



PARKDALE UNITED CHURCH

**building connections, living faith,
acting for justice**



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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Minister

This year has been full of delights and challenges for Parkdale. As we learned to live with Covid, the church has opened more and more, attendance has increased, we welcomed 6 new members and transfers, and we even held some larger events. However, as we emerged from Covid, we became more and more aware that the financial situation Covid created was not going away. Our church council sprung into action, creating the Building Repurpose Team, which has done significant work to increase revenue for the next five years. This will help 'fix' our financial situation. In addition, a number of congregational meetings yielded many great ideas of how to engage our larger community and increase revenue. These ideas have been very helpful, and we hope to start implementing them in the next few months.

However, this still leaves the issue of attendance. Our average attendance is around 65 with 6-8 children attending Sunday School. This is actually quite impressive in this secular world, and the fact that our attendance has slowly crept up over the past year is even more impressive. However, I think we can do better. I have a lot of hope and confidence that Parkdale United Church can grow. We are a warm, welcoming congregation with modern theology, families, a great space, and eager congregants and staff. How are we going to do this? It will take all of us to live out our faith, to be courageous, and to be excited about our future! We need to plant seeds in our community, in your community, within your family and friends and with our new potential partners. This means inviting people to events at the church, and to church. It means talking about Parkdale, who we are, and what we are.

We also need to be relevant to our community. We need to be attuned to what people are seeking. We need to be needed by our community, and the larger community.

I have hope that with a little hard work, new partners, and some enthusiasm, we can grow Parkdale. We can turn Parkdale into a thriving church for all people.

I would also like to take a minute to express my gratitude for each and everyone of you. Each of you serve Parkdale in a unique and meaningful way; your time and talents make the church survive. So, with a grateful heart, thank you for all you do for Parkdale.

With Love
Rev. Kim

Council

The Parkdale Council was very busy working at getting our church activities up and running post Covid. The members of Council for 2022 were:

Heidi Schroter	(Chair to June 30, 2022, Faith & Justice)
Sue Brodrick	(M&P until Sept. 30, 2022, Current Chair)
Sheila Navrady	(Secretary)
Suzanne Parkinson	(Member at Large, Oct 1 onward M&P)
Sherry Anderson-Kepke	(Book keeper)
Ken Coburn	(Operations)
Eleanor Kenny	(Member at Large, currently Faith & Justice)
Marc Lebel	(Member at Large)
Sarah Leeuwerke	(Congregational Care, resigned June 2022)
Lee Morris	(Congregational Care since July 2022)
Emily Flood	(Member at Large)
Rev. Kim Holmes-Younger	(Minister)

Many of the items that the council did were routine, but we also were engaged in some deep conversations regarding where the future of the ministry and mission work of Parkdale United Church is going to lead us. A lot of this work was guided from the work done by the Strategic Planning Committee.

A brief description of council's work for 2022 is listed below:

- Approving the 2022 budget, and reviewing the monthly financial statements of the church
- Facilitated a Stewardship Campaign during Lent 2022
- Reviewed and approved the Strategic Plan presented to us by that committee.
- Approved changing the committee's name from Pastoral Care to Congregational Care
- Hosted a Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop, funded by the Mary Fund, in May 2022
- Kim moved from being our candidate minister to Ordained in May 2022
- Planned Kim's covenanting service with Parkdale and Chinook Winds Region (May 15, 2022)
- Moved from fairly strict Covid safety to much more relaxed as the year progressed
- Approved the plan of having our Garage Sale in Sept 2022, first since 2019

