

Annual Report for 2011



St. Giles Presbyterian Church
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Minister

ST. GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CALGARY, ABLERTA
Fifty-fifth Annual Meeting
Sunday, January 29th, 2012

AGENDA

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Adjournment – Prayer

Please bring this Annual Report with you on January 29th, 2012

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
February 13, 2011,
ST. GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Approximately 65 persons were in attendance

The Rev. Dewald Delport called the meeting to order and opened with a devotion and prayer.

Recommendation 1:

Moved by Dawn Flint and seconded by Jenny Thomson that the Agenda be approved
CARRIED

Recommendation 2:

Moved by Irene Savage and seconded by Joan Reynolds that Bernice Poon be appointed secretary for the meeting
CARRIED

Recommendation 3:

Moved by Dawn Flint and seconded by Marilyn Machum that the minutes of the February 21 Annual Meeting be adopted as printed.
CARRIED

Business Arising from the Minutes – None

Recommendation 4: Moved by Sandra Cameron Evans and seconded by Jenny Thomson that the Statement from Session be approved.
CARRIED

Statistical Information from 2010 was amended to read 3 people removed by death rather than 4 as printed.

Recommendation 5:

Moved by Irene Savage and seconded by Marilyn Machum that the Statistical Report for 2010 be adopted as amended.
CARRIED

Recommendation 6:

Moved by Marilyn Machum seconded by Chris Browne that the following reports be adopted as written.

Growing in Faith Together – average 5 children in Church School

Church School; Mission in Action; Athalie Read (WMS)

Inn from the Cold – Susan Carmichael commented that they need more volunteers

Thank you to Susan – Applause

Pastoral Care; Second Sunday Singers

Congregation Life – Thank you to Walter and Susan Cooper – applause

Policy and Planning; Human Resources; Facilities and Maintenance

Sound System – need more volunteers; Choir – More singers always welcome

What's Up; Archives; Quintus

CARRIED

Financial reports

Treasurer, Ted Samson, presented the Financial Reports and Budget and commented that our financial situation was in a reasonably positive position. He also thanked Wendell Siddall for his work on this report.

RECOMMENDATION 7

Moved by Ted Samson seconded by Dennis Long that the 2010 Financial Statements and Annual Report be accepted and approved. CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION 8

Moved by Ted Samson and seconded by Dennis Long that the Memorial Funds Report be accepted and approved. CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION 9

Moved by Ted Samson seconded by Michael Moorhouse that the Presbyterians Sharing item of the 2011 budget of \$27,000. Be accepted and approved. CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION 10

Moved by Ted Samson and seconded Eric Daly that the salary recommendations of the 2011 budget be accepted and approved. CARRIED

Note; Some staff had not been informed prior to the meeting of the proposal . It was suggested this be changed in the future.

RECOMMENDATION 11

After considerable discussion it was Moved by Ted Samson and seconded by Eric Daly that the proposed 2011 budget be accepted and approved including the following changes:

- phone system expense lowered to 0
- utilities expense increased to \$18,500
- total budgeted expenses lowered to 278,312
- Progress Fund revenue decreased to 0
- Envelope offerings required for 2011 will be \$232,312 or 18% higher than received in 2010

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. Delpont suggested that to expedite business any new business be brought to him before the next Annual Meeting.

Thanks were extended to the following: Rev. Delpont, Marni Strome, Musicians, Earl Engel and Bernice Poon, Ted Samson, Committees Applause for above

Moved by Joan Reynolds that the meeting be adjourned. CARRIED

Minister's Message

"... ask God, who gives generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. ... ask in faith ... [for] every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights ..."

-James 1:5, 6, 17-

It is amazing to see the number of coincidences that happen almost as if we are being nudged.

I am reminded, of course, about "asking." A few weeks ago during the course of a conversation (about St. Giles I might add) someone asked me, "Why don't you ask?"

A few people from presbytery are reading a book, Unbinding the Gospel, and the author's main point is "have you prayed about it?" i.e. "Have you asked God?"

St. Giles was blessed this year. As a community of faith we were able to gather weekly on Sundays for worship and for **thirteen** service more than **100** gathered – Christmas Eve being **202**! Our average attendance for 2011, including the summer months, was **89** people. What a joy!

This summer St. Giles hosted a VBS here at our church, which we haven't for awhile. For five days **12-15 children** learned action songs, listened to Bible stories, and played games. In September we started Youth Groups again. I am delighted to say that the 8-11 year old group is going great – we evolved from 2 in September 2011 to 7 in January 2012! Did you know that the most children we had on a Sunday was **18**?

