

CHRIST CHURCH SHELBURNE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
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RECTOR

Fr Benjamin von Bredow

THIS is my first annual report, in my first year at rector, at my first parish as a priest. So it is appropriate that I am reflecting on *learning* as I write. The past six months with Christ Church have been wonderful, and Katy and I are grateful for how generously you and the rest of the Shelburne community have welcomed us. But it has also been an intense learning experience. I continue to learn how best to be pastorally present to a community with different needs, how to work through conflict, when to push for change and when to be patient and continue an established pattern, when to take on tasks and when to leave them to others, and generally how to build healthy relationships with everyone in this congregation. Thank you all for your patience with me. I rely on you for this learning, so I say to you again, as I have said before: if you have any concerns about the church, I am waiting and interested to hear them.

However, I don't think that the learning is mine alone. You, as a parish, are the other party in this relationship, so I hope that you also feel that you are learning how to receive pastoral direction and care from me, just as you learned to receive it from Rev'd Ed before me.

Our learning is not complete: we will still be deepening our ability to work together for a long time. I look forward to this. I feel that, just over the past few months, we are getting to know one another and getting into a positive working rhythm which, if we continue to deepen our relationship, could be a source of great joy and make this ministry fruitful and effective.

I have written a few reports for this Annual General Meeting (Music, Family Ministry, Budget Note), which will give a more detailed description of some of the areas in which I have been most focused. So here I will briefly give an account of the big picture.

I received my call to this parish at a crucial moment. There are serious challenges to the thriving or even existence of this parish on the horizon, but there also may still be time to prepare meaningfully for those challenges. Although we can pay the bills now, as my note on the budget describes, we will run out of money in approximately seven years unless we change course. That timeline roughly coincides with the coming demographic crisis. Sooner than we might like to think, a time will come when the majority of our current congregation will be too elderly to come to church regularly. If we wait to change course until these crises arrive, the church will not be able to survive. So it seems clear that we need to welcome new members to our parish.

The question is "how"? I feel very fortunate to have a background in Anglican ministries where there is a lively community of young people, and I believe that some of that energy can be brought to the parish. The key is to offer something that meets a genuine need that young people have, and to build real relationships with them so that they can be effectively invited. I would identify two needs in particular that resonate with my generation: the need for a substantial worldview and spiritual practice which can give life coherence and meaning, and a robust community. The initiatives that have been launched since I arrived, especially the Choral Scholars Program and the

“Eventide” ministry to families, are about providing opportunities for younger people to find meaning and find community.

It is easy to speak as if the reason for undertaking these projects was to ensure our survival as an institution. Although the coming challenges may convince us of the need for new people, I hope that reflecting on what we can offer to new members shifts our focus from mere survival back to the things that are central to our identity. At the end of the day, we don’t try to offer meaningful, beautiful worship because it will “get people coming,” but because it is our joy and our calling to do so. We don’t try to build up the community life of this parish only for other people, but for ourselves as well—community is essential to a whole and healthy life.

So I hope that the next several years, rather than being a time to “battening down the hatches” and prepare for coming challenges, can be a time of renewal. The church is not an institution to be protected and preserved, but a living body. As members of Christ, our life is in the church, in its reverent worship and its mutual love. Seeking to enliven the church is about seeking renewal for our inmost souls; it is about finding meaning, consolation, and joy in the life-giving Spirit of God which is alive in our fellowship.

At the most practical level, this is why I am also deeply interested in making sure that we, as a community, have opportunities to eat and drink together. One of the very first things I asked the Wardens when I arrived was to start having a social time after the service. This is crucially important for welcoming visitors, but it is also an opportunity for us to be together outside of worship, enjoying our life together as members of one body. This is why the Honey Bees are so important to this parish. They especially understand the importance of gathering to celebrate the joys of ordinary life.

May God make it so: may Christ Church flourish in the Spirit of God, bearing the fruits of joy and mutual love, as we welcome our neighbours into the spiritual tradition we receive from those who have gone before us, which gives meaning and shape to our lives.

