: Judith Clark

Seconded: Ray Boucher

Carried

7. Closing

The meeting was concluded at 12:45 pm. It was followed by a hymn sung by the congregation and by a closing prayer and benediction given by Sharon Copeman.