- Offered a new way to do summer worship – in the garden – from 9:00-9:30 am, all but 2 Sundays were held in the garden due to weather.
- Approved as part of the Strategic Plan to move forward to find a daycare/preschool to lease the lower east wing of the church
- Hosted for the first time a Sundae Sunday to kick off our 2022-2023 church year
- Agreed to start offering coffee time and lunches after church starting September 2022
- Starting information sessions with the congregation, in conjunction with the Soup and Bread lunches, to let them know about what council is doing and how Parkdale United Church is doing
- The Embaie refugee group have started to arrive, 2 people are now here. Parkdale was a co-sponsor with Michael Embaie's group to help them bring 6 or 7 family members to Canada. We were able to help the process through the United Church of Canada Refugee support group. The Michael Embaie group put in trust with us the cost to have these family members come; we are the help in order that this happens more easily for them.
- Eleanor Kenny is trying to get us on track to be more aware of greening our church, especially in the work of recycling. If it can be recycled, please do not throw it in the garbage at the church, find out where the recycle container is – let's all be more aware of this going forward.
- We had 5 new members join our church in October, what a blessing.
- After our November Soup and Bread meal, we offered a Blanket Exercise lead by Rev. Tony Snow; there were 12 people present to engage in that meaningful ceremony.
- For the first time since 2019, we hosted in-person our Christmas Family Craft Night on December 4, 2022 and our Grinch Christmas Tree Craft on December 14, 2022. Both were well attended.
- On December 17, 2022 4 members from Parkdale went to Morley to help with the Stony Nakoda elders Christmas dinner.

As you can see, we were very busy and continue to be busy looking at the needs of our church and how we can move forward to be a vital space in the wider community. We look forward to many conversations, workshops, etc. to keep you, the congregation, involved in the ministry and mission of our church.

Yours in Faith
 Heidi Schroter
 Sue Brodrick
 Chairs of Council 2022

Strategic Planning Group

Team members:

Nick Finn, Kim Holmes-Younger, Eleanor Kenny, Marc Lebel, Sandy Navrady, Suzanne Parkinson

Work began:

- An extensive literature search
- A series of meetings to assess the needs of the congregation
- Data collection
- A SWOT analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats
- Assessing strategic advantage of Parkdale United Church
- Review of mission and vision
- Review of values
- Strategic Plan recommendations 2022-2023:
 - a. Goals
 - b. Action Plans
 - c. Who's responsible
 - d. Timelines

PUC GOALS 2022-2023			
Goals	Action Plans	By Whom	Timeline
Balance the Budget	a) Stewardship Initiatives i) 2022 and 2023 Stewardship Campaigns ii) Re-institute and strengthen fund raising initiatives	Council and Stewardship Team	December 2023
	b) Maximize Building Use Revenue i) Undertake, and implement a new outside user and rental strategy ii) Undertake, complete and implement a multi-use plan for the sanctuary		<i>Signed offer to lease signed with Montessori School/Commence August 2023</i> <i>Congregational meeting held Jan 22 to gather information on possible building use</i> <i>Agreement to renovate stage area in sanctuary</i> <i>Recommendation to council to hire a marketing professional</i>
Revamp Digital Technology and Communications	a) Review PUC's existing digital and communication platforms b) Review digital applications in similar sized churches to understand best practices c) Identify, recommend, budget for and implement comprehensive solutions for PUC possibly including website revamp and live broadcasting	<i>Sandy Navrady and Beth Balshaw visited other churches to see best practice in sound, lighting and video transmission</i>	<i>Council to appoint a task team to complete task</i>
Institute Lay Leadership Training	a) Identify, offer and undertake appropriate Lay Leadership courses b) Identify, recruit for and undertake Small Group Ministry Leadership courses c) Identify, introduce and register individual or group self-study opportunities		December 2023
Re-Align PUC Activities to Mission Statement and Core Values: Building Connections Living Faith Acting for Justice	a) Council and Committee chairs to ensure that new programs, policies, actions and recommendations align to Mission Statement. b) Minister to continue to communicate through sermons. c) Identify and implement suitable training courses	Minister, Council, Committee Chairs	<i>Widely reference core values with explanatory text at PUC functions and in all literature</i>

Operations

The Operations Committee generally meets on the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August), and is responsible for caring for the physical and financial assets of the Congregation.

Continuously, the committee reviews and executes building and equipment maintenance, reviews and approves building use by outside groups, reviews financial statements, receives income and pays expenses, supervises the caretaker, and counts and deposits the weekly offering. Other special projects are undertaken as necessary.

Members of the Operations Committee are Sherry Anderson-Kepke (who is the church's bookkeeper), Ken Coburn, Wayne Flood, Rev. Kim Holmes-Younger, Kim Leong and George Norton. Colin Redekop, our Office Administrator, is an essential member of the Operations team, and attends our meetings. Please consider joining the Operations Committee, as we are looking for additional members. We are fun-loving and friendly bunch!

