

TSAWWASSEN UNITED CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2006

INTERIM MINISTER'S REPORT

As I look back on the year 2006 at Tsawwassen United Church I want to focus on two of the major initiatives that were undertaken as part of your 2005–2007 Interim Ministry work.

In response to the first Interim goal regarding the need for healing, early in 2006 it came to me that it might be helpful for those of us on the Transition Team to spend some time collectively with the Chairs of Council from the past twenty years. In preparation for our day of “Reflection and Celebration” on Saturday, May 6th, we wrote to each of those people inviting them to reflect on two questions: “What were some of the high points or accomplishments that took place during your time as Chair of Council?” and “What were some of the challenges?”

While not all of those invited were able to attend the event, the Transition Team very much appreciated the presence and participation of the following: Bob Tarlton (1986, 1990, & 2000) John Glover (1993), Rick Soutar (1994), Mary Sambell (1998), Marleen Soutar (2002), Sheri Brekstad (2004) and George Sambell (2005). (The dates listed refer to the years in which these people served as Council Chair.)

As part of their response to the May 6th event, the participants were asked to reflect afterwards on what they learned and experienced. One member wrote: “Everyone who attended that day was supportive and generous with each other.” Another commented, “People consistently agreed to Chair the Council out of their great love for the church.” Another person noted: “Even when they knew they might be facing significant challenges, each person trusted that God would give them the courage and strength to serve God’s church in this way.” Everyone agreed that “We were blessed to have been lead by these people.”

Since the reflections offered on that day were as varied as the people who attended, no one theme emerged. However, several of the participants expressed appreciation for the

chance to be a part of the conversation, along with the hope that sooner rather than later, Tsawwassen United Church might find new and positive ways to work together to discern and serve the call of God, rather than fall back into old patterns of dealing with conflict.

Some participants also noted that Tsawwassen seems to have been at its best when the Minister was able to a) establish a relationship of trust and respect with the congregation and, b) offer strong leadership in working to bring people together under God in Christ.

The other event that stands out is the Nov. 5th Congregational gathering which was designed to facilitate your visioning work. Some 55 people attended. Participants were invited to sit in table groups with others who arrived at the church in the same era. As people remembered both what it was that first brought them to the church and what caused them to stay and become active, those who helped to establish Tsawwassen United remembered that there were few other churches in the area. They came and stayed because the United Church was seen as a place that was inclusive and where people could think openly about their faith. Others from later eras came and stayed because they found the church to be friendly and open, a great place to make friendships and to raise their families.

Two reports were presented by members of the Transition Team. One had to do with the changing demographics of the Lower Mainland, including South Delta, while the other had to do with the responses to the congregational surveys which were filled out in the Fall of '06. People carefully looked at the data which indicates that while some people are still moving to Tsawwassen in order to raise their families, because of the limited number of housing units available and their relatively high cost, the community is aging.

The report on the congregational data echoed the first report, indicating that Tsawwassen United Church is also aging, even as some younger people and families become a part of the congregation. Most significantly the survey

showed that 50% of the congregation is currently over aged 65.

Having this data in front of them helped a number of people to recognize that instead of dreaming of filling the church with young families, as has been done in the past, the congregation now needs to discern under God, a different kind of future.

In the second part of the day, responding to the various dreams and ideas that were generated by continuing discussion in table groups, it was informally agreed that the following three areas are what Tsawwassen United should focus on: Ministry with and for Seniors, Ministry with and for Families with Children, and the Ministry of Welcoming and Integrating Newcomers.

In the coming months I will continue to offer leadership to the Transition Team as we discern the best way to follow up on these three areas and to develop some possible plans and goals which will shape your vision for the future.

As I end this report I want to express my appreciation to the congregation for the privilege of working with you as your Interim Minister. God has given this congregation in and through you all, abundant gifts for the ministry to which God has entrusted you. Despite the challenge it can be for any congregation at times to move away from the past and to embrace a different future, I find it a joy to be in ministry with you. May God continue to bless and enrich our work together in the coming months. Thanks be to God!

