

Nelson United Church
Sunday, March 12, 2023
Annual Report 2022



***“We dare to live the Way of Jesus,
embodying the Love of God”***

Voting privileges:

All present in-person and online are welcome to vote.

Voting Process:

Revised at the AGM 2022: That Nelson United Church continues to operate using “Consensus Decision Making” except for Congregational Meetings and the Annual General Meeting.

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NUC Vision Statement

At Nelson United Church, we affirm that we are created as whole beings. We will gather to encounter the mystery of the Spirit and celebrate God's gift of life.



Statement of Faith and Action

God calls us to be a loving, inclusive and compassionate people, who following Christ's teachings, gather to worship, celebrate the gift of love, live with respect in creation and seek justice and welcome for all regardless of, but not limited to, the following: age, race, colour, ancestry or place of origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, physical and mental ability and economic status.



Territorial Acknowledgement

NUC Board approved March 28, 2022

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territories of the Sinixt, the Syilx, and the Ktunaxa peoples, and is home to many diverse indigenous persons including the Metis. We acknowledge the injustices that indigenous people have faced and continue to face today. We commit to reconciliation together as children of the creator.

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NUC Annual General Meeting
Sunday, March 12, 2023
After worship in-person and on Zoom @ 11:30 AM

Agenda

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81140019275>
Meeting ID: 811 4001 9275; Passcode: 491902

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Prayer
3. Voting privileges
4. Approval of Agenda
5. Approval of April 24th, 2022, AGM minutes.
6. Business arising from AGM minutes.
7. Non-financial reports.
9. Narrative Budget
10. Financial Reports:
 - a. Approval of Budget for 2023
 - b. Approval of Trust Fund financial statements for 2022
 - c. Other financial reports
11. Nominations
12. New Business – *Future of Ministry*
13. Gratitudes
14. Blessing & Song
15. Adjournment

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**NELSON UNITED CHURCH BOARD
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Sunday, April 24, 2022**

Present: 24 congregation members in person and 10 members via ZOOM

Executive: Linda Mae Findlay (chair), Leah Gray (Treasurer)(present via ZOOM), David Boyd (minister), Kathy Baker (Secretary), Jasmine Lysenko, Berdine Jonker

The AGM Report has been made available to everyone.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Linda Mae called the meeting to order at 11:16

2. OPENING PRAYER AND SONG:

We opened with the singing of "Deep in our Hearts" (MV#154)
David led with an opening prayer.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution: to accept the Agenda as distributed in the AGM report. **Approved by Consensus**

4. VOTING PRIVILEGES:

All present, in person and online, are welcome to vote.

5. CONSENSUS DECISION MAKING:

a) Linda Mae outlined the consensus decision making model.

There are 4 options under this decision-based model - those being:

- Agreement; or
- Agreement with some reservations expressed; or
- Reservations that require more information or revision of resolution; or
- No agreement based on the reasoning that it is not compatible with the values of NUC.

b) Questions from the floor around consensus decision making:

- A feeling that this type of decision-making puts pressure on an individual and may leave them feeling guilty.
- The 4th choice of blocking the decision based on NUC values is very subjective.
- Does not feel consensus is overall the best way.
- Consider the possibility of allowing "Rules of Order" at AGM
- Consensus is meant to take time for discussion.

Resolution: That Nelson United Church continues to operate using "Consensus Decision Making" except for Congregational Meetings and the Annual General Meeting. During these meetings, we will follow "Consensus Decision Making" unless a voting member requests a switch to "Bourinot's Rules of Order". At this request a Motion will be called for, discussion, a seconder, and a vote. Fifty-one percent vote carries the motion. This request will only apply to the item under discussion at the time.

Approved by Consensus

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: (pages 2 to 8 of AGM Report)

It was explained that because of COVID we did not hold an AGM in 2021. We did hold a congregational ZOOM meeting that was for information only. No decisions or financial reports were part of the 2021 meeting.