Our Caretaker is Hector Renderos, and he attends our meetings as his schedule permits.

We also thank Jim Balshaw, who helps with "electronics projects," and Helen Heacock, Bill Crabbe, and other volunteer gardeners, who steward the garden.

Due to the Covid pandemic, almost all our building use revenue was lost as groups ceased meeting in-person, and the nursery school paused operation or operated at reduced capacity. During 2022, we saw some recovery of building use revenue. We hope to continue to regain some of the building use revenue lost during the pandemic, as this revenue stream is integral to sustaining the church; however, this might take several years.

During 2022, the Operations Committee undertook or oversaw several projects, the most notable being the following:

- Dealt with many building use issues, including the departure of Early Discoveries Nursery School who were unable to recover to pre-pandemic enrollment,
- Began renting parking stalls to hospital administrative staff, first offering 15 excess parking stalls, then increasing to 20, and further to 25 excess parking stalls. Prior to renting stalls, tire-bumpers and lines were re-painted,
- Enrolled in a five-year, fixed-price electricity contract with Sponsor Energy,
- Supported the PUC Strategic Short-Term Plan by offering experience with building use and building systems,

- Oversaw a “fine-tuning” of the sanctuary sound system by Unique Communications,
- Oversaw repairs to the burglar alarm system by Guardian Security,
- Completed minor maintenance projects, replacing many fluorescent light ballasts, drywall repairs and painting.

We thank the congregation for its generosity and for its continuing support of the ministries of Parkdale United Church.

Respectfully submitted by K. H. (Ken) Coburn, P. Eng., Chair, on behalf of the Operations Committee

Foundation

For 2022, the Directors of the Parkdale United Church (Calgary) Foundation were Jim Balshaw (Chair), Nick Finn (Vice Chair), Sue Brodrick (Secretary), Gordon Thomson (Treasurer), Sheila Campbell, and Barb Giles.

In 2022, the Foundation’s primary activity was managing the investments we have, totalling around \$459,000. In 2022, we had professional fees and administration costs (office, printing and postage) totalling \$786. From the Mary Fund, we spent \$1,740.00 to match what the congregation raised for the Christmas Special Gift for 2021 for Simon House. As well from the Mary Fund, \$3,900 was used to pay for the cost of the Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop held in May 2022.

In 2022, the Parkdale United Church Council directed the Foundation to transfer \$60,000 from the Mary Fund to the church’s operating account in order to fund the normal operating expenses of the church. This transfer of funds was needed to offset decreased offerings and reduced rental income mainly due to the Covid pandemic. These funds will be transferred in the first half of 2023.

In 2022, we were blessed to receive \$80,000 from the Fisher estate in remembrance of Lawrie and Berta. Their daughter, Leslie, suggested the funds go towards new audio/visual equipment for the sanctuary, and any music equipment as a way to honour Lawrie’s involvement with the choir and Berta’s welcoming banners and displays in the sanctuary. Lawrie and Berta were beloved members of our church – we are grateful for their strong involvement in our church life and at Naramata Centre as well.

The Foundation Directors met two times in 2022 to do the work required of the Foundation and prepare for the Annual General Meeting.

A special thank you to Gordon Thomson for his work as treasurer. He stays on top of the investments, renews them when they mature, or moves them to other investment vehicles in order to create good value on all our investments.

At the 2022 AGM to be held on March 19, 2023 following the church service, there will be one new board members elected, and recognition of retiring board member Barb Giles.

Faithfully Submitted,

Jim Balshaw
Chairperson

Trustees

The Trustees hold the physical property of the Congregation (the land and building) in trust for the United Church of Canada. The following were elected to the Board of Trustees at the 2018 Annual General Meeting: Jo Anne Atkins, Sue Brodrick, Ken Coburn, Murray Laverty, Sandy Navrady, Suzanne Parkinson, and Gordon Thomson. Our minister, Rev. Kim Holmes-Younger, is also a Trustee; however, United Church of Canada policy is that ministers are no longer listed on Land Titles. Upon his retirement from PUC, Murray Laverty submitted his resignation from the Board of Trustees.

