

Trinity United Church

# Annual Report 2014



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# *In Memoriam*

*For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.*

— *John 3:16*

## *Members and Adherents*

*Louise Faulconbridge*

*Andrew MacKenzie*

## *Loved Ones of Trinity's Members and Adherents*

*Brenda Watson*

*Lynn Bradshaw*

*Richard Carley*

*Annie Cichony*

*Thomas Farrow*

*Dorothy James*

*Bruce McCann*

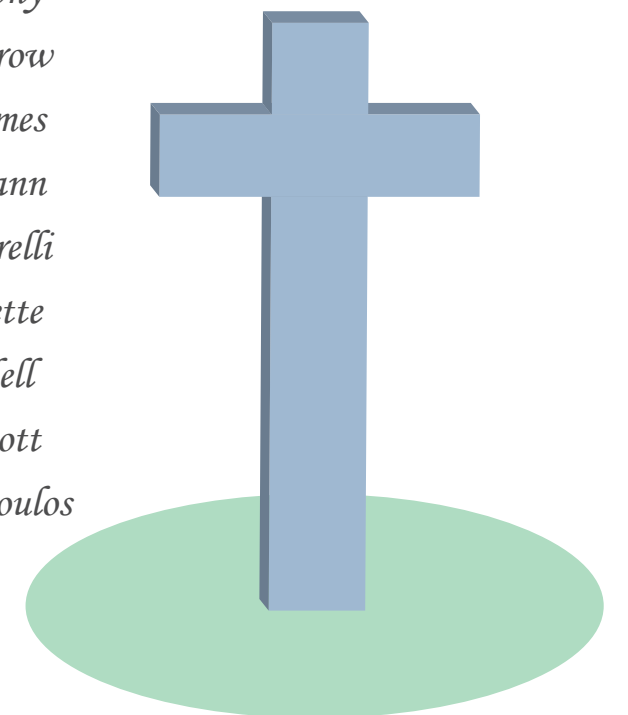
*Paul Massarelli*

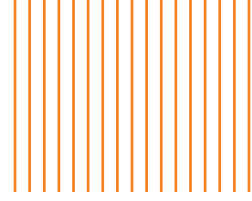
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*Bill Stefanopoulos*





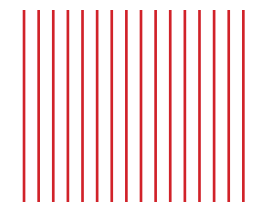
Finding our way implies both knowing where we are and knowing where we want to go. As Christians, Jesus’s example serves to keep us on the right path.



# The Way

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# FROM THE MINISTER


*BE PERSISTENT WHETHER THE TIME IS FAVOURABLE OR UNFAVOURABLE.*

– 2 TIMOTHY 4:2B

Dear Friends in Christ:

It's a joy for me to make my first contribution to our annual report! I want to begin by thanking all of you for being who you are, and for the faithful ways you keep the United Church presence in Montreal's East End alive and well. As I spend time getting to know the communities we serve, and as I hear stories about the history of the congregation, I am beginning to understand some of the challenges you have faced over the years. I've also come to hear stories of the people, the pastoral leadership, and the serendipitous moments of grace that have sustained you through it all.

One of my favourite lines from scripture is quoted above, and I offer it to you as a touchstone to reflect on not only about the past, but also the future as we seek to minister to each other and the wider community. In faith as in all else, persistence pays off. Persistence in the things Christ teaches - reaching out, welcoming in, accepting people without judgment, practicing forgiveness, seeking justice.



You are already doing this! I see it in the faithful ways you support Trinity through attending worship; growing in faith; caring for each other as family, friends, neighbors; serving on committees (sometimes for decades!); giving time, talent and financial resources to keep the doors open, often behind the scenes with no expectation of fanfare; being creative as leaders to build bridges between us and the community beyond our walls. I know this also because of the wonderful way you have welcomed me, Stéphane and our little pug Bella into your midst.

In the wake of a heart-expanding, joyful covenanting service where we looked squarely at the reality we face but also felt God's presence as we sang, laughed, (and well, at least for me, cried) to raise the roof, I believe we will have much to celebrate as we move into a new time of ministry together. May these celebrations give us new energy and vision of how to be faithful disciples in our beautiful, yet needy, part of the city.

I look forward to getting to know each of you better in these next months and years, and to hearing your stories of persistence in times both favourable and unfavourable. Through it all, Jesus walks with us, giving us the courage and strength to be more than we ever believed possible.

Blessings in Christ,

*Read Sherman*  
Read Sherman  
Minister



# FROM THE CHAIR


Wow! What a year! When I look back at the minutes from last year, it is easy to see just how far we have come.

We have a new minister (woo-hoo!) who is excited, eager, and inspirational - just the person we need to get us moving.

A big thank you to the Joint Needs Assessment Committee for their thorough, efficient work and for the Joint Search Committee who met every Tuesday over the summer to ensure we found a minister who was perfect for us.

We have many people who work tirelessly within our walls to ensure that our building is running smoothly, our finances are in order, our music is inspiring, and we have events to build our community. Thank you to everyone for everything you do to make Trinity a wonderful place to be. Even the smallest act counts!

Our website has been up for a while now and is by far the best website for any



church in Montreal. It is open, friendly, and inviting - the kind of church we are - and has already attracted new members.

Our Facebook page has over 154 likes and is reaching out everyday to members who visit each week and members who do not.

Our Twitter feed has over 270 followers and reaches out frequently with updates about our church and our events. Our tweets have even been re-tweeted by the United Church of Canada and Sun Youth.

For the first time in many years, our children and youth have connected with other Christian young people and have formed incredible friendships.

Trinity is finally starting to open up to the world outside of our doors. Although we understand how important it is to build community inside, we are also beginning to understand how important it is to build community outside.

We are well on our way to being the church we want to be and the kind of church we need to be in order to remain meaningful in today's changing world. I look forward with great anticipation to 2015. God only knows what is in store for us, and I can't wait to get started!

Blessings,

*Sheri Cameron*  
Sheri Cameron  
Chair, Official Board

# WE ARE ON OUR WAY

Whereas 2014 was the year we began to reflect on our future, 2015 will be the year we begin to act upon it.

In 2014 we carefully and prayerfully thought about the kind of church we want to be then selected Rev. Sherman to help lead us there.

Since Rev. Sherman has joined us, we have created or expanded upon many different projects involving many different people. All of the projects outlined below are focused on building the church either physically, spiritually or digitally.

## WELCOMING GROWTH PROJECT

We hired Aviso Public Relations to build and implement the Welcoming Growth Project.

The Project's goal is to use social media and person-to-person contact to build interpersonal relationships.

Since hiring them, Aviso PR has unveiled our warm and engaging logo and opened our Facebook page, which currently has 154 likes (by far surpassing our old Facebook group).

They built and launched a welcoming new website ([www.trinityuc.net](http://www.trinityuc.net)), which they continually update and have begun training some of our people on how to maintain the website. The website is by far the most engaging of all Montreal-based churches and invites visitors to interact with it through videos, direct email links, and live Facebook feeds.

Aviso PR has been working with Rev. Sherman and plans to begin training key leaders in the spring to become Welcoming Growth Campaign Leaders.

## OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

Apart from the Facebook page which is maintained by Rev. Sherman, Gary Tompkins, and Sheri Cameron, we also have a Twitter account which is followed by 270 people and a digital newsletter, both maintained currently by Philip Massarelli.

Shirley Cartmill and Don Cameron create a paper newsletter on a quarterly basis which goes out to all our members, along with a giving envelope.

## SANCTUARY SOUND SYSTEM

For many years we have discussed updating the sound system, but given that Read makes excellent use of our screen and projector, now is the time to upgrade to more permanent fixtures and to

update the sound quality at the same time. We have had visits from several different companies, and are beginning to receive their quotes.

## GODSTUFF

The Trinity Sunday School has paired up with St. CHL to present GodStuff, a God-centred program aimed at children and families regardless of whether they go to church frequently or not.