Yours in Christ,

Mollie Williams
Interim Minister

FROM THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL

As we move into the year 2007 we have a lot to be thankful for as a congregation as we are blessed with talented and dedicated members and adherents.

The year 2006 has been a year that saw our Council mature as leaders of our Church. We have continued to learn under Mollie's leadership and guidance. Our new Council Structure has also helped by giving us a more defined Council than in the past. But I think the one key element is the dedicated people that sit on our Council. It has been both a privilege and a pleasure to work with these leaders over the last 2 ½ years.

As we move into 2007 we look forward to calling a full time Minister and to this end our Joint Needs Assessment Committee started their important work in December. Our work over the last year and half with Mollie has helped us get a clearer idea of what our mission should be.

We have a building that is in good repair and our finances are in good shape thanks to the support of our congregation.

We have a dedicated and hard working staff supporting our Ministry.

We have a number of very active groups within our congregation.

It has been my pleasure to be Chair for the last 2 years and I would like to thank all of those who have sat on Council during this time for their help and support.

George Sambell
Chair of Council

**PEOPLE WHO WERE BAPTISED AT
TSAWWASSEN UNITED CHURCH IN 2006**

SHERRITT, Kiara Elizabeth March 19, 2006
SHERRITT, Isadora Andrea March 19, 2006
SCHRADER, Emily Marie Sophia March 19, 2006
SCHRADER, Megan Elizabeth March 19, 2006
ARMSTRONG, Cullen Richard August 13, 2006
ARMSTRONG, Rowan Clementine August 13, 2006
SHANTZ, Finton Harold Alexander October 15, 2006
SHANTZ, Natalie Monique October 15, 2006
MULLAN, Ariel Jespally October 15, 2006
BAL, Jespal Kaur October 15, 2006
ORR, Kennedy Jane November 19, 2006

**PEOPLE WHO BECAME MEMBERS OF
TSAWWASSEN UNITED CHURCH IN 2006**

WIGHT, Mary October 15, 2006
BAL, Jespal Kaur October 15, 2006
SHANTZ, Natalie Monique October 15, 2006

**MEMBERS OF TSAWWASSEN UNITED CHURCH
WHO PASSED AWAY IN 2006**

YOUNG, Frances March 4, 2006
KILGOUR, Muriel Marling May 12, 2006
TAYLOR, Thomas Charles June 25, 2006
KRAFT, Barbara Netta December 22, 2006

**ADHERENTS AND FRIENDS OF TSAWWASSEN UNITED CHURCH AT
WHOSE MEMORIAL OR FUNERAL OUR MINISTER OFFICIATED**

BURNSON, Shirley May February 4, 2006
COLLICUTT, Wayne Albert February 8, 2006
BLACKBURN, Sylvia Grace February 18, 2006
SAMBELL, Enid Joyce June 30, 2006
YOUNG, Ethel Marie September 13, 2006

TRUSTEES

Members of the Trustees are Bob Baturin, Mary Jackson, Mary Main, Bob Tarlton and Bill Williams.

Our primary concern this year was to deal with the proceeds from the sale of the Manse in 2005.

While such monies remain with the Trustees, the use of same is controlled by Presbytery, and its principal function is to provide investment funds for the Minister's housing allowance. At the time of these transactions, the church property was in dire need of some major repairs and we were successful in obtaining permission from Presbytery to use \$75,000 to effect this work.

We were therefore able to have repairs made to the structural beams and our leaking roof as well as the replacement of our ageing furnaces. It also allowed us to effect long needed renovations to the Choir room and kitchen.

The following is a summary of the financial activity of the Trustees for 2006:

A) At the time of the sale of the Manse we were authorized by Presbytery to spend approximately \$75,000 from the proceeds of the sale to some non-budgeted repairs and improvements to the church. This is summarized as follows:

1) Outside Beams	\$ 13,436.90
2) Beam Engineerings	3,420.00
3) Four Furnaces	14,648.25
4) Roof	41,237.00
5) Two Whirlpool Ranges	1,514.44
Total	<u>\$74,256.59</u>

B) The Trustee accounts were consolidated to one in 2006. The balance as of December 18, 2006, is **\$8,491.99**. We had only minor expenses for the up-keep of the Memorial Garden and the purchase of nameplates for the three internments that were done during the year.