Resolution: A call for the approval of the minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting on January 13, 2019, and the AGM of March 24, 2019 as distributed in the AGM Report.

Approved by Consensus

7. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF NARRATIVE BUDGET AND ALL WRITTEN (non-financial) REPORTS: (pages 9 to 16 and 18 to 19 of AGM Report)

- a) David spoke to the Narrative Budget and the scope of breaking the ministries and programs into four main practices. The Practice of Worshipping; The Practice of Learning; The Practice of Caring and the Practice of Reaching Out.
- b) Nicole spoke to the Youth and Family Ministry Report. This ministry is reaching out in directions outside of the church.
- c) Mary Ann Morris spoke to the Bienestar Report. She reported that the Bienestar group and the NUC staff have worked closely to ensure that all funds in and out are accounted for and that best practice is followed to ensure they are within Revenue Canada's guidelines. She highlighted the help of Margaret Stacey in ensuring this was in place. Her thanks to past Board member Roy Nelson and current Board member Joe Woodward.
Mary Ann also noted a \$10,000 endowment for studying climate change adaptations in Guatemala.

Resolution: To approve the Narrative Budget and all written, non-financial reports that are included in the AGM Report.

Approved by Consensus

- d) Following the above reports, David made note of the Weddings, Baptisms and Scholarships. (page 17 of AGM Report)
We shared a moment of silence and a prayer to remember the members of our congregation we lost this past year.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS

David presented these reports on behalf of Leah.

- a) Financial Statements for 2021
(pg. 20 - Comparative Balance Statement and pgs. 22 to 24 - Comparative Income Statement)
 - Givings have remained fairly stable
 - Rental to the Food Centre is a stable income for us
 - Thanks to Linda Mae and Berdine for their research and applications for grants.
 - the TEWS subsidy was a bonus that will not carry over to 2022
 - Electricity is up but gas is down.
 - Many personal donations which are a significant help

- Capitol Cost for 2021 (page 31) were significant including flooring and heat pump. We did receive a \$3600 rebate for our earlier heat pump and a \$4800 rebate for the newest heat pump, as well as Insurance payout for the flooding damage. The total cost of improvements was \$40,897.18

Resolution: To accept the Financial Statements for 2021.

Approved by Consensus

b) Approval of Budget for 2022 (page 28 to 30 of the AGM Report

- \$20,000 was taken from the Vision Fund to balance the budget.
- As we move towards splitting the office administration position into two positions of office administrator and bookkeeper, there will be little change in total hours.
- The grant for the Social Media Minister expires in June so that position will become a budget item.

Resolution: To accept the Budget for 2022.

Approved by Consensus

Leah expressed thanks to Debbie for all the work she has done in the financial reporting. It has been a lot of work and a job well done!

c) Approval of Trustees' Report, including Trust Fund Summary (page 27 of the AGM Report)

Bob spoke to the Trustees' Report

- \$10,000 was paid into General Funds
- All Scholarships were paid based on the earnings of the Funds This year's scholarships will be determined in May.

Resolution: To accept the Trustee's Report for 2021

Approved by Consensus

d) Other Financial Reports

- The UCW Financial Report is published on page 26 of the AGM Report

We took a short break from the meeting and enjoyed a visual tribute to Nelson United Church. thanks to Jody and Judy for the preparation of this presentation.

9. NOMINATION TEAM REPORT

Members of the nomination team are Leah Gray, Joe Woodward and Debbie Bartlett

- Current Board Members are Leah Gray, Kathy Baker, Berdine Jonker, Jasmine Lysenko
- Retiring Board Member – Kathy Baker
- Nominations to the Board – Andrew Murray and Carrie Fitzsimmons

Resolution: To approve the Board appointments of Andrew Murray and Carrie Fitzsimmons,

Approved by Consensus

10. NEW BUSINESS

a) Reconciliation Work with Indigenous People

- i) Berdine shared the Territorial Acknowledgement brought to the congregation from the Board. It reads:

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We would like to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territories of the Sinixt, the Syilx, and the Ktunaxa peoples, and is home to many diverse indigenous persons including the Metis. We acknowledge the injustices that indigenous people have faced and continue to face today. We commit to reconciliation together as children of the creator.