GodStuff is made up of two ongoing projects: Love in Motion which focuses on love and self-worth, and Messy Church which is an inter-generational event focused on small group, God-centred learning.



With Messy Church attracting between 50-80 people per event (15-20 children), it appears there is a real future in this mission project.

## ST. GEORGE'S FUND

We have been given an exciting opportunity to use the interest earned from the sale of St. George's church. The requirement is that the money is not to be used on the maintenance of our church

building, but it is to be used to grow the United Church's mission. It is our responsibility to develop a Mission Plan to present to Montreal Presbytery which will outline our plans for using the fund.

## GOALS FOR 2015

As you can see, we have some wonderful plans for our future! So wonderful that sometimes the task seems too great. But as Rev. Sherman said, we need to be persistent and "know that Jesus walks with us giving us the courage and strength to be more than we ever believed possible."

As we know, Rome was not built in a day. But it was built a day at a time. As we are building and growing we are beginning to feel some growing pains. We need to consider the structure of our governing bodies: are they adequately meeting our current needs? We need to give some serious thought to our mission plans. We need to find new ways of helping the people who work tirelessly (often for decades) to keep the church running smoothly.

As we move ahead through 2015, we will focus on these key goals:

- 1. Developing and implementing a mission plan.** We need to establish a team who will be leaders in researching, implementing, and overseeing a mission plan for the use of the St. George's Fund. Looking at the graphic gives a sense of where we can go with our mission. We already have ministry groups who are active and doing wonderful things...what else can we add?
- 2. Focusing on our financial base.** We need to ensure that our money is well taken care of and well managed. Mission plans are mere dreams without financial backing, so we need to make sure key people are working together to make our money work for us. Establish a financial team to support our treasurers and Trustees by organize giving campaigns and fundraisers.
- 3. Developing a communications team.** Currently, our website, Twitter account, Facebook page, digital newsletter and paper newsletter are created and maintained by different people. In order to ensure we have a consistent message that fits with our brand, we need to developing a team which will work together to ensure that we share the same message and tone, regardless of the media. We are also looking at expanding our impact by creating signs and posters, and by reaching out to English newspapers and news shows.
- 4. Establishing an executive of the Official Board.** In this fast-paced world, some decisions need to be made quickly. Calling the entire board together for each decision is tiresome for all involved. Breaking the Official Board up into teams allows individuals to work on projects that inspire them and use their talents with purpose. It also allows the Official Board as a whole to work on its purpose: to create an overall direction for our church and to ensure that teams are working together responsibly toward that goal.

I am excited about this coming year and our future. I look forward to working with Rev. Sherman and the rest of the Official Board in inviting all to share in God's love...

Blessings,

Sheri Cameron  
Chair of the Official Board

# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

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**January 12, 2014 – 12:15 pm**  
**Trinity United Church, Sanctuary**

Chaired by Philip Massarelli and recorded by Veronica Heffernan (secretary), the meeting was declared official at 12:15 pm on January 12, 2014. Forty-seven people in total were present. The sole item on the agenda: elect a new Joint Needs Assessment Committee (J-NAC).

Philip Massarelli explained that the reason for this meeting was involving Rev. Barend Biesheuvel's retirement plans for July 2014. In order to find a replacement minister, a new J-NAC Committee composed of 4-10 pastoral charge members needed to be formed.

The floor was then opened for nominations for the J-NAC Committee. The nominations are as follows:

- Shirley Cartmill nominated Gary Tompkins; he accepted.
- Sabrina Heffernan nominated Heather Purcell; she accepted.
- Jennifer Bridgman nominated Natalya Scott-Sandy; she accepted.
- Gary Tompkins nominated Shirley Cartmill; she accepted.
- Shirley Cartmill nominated Claudel Beaumont; he accepted.
- Gail Pallante nominated Murray Rainier; he accepted.
- Claudette Petrauskas nominated Shirley Budd; she accepted.
- Shirley Budd nominated Philip Massarelli; he refused.
- Shirley Cartmill nominated Judy Massarelli; she refused.

Total number who accepted: 7

Total number who refused: 2

The floor was then closed for nominations.

Beverly Bridgman moved that we nominate these people to be accepted for the J-NAC Committee, seconded by Eric Garceau.

27 in favour, 0 opposed, 1 abstention: motion carried.

Gary Tompkins moved that we have \$100 as a budget for the J-NAC Committee, seconded by Jennifer Bridgman: motion carried.

Sheri Cameron declared the first J-NAC meeting was to be held on Wednesday January 15, 2014 at 7:30p.m.

In closing, Philip Massarelli said a prayer and adjournment was called at 12:35p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Veronica Heffernan, congregational secretary.



# ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

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February 23, 2014 – 1:00 pm  
Trinity United Church, Church Hall

A meeting of the Congregation of Trinity United Church was held in the church hall on Sunday, February 23, 2014. Philip Massarelli chaired the meeting and he declared it as a duly constituted meeting. There were 41 people in attendance. Voting was by hand, and there was no voting by proxy.

## 1. Opening statement and prayer

Philip Massarelli opened the meeting with a prayer at 1:02 p.m.

## 2. Quorum verification

For congregations or pastoral charges with 60 or more full members, at least 20 full members must be present. Attendance: 41 people.

## 3. Approval of agenda

The approval of the agenda was moved by Kim Wildenmann-Dore and seconded by David Ingham.

– Motion carried

## 4. Motion to allow adherents to vote

It was moved by Stacey Ciciola and seconded by Christina Heffernan that adherents may vote on all temporal matters at this meeting.

– Motion carried

## 5. Gone Home - Memorials and moment of silence

Shirley Cartmill read the names of those that had passed away last year (2013). Remembering those we have lost, we held a moment of silence.

## 6. Minutes of Annual Congregational Meeting held on Feb 24, 2013

Moved by Sheri Cameron and seconded by Gary Tompkins

– Motion carried

## 7. Minutes of Congregational Meeting held on January 12, 2014

Moved by Veronica Heffernan and seconded by Gary Tompkins

– Motion carried

## 8. Business arising from minutes:

### a. Vision Group: Report from Sheri Cameron

Report on Rock-n-Roll Easter Event: roughly 65 people had attended. People from Presbytery helped out. The goal was to reach out to people in the community. There are tentative plans looking forward to doing another Christmas Event and Easter Event. Messy Church is an idea for providing a more contemporary worship.

### b. St. George's Fund: Report on Mission Strategy from David Ingham

Philip Massarelli explained that the St. George's Fund is not meant for the bricks and mortar of the church but for any special projects that the church may have in order to either reach out into the community or increase membership.

Trustees proposed to Trinity to look into website and various ways to communicate with the congregation.

Trustees will:

- Look into the different groups at Trinity
- Proposal to Official Board to come
- Look into the financial situation
- Messy Church is under the General (Trustees) Fund
- Christmas Messy Church was funded by the Sunday School

### c. JNAC Committee: Report on JNAC activities from Gary Tompkins

Gary mentioned that when they formed the JNAC the following was the breakdown of the group, when they met, and what had been done:

- 3 people from Anjou, 2 people from Presbytery
- Met January 15th, 27th, Feb 10th
- Updated the existing Needs assessment
- Passed out copies of report
- Explained how the report profile is laid out and that it hasn't changed much from previous years

Gary Tompkins moved the following excerpt from Appendix 2 Recommendations (handed out during this Annual Congregational Meeting):

- That the members of Trinity-Anjou Pastoral Charge and Montreal Presbytery accept and approve this report as a true and accurate reflection of the current position and needs of our pastoral charge.
- That Trinity-Anjou Pastoral Charge be declared vacant.
- That the Joint Needs Assessment Committee be disbanded.
- That a Joint Search Committee be formed to seek a full-time ordained minister consistent with the profiles of this report.
- That Trinity develop a mission strategy plan to look at the future of ministry in the east end of Montreal.