There were also a few social events that were either "new" or at least "resurrected." Many people enjoyed delicious pancakes and sausages on Shrove Tuesday; we even saw a few people from the community. Easter morning was greeted with a sunrise service in our backyard and breakfast right after. Closer to the end of the year we enjoyed a Turkey Supper that was just scrumptious.

As you may remember, finances were a little tight this year. Even though we ran a deficit it was not as great as we might have feared. December was a good month – almost $\frac{1}{5}$ of our revenue was received. Thank you for your continuous financial support.

What will 2012 be like?

This is always a good question. But instead of wondering what the year will be like, I hope we will ask God, in faith, to bless St. Giles!

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Rev. Dewald (Dewey) Delport

2011 SESSION REPORT

This has been a wonderful year for Session. We started 2011 welcoming our new minister, the Rev. Dewald Delpont, as our Moderator. He is bringing new life to our session. Together we have been working through "Equipping Elders" section by section. It is been good to discuss and learn our Presbyterian polity.

Session is smaller as we have had to accept, with regret, the resignations of several elders. Chris Browne, Susan Carmichael, and Donna Russell are sadly missed. They all contributed much to session and to working with the congregation in furthering the work of Christ. They continue to be strong members of our congregation. We are deeply thankful for their faithfulness.

This year marked the retirement of two valued employees of St. Giles, Bernice Poon, as long time administrative assistant, and Earl Engel, as church officer. Session is appreciative of their dedicated contributions to the well-being of St. Giles. God bless them in their new journeys.

The session welcomes the Rev. Fiona Wilkinson, as secretary, and Ted Samson, as church officer, to the staff of St. Giles. May they each enjoy their sojourn with us.

The session committees have been hard at work. They are all very appreciative of the non-session members who serve on these committees. Many members of our congregation give freely of their time to support the adventures our committees pursue in our work.

Session thanks the choir of St. Giles, the Sunday school teachers, the groups of people who prepare the food for events, the group that looks after the refreshments on a Sunday, the people that help keep the flowers blooming all summer, the people that look after the sound, and all other endeavours by God's people who quietly step up and do what is necessary.

At every session meeting elders share concerns expressed by people of the congregation. We do try to address these concerns. If you ever have any questions that you would like session to answer please take advantage of speaking to an elder. Rest assured your concerns are important to us. They will be dealt with in a confidential manner and answered. We are pleased that there have not been many concerns expressed however session wants to let people know that this avenue is available. We also share at our meetings expressions of thanks and happiness.

Session thanks the efforts of our new minister Rev. Delpont. His enthusiasm is infectious! We bless him, love him and feel honoured to work with him.

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" Philippians 4:7.

JOHN WATSON. Clerk of Session
St. Giles Presbyterian Church

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 2011

Baptisms:

The Sacrament of Baptism was received by 4 children.

2011 Membership Status

Communicant Membership as of January 1, 2011 222

Members Received

By Profession of Faith	3
Reinstated by Resolution of Session	<u>1</u>
Total	4

Members Removed

By Transfer	4
By Resolution of Session	13
By Death	<u>9</u>
Total	26

Communicant Membership as of December 31, 2011 200

Respectfully submitted
Dawn Flint, Roll Clerk

January, 2012

Athalie Read Group W.M.S. St. Giles 2011

2011 was a happy and sad year for this group. It was a year of transition. We continued with the study of "Making Connections" staying rooted in an uprooted world.

In May we had a guest speaker Lisbeth Duncan report on the National Council meeting and also tell about the National Women's conference held in Richmond Hill ,Ontario," Reach in-Shout out".

Our group participated in Missions Sunday on the May long weekend and everyone took part at the morning service. Don Flint and Ann Frost preached the sermon.

In July many from the group helped at V.B. S. and we donated money to camp Kannawin . At Christmas we donated to the Caribou ministry.

At our September meeting the president called for the formation of the nominating committee but the members did not think we could fill the needed officer's positions of President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Glad Tidings secretary. Also members felt they could not take on studies to lead at each meeting. The six members present suggested we disband. At the October meeting we gathered full attendance of 18 members and had a secret ballot to vote on the motion to disband. The motion was a passed. As a result, we proceeded with Rev. Delport's help to have a special communion service and formal closing with the History and Power Point presentation on November 20. June Stephen & Jeanette Mackie presented the history. On November 23 we had a turkey supper and an evening of carols and memories.