WARDENS

Martha Holmes, Joan Bower

CHRIST Church saw a lot of changes in 2022. We were blessed to have Rev Taunya Dawson for the first four months of the year and then Archbishop Ron graciously filled in until our new full-time minister was hired.

We, with the rest of the Parochial Committee, worked together with Bishop Sandra and Archdeacon Simon Davies regarding the hiring process for a new full-time minister. In July, Father Benjamin von Bredow became part of our church family.

Since Father Ben started his ministry with us, we try to have a meeting with him on a monthly basis.

We were very sorry to say goodbye to Peggy Young, our part time Administrative Assistant, who moved to Yarmouth due to family issues. Thanks to Peggy for her years of service with Christ Church.

We would also like to express our thanks to Dorothy for her time and dedication in serving as our organist.

We were asked by Father Ben to take part in his Ordination Service. It was an honor and a pleasure to do so. It was a wonderful service enjoyed by all who attended.

We want to give a special thanks to all those who have been a part of the ACW as well as Mother's Union. These ministries had existed at Christ Church for many years and everything they brought to the parish will be sorely missed.

We would like to also express how grateful we are to all our volunteers and parishioners that have supported us financially and with prayer throughout the last year.

ALTAR GUILD

Polly Reid

THE members of the Altar Guild have continued to do their duties for 2022: setting up for Communion, keeping the linens clean, and filling the candles with oil.

Wayne Butler continues to look after flowers for the church.

Guild Members: Polly Reid (Secretary, Treasurer), Carole Mahaney, Barb Huskilson

Altar Guild Treasurer's Report

Revenue

Balance on hand Jan. 1 2022	1553.61
Donations for flowers	185.00
Total Revenue	1738.61

Expenditures: Flowers

Easter	41.35
Christmas	98.82
Total Expenditures	140.17

Balance on hand Dec. 31 2022	1598.44
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ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN (ACW)

Juanita Nickerson

I REGRET to say that our ACW has closed. Our group of members are getting older, and with some health issues cannot continue. We have tried to recruit new members, but with no success.

The remaining money will be used by Sandie for postage for her ongoing ministry of vests, blankets, etc, going to third world countries.

I would like to thank all those who so generously put funds in our donation bin.

I hope that someday in the near future someone will decide to start a new ACW.

Pneumonia Vest Project 2022 (Sandie MacKenzie)

Vests	428
Baby hats	294
Sweaters	30
Socks	3 pair
Booties	62 pair
Blankets	42
Slippers	1 pair
Finger puppets	45
Total	900 articles

These articles save lives, so we thank everyone who contributed to this project in any way. God bless each of you.

PROPERTIES

Jerry Bower

Work completed this year:

- Walls on the Main floor of the rectory were painted
- Roof of shed in back of the hall has been shingled. Hope to get the building stained in the upcoming year.
- There was a leak in the ACW room that has been fixed.
- The green house in back of the rectory that was in bad repair has been taken down.
- The raised gardens at the back of the rectory were left and were planted in and maintained by Linda and the Honey Bees.
- The Dory that sat in the yard of the rectory was not picked up by the Long Boat Society. It was sold and a generous donation was made to the church.
- We ran out of oil at the rectory. Pipes froze and we had to hire a technician to re-start furnace after everything was fixed.
- The property at Hartz Point has been checked several times throughout the year. Everything that has been done there to date is just as we left it. Project is not fully completed as yet.
- We received a proposal for purchasing stumpage on Hartz Point property. A decision was made by Parish Council not to go forward with this.
- Snow plowing had to be done at church, hall and rectory four times throughout the winter months.

Work not completed as yet:

- Rain gutter on one side of the hall has still not been fixed. We have talked to a local contractor and he said he would get it done soon.
- Work on the back of the church has not been done. Still trying to find someone to do this.