### \*\*\*Discussion

**Carol Cunningham:** question arose regarding the amount of children there are in the Sunday School and how it might be misleading when advertising this information. Anjou is looking to grow, but it doesn't look like Trinity is looking into it. Maybe have a joint meeting with Anjou. **Natalya Scott-Sandy:** On some things they were very specific, and on others they were more general. **Heather Purcell:** There is a new process for the JNAC reports. Ours is much more detailed than the new proposed one from the web. **David Ingham:** mentioned how he was on the JNAC before and why he didn't add his input because he had trust in the JNAC and still trusts them. **Frank Massarelli:** Suggests that many people don't know what the JNAC is.

**Sheri Cameron:** dictated rules regarding reports of JNAC

**JNAC Report Vote:** 1 opposed, 1 abstention

– Motion carried

**Sheri Cameron** wished to thank the JNAC Committee for their hard work.

#### 9. Trinity Outreach

Shirley Cartmill thanked Don Cameron for taking care of the can tabs, eyeglasses, Campbell soup labels and used batteries. She also thanked Gary Tompkins and the Youth Group for buying and bringing food to Maison Haider.

#### 10. Welcoming Growth Project and message from the Chair of the Official Board

Sheri Cameron pointed out pg. 19 of the Annual Report: focusing on growth and moving ahead through Mission projects (i.e.: reaching out to Maison Haider, adopting a child in a third world country, and many other ideas). Get other people to help out.

#### 11. Life and Work of the Church - Motion to accept all reports

Moved by Gary Tompkins and seconded by Lorna Falco

– Motion carried

**Gary Tompkins** thanked Shirley Cartmill for a wonderfully detailed Session report.

##### a. Session

### \*\*\*Discussion

**Elsa Beaumont** asked what an Elder is. **Gary Tompkins** explained the active duties.

**Julia Budd** asked why she as an organist is not on Session. She mentioned that music makes up half of the service and there were comments on the hymns. **Shirley Cartmill** answered that it is supposed to be between her and the minister. Glenn Funamoto mentioned that music provides a Spiritual aspect to worship. **Julia Budd** wishes to be present at Session to contribute just the musical aspect once in awhile.

**Frank Massarelli:** (addressing the question, what is an Elder) traditionally, it was people who were older that composed the Elders. Now, there are younger people who are Elders.

**Philip Massarelli:** Pointed out that traditionally, people who were on Session were older and sometimes things change. Now you can be on Session without being older.

##### b. Sunday School

Gail Chapman Purcell said how we are so grateful for having children in the congregation.

##### c. M&P Committee

Judy Ciciola pointed out that they have been commissioned for 3 years and need to review the people on it.

Shirley Cartmill asked Glenn Funamoto to explain that the committee rotates every 3 to 5 years in order to teach people the ropes.

##### d. Montreal Presbytery

No comments were made.

##### e. Silver Chains

It was said that the initial Christmas Luncheon had been postponed until March 9th. Anyone who bought a ticket for the December Luncheon would be able to redeem their ticket on March 9.

Beverly Bridgman thanked the congregation for its support. She said that when we support the Silver Chains, we support the church.

##### f. Choir

Julia Budd said that they are very appreciative for the budget. Philip Massarelli asked what it took to join the choir. She said that if they can carry a tune and make a commitment, then they can join. She mentioned that she is very grateful for having the choir. Elsa Beaumont asked if there was new music. Julia Budd explained that if the songs are not learned to a good enough level, then she uses something that the choir is comfortable with.

Shirley Budd said that they will turn over their current balance to the Trustees to be held in trust.

Gail Chapman Purcell said a huge thank you to Julia Budd and the choir for all the music they provide.

##### g. Craft Group

Shirley Cartmill said they stopped meeting because a lot of the members have passed away, but the money that they have will be used for buying cards (b-day, condolences etc.).

##### h. YAYA Group

Shirley Cartmill mentioned that she has verified the report and signed it even though it doesn't appear to be signed.

Carol Cunningham asked what the Easter Breakfast shopping meal was. Gary Tompkins explained that it is a “thank you” to those who do the work for the Easter Breakfast.

**i. Girl Guides**

No comments.

**j. Scout Group**

Philip Massarelli mentioned that they were able to donate another \$500 to the church. That was largely due to the popcorn sale.

**k. Mission & Service**

Julia Budd says that they make themselves present and that Barend Biesheuvel reading it every Sunday is very important in order to know what they do.

**Voted on Approval of the Reports:** motion carried

**l. Trustees**

David Ingham as chair moved that this report be accepted and it was seconded by Stacey Ciciola.

– Motioned carried

Philip Massarelli (treasurer) noted that there is a \$20 difference in the report.

Barend Biesheuvel asked about the ROI.

Philip Massarelli said that they have various options and there are currently some obstacles in getting money quickly from these Investments.

**m. Stewards**

Frank Massarelli moved that the report on pgs.40, 43, 44, and 45 be accepted and it was seconded by Don Cameron.

– Motion carried

David Perron Ringuet mentioned the errors on pgs. 41, 43, 47 and anywhere else it says Audited and the error on pg. 44. He asked what the Aviso Marketing on pg. 45 was for. Philip Massarelli answered that the money is allocated to the website and other marketing for the church that Aviso is helping us with.

Don Cameron explained that to pay Aviso, they used some St. George’s operating funds in order to pay the deficit. This had been done after the money was transferred to Trinity and the St. George’s account was closed.

Shirley Budd asked what the Parental Leave is for. Philip Massarelli mentioned that everyone in Quebec who is working has to pay it regardless of whether or not they have children.

**Financial report**

Philip Massarelli explained that InSpec-Sol (pg. 42) is the expense for the Environmental Inspection of St. Georges that we needed to perform in order to sell the property. There was also a roof repair that was done just prior to the closing of the sale of St-Georges.

Don Cameron moved that pg. 41 and 42 be accepted and it was seconded by Deborah Kapp.

– Motion carried.

Benevolent Fund: Philip Massarelli explained that the funds are used at the discretion of the minister and that it is used to help those who are undergoing hard times financially.

Judy Ciciola moved that the Benevolent Fund Report, Sunday School, Choir, M&S Financial Reports be accepted and it was seconded by Stacey Ciciola.

– Motion carried.

**12. Correspondence**

None

**13. Elections: (Full Members only may vote)**

**a. Session Nominations?**

None

**b. Stewards Nominations?**

Frank Massarelli nominated Philip Massarelli – **refused**

**c. Ministry and Personnel Committee Nominations?**

Don Cameron nominated Warren Purcell – **refused**

Shirley Budd made a motion to have Carol Cunningham be the replacement – **refused**

Gary Tompkins made a motion to nominate Kim Wildenmann-Dore, Murray Rainier and Judy Ciciola to remain on the committee for 1 year at most. If one wishes to resign, they would be able to. It was seconded by Glenn Funamoto.

– Motion carried. 1 abstention.

Shirley Cartmill nominated Sabrina Heffernan – **decision pending.**

Eloise and Patrice to be added to the list of M&S

**d. Lay Representatives to Presbytery Nominations?**

Sheri Cameron offered to step down if there is someone who interested.

Gary Tompkins moved that Sheri Cameron and Ivylin Scott remain as Presbytery Representatives and it was seconded by Glenn Funamoto - **they accepted**

**e. Chair of the Official Board Nominations?**

Heather Purcell nominated Sheri Cameron as chair, and it was seconded by Gary Tompkins - **accepted**

**Glenn Funamoto:** moved that nominations be closed and it was seconded by David Ingham.

– Motion carried.

**f. Trinity's members pastoral charge council Nominations?**

None

**g. Chair & Secretary of the Congregation Nominations?**

Shirley Cartmill nominated Philip Massarelli to be Chair and Veronica Heffernan to be Secretary and it was seconded by Stacey Ciciola - **we accepted**

– Motion carried.

**Gary Tompkins** asked about the declared vacancy in our JNAC. **Glenn Funamoto** mentioned that JNAC report is sent to Presbytery and that the decision to declare a vacancy has to be done at the Presbytery level.