We continue to subscribe individually to glad tidings magazine and have been welcomed at varsity acres W. M. S. Group

Muriel Anderson died in September and will be fondly remembered for her many contributions to the W.M.S. group of St. Giles over the years. Other members were struggling with life events and health challenges. Also, many travel over the winter months. All in all we will remember our many years of joyful involvement in the Athalie Read Group of the Women's Missionary Society in our congregation and close with gratitude for the prayer, study, service, and fellowship in the name of our dear Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Humbly submitted by Verna Purcell, Secretary, and Joanne Watson, president

**Athalie Read WMS Group
Financial Statement
Year Ending December 31, 2011**

General Fund Income

Collections	2,788.25
Caribou Mission	355.00
Calendars	100.00
Interest	0.02
	<u>\$3,243.27</u>

General Fund Disbursements

W.M.S. Treasurer	2,788.25
Caribou Mission	355.00
Calendars	78.75
	<u>\$3,222.00</u>


Expense Fund Income

Balance forward from Jan 1, 2011	98.18
Synodical Collections	30.00
	<u>\$128.18</u>

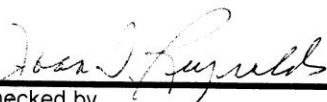
Expense Fund Disbursements

World Day of Prayer	5.00
Synodical Treasurer	45.00
Camp Kanawin donation	99.45
	<u>\$149.45</u>

Respectfully submitted,



 Teuny Howarth, Treasurer



 Checked by

QUINTUS GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2011

During the year, between 7 and 10 women have met on the third Wednesday of the month at 1.30 p.m. in the Park Room, for a time of fellowship. We tried meeting on Tuesday, but it did not work so well.

The Quintus group is open to all women in the church. Each member of the group takes a turn at supplying the opening devotion and/or the refreshments. In the past, we have had a variety of programs and guests, but this year, it was decided to stick with a short program of educational film or DVD, followed by discussion. We were enabled to do this, by virtue of the technical skills of our minister, the Reverend Dewald Delpport, and we were very grateful for his help and cooperation. We viewed "The Mission", "A Sunday at 105 years" and "in God's Name".

We take up a small offering once a year and have used it for a variety of causes. This past year we donated to flowers in the sanctuary. We have always had a close association with Gerda White and thank her for the lovely and appropriate flower arrangements she places in the church each season of the year. A gift was also made to the Pastoral Care Committee for expenses they incur in keeping in touch with home-bound members.

Please join us on the third Wednesday of the month. We'd like to get to know you better.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Browne

Quintus Group Financial Statement

Receipts

Opening Balance Jan '11	93.30
7 memberships @ \$12	84.00
1 membership 2012	12.00

Total	189.30
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Book balance Dec 31, 2011	89.30
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Disbursements

Chancel Flowers	50.00
Pastoral Care	50.00

Total	100.00
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Treasurer - M. Davidson

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Report

"With fresh new eyes, ears and heart, the team enthusiastically embraces the call to pass on the faith of the Church to children, youth and adults."

Throughout the past year the GIFT committee planned and arranged different events for people of all ages as we grow in our faith. This report shows many of the things we have worked on in the past year.

We have continued to oversee the church school as they work with the children of our congregation to help them develop their faith. For the first half of the year they used the One Room Sunday School curriculum and then after the summer break they changed to Rock Solid for the elementary age and Walk with Me for the youth age. The teachers for the past year were Anne Halliday Clark, Heather Mackie, Katie Boyce and the substitutes were Cathy Brown, Sandra Cameron Evans and Deanne Stephen. **Thanks to all the teachers for their dedication and the many hours they put in to lesson plans and events with the kids!**

The children have also had several extra events this past year including: making Easter bookmarks for the congregation, making cards for the special shut in communion at Easter, bowling in the spring and the BBQ picnic in June. They have also participated in the service on Recognition Sunday and led the service at Christmas. For outreach the church school made up 25 gift bags with the donations from the congregation for children through Women in Need. **Thanks to all who donated items and to the families who stayed to help make up the bags.**

We held 4 movie nights. Each night saw 8 – 12 people watch a movie together, enjoy some popcorn and then close with a discussion of the movie. The movies we watched included The Story of Romano, Whale Rider, Babbitt's Feast and Joyeux Noel.

There were also several opportunities for adult studies throughout the year. These included the Amazing Grace study, membership classes, and studies on the book of Acts as well as 3 minor prophets (Jonah, Joel and Amos). **Thanks to Rev. Dewald for leading these studies.**

The GIFT committee also helped with our very first Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, followed by breakfast. There were about 30 people who attended and those who came appreciated the service.

In the Spring we had a graduation party for the youth who were graduating from Grade 12 and they enjoyed cake after the service, Peter's burgers and mini-golf. This was a fun day for the youth and they enjoyed their "last youth event".