C) The Trustees, through RBC Dominion Securities, administer on behalf of B.C. Conference the remaining \$350,000 from the sale of the Manse. Tsawwassen United Church is permitted to use the interest earned for church operations; first and foremost being the payment of the Minister's housing allowance.

In 2006 the Trustees were able to help the summer financial shortfall with a bridge loan of \$8,000 to assist in the day-to-day financial needs. This has now been repaid.

My thanks to all Trustees for their work during the year, in particular to Mary Jackson whose wheeling and dealing made it possible to bring the above repairs in on budget and to Bob Tarlton for controlling the purse.

Bill Williams

WORSHIP DIVISION

Another year complete... and this one has been an exciting time of growth, learning and direction setting.

The Worship Division oversees the worship life of the congregation, including Sunday and special services, administration of the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. The Division works closely with our Interim Minister, Reverend Mollie Williams, our Staff Associate, John Gary, and our Director of Music, Leona Prowse, in striving to provide an enriched spiritual life for all.



Looking back over the year, I can find many happenings to highlight and celebrate.

In February we welcomed Dr. Gerald Hobbs to lead us for Theological Education Sunday, and Rev. Edith Baird to lead us in worship later in that month. Our Staff Associate, John Gary, led several services, including Graduation Sunday in June, joined by some members of the Youth Group. Doug Graves joined us for 5 weeks in the summer and we appreciated his thoughtful leadership during this time. Ivy Thomas returned to lead us in worship in June and we enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect with one whom we came to know so well during her internship with us. We were fortunate to have the River City Gospel Jazz group to lead us in a very moving and upbeat musical service. Ruth Wright from First United Church provided us with an entertaining and thought provoking account of her experiences at First United. We also included several lay-led services — an Easter service led by the Worship Division, a Hymn Sing service led by Melanie Williams and a New Years Day service led by our Transition Team.

The children were involved in our intergenerational services, performing several plays and designing bulletin covers for Easter and Thanksgiving.

We again enjoyed a busy Advent season beginning with the Junior Choir musical titled "The Little Christmas Traveler". Magee Choir provided the music for the second Advent Sunday, followed by the Senior Choir Christmas Cantata and White Gift Sunday on the third Sunday in Advent. Christmas Eve was rather busy this year including our regular Sunday morning service, the family service and the candlelight Communion service.

Music is such an important part of our worship services and we appreciate the Senior Choir's leadership each and every Sunday and the regular contributions by the Junior Choir and Handbell Choir. We also enjoyed the special music of Genevieve Dunkley on trumpet; Betty McBurney on flute and the Magee Choir on two occasions. During the summer

months, we welcomed Pat Rogers, Sara Ciantar & Rod Asher as they filled in on the organ and piano.

We participated in the Lift Every Voice ecumenical service at Sacred Heart. John Gary and the Youth Group led an Easter sunrise service at Centennial Beach and we joined Ladner United Church for an Advent Carol Service in December.

Our leadership was again extended to services throughout the year at Kinsmen Retirement Centre, Extended Care at Delta Hospital and the Waterford residence. Twenty services are shared amongst a team consisting of John Gary, John Glover, Lynne Meinert, Bob Tarlton and Melanie Williams with Floyd Wartnow and Mollie Williams filling in occasionally. The piano music is regularly supplied by Gloria Horwood and Leona Prowse with Ethel Armitage and June Bates as alternates.

I had the pleasure of working with the following Worship Division members during the 2006 year and very much appreciate their efforts:

- ▶ Fred Bender
- ▶ John Gary
- ▶ Lee Gary
- ▶ Alison Glover, Alternate Chair
- ▶ Leona Prowse
- ▶ Mary Sambell
- ▶ Sandra Timuss
- ▶ Melanie Williams, Chair
- ▶ Rev. Mollie Williams

I feel as though I am only beginning to fully comprehend how much goes into planning the services and preparing our lovely sanctuary for worship. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has taken on a regular task, of which there are many, and all who notice what needs to be done and just quietly take care of it. We are blessed to be the congregation that we are.