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Margaret Bower

THIS year has been back to normal for our group, meeting from January to June and from September to December, with usually five in attendance. We decided to meet in the church instead of the ACW room because of the steps. Our meetings are Tuesday mornings from 10–12, and follows the same format as in previous years: first hour is our sharing time and short readings, the second hour is study time. This year we decided to study the readings for the following Sunday. We close with the Grace and the first verse of “This is the Day” after a member has volunteered to lead the following week. Our collection is still \$3.00 per week and we disperse whatever amount we have when we close in June and December.

We had a total of \$371.00 which was donated for the following things:

2 donations for the Daily Bread booklets of 50.00 each:	100.00
Donation toward a new bed for the Rectory:	96.00
2 donations to Roseway Hospital Foundation for the new x-ray machine:	70.00
	105.00
Total:	371.00

HONEY BEES

Linda MacLachlan

THE Honey Bees Group got back together in May, 2022 and resumed monthly luncheons at the church hall. Attendance has gradually increased as people in the church and community became more comfortable to go “out” for lunch.

The group has about six regular members and a few others who are willing to pitch in when needed. While the Honey Bees do not charge for the meal, there is a donation jar available and those who dine are generous in contributions to the jar.

The Honey Bees take great pride in their ability to cook for the community and are very supportive to each other. This ministry is very close to being self supporting, and there continues to be an amount in the church treasury designated for the Honey Bees, from the last grant received from the Shelburne County Community Health Board. The Honey Bees often designate some of the funds collected at each luncheon to various needs in the church or community.

MUSIC

Fr Benjamin von Bredow

Music Now and Going Forward

THE music program at Christ Church is thriving, and there are encouraging signs that it may continue to grow and develop.

At the August 2022 Parish Council meeting, a plan to launch the “Christ Church Choral Scholars Program” was approved. The vision of this project is to simultaneously meet a need in the community and a need in the church. Although there are many young people (teens and young adults) in town, and a robust music community, there are no opportunities for formal music education in Shelburne. This is a need that we can meet as a church, because we already have rehearsals and “performance opportunities” (our services) every week. I am also able to offer intermediate-level vocal and choral instruction. We want to not only give an opportunity for young people to make music, but to feel valued and proud of their musicianship, which is why we offer our Choral Scholars a small honorarium each semester, funded by a combination of grants and contributions from the parish budget. The presence of the Choral Scholars also meets a need in the church, adding more and younger voices to the mix.

The first student to respond to our advertising was Mei Jennings, who is now our principal organist. She plays at a very high level, is a delight to work with, is a diligent student, and has transferred her piano skills to the organ quickly and effectively. Our gratitude to her is immense.

Over the following months, we welcomed several other scholars: Yalitsa (now moved to Newfoundland), Berkay, Şevin, and Sierra. They have all shown great enthusiasm and willingness to learn, and they have generously shared their considerable talents with us. Sierra has also begun playing the organ at our midweek “Eventide” service.

Throughout the Fall, we have steadily introduced new music to the 10:30 Holy Communion service, so that now a significant portion of the service is sung, and the congregation has steadily gained confidence with this music.

Looking forward, we know that the Choral Scholars Program will be losing two valuable participants when Berkay and Şevin return to Turkey in June. But we hope that we will be able to add new voices in September, and that a good start this year will create momentum for the next.

Gratitude

Robert MacKay continues to play the organ on the third Sunday of each month, and his enthusiasm and commitment are a continual source of encouragement. Thank you, Robert!

Thank you also to Clark Blanchard, who played at our service for several Sundays in the late summer and early autumn. Your generosity to be available when we were between organists was a great gift.

Thank you to Linda MacLachlan, who guided the choir through the transitional time between Niniya Trevors' departure and my arrival. Your reliability has kept us going.

Farewells

Despite these positive signs, there have also been some sad farewells. At the time of my arrival, Dorothy Comeau was playing the organ all but one Sunday a month. Although she decided to step away from that role, I am grateful to her for her service to this community over the past years, and I know that we all wish her well. And we miss Donnie Shortliffe, who was both a friend to all and an important part of the country-gospel group with Robert MacKay and Betty Hill, which played before the service on the third Sunday of each month until Donnie's illness in July 2022.