- Berdine gave the background behind this initiative:
 - This work is a result of the United Church of Canada's commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Report as well as the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People
 - Since 1986, the UCC has acknowledged our role in the colonization of Indigenous people.
 - For information and history, refer to The United Church of Canada's website.
 - Nelson has a very layered background within the Indigenous People. The Board has had many presentations from many sources in our attempt to create a Territorial Acknowledgement.
 - The Board feels that reconciliation is an important part of our lives as Christians.

- ii) Discussion:

- Words are empty and meaningless without back-up - not supportive of empty jargon.
- Counterproposal that this acknowledgement is superseded by authenticity.
- The Board has had many discussions around empty words and feels that words and action need to be part of the path forward.
- Words do not have to be empty, they can be very powerful. Can we include both words and actions rather than either/or? We can centre ourselves with words.
- This acknowledgement is not for every Sunday. The Board's goal is to have the words thought out and ready when it is appropriate to use them.
- Declarations are gradually heightening awareness.
- Happy to see the acknowledgement and agrees that they should be followed by action.
- There is internal conflict in this area. We should not be specific.
- Can not support an acknowledgement that this is someone else's land.

Resolution: A call for consensus on the Territorial Acknowledgement, within the broader contest of reconciliation work of Nelson United Church and the United Church of Canada.

1 member will step aside

4 members need more information

Not Approved by Consensus. This will be taken back to the Board.

b) Staffing Proposal: Community Engagement and Communication Minister

- Berdine presented this proposal as a follow up to the discussion at the congregational meeting two years ago. At that time, the proposal was sent back to the Board for details and clarification.
- Things to consider:
 - David does not have time to manage another program and we need to recognize that he will retire in a few years.
 - We are assessing all our staffing with an eye to the future
 - A lot of work in thriving congregations happens mid-week, outside of Sunday services.
 - Volunteer commitments has passed. We need to look at other choices.
 - This position would not change our Sunday Services.
- This is a proposal for a half time position “Community Engagement and Communication Minister”
 - A two-year initiative that would open “other” front doors into the church. This would include spiritual explorations, interfaith partnerships, partnerships with community initiatives that have shared values with NUC, Justice initiatives and Food Security partnerships.
 - Research and apply for grants
 - Expand uses for our building
 - Explore connections with under 40s and diverse populations.
- Next steps:
 - Create a Position Description with a starting date of October, 2022.
 - Seek PMRC grants
 - Recruit, interview and hire
- Metrics for Measurement: Accountability reports to the Board on March 31, 2023, October 23, 2023, March 31, 2024, end of two year term.
 - Number of “first time” connections and partnerships with consideration of under 40s and diverse populations.
 - Success in grant research and applications as well as online donations.
 - Increase in mid-week programs and online engagement.
- Budget approximately \$40,000 per year
 - We have \$55,000 remaining in our Vision Fund that has no stipulations. We have used \$40,000 for building renovations and feel it is important to also develop new and innovative programs.
 - We expect this could be a pilot project within pacific Mountain Region. To date they are supportive of this initiative, and we hope for some funding from them.

Resolution: A call for approval, in principle, for the staffing proposal for the position of Community Engagement and Communication Minister. This approval is based on securing financing.

1 member will step aside
Approved by Consensus

c) Bike Shelter Proposal:

- Andrew presented a proposal for the installation of a bike shelter:
- This covered shelter would accommodate 15 to 20 bicycles and have a couple charging stations. It would be situated on the Silica Street side of the church.
- The proposal hopes to increase the use and access to the building, support health and acknowledge the need to move away from cars.
- Looking ahead, this would be many months of planning, researching designs and costs and applying for funding. Once that is complete we would need to apply for a construction permit from the city.
- the Board is looking for approval to move forward with this research.