Melanie Williams
Chair, Worship Division

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

2006 has come and gone and now we look back at the highlights.

Our choirs were very busy again this past year. Senior Choir hosted two family dinners — Irish Stew Night in March, and Spaghetti Dinner and Halloween dress up in October. Both were well attended and helped raise money for general revenue.

We participated in the 10th “Lift Every Voice” and the 5th annual evening of carols with Ladner United and St.

Stephen's United. We welcomed guest musicians Genevieve Dunkley and Betty McBurney to perform with the Senior Choir. We are always happy to work with them.

Magee Secondary Chamber Choir performed “in concert” in June and worshipped with us in December. Mr. John Trepp has now retired as Music Director from Magee and we will miss him.

Junior Choir introduced the Advent Season with “Little Christmas Traveller”, a musical about a little boy who wanted to accompany his father to Bethlehem in search of a Savior. The children did a wonderful job! Senior Choir presented an upbeat cantata “Behold the Glory” with all original music by Stan Pethel. This, too, was well received by the congregation. Christmas Eve was an exceptionally busy Sunday, beginning with Handbells at 10:00am, Juniors at 4:00pm and Seniors at 10:00pm.

Needless to say, the Junior, Handbell and Senior Choir members deserve a big “thank you” for their hard work and dedication. I am truly grateful for their love and support.

Leona Prowse
Director of Music

CONGREGATIONAL ENRICHMENT

CE has had yet another busy year promoting fellowship, friendship and Christian education at Tsawwassen United. We have hosted our Mediterranean lunch in April, a June barbecue celebrating the end of the Sunday School year, our graduates and Sunday School teacher appreciation, our annual welcome back barbecue in September and the Advent dinner in November. Through these events we have not only promoted congregational spirit but we have also managed to raise significant funds for church general revenue.

We have had a successful year of Sunday School with a small but enthusiastic number of young children attending regularly. Our heartfelt thanks go out to Mary Sambell and her team of parent volunteers for this achievement. Through Sunday School offerings, cupcake sales and Advent and peace candle sales, we have continued to support our foster child in Africa. In the spring, Rev. Mollie Williams offered a study group “Living the Questions” attended by approximately 14 people during the Lenten season.

The CE Division includes:

- ▶ Charynne Armitage
- ▶ Shelby Delaney
- ▶ John Gary (Youth)
- ▶ Sheri Obera
- ▶ Mary Sambell
- ▶ Jess Smillie



- ▶ Georgie Swayze
- ▶ Bonnie Tarlton
- ▶ Rev. Mollie Williams (Ex Officio)

Many thanks to the families of these members who also volunteer their time and talents at CE events — their help in setting up, cooking and cleaning up has been greatly appreciated!

Shelby Delaney

Chair, Congregational Enrichment

PASTORAL CARE DIVISION

It is the responsibility of the Pastoral Care Division to ensure there is pastoral care for the church families through the efforts of the minister and members of the congregation.

The duties of this Division are made much easier to accomplish by the dedication and cooperation of the District Leaders, who make periodic contact with each household several times through the year by telephone or personal visits. They pass on information regarding important meetings or other events as they arise.

Donna Mullan has faithfully sent cards on behalf of the congregation to ensure people who are in need of sympathy, encouragement or cheering up are remembered. During the year, over 75 cards were sent. Beginning 2007, this task will be taken over by Irene Turriff, a new member of this division. We wish to thank Donna for the hours she has spent looking after this service.

Visits were made regularly to members who reside at The Kinsmen Intermediate Care Facility, the Kinsmen Retirement Centre, Westshore Laylum, and The Waterford. Hospital visiting increased over the year, especially with the dedication of care by volunteers who spent time with Marling Kilgour.

If you would like to request prayers for someone, the names of the ladies to contact in the Prayer Group are listed in the Sunday morning worship bulletins or through the church office.