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Fr Benjamin von Bredow

ONE of my first tasks as Rector of this parish was to restart a youth ministry program, drawing on the parish's recent successes with the Friday Night Youth Group. Although this has proven more difficult than I had first imagined, our family ministries are now, in the new year, beginning to take a more definite shape, even though it looks different from what we had before.

The Friday Night Youth Group was, by all accounts I have heard, a very positive contribution to the community. Gathering sometimes as many as 60 children and teens from the community, Rev Ed and others led high-energy activities, along with scripture lessons and prayer. These Friday night meetings were supplemented with monthly Messy Church sessions. I think that the parish is very justified in feeling proud of this ministry, and the banners in the church with the names of children baptized because of their connection with the youth group bear witness to that. The Friday Night Youth Group ceased to meet in 2020 because of the pandemic.

So, naturally, many folks were keen to see that program restart. When I began inquiring with people who had been leaders of that group in the past, however, I found that most had either fallen ill, become too busy, or were no longer interested in restarting the program. I and Katy (who is interested in leading some children's ministry projects), and I and Parish Council, discussed ways to gather in new volunteers and make a re-boot "from scratch" more possible, and concluded that the best approach would be to take a step back, and give ourselves the freedom to imagine new youth programs which might look very different.

The result of that period of reflection was to launch "Eventide" in the new year. It is a bi-weekly service of Evening Prayer adapted for families, followed by a potluck meal to build community. Folks under about 40 are usually more keen than previous generations to explore ritual and symbolism, and consider structure a positive element in worship, so the service is "high" in its style—but at the same time, we have adapted the Evening Prayer service so that it is easier to follow for both kids and adults, and we have found a few specific roles for kids to take at each service. The potluck meal is an essential element, because young people and families are hungry for community as well as for an enlivening spiritual tradition. People outside of the target "families and young adults" range are, of course, welcome to attend as well. Our first meeting had twenty attendees, ranging in age from 0-60s, with eight of them being kids.

NOTES ABOUT THE BUDGET

Fr Benjamin von Bredow

What does the budget say?

1. *Donations account for only 37% of our budget. We are sustained by large annual withdrawals from the principal of our investments.*

On one hand, Christ Church is financially stable in the present. We are not living hand-to-mouth, and can be confident that we will be able to pay our bills for several years to come. However, we are living well beyond our means. To break even without drawing on the principal of our endowment would require donations to more than double.

2. *The vast majority of our expenses cannot be reduced. Increased giving is our only reasonable hope for financial sustainability.*

Although we should look for small savings wherever we can, the cost of most budget items is not up to us. Where we have most discretion is in the “Program Expenses” category, but that is the place where we least want to make cuts, since it includes items like charitable giving and youth programs, and only accounts for 5% of the budget in any case. There is no realistic path to sustainability without increased giving.

3. *Without other changes in giving or spending, our investments will sustain us for seven years.*

We can interpret the next seven years as a day of grace, a final chance to move toward sustainability before the parish runs out of money and enters a real crisis. Increased giving or decreased spending could slow the shrinking of the endowment significantly. For example, if our giving increased by 50%, our endowment would last twelve years rather than seven. If our giving increased by 75%, it would last eighteen years. The longer this money lasts, the more opportunities this community will have to welcome new people and find new ways to flourish. On the other hand, if we do not use the next seven years to change course, the adjustment to our new situation will be incredibly difficult, and drastic options such as closure or amalgamation will suddenly become realistic.

4. *Going forward, new initiatives must be as financially sustainable as possible.*

Ideally, new programs will be revenue-neutral. This can be achieved by applying for grants, by asking for targeted contributions from participants in these activities, and by accomplishing tasks with volunteers and donated materials. In short, new programs will require active and generous involvement from the parish and community. Where we do not have money to throw at new ideas, we will have to make up the deficit with an investment of time, energy, and creativity.

5. *Long-term sustainability will require welcoming new members into our parish.*

If there is no path to sustainability without increased giving, and we incapable of making up this shortfall all by ourselves, it seems that we need others to join us in the effort. The parish needs to grow.