The Trustees met once in 2022 (September 19, on-line) to consider a long-term lease for the child-care space in the east basement.

Respectfully submitted,

K.H. (Ken) Coburn, P. Eng.

Ministry & Personnel Committee

The M&P committee was not as busy in 2022 as in the previous year, which was good. The members of the M&P Committee in 2022 were:

Sue Brodrick	(Chair to September 30, 2022)
Suzanne Parkinson	(Chair October 1, 2022 forward)
Jeff Campbell	(Liaison for Colin Redekop)
Catherine Lebel	(Liaison for Kim Holmes-Younger)
Bob Robson	(Liaison for Antonina Cox)

In the first half of the year, M&P did not meet, as there was no business to be dealt with. Because we were just coming out of the Covid restrictions, we did not host the staff appreciation night in the winter of 2022, which I know was always appreciated.

In June 2022, Jenn Razzo gave notice that it was time for her to step down as the Sunday School Coordinator. This resignation was accepted with regret and thanks. Jenn had served in this role for over nine years, and was loved by our Sunday School children.

Shauna Soukoreff approached us and said she would love to take over this role; she became our Sunday School Coordinator effective September 1, 2022. Shauna gave her notice to us at the end of October, and we then started to search for a new leader. We were very fortunate to find Letitia Berger, who is now our Sunday School Coordinator. Letitia has settled in well, working with our children, as well as helping Kim with parts of the worship service. Letitia is a student in the Diaconal Program of the United Church of Canada, working towards becoming a Diaconal Minister. We at Parkdale are so lucky to have her as part of our staff.

We are also so grateful to Emily Flood who works with our little ones up to and including kindergarten; she has been doing this for many years and loves our little ones, and they in turn love her. On Sundays when we do not have any little ones, Emily helps with the older kids in the Sunday School.

In the fall of 2022, M&P was pleased to welcome Christine Young to the Committee. Christine, a member of the choir, is now Liaison for Antonina Cox. We appreciate Christine's willingness to take on this important work.

Since October, M& P has met regularly to deal with personnel issues, salaries and benefits for 2023, and to review/update the Annual Review process. Annual Reviews for staff, excluding Hector Renderos, will take place in March 2023.

Thank you to Sue Brodrick for her continued guidance, to the Committee members, and to the Staff for their thoughtful work on behalf of PUC.

Faithfully Submitted,

Sue Brodrick
Suzanne Parkinson

Music Ministry

2022 brought new events and challenges to the music program. We had many ups and downs, as for the half of the year, we were under the restrictions of Covid. In the music program, we rely on many volunteers who offer their time and talents on a regular basis, whether singing in the choir, singing solo, or playing an instrument.

Our Parkdale United Church choir participated in most of the services in 2022. I am grateful that we have the choir, and am thankful for all the work of our dedicated choir members who made the services more meaningful and memorable! We had between 11-13 members in the choir, but attendance was greatly affected by sickness; at times, we had only half a dozen singers at the services. We would be happy to have more members in the choir, especially high sopranos.

Choir members in 2022: Beth Balshaw, Sheila Campbell (January - September), Susan Daye (January - September), Ben De Laet, Margaret De Laet, Nick Finn, Bob Robson, Heidi Schroter, Sheila Smith, Christine Young (joined in September), Shauna May-Soukoreff (till November), Teeya Scholten and Nico Scholten (for Christmas season).

Variety and flexibility are the keys to a successful music program. We learn and present a wide variety of repertoire, including traditional and well-known songs, as well as music from many contemporary sources. We also dedicate one of the services in February to Black History Month, singing and playing traditional African spiritual and gospel songs.

Similar to the past year, besides having a choir in most of the services, we formed small groups (duets, trios, quartets), and invited members of the congregation and outside the church to sing in a women's chorus twice a year. The women's chorus that we formed in May and September received very good feedback from the congregation. We would like to form a men's chorus in the future, to sing once or twice a year, if there is interest.

During the past year, we also had our own musicians presenting many special solos - Bob Robson (vocal solo), Ben De Laet (on saxophone), Heidi Schroter (on violin). My special thanks to Beth Balshaw for playing on piano and singing for numerous services in my absence, and on Wednesday evenings!