The Sunday morning worship services are taped, thanks to Dave Timuss and Bill Williams, and are available from the Library. They will be held for one month before being recycled. There is also a recorder, if one is needed.

Division members are:

- ▶ Marilyn Cotter
- ▶ Donna Mullan
- ▶ Jean Ryan
- ▶ Irene Turriff
- ▶ Ellen Wormersley
- ▶ Mary Wartnow

Jean Crocker was a very enthusiastic member of this division until recently, and we are sorry she is not able to continue with us.

Jean Ryan

Chair, Pastoral Care Division

OUTREACH DIVISION

Over the last year Outreach, with the help of our congregation, has supported a number of projects and causes.

We continue to support the education of our two African students through the Canadian Harambee Education Society (C.H.E.S.).

Through the year we have continued to send food, clothing, and other items collected from the congregation to First United Church (for adults) and children's clothing, toys, and other items to the Oak Avenue United Church Mission. Archie Mullan also sees that a birthday cake is taken once a month to First United for them to celebrate the birthdays of those they serve.

In August we prepared 17 student book bags for kindergarten through grade 4 which were distributed through the South Delta Food Bank. Each one contained all the new school supplies a student required to complete their school year enclosed in a new backpack. Our thanks go to Zellers at Lansdowne Mall for their generous discounts on school supplies and to Vancity Credit Union for the donation of some school supplies. We also prepared 25 birthday bags, each of which contained everything necessary to host a birthday party for 8 children. These were distributed through the South Delta Food Bank and Oak Avenue United Church.

In June, as a fundraiser for the church, Outreach organized a garage sale at the church. The Youth Group helped by selling crepes and coffee. Once again, we are indebted to Budget Car Rental for supplying numerous items from their lost and found for the garage sale.

In October, we held a First United awareness Sunday with Reverend Ruth Wright speaking, followed by a "Soup Line" luncheon.

Throughout the year, Outreach continues to be involved in various projects including: the Community Fund of Faith for which the \$200 membership fee provides emergency funding for certain needs; Doctors without Borders (donation); Canadian Food Grains Bank (donation); Thembelihle House Aids Hospice in Zimbabwe (donation); and Food on the Corner (donations of money and food).

Our Outreach group is a small but very dedicated group of people who always welcome new members and volunteers.

Jean Stuart

Chair, Outreach Division

REFUGEE OUTREACH

Refugee work for the year included helping two new refugees at Christmas as well as supporting three families we have previously helped. A major concern has been the advocacy needed to help two single Afghani women who are currently in Pakistan.

The congregation has generously supplied furniture, clothing, household items, food and money. The recipients of Christmas hampers were all most appreciative and wish to thank our church for all that they received. In the case of the two Afghani women, whose sponsorship to Canada we share with Benediction Lutheran Church, there have been delays and complications in approving their applications. Legal help was obtained and now they are having their third hearing in February at the Canadian Embassy in Islamabad. We are hopeful they will be successful since their present living situation is desperate.

The worldwide refugee problems are continuing in various regions having unstable governments, wars and poverty. The plight of helpless women and children caught up in the strife is usually the worst. Whatever we can do even in a small way matters and is greatly appreciated by the victims.

Floyd Wartnow

Refugee Rep.

MEMBERSHIP DIVISION

During the past year Tsawwassen United Church gained a few members and unfortunately lost a few members.

There were nine burials performed. We lost three long-time members. Eleven baptisms were also performed.

We had two persons received into the church by baptism and one person received into membership by transfer.

Geri Pryputsch

Chair, Membership Division

PROPERTY DIVISION

The mandate for the Property Division is to see that the maintenance of the building and grounds is addressed in a timely manner by the committee elected by the congregation.

This year will see a change in faces on the committee. Nancy Morison will take on the role as Chair Alternate. Norrie Paget and Steve Dane have stepped down. Jeff Almond has stepped in with his talents. The remainder of the committee will consist of Doug Morison, Robert Gillespie as general handymen, Frances Sutherland – coordinator and toiler of the gardens, Bill Williams – keeper of the Memorial Garden. The grass and grounds will continue to be looked after

by Cal Letherby, Richard Anderson, and Kent Humphrey. There are always other faces who step in where needed, for whom we are grateful for their talents.