This year we returned to hosting a VBS in the summer. We worked together with the Korean Church (Journey of Faith) and had children and leaders from both congregations. There were 15 children in all who attended. The children and leaders all enjoyed the week and they were able to give us some feedback to use for next year. **Thanks to all the leaders, snack preparers and people who helped in all ways to make the week of VBS a success!**

Over the summer months we asked for volunteers to teach the children each morning. While there were few children each week the ones who were at church were able to learn lessons and enjoy their time together while getting to know some of the adults in the congregation. **Thanks to those who volunteered to teach during the summer!**

In September, Rev. Dewald started up youth group meetings for the tweens (ages 8 – 11) and youth (ages 12 – 15). Each group met once a month from Sept – December. Attendance varied at each meeting, although the younger group was better attended. The youth who attended enjoyed the meetings and they experienced different activities such as pumpkin carving, Dutch Blitz and bowling. **Thanks to Rev. Dewald, Gail Wearmouth and Cathy Brown for their leadership with the youth groups!**

The GIFT also supported Joanne and her “gals” as they hosted a Spa day which was an opportunity for people to come enjoy some treatments, some relaxation as well as some fellowship. There Spa day was held in the fall and was well attended and enjoyed by those who came.

We have also kept the library tidy and organized and have continued putting new and donated books onto the shelves so people can enjoy them.

The GIFT committee members for this past year were: Joanne Watson, Ivy Mewha, Ann Frost, Heather Mackie, Gail Wearmouth and Tobi Gaskarth.

If you have any ideas for the future, especially of studies or events you would be interested in seeing the GIFT committee host, please talk to one of the committee members. If you would like to be involved, we would welcome you to be part of our team, just talk to any of the members as listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

GIFT Committee.

Mission In Action Report for 2011

Special projects initiated by this committee at St. Giles, once again, covered the span of local, national and international areas of need.

During the Lenten Season, we focused on the "A Place to Call Home" project, a joint effort between Kairos Calgary and the Calgary Homeless Foundation. As part of the ten year initiative to end homelessness in this city, an apartment block was purchased and as the mortgage is paid down, it becomes easier to subsidize the rents for the tenants who are at risk of being homeless. A guest speaker was brought in to explain the project and how the folks at St. Giles can support this initiative both financially and through volunteer efforts. This is an on-going initiative and envelopes for donations as well as information about the project are available in the narthex.

During the summer months, famine swept across several countries in East Africa. Presbyterian World Service and Development (PWS&D) stepped in and congregations across Canada worked together to alleviate the suffering. A total of \$1630 was sent to PWS&D from St. Giles. Unfortunately, the suffering continues and PWS&D continues to ask for your support so they can carry on with this life-saving work.

Once again, a special appeal for the Calgary Inter-Faith Food Bank was made at Thanksgiving time. Non-perishable food items were collected in the narthex for several Sundays and donations were made through the offering. A total of \$1095 plus a quantity of food items was collected and sent to the Food Bank.

Our last "seasonal" project was during Advent. For the second year in a row, we supported the McPhail School of Energy at SAIT with their Adopt-a-Student program. This year, twelve families at SAIT were identified as being in need of assistance over the Christmas Season. Our congregation was able to raise a total of \$1200 which was used to purchase a \$100 gift card from Safeway for each of the families. The folks at SAIT also worked to raise support for these families. This partnership between SAIT and St. Giles has been a wonderful experience for all involved and demonstrates the benefits of working together for a common good.

Presbyterian Sharing, and the good work that this arm of the Presbyterian Church in Canada does, is also a priority that we need to stay focused on throughout the year. Rev. Dewald has shown several short film clips during services that have allowed us to learn more about how our givings toward Presbyterian Sharing make a difference in the world, both here in Canada and in other parts of the world.

Finally, St. Giles continues to be a host church for Inn From the Cold, one night a month (first Wednesday) and provides shelter and food for fifteen guests each time. This initiative requires many volunteers and we are very grateful for the support that so many in our congregation and others have offered in order to continue this work for so many years.

Respectfully submitted by John McLean,
Convener of Mission in Action

Pastoral care committee report for 2011.

Sadly, this year we have lost 20 dear members and friends of St. Giles , we will remember them often. We hope we can provide some comfort to their families by keeping them aware of God's presence, and love.

Some members have attended workshops, to enhance our growth and to provide more comfort to those in our care.

We celebrated 2 very special birthdays this year. Collin McAllister was very happy and proud to be 100 years old, and enjoyed a reception with his family and church friends to mark the occasion. Mary Morley turned 105 years old, and was visited by members of the congregation. Both were presented with gifts from St Giles.