It's here that I think the budget can be a wake-up call for us as a parish. Although there is a financial reason for wanting the church to grow, the reason we *should* want new people to join us has nothing to do with money. We want people in this community (not just us) to hear and believe the gospel of Jesus Christ, to be joined to Christ by baptism, to know the joy of sins forgiven, to experience the peace of communion with God in prayer, and to grow in faith, hope, and love. Healthy churches are ones where these things happen—and healthy churches grow. If we've seen the need for us to return to a vision of church that is about guiding new people into relationship with God, that is a step towards spiritual health and not just a step towards a healthy bottom line.

My best hope is that the challenge of overcoming our financial difficulties will be an occasion for spiritual renewal, as we begin to see the urgency of putting new people—the people who are not here yet—at the centre of everything we do.

A Few Practical Suggestions

1. If you haven't already, decide on a consistent percentage of your income which you will give to the church as your first financial priority.
2. If you already give a consistent amount, consider increasing it. If everyone increased their donations by 1% of their income, we would be significantly closer to balancing the books.
3. Talk with other people in the congregation about evangelism, change, and growth in the church. What makes you nervous about it? What makes you excited? What do you think we would need to do or change? Where do you see opportunities?

BUDGET

Julie Dedrick, Treasurer ♦ Approved by Parish Council 2022/12/13

Revenue	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Budget
<i><u>Donations</u></i>			
Envelopes	44,797.63	42,393.09	40,000.00
Open Collection	412.35	587.55	500.00
Initial Offerings	124.00	71.00	70.00
Easter Offering	765.00	630.00	630.00
Thanksgiving	335.00	410.00	350.00
Christmas	390.00	3,652.79	750.00
CanadaHelps	3,783.59	274.65	100.00
Memorial Donations	425.00	200.00	100.00
General Donation: Asset Sales	-	650.00	-
Total Donations	51,032.57	48,869.08	42,500.00
<i>As a % of budget</i>			36.5%
Hall Rentals	4,307.50	2,895.00	2,000.00
<i>As a % of budget</i>			1.7%
Fundscrip Cards	484.49	236.45	300.00
<i>As a % of budget</i>			0.3%
Now-Retired Budget Lines	13,035.69	151.05	-
<i><u>Investment Interest</u></i>			
Investment Income	17,803.29	15,289.10	14,500.00
Endowment Income	1,228.49	1,129.06	1,050.00
Total Investment Interest	19,031.78	16,418.16	15,550.00
<i>As a % of budget</i>			13.4%
Investment Principal	40,000.00	20,000.00	55,950.00
<i>As a % of budget</i>			48.1%
Hall Rentals	4,307.50	2,895.00	2,000.00
<i>As a % of budget</i>			1.7%
Total Revenue	127,892.03	88,569.74	116,300.00
Remaining in investments (approx..)		377,214.74	321,264.74

<u>Expenses (Staff)</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
<i>Priest</i>			
Stipend	22,536.77	24,936.33	23,950.00
CP/EI	2,406.75	1,965.66	2,400.00
Pension	6,014.60	3,440.28	6,000.00
Long Term Disability Ins.	1,120.86	403.64	1,200.00
Travel	1,201.82	490.87	1,200.00
National Pension Admin.	240.55	-	250.00
Total	33,521.35	31,236.78	35,000.00
<i>Secretary</i>			
Wages	8,257.50	6,720.00	7,000.00
CP	260.04	227.90	250.00
EI	189.96	154.64	150.00
Vacation Pay	330.30	268.80	330.00
Total	9,037.80	7,371.34	7,730.00
<i>Visiting Clergy</i>			
Services	150.00	985.00	200.00
Mileage	-	316.71	300.00
Total	150.00	1,301.71	500.00
Organist	-	600.00	2,200.00
Total Staff	42,709.15	40,509.83	45,430.00
<i>As a % of budget</i>			39.1%
Diocesan Allotment	23,748.00	23,748.00	24,000.00
<i>As a % of budget</i>			20.6%