A grand total of \$74,256.59 was paid out on all the repairs which incurred through 2005/2006. This was paid out as a portion of the monies (\$75,000) received from the sale of the manse and was never a part of the church budget.

Just when the repairs were thought to be “done” a leak was experienced in the office which required a plumber, new carpet, restoration, furniture replacement — covered by insurance. The second leak in a pipe was in the “quiet room/nursery” which required a plumber. The repairs were done by Doug. On completion no-one could tell there had been a problem.

In March Council agreed to hire a caretaker on a one year contractual basis. The contract expires March 31, 2007. Bryan and Bonnie Hallett have the contract.

A security chain was placed across the North end of the driveway as suggested by the Community Police to deter trespassers from the back parking lot. It has worked well with the play-school being responsible to see that it is locked during the week and the head usher being responsible for unlocking and locking the chain on Sunday.

The outside lighting is still being addressed but the security lighting at the corners of the building are up and working.

The start of a new two year term will see Property continuing to strive toward up-grades of the buildings needs. The members of the 2005/2006 committee, with the exceptions listed above, have chosen to remain for the 2007/2008 stint.

With the help of God and the church family we can make a difference and in doing so will show the community that God’s house is loved therefore maintained for all to come and share.

Mary Jackson

Chair, Property Division

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The M&P Committee consists at present of five members, and it was a congenial and dedicated committee consisting of:

- ▶ Robert Gillespie – liaison for the Caretaker
- ▶ Judy Glover – liaison for the Secretary
- ▶ Albert Knudsen – liaison for the Director of Music
- ▶ Bud Pritchard – liaison for the Staff Associate
- ▶ Floyd Wartnow – liaison for the Minister

The function of the M&P Committee is as follows:

- ▶ To provide understanding and confidential support to our staff.

- ▶ To act as liaisons for any problems that arise between staff members.
- ▶ To act as liaisons for any problems that may occur between a staff member and a member of the congregation.
- ▶ To provide help to the Finance Division in establishing staff remuneration.
- ▶ To provide job descriptions and performance reviews as indicated.

As I had been Chair of M&P for three years, I resigned in the spring of 2006. Floyd Wartnow, as alternative, carried on through the summer and Judy Glover has functioned as Interim Chair since October. Floyd Wartnow and Bud Pritchard are resigning at the end of this term, so we are looking forward to greeting new members of the M&P Committee.

Albert Knudsen

Previous Chair, Ministry and Personnel Committee

MEN'S CLUB

The formation of the Men's Club was initiated by Tom Taylor, a most caring and dedicated man who passed away in 2006. Our membership now stands at 47, and our mandate is to help our church youth financially with worthwhile expenditures such as travel costs to youth conferences, etc.

One of our main activities is breakfast meetings with speakers on topics of interest. In the past year our own Bob Baturin, Peter Lemmer and Gordon Verplank have made excellent presentations. We also have an annual September barbecue a Floyd Wartnow's.

We will have a Valentine's dinner at the church in February and will continue our breakfast meetings through the spring. We are also prepared to help in any church activity.

Albert Knudsen

Men's Club

PRESBYTERY

We had a great representation from our church at the presbytery level in 2006. Three of us attend regularly: Mollie, Marleen Soutar, and myself. John Gary attends as his schedule permits.

New steps were taken in September 2005 to address the focus of Presbytery. There was also a clarifying of the roles for both the Executive and the membership as a whole in regards to who was responsible for making decisions. The Executive was to take on a much greater leadership position.

In September 2006 a review on the new structure led to two changes. One was to increase the meetings to five times a year and the other was to include not only executive members by gifts they could offer, but some by essential position. This last was made clear when the chairpersons of Pastoral Relations, Long Range Planning and Finance were continually needed for consultation as many of the decisions were being made around these important topics. It was deemed prudent to have them included on the Executive full time.