We had 2 special communion services for our "homebound", one in the Spring where 17 guests and 14 volunteers were present. In the Fall 14 guests and 14 volunteers were present. Our sincere thanks to all who made these events possible. At both occasions our guests were very happy to be able to meet and converse with our Minister. They are grateful to be able to be part of the communion service in the sanctuary, thus keeping them more connected to their church.

Again Chris Browne is to be thanked for arranging special transportation and also to those who did the driving to bring the "homebound "to our services.

Arlene Simpson has been busy making sure all members have received cards to mark special occasions, and her work is greatly appreciated.

We have resumed our monthly services at the Fanning Centre. The volunteers and our Minister are very dedicated to this outreach program.

We review our prayer list monthly. This enables us to keep the congregation informed of those in need of extra prayers. We now have included a weekly prayer focus in our bulletin.(special thanks to Rev Delport)

We thank the Sunday School children, for making lovely Christmas cards, which we took to our homebound. We also included a small gift and church news items. We thank all the volunteers who helped us in this endeavor.

We thank the Rev Delport for his guidance and his presence as we continue to keep the homebound, sick, and bereaved aware of God's love.

Report respectfully submitted

Jenny Thomson

Convener

Card Secretary Report

It has been a full year of sending cards. This year I sent more sympathy cards than last year – almost twice as many. I hope this I will send more birthday cards!

Cards sent were:

Birthday 16

Sympathy 19

Get Well 8

Thinking of you 12

Please let me know of anyone who needs a card and I will see that they get one.

Respectfully submitted; Arlene Simpson

“What’s Up?” 2011 Annual Report of our Church Newsletter

Over the past year, three issues of “What’s Up?” our church newsletter were published. The editorial team includes Susan Carmichael, Merle Dalip, Pearl Dalip, Toby Gaskarth, Bernice Poon and Rev. Dewald Delpont. We could not have put this Newsletter together without the help of our dedicated and regular contributors: Janet Astle (Archives), Sandra Cameron Evans (Presbytery), Chris Browne (Special Events), Dawn Flint (Special Events), Audrey Harms (Special Events), Heather Mackie (Church School), Janette Mackie (Special Events), Michael Moorhouse (Special Events), Ted Samson (Finances), Heather Tufford (Nursery) and John Watson (Special Events).

Each issue of our Newsletter features a message from the Minister, Editorial, Articles, News and Themes, as well as updates from various committees. Just as importantly, there is news from various members of the congregation, articles from guest contributors, inspirational scripture quotes, humor and photographs from different occasions, plus information on upcoming events.

We would like to specially thank Rev. Dewald Delpont for his wealth of knowledge and for his contributions. Also, we are very appreciative of the many suggestions and contributions of members of the congregation and we look to your continued support and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,
Merle Dalip

2011 Report of the Second Sunday Singers

The Second Sunday Singers continues its ministry in music to the residents of the Hillcrest Extendicare Centre on the second Sunday of each month from 2:00pm to 2:45pm except for the month of August. An average of 15 residents usually attend and join us in our hymn sing. We have 12 regular singers. We are happy that Rev. Dewald Delpont is able to join us. Thank you to our pianist, Beth Ferguson. Thank you also to Chris Browne who was the contact person for several years. We are pleased that Gillian Siddall has assumed this responsibility. The residents continue to enjoy the music. They enjoy singing both the old hymns and the new ones that we have introduced to them.

This is an invitation to you to join with us in this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Pearl Dalip

Archives – report for 2011

The purpose of the archives is to collect the church records in one place, ensure their preservation, organize them for ease of access and have the most important documents preserved on microfilm.

Work on the archives continued as usual during the year. The primary activity being the organizing of any photographs, service bulletins, funeral cards, and other papers that had been received.

The archives were used several times for reference purposes. In particular, the ladies from the Athalie Read Women's Missionary Society spent considerable time searching through past records in order to develop a history of the group. Once the group had disbanded, all remaining Athalie Read minutes and other records were deposited in the archives. External requests included one from a former elder who wanted to know when his 50th anniversary of eldership would be, and another from a gentleman who was creating a photo-history of all the earliest Presbyterian churches in Alberta for a Synod meeting.

I, meanwhile, referred to the Chalmer's archival material for the article I wrote on the communion table for our newsletter *What's Up?* in June 2011

As always, I am happy to receive any church related documents for inclusion in the archives.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Astle

EVENTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2011

The Events Committee had a challenging year with the transition of a new minister and all the social gatherings it entails. We no longer have Walter and Susan Cooper on the committee and miss their catering expertise although they have been willing to help whenever asked. We also miss Earl Engel whose culinary abilities we were privileged to share. The rest of the committee is as follows: Bernice Poon, June Stephen, Phyllis Alexander, Candace Siddall, and Dawn Flint and help from our Church Officer Ted Samson.