**14. Acceptance of appointments and resignations by the congregation**

**a. Trustees (Deborah Kapp and Elsa Beaumont; Lorna Falco; Norman Dore, David Ingham)**

**David Ingham** asked that the congregation accept the resignation of Lorna Falco and to thank her for all her work and it was seconded by Warren Purcell.

– Motion carried.

**David Ingham** moved that Elsa Beaumont and Deborah Kapp be accepted as Trustees and it was seconded by Gary Tompkins.

– Motion carried.

**David Ingham** asked for the continued support from the congregation to find new members for Trustees and will bring the names back to the congregation.

**15. New business:**

**a. Proposed budget - Stewards c/o Donald Cameron Treasurer**

**Don Cameron** brought up the Proposed Budget for 2014. He further explained that the line Special Projects is for the growth of the church. The Minister's Contingency fund is allocated to finding a new minister. Don Cameron moved that the Proposed Budget for 2014 be accepted and it was seconded by Warren Purcell.

– Motioned carried. 1 abstention.

**b. Mission & Service Objective 2014**

Heather Purcell moved that our objective be \$5,700 and it was seconded by Gail Chapman Purcell.

– Motion carried.

**c. Support for a Commissioner to General Council 2015 - c/o Gary Tompkins**

Gary Tompkins moved that we express our support for the nomination of Natalya Scott-Sandy to be a commissioner to General Council 2015 and it was seconded by Sabrina Heffernan.

– Motion carried.

**16. Financial Statement verifications for 2014**

These people have made it known that they are willing to continue to verify financial statements upon approval of the congregation: Beverley Bridgman, Shirley Cartmill, Carol Cunningham, Glenn Funamoto and Frank Massarelli

It was moved by Shirley Budd and seconded by Deborah Kapp

– Motion carried.

**17. Thank-you and Courtesies -**

Philip Massarelli thanked the M&S Committee, John Bridgman for providing the tea and coffee, and everyone for sitting there so long.

**18. Date for next annual meeting - Suggestion of Sunday March 1, 2015**

It was moved by Shirley Budd and seconded by Sabrina Heffernan

**19. Adjournment: Gary Tompkins moved for adjournment at 4:02 p.m.**

**20. Closing Prayer / Benediction -**

Rev. Barend Biesheuvel

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Heffernan, Congregational Secretary

# SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

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March 16, 2014  
Trinity United Church, Sanctuary

Only one item on the agenda: select a Search Committee to find a new minister for the Trinity-Anjou Pastoral Charge.

The first notice for calling this meeting was given on Sunday March 2, 2014; two weeks prior to March 16, 2014.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Philip Massarelli said that you can be a full member, non-member, or adherent to be present at this meeting. He also mentioned that the Pastoral Charge is able to have as many members on the Search Committee as deemed necessary. Four to six people makes a functional committee. This committee must be representative of the congregation.

Chaired by Philip Massarelli and recorded by Veronica Heffernan (secretary), the meeting was declared official at 12:05pm on March 16, 2014. Forty-five people in total were present.

## Nominations

The nominations for the Trinity representatives on the Search Committee are as follows:

- Gail Purcell nominated Shirley Cartmill; she accepted
- Gary Tompkins nominated Sheri Cameron; she accepted
- Ivylin Scott nominated Gary Tompkins; he accepted
- Claudette Petrauskas nominated Shirley Budd; she accepted
- Heather Purcell nominated Eric Garceau; he accepted
- Claudel Beaumont nominated Natalya Scott-Sandy; she accepted
- Eileen Daly nominated Philip Massarelli; he accepted
- Eric Garceau nominated Heather Purcell; she accepted
- Gail Pallante nominated Murray Rainier; he refused

Total accepted: eight

Total refused: one

Stacey Ciciola moved that we accept these eight people to represent Trinity on the Search Committee. Seconded by Gail Purcell. Motion Carried.

## Adjournment

Gary Tompkins moved that we adjourn. Seconded by Stacey Ciciola. Motion Carried.

Philip Massarelli closed the meeting with a prayer at 12:30pm.

# TRINITY-ANJOU PASTORAL CHARGE MEETING

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March 16, 2014  
Trinity United Church

A meeting of the Trinity-Anjou Pastoral Charge was held in the Sanctuary at Trinity United Church on Sunday, March 16th, 2014. Rev Barend Biesheuvel chaired the meeting and he declared it as a duly constituted meeting.

There were two items on the agenda: 1) Accept the report and recommendations of the JNAC committee and 2) to confirm the nominations of the pastoral charge members who will form the Joint Search Committee (JSC)

1) The report and recommendations of the J-NAC committee have already been presented and passed (At the Trinity Annual Congregational Meeting held on Sunday February 23rd, 2014 and at the Anjou Annual Congregational meeting held on Sunday March 16, 2014)

## Gary Tompkins (Trinity) moved and Dawn Currie (Anjou) seconded:

- That the members of Trinity-Anjou Pastoral Charge and Montreal Presbytery accept and approve this report as a true and accurate reflection of the current position and needs of our pastoral charge.
- That Trinity-Anjou Pastoral Charge be declared vacant.
- That the Joint Needs Assessment Committee be disbanded.
- That a Joint Search Committee be formed to seek a full-time ordained minister consistent with the profiles of this report.
- That Trinity develop a mission strategy plan to look at the future of ministry in the east end of Montreal.

Motion carried

2) A JSC Committee composed of 4-10 pastoral charge members needs to be formed.

Nominations had been completed earlier today at both Trinity and Anjou during congregational meetings.

## Judy Ciccola (Trinity) moved and Beverley Scott (Anjou) seconded that:

The Trinity-Anjou Pastoral Charge confirm the following people to be our members of the JSC once the Montreal Presbytery approves the formation of the committee.

- Shirley Budd (Trinity)
- Gary Tompkins (Trinity)
- Sheri Cameron (Trinity)
- Shirley Cartmill (Trinity)
- Beverley Clark (Anjou)
- Eric Garceau (Trinity)
- Philip Massarelli (Trinity)
- Heather Purcell (Trinity)
- Natalya Scott-Sandy (Trinity)
- Carlos-Luis Santana (Anjou)

– Motion carried

**Moved by Judy Ciccola, seconded by Shirley Cartmill to adjourn the meeting**

– Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Philip Massarelli, Chair of the Trinity-Anjou Council

# TRINITY-ANJOU PASTORAL CHARGE MEETING

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**September 21, 2014**  
**Trinity United Church, Gym**

The first notice for calling this meeting was given on Sunday August 31st, 2014; three weeks prior to September 21st, 2014.

Chaired by Rev. David Clinker and recorded by Veronica Heffernan (secretary), the meeting was declared official at 1:25pm on January 12th, 2014. Fifty-nine people in total were present.

## **Call to Order**

Rev. David Clinker led us all in prayer.

## **Appointment of Secretary**

Veronica Heffernan was nominated as secretary for the meeting. She accepted.

Moved by Gary Tompkins and Seconded by Beverley Bridgman. Motion Carried.

## **Authority and Guidance**

Philip Massarelli went through the 2013 revised edition of the Congregational Manual to inform everyone briefly of the rules and regulations of Congregational Meetings.

## **Purpose of the Meeting**

To report on the work of the Joint Search Committee (JSC), and to propose a single candidate for the position of minister of the Trinity-Anjou Pastoral Charge. The Pastoral Charge may accept or reject candidate via secret ballot.

## **Re-introduce Your JSC**

Eric Garceau re-introduced the JSC and presented the JSC report.

The Anjou Representatives were: Beverley Clark, and Carlos Santana.

The Trinity Representatives were: Shirley Budd, Sheri Cameron, Shirley Cartmill, Eric Garceau (Chair), Philip Massarelli, Heather Purcell, Natalya Scott-Sandy, and Gary Tompkins.

The Presbytery Representatives were: Renate Sutherland and Rev. David Clinker.

Rev. David Clinker said how much of a pleasure it was to serve on the committee.