One of the important jobs that Presbytery does is through the work of the Pastoral Relations Committee. They are involved with all staff changes in churches and help congregations work through times when relationships between ministry staff and congregations are in jeopardy. Their mandate is to work in conjunction with the congregation to ensure that correct processes are followed and that spiritually faithful ways of resolving difficult issues are discerned. Our church has been on the receiving end of this in the past few years. We have had the support of Jon Jessiman and Jim Short for the Joint Needs Assessment and Interim Ministry. Also, Anna Christie was our Pastoral Supervisor in 2005. Wendy Bily and Betty Coles are on the new Joint Needs Assessment Committee as we move towards calling a new minister.

The Education and Students Committee is convened by Marleen, and I am a new recruit. The mandate of this committee is to interview all the students wishing to enter the ministry who are sponsored by churches residing in our presbytery. We encourage, challenge and guide these students as they move through the process from discernment to ordination. It is a process that takes years, so watching these candidates grow is an exciting adventure. We also do the same for ministers wanting to transfer into ministry from outside of the United Church on a shorter time basis.

My position as Manse Committee Chairperson is slowly winding down as the number of manses is dwindling. There is only one manse that is used to house a minister at present in Vancouver South.

Mary Sambell

Presbytery Representative

TRANSITION TEAM REPORT

Rev. Mollie Williams was approved by the congregation to serve as Interim Minister (sometimes referred to as Transition Minister) in 2005 following a Joint Needs Assessment and Search procedure by our church.

Rev. Jim Short and Jon Jessiman were appointed by Vancouver South Presbytery to serve as the presbytery representatives to the Transition Team.

Marilyn Merry, Jim Moore, Bob Tarlton and Murray Swayze were appointed by the congregation. In time I was also asked to serve and to act as Chair. The congregation approved my appointment as well. We began meeting on a monthly basis and have continued to do so except for one month last summer.

We have worked on the interim ministry goals as approved by the church. In brief, those are:

1. Our Healing (creating a safe, inclusive environment for all who enter our church.)
2. Conflict Resolution (primarily concerned with staff issues, including reviews, job descriptions, etc., mostly conducted by the M & P Committee.)
3. Our Organizational Structure (to support and strengthen this structure through the Council.) This has now been approved by Presbytery and is working within the Council very well.
4. Our Relationship to the Larger Church — this is an ongoing process and in the next few months we will be visited by several people representing the wider church.
5. Defining Vision and Direction (a good deal of this work was done by the two surveys completed by the congregation; the subsequent workshop and the follow-up planning to come.)

In May 2006 we planned a day of “Reflection and Celebration” with 20 years of past Chairs of Council. We were pleased to have input from the first Chair, Jerry Hoerber, through to the present Chair, George Sambell. Eight past/present chairs came as well as the Transition Team for a full day of worship, reflection and sharing a meal together. This workshop went a long way towards facilitating our first goal, “Our Healing.”

Following this meeting, we began planning an event for the fall where the entire congregation would join us. We developed two surveys to be distributed; one to be a “snap shot” of the congregation as it is and the second one, a “snap shot” of the community — where it is now and where it will be in 5 to 10 years.

Sat., Nov. 4th, was planned for the “Congregational Gathering.” Nearly 60 people came to this event. I think if I had to sum up the day I would say that it was “surprising, uplifting, encouraging and challenging.” We all came to some new realizations that day and I doubt our church will ever be the same again. The findings from this day will shape our future as we move forward to a new chapter in the life of TUC.

Three possible ministries emerged from that day — a Ministry with and for Seniors, a Ministry with and for Younger

Families and a Ministry of Welcoming and Integrating New-comers.

We are presently working on plans to do some small group work to look at how we want to proceed with these ministries and no doubt the findings from this work will reflect in who we decide to call as our new minister this summer.

Over the next few months, we will be working on several projects at once as well as doing the evaluative work required of us by presbytery before Mollie leaves.

The Joint Needs Assessment Committee is also working hard and we will be providing input to them as well as regular reporting to you.

The Committee thanks everyone who has supported our work through action and prayers.