Our events this year consisted of:

Shrove Tuesday in March

Folk Night organized by Jason Gaskarth in April

Spring Tea in May – organized by Phyllis Alexander and Candy Siddall

Guess Who's Coming for Dinner? – organized by Bernice Poon

Welcome Back Pot Luck – Events Committee

Bernice Poon Retirement party – organized by June Stephen and Susan Woodward in September

Turkey Dinner and Carol Night – organized by June Stephen and the Events Committee with help from Marni Strome and the choir

It would be the suggestion of this committee that instead of an actual committee one or two persons could make sure events take place and each event would have its own organizers thus taking all the responsibility and work from just a few people.

Some upcoming events:

Burns Night – Jan 28 – organized by Ian McKay

Spring Tea

Garage Sale – Organized by Bernice Poon in June

Welcome Back Luncheon

The more people who participate, the better the event, so please lend a hand when asked.

Respectfully Submitted – Bernice Poon – past convener of the Events Committee

Report of the Policy and Planning Committee 2011

The mandate of the Policy and Planning Committee, under the direction of Session, is to address strategic areas impacting the life and work of the congregation, preparing St. Giles for our short and long-term future.

Much of the work is dealing with a variety of referrals from Session, researching and making recommendations for their consideration.

In 2011, as a means of communication in the neighbourhood, the Committee continued with arranging the distribution of postcards to invite people to our Easter and Christmas services. Also in the area of communication, Policy and Planning organized a survey of the congregation about the St. Giles' website. This fall, the Committee oversaw the move of the website to a platform provided for free by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Everyone is encouraged to visit the revitalized site at <http://stgiles.ca>.

The Committee also worked on a covenant between our congregation and the Calgary Korean Evangelical Church. It will outline the arrangements for the CKEC to use our facilities on an ongoing basis.

MEMBERS: Jack Alexander; Sandra Cameron Evans, Convener
Walter Cooper; Marilyn Machum; Wendell Siddall; John Watson

Human Resources Committee Annual Report 2011

This has been a year of change. Our new minister, Reverend Delport, joined St. Giles in January, Earl Engel, our Church Officer, retired in June. Robert Lee, one of our pianists, resigned in August to enroll in a Master's program at Holy Name University in CA. In September, our long time Administrative Assistant, Bernice Poon, also retired.

The title 'Administrative Assistant' was changed to 'Church Secretary as the duties were revised and the hours of work were reduced. The Committee considered it prudent to have a six month evaluation period before posting the permanent position. Duties and cost were primary considerations.

We were very fortunate to have Fiona Wilkinson accept our 6 month contract which ends early in March, 2012. With the input from several people, it is anticipated that this position will become 12 hours per week when posted the beginning of February.

With the help of Heather Mackie and Sandra Cameron Evans, the Church School volunteers have completed their Covenant of Care in-service and have had their Police Checks completed. The St Giles' staff are in the process completing these requirements.

I want to thank Sandra Cameron Evans, Lorne Cowan, Ted Sampson, and Irene Savage, for their dedication and work on this committee.

Respectively submitted, Marilyn Machum; Chairwoman

Facilities and Maintenance Report for 2011

2011 was a busy year at St. Giles: we installed a lock box for the fire department; painted the ministers' office; installed a projector and screen, removed the tree from the front of the church.

Earl Engel retired after many years of service; we will miss him and his pleasant greeting at the door.

A cleaning company was hired, but this did not work out as we had hoped. Ted Samson was in the position of church officer during this time. Ted has now been hired to be church officer full-time.

The committee is pleased to announce that Dennis Daly has offered to become the new convenor to take over from Walter Cooper.

Thank you to Jack Alexander, Jason Gaskarth, Norm Millar, John Watson, Lorne Cowan, Dennis Daly, Ted Samson, Dave McCormick, Fraser Halliday, and Walter Cooper for their work over the past year.

A special thanks to Norm Millar and Eleanor Klassen for all of the hours of work you put into the flower beds and yard. Well done!

Respectfully submitted,
Walt Cooper

Sound System Annual Report for 2011

There have been no changes to the sound system equipment this year and everything is working well. We are now recording the services so that they can be heard on the internet.

I would like to thank Mark McCuaig, Dennis Markandu, David Browne, Lorne Cowan, and Dennis Long for their dedication over the years. Well done.

We are urgently looking for new operators to join our team. This is not limited to men, so come on ladies show the men you can do it.