We also enjoyed listening to young musicians who offered their time and talents in the services: Selina Li (piano and flute), Selene Nsabweze (violin), and Herman Piera (violin).

Some of last year's highlights include: a service in February with Bob Robson's quartet *Lovin' Tuneful*; in March, a service with Calgary Men's Chorus; services for Good Friday and Easter - with our choir and guest musicians Dianne MacGregor (flute) and James Watson (violin); a service dedicated to the installation of our new minister Kim Holmes-Younger - with an organ/piano duet performed by our own staff member Colin Redekop and myself; Christmas services with our choir and guest musicians Ben Lahring (guitar) and Eileen Kosasich (violin), and all the Advent services - with our awesome choir and children participating in the pageant service. Thank you to everyone for your time, enthusiasm, and gifts of music!

Special thanks to Beth Balshaw, Jim Balshaw, Bob Robson, Nick Finn for your help with the music program, preparing slides, and much more.

We hope that 2023 will bring more positive changes and we'll be able to implement new ideas.

Kindly submitted,
Antonina Cox, the music leader at PUC

Prayer Circle

The Prayer Circle group meets once a month. We are a group of nine wonderful people who pray for people going through difficult times in their lives. All information is confidential. Members are Kim Holmes-Younger, Evelyn Peterson, Lee Morris, Sandra Horton, Sheila Campbell, Susan Daye, Diane Roberts, and Ted Moon.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Beattie

Congregational Care Committee

The name Pastoral Care was changed to Congregational Care in 2022.

We would like to express our thanks to chairperson Sarah Leeuwerke for her time and talent devoted to congregational care. Sarah resigned in 2022 due to other responsibilities.

In December, homemade Christmas cookies were delivered to those who have difficulty coming to church or who are unable to come.

Welcome bags were also prepared for newcomers to church, to be handed out by greeters.

The monthly Women's Breakfast and Ladies Lunch Bunch gatherings have resumed.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Morris

Healing Pathways

Members of Parkdale's Healing Pathway Team include Evelyn Peterson, Lee Morris, Jo Anne Atkins, and Teeya Scholten. There have been a few requests for Healing Pathway sessions this year. These were delivered in several locations including on-site in the church, in the individual's home, as well as from a distance. We have been honoured to provide this support. Please contact Evelyn Peterson for any requests (evelynpeterson@gmail.com or 403-283-8121).

Respectfully submitted,
Teeya Scholten

Children and Family Ministry

The Children's Ministry went through some changes last year. At the start of the year, we were in the auditorium, still working with the Covid protocols. In September, when the Covid protocols were relaxed, we returned to the regular Sunday school room. Now, we are upstairs in a bright, beautiful room. As the year progressed, we changed the curriculum from *Spark* to *Seasons of the Spirit*. This is where we have the children sit in prayer, listen to the bible readings, listen to music, and reflect on what they have

heard. From there, they do an interactive project; it could be a play, an outreach project, or a craft of some kind. At the end of November, Letitia Berger was hired as the new Children's Minister, and she was ready to make sure the children ended the year on a high note. In December, children's ministry presented an amazing shadow Christmas Pageant that taught the congregation what hope, faith, joy, and love means to them.

We look forward to growing this ministry in 2023 and adding more events that will help the children and their families grow in their faith and spirituality.

Submitted by Letitia Berger

United Church Women

Our group is small and comprised of older individuals who are no longer able to enjoy the activities we once did. As a result, we have not been very active over the past year. However, our Bake Sale was a great success, and the money raised was very well used to support our charities.

We are in great need of some new members for our group. If you are potentially interested in helping with the great work of the UCW, you would be very welcome. I would be happy to speak to anyone who might be interested to give background on our group. It would be great to have some new people with new ideas.

Submitted by Sheila Smith

Faith and Justice Committee

What did we, and our collaborators, do during COVID? We could not have been busier. Behind each data point is a person wanting a better life. We continue to value a sustainable, healthy global environment, our work to address poverty, affordable housing, and racism. We will continue with a commitment to educational opportunities for us and our communities.

Members: Doreen Kot, Bev DeLong, Jean Tollefson, Heidi Schroter, Sheila Smith, Bev Fauchon helper, and Eleanor Kenney

"Thank you" goes to:

Beth Balshaw: Technology support for Sunday Night movies.