Resolution: A call for agreement, in principle, to move forward with research for design and funding of a bike shelter to be built on Silica Street.

Approved by Consensus

11. Recognitions:

A screen was shared showing the many volunteers who help keep Nelson United Church operating and serving our vision:

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12. David thanked everyone for the conversations.

We have been able to tackle difficult conversation and differing opinions with respect – a good model for all of Canada.

13. David ended with a Blessing

14. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46

Chairperson, Linda Mae Findlay

Secretary, Kathy Baker

Minister's Report

~ Rev. David Boyd

Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:17, *“so if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”*

Again in Philippians 4:6-7, Paul said, “do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

It is a hard thing to discern what God is calling the church to be and do in these challenging times. There has been so much change since 2000, but the last 5 years have seen a marked decline in religious communities. Paul's words to the Corinthian people were hopeful and full of promise in those challenging times in the early church; today, it is good to be reminded of Paul's words for we need to remember that God is creating something new and accompanies us through these difficult changes.

One of the things of which we need to be aware is that there is a lot of discouragement among church leaders, clergy, pastors and minister; we don't know what the future holds and many of us have tried to put into practice what Paul wrote to the Philippian church. We try to trust in God and live with faith that God will keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. However, like many of my colleagues have commented, “how can we not worry about the church in 2023!”

Summarizing 2022:

- ✓ We began the year again with no in-person worship. We didn't start to worship in person until well into Lent.
- ✓ Debbie shifted from the office administrator's position, which included bookkeeping, to become our bookkeeper only. Robyn added to her staff duties and became the office administrator.
- ✓ In the Spring, Nicole was recognized as a Congregational Designated Minister (CDM); in October, Robyn, too, was recognized as a CDM.
- ✓ I took a sabbatical over the summer months, which wasn't exactly as I had planned it—I spent well over ½ of my sabbatical time looking after my mother who had some health challenges.
- ✓ I returned to work October 1st and requested a reduction in my call from full-time to 3/4-time.
- ✓ We've continued our online ministry presence.
- ✓ Nicole's work expanded to include the Art Hive for teens and Sunday School once per month as well as continuing the Spirit Explorers once per month.
- ✓ We received a grant from the Pacific Mountain Region to hire a ¾-time Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator; Katie McEwen starts March 1st.
- ✓ Our relationship with the Nelson Community Food Centre continues to go well and renovations to become a commercial kitchen are complete.
- ✓ There has been increased use of our building since the fall.
- ✓ We've ironed out our relationship with Bienestar to meet Canada Revenue Agency guidelines.
- ✓ Circle of Indigenous Nations Society continues to use our building for a healing/smudging circle, and we continue to discern how to live into the truth and reconciliation recommendations for Canada.
- ✓ We've continued to upgrade our Audio/Visual equipment to provide a better online experience and more opportunities for projection in the church.

Minister's Report (continued)

- ✓ We participated in the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser and walk last February.
- ✓ We gave Linn Murray our blessings and support as he headed for Guatemala.
- ✓ Truth and Reconciliation discussions took place and there is ongoing messaging.
- ✓ We held the Garage sale, Christmas bazaar, and Cookie Walk.
- ✓ And in November, we held our first in-person Advent Event in a few years.

Lest we think that we are struggling alone in trying to discern the future, I have heard similar struggles from colleagues across the United Church; here are some of the things I've heard about changes, some of which, we, too, are facing:

- ✓ Church choirs as we have known them, because of declining choir member are no longer able to function in the same way.
- ✓ Many ministers are moving from full- to part-time because church finances are declining.
- ✓ Amalgamations (where that can happen) are taking place because of shrinking congregations, or churches are closing.
- ✓ Congregations from different denominations are joining together.
- ✓ Property redevelopment is a common occurrence. FYI, our Boyd family home church in Nanaimo, Brechin UC, erected a low-income housing high-rise with space for a sanctuary and offices. Other congregations are trying other property development—concert space, community centre, etc.
- ✓ There continues to be exploration of deepening our spiritual lives through spiritual practices and other small group gatherings; for example, trying what is called “wild church,” where people gather together for an intentional time in a natural setting. Or sponsoring a yoga class, fostering meditation groups.