The report included receiving several applications, conducting interviews, observing candidates' church services, and contacting references.

Gary Tompkins commented that the committee worked really hard and met once a week.

### **The Candidate**

Out of all applicants reviewed by the JSC, Rev. Read Sherman was the one who was chosen to be nominated and voted on. His letter of application and C.V. were read by all members of the JSC for those present at the Trinity-Anjou Pastoral Charge Meeting.

### **\*\*\*Discussion**

Julia Budd asked if the candidate is coming in with an agenda or if he'll wait until he gets here. Philip Massarelli replied that the candidate has goals but will ease into our church first in order to see how we would fit together.

Beverley Bridgman asked: if we decide against the candidate, do we start the process again?

Philip Massarelli replied: the JSC will say that they will need a new JSC.

Frank Massarelli asked if the candidate is eligible for Pension.

Philip Massarelli replied that people retire at different ages, so it can't be said.

Jennifer Bridgman mentioned that we voted for these people to represent us to find a minister.

Shirley Cartmill mentioned that no matter how old the candidate is, if he gets a better offer, he'll go.

### **Terms and Conditions**

Philip Massarelli went over the Terms and conditions of the candidate's employment in the Trinity-Anjou Pastoral Charge. The candidate will start on October 1st, 2014 on a full-time basis (40 hours per week) with the fiscal year ending on June 30th, 2015. As this is two-thirds of a year, adjustments were made regarding paid leave for the period of October 1st, 2014 to June 30th, 2015. Regular paid and unpaid leave will resume for the period of July 1st, 2015 to June 30th, 2016.

### **\*\*\*Discussion**

It was asked if the candidate will be at the church for 40 hours.

Philip Massarelli replied that it will be worked out with the Pastoral Charge.

It was asked if we didn't like the candidate, can we just say, "Thanks, now bye".

Philip Massarelli replied that there is a process to follow, but yes.

Under Terms and Conditions number 4, "without time limit" was clarified to mean no minimum time and not maximum time.

Kim Wildenmann asked if there are any restrictions on when the candidate may take vacation or leave.

Philip Massarelli replied the candidate said it was not on his radar to take it on religious holidays.

Ivylin Scott asked what happens if there's an emergency after he's taken all vacation and leave.

Philip Massarelli replied that we are compassionate enough to deal with it when it comes up.

### **Salary and Benefits**

Philip Massarelli explained that there are different pay scales based on experience. From day one, the candidate will be paid according to the 2015 scale. This makes it easier for the Stewards

Julia Budd asked why we are paying for housing and salary.

Philip Massarelli replied that traditionally, ministers were not paid much, so housing was considered to be part of their compensation.

Beverley Bridgman asked why the tax is so high.

Rev. David Clinker replied that the taxes are evaluated at 40% of the salary to equalize Pension.

### **Employer Payroll Taxes**

Philip Massarelli emphasised that the Employer Payroll Taxes are estimates. He mentioned that we contribute \$3,000 to the QPP and the candidate pays his part to the QPP. He also mentioned that we put in for the candidate's pension.

It was asked if the candidate gets the lump sum of \$56,931 or if it is divided.

Philip Massarelli replied that no-one gets that lump sum. It's just the amount that's allocated.

### **Motion to Accept the Candidate**

Eric Garceau (Chair JSC) moved the recommendation of Rev. Read Sherman for the position of full-time minister of the Trinity-Anjou Pastoral Charge as per the terms and conditions presented by the JSC. Seconded by Heather Purcell. Motion Carried.

Scrutineers : Ashley Verhaeghe, David Perron Riguét, and Renate Sutherland.

### **\*\*\*Discussion**

Rev. David Clinker asked if someone could describe the candidate.

Beverley Clark said that the candidate is animated and creative. He had Sarah's full attention. Shirley Budd said that there have been people who had asked if he was only interested in children. He said, "You're as young as you feel". Shirley Cartmill said that when the candidate was asked about Pastoral Care, he said that he loves seniors and will visit. Gary Tompkins said that when 10 people unanimously agree on someone, that says something. It was also said that the candidate said that his last congregation was upset when he left.

### **Motion to Presbytery**

Eric Garceau (Chair JSC) moved to request Montreal Presbytery to extend and complete a call to Rev. Read Sherman. Seconded by Beverley Clark. Motion Carried.

Lorna Falco thanked everyone on the JSC. Ivylin Scott thanked everyone on the JSC and was looking forward to a new and better future for the church. Gary Tompkins thanked the JSC and Rev. David Clinker for their work.

#### **Motion to Disband JSC**

Eric Garceau (Chair JSC) moved to request that following an act of covenant with Rev. Read Sherman, that the Joint Search Committee be disbanded. Seconded by Shirley Cartmill. Motion Carried.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

It was moved by Gary Tompkins that the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Natalya Scott-Sandy. Motion Carried.

Closing Prayer and Benediction was led by Rev. David Clinker at 2:40pm.

# SESSION

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*WHATEVER YOU DO, DO YOUR WORK HEARTILY, AS FOR THE LORD RATHER THAN FOR MEN.*

– *COLOSSIANS 3:23*

The Session met on a regular basis.

During the year we had our regular Sunday morning worship services along with some special services.

- February 23rd – Youth Sunday
- March 5th – Ash Wednesday Service
- March 9th – Communion – 1st Sunday in Lent
- April 13th – Palm Sunday – Communion and the Sunday School children handed out palms
- April 18th – Good Friday with Anjou United Church joining us.
- April 20th – Easter Worship
- June 8th – Communion
- October 5th – World Wide Communion
- October 12th – Thanksgiving Sunday
- November 9th – Remembrance Day Service
- November 30th – First Sunday of Advent – Communion
- December 11th – Blue Christmas/Memorial Service.
- December 14th – White Gift Sunday & Sunday School Pageant
- December 24th – Christmas Eve Service
- December 28th – Regular morning worship

The year started out with concerns that Rev. Barend Biesheuvel would be taking his retirement at the end of June. However, we continued as usual to provide the Spiritual needs of our congregation.

In February we celebrated Black History Month. Also in February we had a Service to celebrate our Youth. Some children from the Guiding and Scouting units attended.

Ash Wednesday service was held where we were able to have the ashes placed on our forehead or hand. We also had members from Anjou United attend this service

A Lenten Study Group was led by Rev. Barend Biesheuvel.

Palm Sunday had our Sunday School children walking down the aisle with palms and later distributing them to the people in the congregation. Thank you to Don Cameron for picking up these palms.



Good Friday service was held at Trinity where we enjoyed Hot-Cross buns, tea and/or coffee. Thank you Lorna McIntyre for buying the hot-cross buns. Thank you to John Bridgman for serving the beverages.

We would like to thank the Youth Group and the Young Adult Group for putting on the Easter Breakfast this past year, as always it was delicious.

On Mother's Day, we handed out carnations to the women of the congregation.

This year, besides Rev. Barend Biesheuvel we had the following people attend Montreal Ottawa Conference, Aby Beaumont, Claudel Beaumont, Natalya Sandy Scott, and Ivylin Scott.

In June we happily welcomed Reanna Abygail Beaumont as a member by Confirmation and Josette Spencer by Profession of Faith.

At the end of June, we had a sad farewell for Rev. Barend Biesheuvel as he was retiring from Ministry. The members of Session planned a Farewell luncheon for him that day. After receiving donations from people in the Congregation, we were able to present him with the following gifts: an iPod Nano, iTunes Gift Card, Chapters/Indigo Gift Card, a pen case with the word "Grandpa" and a small verse inscribed on it and cash of \$500.00 towards his trip to his homeland. After contacting one of Barend's daughters, Naomi surprised him that day by walking into the morning service during "Welcome to Visitors Time". Needless to say, Barend was extremely surprised and happy.

In the months of July, August and September, we were able to keep Trinity open every Sunday with services lead by some of our people: the Choir, Beverley Bridgman, John Brosseau, Shirley Cartmill, Debi Kapp, Heather Purcell, Mission & Service committee and other guest leaders: Lisa Byer-de-Wever, Barbara Jacobs, Joëlle Leduc, Jean-Daniel Williams.