Level Ground Coffee Sales: Margaret De Laet

Band Aid: Ben and Margaret De Laet

Jim Balshaw and Marc Lebel-for continuing advice on the solar panel project progress.

Church community support for Band Aid: St. Giles, Grace, St. Andrews, Westminster Presbyterian, Robert McClure, McDougall, and Parkdale United

Businesses: Country Hills Storage, Bootlegger, Ricky's, Tip Top soil, Bowwest, Springwall Beds and Barry the Computer specialist

Eleanor Halton for storage

Education for Social Justice

- a) **100 Mile Lunch:** This gathering started the year with enthusiasm and many lunches have followed monthly.
- b) **Sunday Night Zoom Movies** mostly with social justice themes were presented once a month. Some were just for community building and pleasure! Plans are for Food and Carbon Footprint series to begin in January 2023. We will reevaluate the night of the week and start time for the movie night, including virtual or live choices in 2023. One Sunday our movie involved people connected in (nonviolent) Civilian resistance in Ukraine.
- c) **Blanket Exercise:** Despite our best efforts to enable significant engagement by Parkdale United, problems occurred due to timing of the event, communications with First Nations representation and some heating challenges in the homes of those representatives. Rev. Tony Snow recommended that we act rather than opting for book studies. Note: We already work with housing support, culturally sensitive learning classes, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) classes through KAIROS Affordable Housing.
- d) **United-In-Learning anti-racism workshop Part 1 and 2** taken by Kim, Heidi, and Doreen. One additional workshop with the Presbyterian Church on strategic directions for churches.
- e) **Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop from United-In-Learning: Presented by Parkdale and KAIROS Affordable Housing group:** This was open to anyone interested in poverty and affordable housing and supported by our PUC council. It was a good learning experience for all attending. Follow up pending.
- f) **Solar presentations at KAIROS Prairies North (KPN) gathering-** Doreen presented information on Parkdale's work on solar panels on our church roof and our various greening action projects. She was enthusiastically received and got a request for further participation in upcoming events.
- g) **Building Community:** Our first collaborative meetings with Faith and the Common Good and the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good have taken place. We are starting to work with these ecumenical and secular groups to

spread educational efforts more widely and to strengthen our advocacy on important social justice issues.

Social Justice Activities

- a) **Christmas giving project:** As part of the “A Place to Call Home” project, we are assigned special responsibility for Longbow, so we responded to Longbow’s request for gift cards. Donations of \$830.00 were shared in gift cards. In addition, we received a donation from Banff Trail Square Dance Club Toy Dance of \$430.00 plus toys and food.
- b) **Longbow (APCH) first Wednesday of the month coffee gatherings** with the residents were attended by Parkdale United and other churches.
- c) **KAIROS Affordable Housing Christmas Party at McDougall United:** supported by Parkdale United, Faith and Justice.
- d) **Calgary Project Ploughshares 40th Anniversary Party:** Ploughshares Calgary has benefited from the use of Zoom enabling some several speakers from other parts of Canada. They are working hard to do strong educational events, to organize a major Floating Lanterns event to remember Hiroshima/Nagasaki bombings, and to propose a (Canadian?) Peace Museum for Calgary.
- e) **Justice/ Greening Sales:** To encourage and educate, we sold Fairtrade coffee, and plastic-free TRUEARTH (or Usolve) eco-strips (laundry detergent), Notice Hair Co shampoo (formerly Unwrapped) and conditioner (no plastic.)
- f) **Band Aid with KAIROS Affordable Housing and CUPS:** We supported housing for new residents during the COVID year, 161 adults and 116 children, mileage cost and storage rental costs \$9,498.03 and volunteer labor about 1,800 hours. Many clients have repeat visits.
- g) **Coldest Night Walk:** Thanks to Heidi Schroter we participated again this year (2022). The fund raising went to Bankview KAIROS Affordable Housing mortgage.

Respectfully submitted.

Doreen Kot

Refugee Sponsorship Program

The family that Parkdale sponsored in 2015 is doing well, but one family member, husband of Randa and father of Jumana and Abdalla, remains in Cairo waiting for our sponsorship application to be approved. The process was slowed in recent years due to Covid. We are hopeful that there will be progress this year.