While it may be difficult to shift our thinking from loss to opportunity, we are in a time in which there is room to try different things. The hopeful way of looking at these times is to consider that, as one door closes, another opens.

We will not return to the way things were 25 years ago. And we need to find new ways to fund our congregation's mission and ministry (see the narrative budget below for more about this), but perhaps we are entering a time in our progressive church history when Sunday morning worship will no longer be the focus of the week, and there will be other smaller ministry opportunities for people to gather and develop a deeper sense of God's presence and hope.

What we all know and can affirm is that the world needs to hear progressive and inclusive words of love. We are followers of Jesus' way of hope, justice and love, and we do embody God's love. That does not change and we continue to live this vision out in what we do as God's Nelson United Church.

Thank you for your participation in our congregation. It really is about ministry together, and thank you for your personal support of my ministry. Read on to celebrate our work in 2022!





Board Chair Report

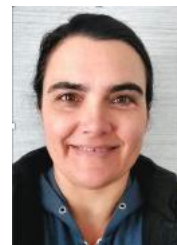
~ Linda Mae Findlay



Linda Mae Findlay, Chair



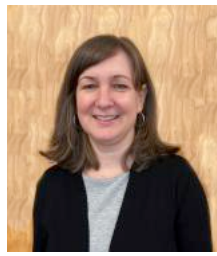
Leah Gray, Treasurer



Jasmine Lysenko, Secretary



Rev David Boyd & Carrie Fitzsimmons



Berdine Jonker



Andrew Murray

This is us now, the Nelson United Church Board (NUC Board) We do miss Kathy Baker *hugely*, who was secretary for years, but we welcome Dr. Andrew Murray and Dr. Carrie Fitzsimmons with open arms! We started off the year with a presentation by Audrey Repin, Indigenous & Community Relations lead for Columbia Power Corp. She did amazing work gathering the Sinixt, Ktunaxa, Sylix, Okanagan, and Seewepmepc nations to honour the Beaver Creek Legacy Arbour. Audrey believes that time, continuing contact and long-term communication works in bringing diverse interests together. The board is still discussing a Land Acknowledgment statement, but felt that we needed to listen to the congregation. In May, Berdine and Carrie started planning a congregation discussion around our reconciliation strategy. So many personal stories and suggestions came out of that. As a result, Truth & Reconciliation Actions are being posted in NUC News, and the board members are doing monthly book reviews. We're looking forward someday to a field trip to the Ktunaxa Band at St. Eugene near Cranbrook.

Staffing keeps us busy! The office administrator job has become two, with one going to a contract bookkeeper. Nicole continues as our Congregational Youth Minister, and Robyn celebrated her fifth year with a new title: Congregational Designated Music Minister. Andy's contract under a ProVision grant ended in June, but we decided we really needed him, so he's been added to the payroll. Much work from M&P was put in to creating the *Community Engagement and Communication Coordinator* job description, and, on our second try we were successful in obtaining a Pacific Mountain Region United Church ProVision grant to fund it! An exceptional candidate was hired to start March 2023 – Katie McEwen.

Down in the Church Hall, we all can see the gigantic renovations and improvements done by the Nelson Community Food Centre. They came to talk to us in May requesting a more formal partnership type of relationship, not just landlord-tenant. As a result, two members of our board are meeting regularly with members of theirs. As Audrey Repin shared with us at the beginning of the year, consultation and continuing contact can build fruitful relationships.

We are looking forward to 2023 which is developing into a new and exciting time with many changes and new people.