Marleen Soutar
Chair, Transition Team

FINANCE DIVISION

The Finance Division report and financial statements will be provided separately from this document.



TSAWWASSEN UNITED CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2006

NOTICE TO READERS

To the Members
Tsawwassen United Church

Attached are the Balance Sheet as at December 31, 2006 and the Income Statement for the year then ended.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. The statements have been prepared internally and have not been audited or reviewed by an external auditor. The financial statements are the responsibility of the Council.

Comparative figures for 2005 were audited by an external Chartered Accountant who did not express an opinion on the financial statements.


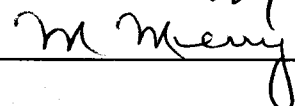
**TSAWWASSEN UNITED CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 2006
UNAUDITED - See Notice to Readers**

ASSETS	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Current Assets		
Cash & Short Term Investments		
Operating	\$ 49,042	\$ 42,431
Church Groups	1,084	1,691
Trustees	366,028	377,354
Total Cash & Short Term Investments	<u>416,155</u>	<u>421,475</u>
Other Current Assets		
GST Receivable	1,341	3,439
Prepaid Expenses	8,937	7,533
Total Current Assets	<u>10,278</u>	<u>10,972</u>
Long Term Investments		
Estate of G. Kilgour Annuity	<u>39,354</u>	<u>39,779</u>
Capital Assets (at cost)		
Land	26,500	26,500
Church	555,809	544,236
Furniture and Equipment	99,698	98,745
Capital Assets	<u>682,007</u>	<u>669,481</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,147,794</u>	<u>\$ 1,141,708</u>

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accruals	\$ 1,173	\$ 5,276
Funds Payable 1st United	-	2,217
Funds Payable M & S	-	1,843
Total Current Liabilities	<u>1,173</u>	<u>9,336</u>
Net Assets		
Investment in Capital Assets	682,007	669,481
Restricted Fund Bequests	7,310	7,310
Restricted Fund Outreach	11,958	12,158
Restricted Fund Refugee	1,284	2,884
Restricted Fund Trustees	362,428	373,919
Restricted Fund Trustees Memorial	3,600	3,435
Restricted Fund Youth	1,900	-
Unrestricted Funds	76,133	63,185
Total Net Assets	<u>1,146,621</u>	<u>1,132,371</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,147,794</u>	<u>\$ 1,141,708</u>

APPROVED BY THE BOARD:


 _____ Council Chair

 _____ Council Vice-Chair

**TSAWWASSEN UNITED CHURCH
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006
UNAUDITED- See Notice to Readers**

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Offerings	\$ 188,124	\$ 166,380
Fall Fair	17,197	15,940
Building Rental	14,076	19,100
Interest & Annuity	9,888	4,197
Other Income	9,225	18,645
Manse Rental	-	10,800
Gifts in Kind	142	1,139
Trustee Income	6,345	322
Total Revenue	<u>244,997</u>	<u>236,522</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Salaries and Benefits	173,548	172,138
General Office	24,661	21,216
Property	23,110	27,803
Utilities	10,053	12,667
Finance	6,580	7,200
Service Division Expenses	5,132	12,591
Manse Expenses	-	5,092
Trustee Expenses	-	241
Total Expenses	<u>243,084</u>	<u>253,616</u>
Net Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>1,912</u>	<u>(17,094)</u>
Extraordinary & Other Items		
Gain on Sale of Manse	-	325,612
Donations of Capital Equipment	-	2,918
Total Extraordinary & Other Items	<u>-</u>	<u>328,530</u>
Restricted Funds: & Clubs		
Net Receipts to Restricted Funds	13,635	-
Net Disbursements to Clubs	(1,431)	-
Total Restricted Funds & Clubs	<u>12,204</u>	<u>-</u>
On Behalf of Others:		
Mission & Service Fund Collected	23,903	22,215
Mission & Service Fund Remitted	(23,903)	(22,215)
Net Mission & Service	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
First United Collected	9,475	8,378
First United Remitted	(9,475)	(8,378)
Net First United Church	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$ 14,116</u>	<u>\$ 311,436</u>