In 2018 Parkdale, joined with Michael Embaie's Ghebru Group to co-sponsor seven Eritreans to come to Canada. Parkdale's role in this is purely administrative and supportive – all funds have been raised by Michael's group, and all settlement responsibilities will be fulfilled by them. Last fall two of the Eritreans arrived in Calgary. We are waiting to hear when the remaining five will arrive.

Submitted by Sheila Navrady

Book Club

Coordinators & Newsletter: Beth Balshaw and Lynn Sloane

Members: Sue Brodrick, Joan Cameron, Janine Dawson, Margaret De Laet, Debbie Dobson, Bev Holroyd, Lindsay Hunt, Jody Klippenstein, Doreen Kot, Roslyn Mendelson, Lee Morris, Suzanne Parkinson, Ruth Radetzky, Judy Sleith, Sheila Smith, plus 20 or so others on mailing list

The Parkdale Book Club meets using zoom on the 2nd Saturday of each month except July and August. Anyone is welcome to join the book club, to participate in the discussions or simply to receive the book club newsletter prepared roughly once a month from September to June. Books of diverse range are chosen by book club members – we nominate ideas throughout the year and vote on the top 10 in May for the following year. Please contact Lynn Sloane at sloanelm@shaw.ca or Beth Balshaw at bethbalshaw@shaw.ca to get on the mailing list for the book club newsletter. We also have a Facebook page: search "Parkdale Book Club Calgary." Here is our schedule for the rest of the 'reading year':

March 11	<i>The Art of Leaving</i> by Ayelet Tsabari	Roz
April 8	<i>The Children's Blizzard</i> by Melanie Benjamin	Margaret
May 13	<i>Sufferance</i> by Thomas King	Janine
June 10	<i>The Woman Outside My Door</i> by Rachel Ryan	Sue

Submitted by Lynn Sloane

Parkdale United Church, 2023 Budget for Approval

	2022 Budget Approved	2022 Year End Unreviewed	2023 Budget for Approval
Revenue			
Donations Received			
General	215,000	191,081	195,000
Open Plate	1,000	2,333	2,500
Total Donations Received	216,000	193,414	197,500
Weddings & Funerals	-	65	1,000
Building Use	36,000	36,663	77,000
Fund Raising			
Co-op Cards	3,500	3,053	3,000
Garage Sale	8,000	5,133	6,000
Special Events	-	1,217	
Mary Fund	11,000	3,900	4,000
Total Revenue	274,500	243,444	288,500

Expenses			
Staff Costs			
Salaries/Wages, Con. Ed. & Allowances	187,237	179,992	190,059
Relief Staff	5,716	4,258	5,788
Travel	3,500	250	3,500
Benefits	42,345	43,128	44,096
Total Staff Costs	238,798	227,629	243,443
Office, Administration & Bookkeeping	12,800	10,679	12,500
Building Operations			
Major R&M Reserve	2,000	2,000	2,000
Utilities (Power, Water, Gas, Waste)	18,000	22,510	23,000
Security	800	741	800
Telephone	3,500	3,480	3,500
Repairs & Maintenance	18,600	15,646	19,100
Supplies	2,500	904	2,500
Insurance & Licenses	10,000	9,678	10,000
Total Building Operations	55,400	54,960	60,900
Support of the United Church of Canada			
Assessments: National & Region	13,475	13,475	13,105
Mission & Service	8,125	8,125	6,645
Total Support of the United Church of Canada	21,600	21,600	19,750
Programs & Mission			
Council	1,800	2,791	2,000
Christian Education	300	957	1,000
Music	2,000	1,697	2,000
Stewardship		163	250
Worship	1,000	1,249	1,000
Congregational Care	1,000	360	1,000
Faith & Justice	250	35	250
Ministry & Personnel		-	-
Refugee Fund	-	-	-
Outreach (from Mary Fund)	11,000	3,833	4,000
Communications	2,000	385	500
Total Programs & Mission	19,350	11,469	12,000
Total Expenses	347,948	326,338	348,593

Surplus/Deficit	-73,448 -	82,894	-60,093
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