Ministry & Personnel Committee Report

~ Jody Dudley

The Ministry and Personnel (M&P) Committee acts under the guidelines of The Manual of The United Church of Canada. The committee functions around three roles, which are a consultative and supportive role, a healthy relationships role, and a supervisory role. The team provides resources and support for the staff and the congregation with respect to any issue affecting the staff of our church, including our ministry personnel and lay employees .

The M&P Committee also has a “duty of care” to ensure a safe and respectful environment within our church. God intends that all people enjoy a life free from exploitation and abuse. Created in the image of God, all people have a right to be treated with respect and protected from harm. Our church is blessed with the gifts of many who offer leadership as volunteers, staff, and ministry personnel. These people have a special calling to offer their time and talents in congregations, Sunday schools, programs for children and youth, home visiting, and many other ministries of the church. These people are also called to act with integrity and discipline as they teach and care for the people of God. The church and all of its workers are called to honour the dignity of each person as created in the image of God. In some situations, volunteers helping out in the church may be required to have a police records check. This is particularly required where volunteers are involved directly with “vulnerable individuals,” like children and elderly folks.

Serving on the NUC M&P Committee are Rona Park, Lorna Inkster, and Jody Dudley. We worked closely with the Board in the development of a "*Community Engagement and Communications Coordinator*" (CE&CC) position to take our ministry beyond the church building. We were successful in getting a grant from the Regional ProVision Fund to offset this position's expenses. Among other tasks, and in discussion with David, we recommended to the Board that he have his sabbatical leave June through September and we supported the Pulpit suppliers during that time. We were active in filling the Office Administrator position when Debbie left, recommending the position be "split" into two: Admin and Bookkeeping—Debbie took on a contract for bookkeeper and we hired Robyn Lamb to be our Office Administrator, as well as our Music Minister. To recognise Robyn's music talents we recommended that she be recognised as a Congregational Designated Minister of Music, which was bestowed in November.

Beginning in October we were also active in negotiating with David and the Board, his request to reduce his ministry to 3/4-time. We also reviewed the staff's wages and made recommendations to the Board for their approval. We also recieved approval of the new "CE&CC" position to proceed and job postings were set forth (resulting in hiring a valuable candidate in January).

If members of the congregation have praise or concerns about any of our staff, both ministry personnel and lay employees, these can be presented in signed correspondence to the M&P Committee. These reports will be considered confidentially by the committee and what action is indicated and appropriate will be taken.

We give thanks for the people in our church who faithfully serve God's people, honouring the tender trust of those in their care. Nelson United Church is blessed with staff and many volunteers who are committed to their various ministries and we are thankful for their service in our congregation.



Youth and Family Minister Report

~ Nicole Purvis

This journey continues to take me through personal reflection and study for which I am grateful. Encouragement and support has been continuous from staff, Board, M&P, members of the congregation and the larger community.

In 2022, a main focus of Children and Family Ministry is still my participation in our Sunday service, presenting a “story,” often sharing ideas and activities to engage children, youth, families and children at heart looking for playful, accessible connection to their faith, scripture and the lectionary.

When possible, I meet weekly with the Pacific Mountain Regional Council of The United Church of Canada’s First Third Ministry Leader’s Online Gathering to connect, share ideas, resources and questions around worship and faith formation for children, youth and families.

In January 2022, I participated in Spiritual Conversations: Pastoral Ministry with Children, Youth and Families, offered through Vancouver School of Theology and The United Church of Canada; my tuition covered by a bursary through the PMRC.

I have continued to prioritize Spirit Explorers, our junior youth group. We received a Vision Fund SEED Grant in summer 2021 to fund this program through summer 2023. The small group of youth has grown closer and were able to begin meeting inside the church since summertime