<u>Expenses</u> <u>(Operations)</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
<i><u>Program Expenses</u></i>			
Volunteer Travel	88.70	240.20	300.00
Christian Education	151.35	29.50	500.00
Synod	-	-	500.00
Charitable Financial Assist.	1,126.41	1,730.00	1,800.00
Youth	-	58.85	500.00
Miscellaneous	685.45	516.11	600.00
Christmas Gifts	550.00	300.00	300.00
Liturgical Supplies	1,091.40	1,591.82	1,200.00
Total	3,693.31	4,466.48	5,700.00
<i>As a % of budget</i>			4.9%
<i><u>Administration Expenses</u></i>			
Glebe Land Taxes	-	-	250.00
Bank Fees	685.45	744.73	600.00
Liability Insurance	1,200.00	1,305.00	1,300.00
Office Expenses	1,597.05	447.37	2,000.00
Telephone & Internet	2,340.18	2,702.57	2,600.00
Worker's Compensation	66.41	63.01	70.00
Total	5,889.09	5,262.68	6,820.00
<i>As a % of budget</i>			5.9%

<u>Expenses</u> <u>(Properties)</u>	<u>2021 Actual</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Budget</u>
<i>Church</i>			
Cleaning	1,040.00	1,050.00	1,100.00
Electricity	1,757.10	2,540.90	2,600.00
Fuel Oil	744.00	1,411.21	1,500.00
Grounds	1,450.62	1,550.62	1,600.00
Insurance	2,171.00	2,297.00	2,400.00
Maintenance	318.03	505.13	500.00
Total	7,480.75	9,354.86	9,700.00
<i>Hall</i>			
Cleaning	1,097.59	1,130.83	1,100.00
Electricity	1,947.56	1,990.08	2,000.00
Fuel Oil	1,642.53	3,421.00	2,600.00
Grounds	180.00	190.00	200.00
Insurance	1,911.00	2,020.00	2,100.00
Maintenance	348.30	643.28	800.00
Supplies	107.74	906.77	900.00
Sewer & Waste	497.70	510.47	530.00
Water	456.06	456.06	460.00
Total	8,188.48	11,268.49	10,690.00
<i>Rectory</i>			
Cleaning	377.15	-	-
Electricity	1,794.34	996.15	2,300.00
Fuel Oil	2,111.10	4,941.24	4,000.00
Grounds	370.60	340.00	350.00
Insurance	1,017.00	1,073.00	1,130.00
Maintenance	6,769.14	2,377.09	1,200.00
Supplies	19.19	124.40	130.00
Sewer & Waste	523.70	536.47	550.00
Water	856.06	563.56	900.00
Taxes	3,160.04	3,296.72	3,400.00
Total	16,998.32	14,248.63	13,960.00
Total Properties	32,667.55	34,871.98	34,350.00
<i>As a % of budget</i>			29.5%
Now-Retired Budget Lines	(1,079.67)	222.19	-
Total Expenses	107,627.43	109,081.16	116,300.00

PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH

Churchyard Fund 2022

Balance Forward December 31, 2021		\$	4,404.00
Bank account interest	\$	0.48	
Diocese Endowment Income	\$	58.02	
Deposits - Sandy Point Cemetery	\$	1,000.00	
HST Rebate	\$	<u>137.25</u>	\$ <u>1,195.75</u>
			<u>\$5,599.75</u>
LESS:			
Payment for Cemetery work - Sandy Point (Paid in January 2023- \$1,370,62)			
Balance as at December 9, 2022			<u>\$5,599.75</u>

REPRESENTS:

CIBC Account #95-07760

Balance includes \$3,716.23 of Sandy Point Cemeteries Funds

Submitted by: Julie Dedrick

Reviewed by: Wilmont Hardy

CHRIST CHURCH

Glebe Lands Fund - 2022

Balance forward December 31, 2021		\$	6,130.10
ADD:			
Bank Account interest	\$	0.61	
Camp Leases - McGill's	\$	600.00	\$ 600.61
LESS:			
McGill's Taxes	\$	107.00	
Hartz Point Taxes	\$	-	\$ 107.00
Balance as at December 31, 2022		\$	6,623.71