Our Sunday School started off their year in September.

In October, we welcomed our new Minister, Rev. Read Sherman - Wow! How lucky we are! Rev. Read Sherman's first Sunday had him leading us in celebrating World Wide Communion. After the service, light refreshments were served in the Gym in order for us all to get acquainted with Rev. Read Sherman.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, some of the members of the Youth Group along with their leaders and Rev. Read Sherman, purchased fruits and vegetables to decorate the Sanctuary with our cornucopia. Thank you, it was very well done. The food was later made into soup by some volunteers led by Rev. Read Sherman. This soup was then frozen and will be taken to our shut-ins by Rev. Read Sherman when he visits with them. So far, the soup has been a great hit.

For our Remembrance Day Service, Mr. Alex Hall laid the wreath. From the upstairs balcony, David Massarelli played "The Last Post" on the trumpet which was very meaningful.

In November, with the Blessings from the members of Session, Trinity hosted a Youth Forum for a week-end.

We had our yearly Blue Christmas/Service of Remembrance in December. This is a service for those who have passed away in the past year, be it a member of the congregation or a loved one of one of our members. The "Blue Christmas" service is a way to acknowledge the pain which the Advent and Christmas seasons cause some people. The emphasis on family, joy, giving and "good cheer" can be very difficult for those of us who have experienced loss of another through death, relocation or broken relationships, those who live with depression or other illnesses, those who have no jobs or little money for giving, and those whose addictions make the emphasis on parties very stressful. This worship service honours your need for respite from the regular activities of the season. This year we had donations of poinsettia plants in Memory of passed loved ones. These poinsettias later were given to our sick and shut-ins to cheer them and to let them know we have not forgotten them, especially during the Christmas Season. Thank you to those who took the time to deliver them.

We collect non-perishable foods for St. Brendan's food baskets. For their Christmas food baskets this year, with donations from Anjou United, we collected: 500 lbs of food and \$ 300.00. Way to go Trinity and Anjou!

Thank you to John Bridgman and Don Cameron for delivering this food.

We had our Christmas Eve candle light service with refreshments and fellowship afterwards. At this time we would like to thank Carol Cunningham and Philip Massarelli, for setting up the tables, chairs and of course putting out the delicious donated sweets. Thank you also to John Bridgman for serving the tea, coffee and juice. Thank you to those who donated these delicious goodies.

Unfortunately, this year, we lost two (2) Elders. Debi Kapp who for personal reasons had to move back to the United States. We also lost our beloved Louise Faulconbridge who passed away in September. Louise Faulconbridge had been an Elder for many, many years and was an integral part of Trinity.

Our thanks go out to:

- The Busy Beavers who kindly decorated and undecorated the Sanctuary for the Christmas Season. They are always beautiful!
- Judy Ciciola for choosing and hanging our Banners.
- To all those who have made our Outreach Program possible.
- Julia Budd and the choir for providing us with wonderful music.
- John Bridgman who every Sunday and on special occasions makes sure that we have coffee, tea and juice.
- To those people who bring in sweets on any given Sunday for us to enjoy.
- Michael Monaco who makes sure the candles on the communion table are in working order.
- All those who led a worship service during the year, especially during the summer months when we were without a minister.

***TRINITY IS BLESSED WITH MANY TALENTS!***

## STATISTICS FOR 2014

Births	0	Membership & Adherents as of December 31	176*
Baptisms	0	Members & Adherents removed by Death	2
Confirmations/Reaffirmation of Faith (new members)	2	Members & Adherents removed by Transfer	0
Transferred to us	0	Members & Adherents removed by Request	1
Transferred from us	0		
Deaths	2		
Marriages	1		
* Includes 24 under 18-years olds			

Our members of Session are:

Rev. Barend Biesheuvel (until June 30, 2014)

Rev. Read Sherman (as of October 1, 2015)

Beverley Bridgman

John Brosseau

Shirley Budd

Shirley Cartmill (Clerk of Session)

Judy Ciciola

Louise Faulconbridge (until September 2014)

Sabrina Heffernan

Debi Kapp (non-resident)

Lorna McIntyre

Heather Purcell

Murray Rainier

Ivylin Scott

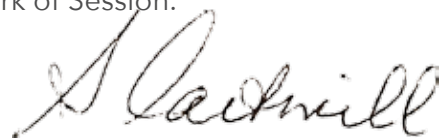
Elouise Segre

Angela Silver

Gary Tompkins (Chairperson)

Everyone in our congregation has an Elder, if you are not sure who your Elder is or would like to meet him/her, please speak to the Clerk of Session.

Submitted by:  
Shirley Cartmill, Clerk of Session



**TO KNOW BEYOND BELIEVE THAT  
SOMEONE CARES AND HEARS OUR PRAYERS  
PROVIDES SECURITY FOR THE SOUL,  
PEACE OF MIND AND JOY OF HEART.**

**HELEN STEINER RICE**

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

On a typical Sunday morning, we welcome 3 teenagers, 2 children, and 4 adults. We also frequently receive visits from other families with children. Though small in number, we are big in spirit as we sing, laugh, pray, and learn together.

Simply judging by our Sunday morning attendance, you might be forgiven for thinking that our Sunday School is dwindling.

However, when you look at the extensions emanating from it, you will see that our impact reaches much further than Sunday morning.

This year we have been working with the wonderful people at St. CHL, who also have a small number of children in weekly attendance. Together, we have created a movement for children entitled "GodStuff", which encompasses two different programs: Love in Motion at St. CHL which focuses on large group activities regarding love and self-worth, and Messy Church at Trinity which is an inter-generational event focused on small group, God-centred learning.

GodStuff even has a Facebook presence, reaching out to people with children who cannot attend a traditional Sunday morning service. It currently has 23 followers, many of whom are not even affiliated with Trinity or St. CHL.

Last Easter we held a Messy Easter event which was attended by approximately 50 guests. Guests traveled from room to room where they experienced Jesus' last days on Earth: they began with a Palm Parade, then took part in a Passover celebration, prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, then finally experienced the triumphant moment when Jesus' body was not in the tomb on Easter morning!

In the autumn, the children participated in a Teddy Bear's picnic at St. CHL. Later on some of our youth, two of our leaders, and Read welcomed about 50 youth and young adults from the Montreal and Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbyteries for a youth forum weekend. The church was all a-buzz with the youth and their leaders as we all participated in the Sunday morning service.

At Thanksgiving, the senior students bought and prepared the Thanksgiving display.

In December, the Sunday School created new stained glass panels to refurbish our old stained glass window then teamed up with St. CHL to present the Window of Charvel Christmas play.

Our older students collected donations for the Best Gift Fund then went toy shopping and spent the nearly \$500 raised to buy toys for children from low-income families.

As you can clearly see, our little Sunday School is alive and well, worshiping together on Sunday mornings and reaching out to friends far and wide through other activities and events.

Thanks be to God!

Sheri Cameron  
Sunday School Superintendent

# MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

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It has been a quiet year for us. The committee met 3 times to discuss issues brought to our attention. Matters of the M&P committee are confidential and can be reported only in broad terms. We met with our new minister, Rev. Read Sherman, when he started to discuss our role with the congregation.

As always, if you have any concerns, you can speak to anyone of the committee members:

Judy Ciciola, Beverly Clark, Kim Dore, Murray Rainier.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Ciciola  
Chairperson

# TRINITY OUTREACH

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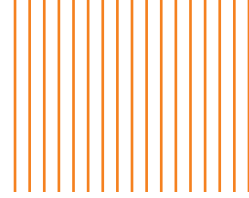
We are still collecting...