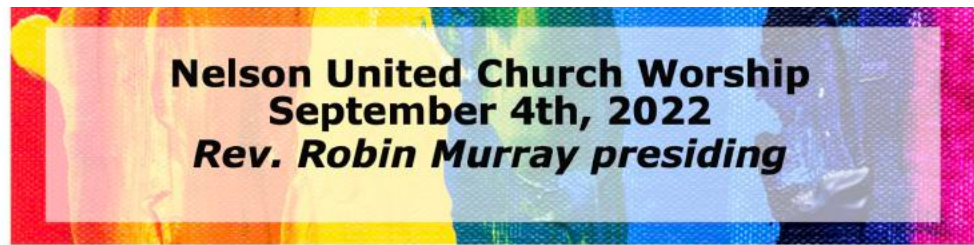
In November 2022, in partnership with Jen Ingrid, we began gathering an older group of youth for an Art Hive monthly. The goal of this group is to spend quality time together in the context of our faith, to slow down, relax, make stuff and be together. Into the future, we will continue to explore themes of personal growth, spiritual exploration, community building, recycling/upcycling, artistic skill building, self-care, community service, theology, fun and laughter.

In December 2022, we began gathering one Sunday a month for an all ages Sunday School. This program has grown already over the 2 months we’ve come together.

I am grateful to continue sharing PMR's Faith@Home magazines and activity kits with interested families each season.

Into the future I look forward to working with an ever growing group of community members to lead in worship and gather for smaller conversations.





Guatemala Bienestar



After the ending of Selkirk College Nursing Practice Experience in Guatemala, there was a growing awareness of the desire and opportunity to financially support wellness initiatives identified and implemented by Guatemalan groups that are small, reflect local needs, and have real potential to make a

difference in people's lives. Nelson United Church, after discussion with the Guatemala Bienestar initiative, decided to take responsibility for this charitable action in Guatemala.

Description of Activities, Timelines and Deadlines

The work carried out by Guatemala Bienestar on behalf of Nelson United Church is to support locally identified and managed social and health promotion projects in Guatemala that contribute to community wellness through improved health, education, capacity building, identity validation and self-worth of the people.

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Guatemala Bienestar, in carrying out its activities, is managed by a board comprised of a minimum of four members, two of whom will be members of the Nelson United Church. The Guatemala Bienestar board will review projects for funding on March 1st and September 1st for a 12-month project agreement. An annual accounting of all incoming donations, funded projects, and a summary of projects will be submitted to the Nelson United Church Board for year-end reporting. The Nelson United Church Board reviews and approves requests with documentation to release funds for projects approved by Guatemala Bienestar Board.

We are pleased to have this relationship with Bienestar. They are providing extraordinary support to many people in a few communities in Guatemala. To read more about their activities, go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/2o9vpne4>



People living with diabetes club goals



Diabetes health promoter carrying out a homevisit with a client who is insulin-dependent

Nelson Community Food Centre Report

~Leah Gray and Kathy Baker

Board Representatives to the Food Centre

Construction of the new commercial kitchen has been completed, much to the relief of both the Food Centre staff and volunteers and the congregation of Nelson United.

It seems like this project went on forever, and we applaud the NCFC staff and our NUC staff for putting up with all the interruptions, noise, dirt and mess. It was a larger, more involved project than anyone anticipated.

This is a project that our church would never have been able to afford so we are most grateful to the Food Centre for taking it on and financing it. We helped minimally, where we could, and will certainly reap the benefits.

There will be a dedication of the new space sometime in the late spring. The Food Centre and Nelson United congregation will combine to offer this special time of gratitude.

Nelson Community Food Centre continues to operate the “Good Food Bank”, and will soon be reinstating their community dinners, after-school program, and food preparation/preservation classes. We share the vision of food security for our community and are proud of this partnership with NCFC.



Nelson United Church UCW Report

~ Leah Gray, President

The UCW has just recently begun to have regular executive meetings, and we are looking forward this year to co-ordinating some well-loved events that we have all enjoyed in the past. One thing we decided to do this year was to change our AGM date to March instead of November in order to be more in sync with the church Annual General Meeting.

Three women's groups currently comprise the UCW: Caritas, 56 Unit, and Jubilee, though Jubilee and 56 Unit will soon be joining forces. These groups meet separately from the executive team, usually about 8 times a year. New members are welcomed and encouraged to join any of the UCW units.