Represents:

CIBC - Savings Account # 9514767

Note: Hartz Point taxes of \$139.50 paid by Christ Church General
To be reimbursed to Christ Church General by Glebe Lands funds

Submitted by:

Julie Dedrick

Reviewed by:

Wilmont Hardy

CHRIST CHURCH

MacKay /Bruce Fund - 2022

Balance Forward September 30, 2021 **\$ 461,088.12**

ADD:

Interest on investments	\$ 10,985.29	
Interest on endowment	\$ 821.99	\$ 11,807.28

LESS:

Transferred to Christ Church		
Interest on investments	\$ 11,807.28	
From principal investment	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 31,807.28
		<u>\$ 441,088.12</u>

Investment

Unrealized Gain (loss) for year	<u>\$ (63,873.38)</u>
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Balance as at June 30, 2022 **\$ 377,214.74**

Represents

Trust funds held at Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island

Mary MacKay Bequest	92%	\$ 347,037.56
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Marjorie Bruce Bequest	8%	\$ 30,177.18
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Total Trust Funds Held - Market Value		<u><u>\$ 377,214.74</u></u>
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Designated Use of Funds:

INCOME from investments to be used in general funds.

Submitted by:

Julie Dedrick

Reviewed by:

Wilmont Hardy

The Parish of Christ Church, Shelburne, NS
Annual General Meeting
February 27, 2022 at 11 am – 19 present

The Annual Reports and Financial Statements were circulated to those present.

The meeting was called to order by Warden Martha Holmes and opening prayer was led by The Rev. Taunya Dawson.

The **Minutes of the Annual Meeting March 7, 2021** were read by Linda MacLachlan. The Minutes were approved on a motion by Sandra MacKenzie, seconded by Kim Arcon. CARRIED.

Business Arising from the Minutes:

- Hartz Point Worship Venue is nearing completion. A blessing and dedication ceremony is planned to be held in late Spring, 2022. Thanks was expressed to Jerry Bower for his leadership and hard work on this project.
- The water damage beneath the large stained glass window behind the altar is awaiting repair.

The Reports were reviewed by Warden Martha, as presented in the package:

- Report from Priest in Charge the Rev. Taunya Dawson
- Warden's Report (Eddie Spurr and Martha Holmes)
- Altar Guild (Polly Reid)
- ACW (Juanita Nickerson/Ola MacKay)
- Bible Fellowship (Margaret Bower)
- Property and Buildings (Jerry Bower)
- Statement of Donations and Income, 2021 Comparative Statement of Actual Income and Expenses, Proposed Budget for 2022, MacKay- Bruce Fund Report, Glebe Lands Fund Report, and Churchyard (Cemeteries) Fund (Julie Dedrick)
- Nominating Committee

(No Reports were received from: Christ Church Choir, Mothers' Union, Youth Ministry, Honey Bees – largely inactive in the past year due to the pandemic.)

The Reports were accepted, as presented, on motion by Eddie Spurr, seconded by Sandra MacKenzie. CARRIED. (Election of Parish Council and Proposed Budget for 2022 were included in this motion.)

A vote of "thanks" was given to retiring Warden Eddie Spurr and Council members Juanita Nickerson and Kim Arcon. New members elected to Parish Council were Joan Bower, Warden and Althea Davis.

New Business:

It was noted that our Parish Profile prepared to recruit a new Rector has been submitted to the Diocesan Bishop. We have also submitted an advertisement for the position to be posted on the Diocesan website.

Wayne Butler reported that \$112.00 was collected at the Music Event held at the church on December 18, 2021. The funds raised were donated to the Christmas Outreach,

spearheaded by Lawrence Bruce. There are plans for an Acadian Kitchen Party, when COVID Restrictions allow.

The Meeting was adjourned on motion by Eddie Spurr.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda MacLachlan
Secretary to the Meeting