Respectfully submitted,
Walt Cooper

Envelope Secretary's Report

The 2011 General Envelope Offering Summary is as follows:-

Number of Envelopes	Weekly Contribution Range	Annual Average per contributor	Annual Totals per grouping
50	\$0	\$0	-
21	up to \$2/wk	\$52	\$1,092.05
17	\$2 – 4/wk	\$188	\$3,196.00
19	\$5 – 9/wk	\$362	\$6,875.05
14	\$10 – 14/wk	\$605	\$8,470.00
9	\$15 – 19/wk	\$954	\$8,589.00
16	\$20 – 29/wk	\$1,213	\$19,410.00
18	\$30 – 49/wk	\$2,069	\$37,248.20
25	\$50+ / wk	\$5,040	\$125,987.60
	Others (no regular envelope)		\$9,410.00
189	Total 2011 Offerings		\$220,278.00

The chart above displays the 2011 offerings by groupings based on average weekly contributions. The annual totals show what the amount collected is for the entire year by those groupings. Using this chart we can each see which bracket we fit into in the overall offerings, and hopefully we can endeavour to increase what we give by trying to move up closer to the average for the bracket that we are in, or up into the next bracket.

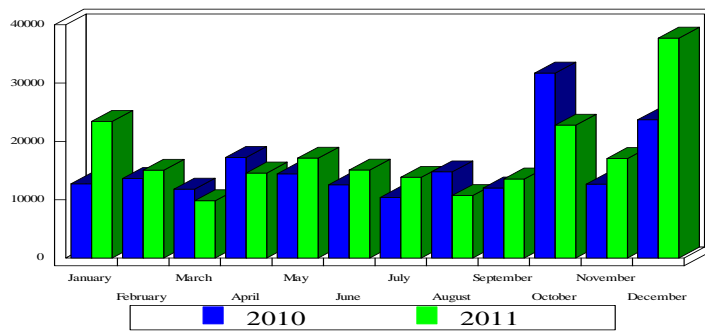
At last year's annual meeting the congregation agreed to an offering increase of 18% for 2011 in order to keep our finances under control. The actual offerings for 2011 were \$220,278 which is 12% higher than the 2010 total of \$197,097. While this increase did not meet the goal of 18%, it was a decent increase which is a good result. The chart below displays what happened to the envelope offerings as a whole for 2011 compared to 2010.

- 25% of those with envelopes increased offerings by 18% or more
- 20% of those with envelopes increased offerings, but by less than 18%
- 10% of those with envelopes remained the same
- 34% of those with envelopes decreased their offerings for 2011
- 11% of those with 2010 envelopes are now gone
- 14 new envelopes were used in 2011.

When considering your offering levels, it should be remembered that our governments are supporting charities with the system of tax credits available when filing our tax returns. In Alberta, we are especially fortunate with a system that grants a 50% tax credit for all charitable contributions after the first \$200 of gifts in total to any charity or group of charities. As a result, after the first \$200 of donations you will receive \$1 reduction in your income tax bill for every \$2 donated in a year.

The graph below illustrates the offerings by month throughout the year (in grey), with the 2010 comparisons (black), and shows that overall offerings were above last year's levels for most months.

Contributions by month from 01/01/2010 to 31/12/2011



2011 FINANCIAL REPORT

This year, we have changed the budget pages to add an additional column with the Budget for 2011 as well as the actual figures for 2011 and the Proposed Budget for 2012. We have also rearranged the budget categories in different groupings to reflect more similar items.

We hoped that our General Offerings in 2011 would be almost 18 percent larger than the offerings were in 2010. We needed the increase because we had just inducted our new minister which involved higher expenses, including his stipend and allowances, but also the addition of the projector and screen in the chancel and other expenses such as a new phone system. We hoped that we would receive more than \$232,000 in envelope givings in 2011 and by year end, we had received \$216,228. Our Total Income was greater than \$243,000 which was less than our anticipated income of \$258,812. Our expenses for 2011 were slightly higher than in the budget, but only about \$8,000 over, or just under \$271,000 on a cash basis. Our other income, including Congregational Life Events and other donations (Funerals and Weddings) contributed under \$23,000, leaving us with a shortfall of \$27,500 which will be taken from our assets.

Our Restricted Funds remained about the same through 2011, with donations in memory of one individual of \$760, donations in memory of 3 others of \$95 and a small contribution to the Progress Fund of \$274.

As a congregation, we continue to support various Mission Projects, in addition to our accepted allocation of \$27,000 to "Presbyterians Sharing". In 2011, we contributed \$8,102 towards several mission work projects:

- \$ 240 to Presbyterians Sharing through additional donations
- \$2,040 to PWS&D Japan, East Africa and General appeals
- \$1,250 for the SAIT Adopt a Student Advent Mission
- \$1,145 to the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, plus other direct and food donations
- \$ 50 to Mustard Seed
- \$1,239 to our own Inn from the Cold program
- \$2,138 for Acadia Place, from the Induction Service and the Lenten Mission.