- Campbell Soup labels – to help buy books for students in Ontario.
- Old eyeglasses – sent to Third World countries.
- Plastic bread tags – for the Franciscan monks.
- Pull-tabs from cans – for the Franciscan monks.
- Our building is used by a group of retired chefs to help plan meals for the less fortunate.
- Food and money are donated to St. Brendan's for those families in need.
- Clothes, especially winter apparel, are collected for St. Columba House.
- The Silver Chains donate articles of clothing, dishes, etc. to Auberge Madeleine, a short-term shelter for women 18 years of age and over who, for any number of reasons, find themselves homeless.
- We also permit the Guiding and Scouting groups to use our facilities every Friday evening for their meetings and the occasional sleepover.
- To help the environment, we are now collecting used batteries and CFL lights. They are then disposed of at eco-centre.

We would like to thank Don Cameron for delivering the following items: labels to Bainsville in Ontario, eyeglasses, bread tags, pull-tabs, batteries and CFL lights.

In the past, Rev. Barend Biesheuvel has taken the clothes to St. Columba House. Unfortunately, St. Columba House no longer accepts clothes.

A huge Thank You to all who donate any of the above items!



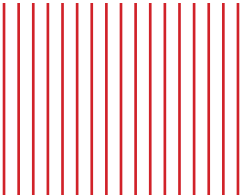
Serving the community – inside and outside the church – is what Trinity’s church groups do. Church groups are a great place to get more involved in church life and to help people. To learn more about Trinity groups or to join one, visit Trinity’s web site ([trinityuc.net](http://trinityuc.net)) today.



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# CHOIR

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There were a lot of changes in the life of the choir this year.

Sporting our new blue choir gowns, we provided music on a weekly basis, using the themes of the Scriptures and sermons.

We provided special music at our farewell to Rev. Biescheuvel and have since welcomed Rev. Read Sherman, not only as our minister but as a contributing member of the Bass section.

The soprano section lost a member, Deborah, as she returned to her roots in United States. We now have three Tenors, four Bass, seven Sopranos and two Altos.

Some choir members sing in both the Trinity and Anjou choirs.

We want to extend a special thank you to Julia for the much-needed choir room update. The new shelving better accommodates our weekly music books and anthems, making it a much more cozy room.

We organized a Christmas event held December 20 in our gym. It consisted of a carol sing-along and there were many of our regular people in attendance as well as many of their friends. There were about 60 people in all. The evening ended with a buffet and the feedback we received was one of appreciation.

During the year we had requests to sing at funerals – both in our church and in funeral parlours and our closing in late June consisted of a supper at Vini Gambini's Restaurant. During the Christmas season we were all invited to share a social event at the minister's residence.

As you can see, we have many occasions where we share our music and friendship. Read on to see where you could fit into this picture.

If you have a musical ability and would like to commit yourself to our weekly practices (Wed 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm), you need only contact Julia Budd at (514) 259-7867 to discuss this prospect.

Our financial report consists of \$503.61 that is being held in trust by the committee of stewards. Because there was no need for additional funds, we did not collect dues from the choir members again this year.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley Budd  
Secretary-Treasurer

# CRAFT GROUP

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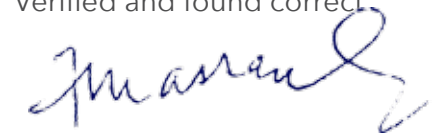
As the Craft Group ceased to exist as of May 2012, all monies in this account were handed over to Shirley Cartmill, Clerk of Session in order to pay for cards and stamps to send Get Well, Sympathy and Birthday cards (to those 80 yrs and over). Due to the high Maintenance charges this past year, this account was closed and the remaining funds will go into our Stewards operating account.

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Bank Balance December 31, 2013	\$ 422.00	Donation to Trinity in Memory of	
Petty Cash as of December 31, 2013	5.00	Louise Falconbridge	\$50.00
		Bank Maintenance Fees	25.00
		Balance given to Stewards	347.00
		Petty Cash balance given to Stewards	5.00
Total Receipts	\$427.00	Total Disbursements	\$427.00
Bank balance as of December 31, 2014			\$0.00
Cash balance as of December 31, 2014			\$0.00

Respectfully submitted,

  
Shirley Cartmill, Treasurer

Verified and found correct



# MISSION AND SERVICE

The M&S Committee held several events this year, all of which were very successful. We had a few bake sales, a chili/soup luncheon and a Lenten apron fundraiser. We surpassed our annual goal: – total contributions this year were \$5,942.20., this amount includes weekly contributions from the congregation and from Sunday School.

We also added one new member to our committee this year.

We have several events planned again for the coming year - watch the weekly bulletin for more info.

We thank you for continued support,

Your M & S Committee:

Heather Purcell, Jennifer Bridgman, Beverley Bridgman, Judy Ciciola, Stacey Ciciola, Patrice Laporte, Ivylin Scott, Elouise Segre.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Ciciola  
Treasurer

# SILVER CHAINS

Due to the two snow storms during the month of December 2013, the Silver Chains' Annual Christmas Luncheon was cancelled. Tickets sold were honoured at a Spring Luncheon held during the month of March 2014.

We received a donation from Philip and Carol Massarelli, in recognition of their 30th Wedding Anniversary, and were asked to cater a luncheon for the Pastoral Charge Meeting to be held September 21. It was at this meeting that the Joint Search Committee presented their candidate, Rev. Read Sherman, as the new minister for the Trinity-Anjou pastoral charge.

November 22 we held a Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale (including a luncheon counter serving hotdogs and sandwiches). It was a very successful day and people enjoyed their lunch and fellowship.

December 6 was the Silver Chains's Annual Breakfast with Santa. There was face painting and balloon sculptures to amuse the young ones as they waited for Santa to arrive. Photos with Santa were taken. In addition there was a Gift Boutique, raffle and book sale.

We finished off the year in December with a Christmas Luncheon (tourtière, gravy, potatoes, vegetables, dessert, coffee and tea) which took place immediately after the joint children's pageant service with St. CHL and Trinity. All in all a wonderful way to celebrate the holiday season.

Thank you to all who helped out and supported our events!

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Massarelli  
Group Leader

RECEIPTS		DISBURSEMENTS	
Proceeds from events	\$1,920.00	Event expenses	\$515.00
Gift Boutique, raffle & books	195.35	Donation to Trinity	1,000.00
Interest	0.06	Bank charges	20.00
Donation, Pastoral Charge Luncheon	500.00	Expense, Pastoral Charge Luncheon	250.00
Bank balance, December 31, 2013	1,554.67	Bank balance, December 31, 2014	2,385.08
	\$4,170.08		\$4,170.08

*Note that our Christmas Boutique and Bake Sale on November 22 made a profit of \$1,744.90 which was turned over directly to the Stewards. Therefore our total donation to Trinity United Church for 2014 was \$2,744.90.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lorna Falco, Treasurer

Verified and found correct (February 4, 2015)



# TRINITY GIRL GUIDES

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**Girl Guides of Canada** **Guides du Canada**

The 82nd Montreal Guiding Unit is a Mixed Unit of Sparks (age 5-6), Brownies (age 7-8), Guides (age 9-12) and Pathfinders (age 12-15). Meeting time: Fridays, 7:00-8:30 pm (September to June).

## MEMBERSHIP

- Fall 2013 membership: 18 girls + 5 Guiders + 1 non-member volunteer.
- Fall 2013 breakdown of girls: 0 Sparks, 13 Brownies, 4 Guides and 1 Pathfinder.
- Fall 2013 brought many changes to our Unit membership. We lost 2 Guiders and 1 parent volunteer. We also lost some of our older Guides and Pathfinders. And for the first time in many years we did not have any Sparks.
- But there were also many changes on the positive side. We welcomed 3 new Guiders to our Unit, 1 Guider was a transfer from Ste Julie and 2 were former Guiders who decided to return back to Guiding this year.
- We also welcomed many new girls. Some of our new girls came through the Girl Guides of Canada advertisement campaign on the back of STM buses in August and September and some of our girls brought their friends to try Brownies/Guides. Our Unit has been growing each month!
- December 2013 membership: 18 girls + 5 Guiders + 1 non-member volunteer
- December 2013 breakdown of girls: 0 Sparks, 13 Brownies, 4 Guides and 1 Pathfinder... and growing!
- Fall 2014 to December 2014 saw a huge growth in membership: 29 girls + 3 Guiders + 4 non-member volunteers.
- Fall/December 2014 breakdown of girls: 3 Sparks, 9 Brownies, 14 Guides and 3 Pathfinders.