We did not manage to raise enough income in 2011 to meet our expenses, as we had done in the previous two years. Consequently we have had to use our Restricted Funds to make up the difference this time. The budget for 2012 calls for income less than we received last year, so it would appear that we could possibly reach that goal without drawing down our assets as much as we have just done.

Respectfully Submitted, Edward C. Samson (Convenor, Finance Committee, and Treasurer)

ST GILES PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	2012 BUDGET	2011 Actual	2011 BUDGET
Assessments			
Presbytery and Synod Dues	11,609	14,496	14,496
Presbyterian Pension Plan	5,403	5,403	7,044
Extended Health Care	4,928	7,200	7,200
	<u>21,940</u>	<u>27,099</u>	<u>28,740</u>
Salaries			
Minister's Stipend	44,413	42,500	42,500
Minister's Rent Allowance	18,000	18,000	18,000
Minister's Utilities	3,600	2,865	3,600
Minister's Study Leave	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>67,013</u>	<u>64,365</u>	<u>65,100</u>
Church Secretary and Supply	15,750	32,308	30,384
Church Officer and Supply	19,656	17,192	23,484
Director of Music	8,568	8,400	8,400
Organist, Pianist	10,098	9,170	9,000
Church Nursery	1,856	1,727	1,584
Employee Benefits	8,000	5,714	5,200
	<u>130,941</u>	<u>138,876</u>	<u>143,152</u>
Christian Education			
Sunday School and Teacher Recognition	700	485	820
Youth Group	400	247	400
Adult Education	350	28	500
Vacation Bible School	150	142	0
Library	150	124	150
	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,026</u>	<u>1,870</u>
Worship and Service			
Congregational Life Events	1,000	1,443	1,000
Music Materials	1,500	1,790	1,500
Special Occasion Music	1,000	380	1,000
Pastoral Care	150	250	150
Pulpit Supply	1,200	950	1,250
Sundry	500	954	400
	<u>5,350</u>	<u>5,767</u>	<u>5,300</u>
Mission and Outreach			
Advertising	500	459	500
Designated	5,000	4,773	5,000
Donations	200	200	200
Inn From the Cold	1,500	1,380	1,500
Mission in Action Projects	250	0	250
Presbyterians Sharing	20,000	27,000	27,000
PWS&D	0	2,040	0
	<u>27,450</u>	<u>35,852</u>	<u>34,450</u>
Church Office and Supplies			
Office Supples	3,500	4,139	3,500

Telephone, Internet	7,200	5,510	7,000
Copier and Computer	3,000	4,110	3,000
Bank Charges	450	342	450
	<u>14,150</u>	<u>14,101</u>	<u>13,950</u>
Property Expenses			
Amortization	19,500	19,500	19,500
Insurance	3,100	3,342	3,350
Organ and Piano Repair	1,000	2,643	1,000
Repairs and Maintenance	11,500	14,803	11,500
Janitorial Service	0	5,908	0
Projector and Screen	0	3,957	4,000
Gifts in Kind	0	4,100	0
Electricity, Natural Gas	13,000	13,130	11,500
	<u>48,100</u>	<u>67,383</u>	<u>50,850</u>
	<u>249,681</u>	<u>290,104</u>	<u>278,312</u>
Total Budgeted Expenses			
Certain amounts are from special funds and depreciation is not a cash charge	0 (19,500)	0 (19,500)	0 (19,500)
Net Cash Requirements	<u>230,181</u>	<u>270,604</u>	<u>258,812</u>
Revenues are derived from:			
Envelopes			
Progress Fund	0	0	0
Designated Donations	5,000	4,773	5,000
Memorials	1,000	0	2,000
Open Plate	3,500	3,329	3,000
Congregational Life Events	10,000	7,665	10,000
Gifts in Kind	0	4,100	0
Vacation Bible School	0	402	0
Inn From the Cold	1,500	1,380	1,500
Interest Earned	0	0	1,000
Other Donations(funerals,weddings,etc.)	4,000	3,186	4,000
PWS&D	0	2,040	0
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>26,875</u>	<u>26,500</u>
Total Other Income			
From Savings/Reserves	<u>0</u>	<u>27,501</u>	<u>0</u>
ENVELOPE OFFERINGS for the year	<u>205,181</u>	<u>216,228</u>	<u>232,312</u>
Net Surplus for the year	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>