As it happens, this year, many of our girls are first-timers in the Sisterhood of Guiding!

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2014

January 2014 started in great Guiding-style with the Monklands District Winter Camp at Centre Notre Dame de Fatima January 24-26.

February was all about Thinking Day. Once again we raised money for the Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF) with a challenge to collect cans and bottles for a week. The money collected was donated to the CWFF. On February 19, we attended the Monklands District Thinking Day Skating Party at Beaver Lake, Parc Mont Royal. This is an annual Monklands District event which is

very popular with our Unit where we celebrate the sisterhood of Guiding. This event also provides an opportunity for the Brownies and Guides to get tested for their skating badges. It's a great outdoor activity, providing you don't mind the cold!

Community service is an important part of the Girl Guides of Canada program.

April was also Classic Girl Guide cookie time. Saturday, April 19, was the Spring National Sears Cookie Day at the Sears in Galeries D'Anjou.

The 2013-2014 Guiding year ended Friday June 6th with our annual pot luck dinner and Advancement Ceremony with the girls and their families. To change things up a bit, we shared the meal with the Scouting Units as they were also finishing their year.

Monklands District held a "Welcome Back to Guiding Camp" August 22-24 at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane to kick off the new Guiding year.

The first Unit meeting for the 2014-2015 Guiding year was Friday September 12. Most of fall 2014 was spent doing introductory program work and working on badges at Trinity. Many of the girls needed to be enrolled. There were a few special events.

The annual Quebec Fall Day Camp at Camp Wa-Thik-Ane was Saturday October 4th. This event was attended by 7 girls and 2 Guiders from the Unit. Some of the girls that attended were brand new to Guiding and this was an amazing event to introduce them to Girl Guides.

October was Chocolate Mint Girl Guide Cookie Month. Saturday October 18 was the Fall National Sears Cookie Day. Once again we sold cookies at the Sears at Galeries d'Anjou. We had an extremely successful fall cookie campaign and sold almost 56 cases of Chocolate Mint cookies in part due to the super cookie selling skills of many of our new girls.

As their first official act as new Pathfinders, they organized the Halloween party for the younger branches. Games were played and snacks were shared.

For Remembrance Day we held a mini ceremony. On Friday November 7 the girls made paper poppies and placed them on a wreath they had also made. We also talked about many different symbols of Peace.

Friday, December 12, we ended the 2014 year with a Holiday Party at Trinity.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Heffernan, Guider

Patricia Tellis, Contact Guider for the 82nd Montreal Guiding Unit



# TRINITY-ROSEMOUNT SCOUTS



Registration for the 2013-2014 year of the Trinity-Rosemount 24th Scout Troop was held mid-September. Total youth membership was 29 for the year.

During October and November we had several activities, we visited the Montreal Firefighters Museum along with interested parents, went swimming, fundraised with Scouts Popcorn and helped out at Trinity's Bazaar. Cubs and Scouts attended Halloween Camp at TSR the weekend of October 25-27. One of our Cub leaders, Todd Roberts attended a weekend long first aid course at Tamaracouta in November.

With funds raised we were able to purchase 3 new tents, several soccer balls and compasses for the group in addition to subsidizing camp costs and youth membership.

During December, several members attended Breakfast with Santa on December 7. Our group held our annual Christmas Party on December 13, with great food, games and a visit from Santa. We closed for two weeks and started back up in January.

The weekend of January 24-25 the Beavers had a sleepover and invited Rosemere to attend. A few parents participated also. Glow sticks, music, movies, breakfast, lunch. What a weekend!

January 31-February 2 was Winter Camping at Tamaracouta with the Cubs. They enjoyed activities such as cross-country skiing and tubing. We hosted an area event – a Beaver Buggy Rally – February 22 which was a huge success. Groups from Boisbriand, Rosemere and Laval joined us. There was a full day planned with meals, activities and racing. February 23, 2014 was Youth Sunday at Trinity, with members of the Guiding and Scouting Movements attending.



Leaders, beavers and parents attended the May 10 Beaveree. The theme was "Adventuring is always better with friends". It was a great day outdoors in Centennial Park, Beaconsfield.

May 31 was the Great Urban Race for Cubs and Scouts. Using the Metro system, participants will travel the city following clues. As they arrive at each destination, the participants will be faced with a challenge appropriate to their age group. A successful completion of the challenge will give them the next clue. These challenges may include physical activity, dining on exotic – different – weird and maybe even wacky foods, documenting historical facts, or just taking in an awesome view. The day will end with a BBQ supper and prizes.

This also coincided with our annual placing of Canadian flags on headstones at the Mount Royal Cemetery in honour of the veterans and war casualties.

Our final camp of the season was held June 6-8.

All in all we had another great year with the leadership of our volunteers, helping hands from parents, and Trinity's continuous support. If you have any questions on this report, please do not hesitate to ask.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Cunningham, Philip Massarelli

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## ADULT RESOURCES

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Rovers:	Eric Lamica
Venturers:	Scott Webb, Bryan Webb
Scouts:	David Garland, Garry Garland, Diane Best
Cubs:	Todd Roberts, Jessica McCarrick, Peter Baas
Beavers:	Leo Frenza, Kayleigh Cloutier, Donovan Hetu
Group Committee:	Philip Massarelli, Carol Cunningham, Mary Notarmaso, Isabelle Baas

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Income Statement respectfully submitted by:      Verified by (January 31, 2015):

*Carol Cunningham*  
Carol Cunningham,  
Treasurer

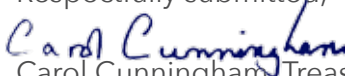
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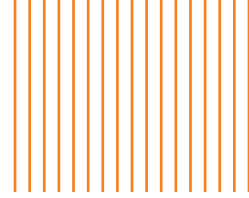
**TRINITY-ROSEMOUNT MONTREAL 24TH SCOUT GROUP**  
**INCOME STATEMENT**

For the year ended August 31, 2014

Balance forward September 1, 2013 (TD Bank)		\$3,190.35
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Registration revenue (2013-2014)	\$2,836.66	
Popcorn fundraising	4,256.70	
Bazaar fundraising	165.00	
Impact tickets	44.00	
Beaver Buggy fees collected	258.00	
Beaveree fees collected	150.00	
Great Urban Race fees collected	160.00	
Halloween camp fees collected	720.00	
Winter camp fees collected	443.00	
Spring camp fees collected	860.00	
Camp overpayment	70.50	
Overpayment to Scouts Canada	40.00	
Scouts Canada NOLB, camp assistance	80.00	
Scouts Canada NOLB, uniform assistance	10.00	
Donations	110.00	
<b>Total revenue</b>		<b>10,203.86</b>
		13,394.21
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Scouts Canada 2013-2014 registration fees	3,818.36	
Scouts Canada 2014-2015 registration fees	212.50	
Popcorn expense	2,617.85	
Beaver Buggy expenses	281.44	
Beaveree expenses	250.00	
Great Urban Race expenses	320.00	
First Aid course	155.00	
Program expenses (uniforms, flag, woggles, badges)	295.98	
Tents	220.75	
Compasses	34.19	
Soccer balls	22.93	
Flowers	132.22	
Halloween camp expenses	750.21	
Winter camp expenses	851.62	
Spring camp expenses	822.90	
Crests	245.70	
Material for neckerchiefs	10.00	
Donation - Trinity United Church	500.00	
Bank fees	59.40	
<b>Total expenses</b>		<b>11,601.05</b>
<b>Balance August 31, 2014</b>		<b>\$1,793.16</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Carol Cunningham, Treasurer

Verified by:   
 Date: 31/01/2015



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