We were able to start holding our regular fund-raising events in November of 2022. A highly successful Christmas Bazaar was held in November and we were able to offer the Cookie Walk in person in December. Both events were well-attended and enjoyed by all. A Valentine coffee party, St. Patrick's Day Top 'O the Morning coffee party, a used clothing sale/exchange, and a Spring tea are all being planned for the spring.

We have catered several memorial gatherings over the past few months.

We are once again providing Sunday beverages and goodies for the congregation. It's gratifying to note the visiting and lively conversation that happens in the church hall after the service. Our biggest news this year is the completion by the Nelson Nelson United Churchmunity Food Centre of our wonderful industrial kitchen. We are very excited to share it with the Food Centre. While we were only able to contribute to the cost in a small way, we applaud and very much appreciate all the work that went in to creating this new facility.

This year we welcomed some new members to our UCW family, but also lost some due to death or relocation. We started our year with 62 members, but are now down to 60 members. We remember our friends that have passed on this year, Lorna Marsh, Carol Allan, June Crichton, and loyal UCW supporter, Terry Baker.

We are thankful for assistance from the men of the church, who help us to set up for various events; respond to repair and building requests; clean chairs and tables; wash dishes (with or without a dish washer!)



Membership and Scholarships Report



We remember

Betty Askew, d. March 8, 2022; memorial service March 21st, 2022.

Greg Stacey, d. January 2, 2021; memorial service May 7th, 2022.

Kevin MacAskill, d. February 5, 2022; memorial service May 28th, 2022.

Mary Ferraro, d. October 18, 2019; memorial service October 15th, 2022.

June Crichton, d. November 30, 2022; memorial service December 10th, 2022.

Carol Allan, d. December 4, 2022. Memorial service to be held summer of 2023.

Lorna Marsh, d. December 7, 2022; memorial service January 14, 2023.

Scholarship Recipients



Laurel Nixon - Women's Scholarship \$2000

Tegwen Middelstadt-Craik - Women's Scholarship \$2000

Max Ramos Swanson - Guilford Brett Scholarship \$ 3500

Linn Murray – James Hamilton Allen Scholarship \$4000



2022 Narrative Budget

Why do we do a narrative budget?

It is a helpful way to tell the story of our congregation in terms of mission and ministry; instead of just reading the line item budget, which not everyone grasps, this gives a big picture of where our time, talents and money are used in terms of **what our church does**.

Does a narrative budget help with stewardship?

According to the United Church, the top 3 reasons why people give to a community of faith are:

1. **Shared cause:** Donors look for organizations with which they have a heart connection—a shared cause that makes the organization a compelling recipient of funds.
2. **Ministry efficiency:** Church donors need continual evidence that they are giving money to a financially efficient ministry. Communities of faith must strive to prove this to donors.
3. **Ministry influence:** Wanting to make a difference—to live a life of significance. People no longer give to the church simply because it is the church! Each community of faith must prove that it is worthy of donations through the mark it leaves on the world.

A narrative budget helps us understand the relationship between the total amount raised by our congregation and how that total is spent on ministry and mission.

A. Reflections Regarding Income.

NUC 2022 Total Income was \$256,200.

Donations	\$159,100	or	62.1%
Use of the Building & grants	\$ 40,030	or	15.6%
Recoveries and Other Inc ¹	\$ 5,775	or	2.3%
Trust Funds Income	\$ 19,000	or	7.4%
Vision Fund, UCW & grants	\$ 32,300	or	12.6%

The United Church of Canada:	<u>1992</u>	<u>2021</u>
Congregational Donations	71%	62.5%
UCW Contributions ²	6%	0.9%
Other ³	23%	36.6%

¹ Includes \$4,800 rebate from Fortis BC.

² UCWs have aged and therefore the amount of fundraising has dramatically reduced in 30 years.

³ This amount would be bequests, interest income, trust funds, building rental, etc.

Our congregation, when broken down using national church categories:

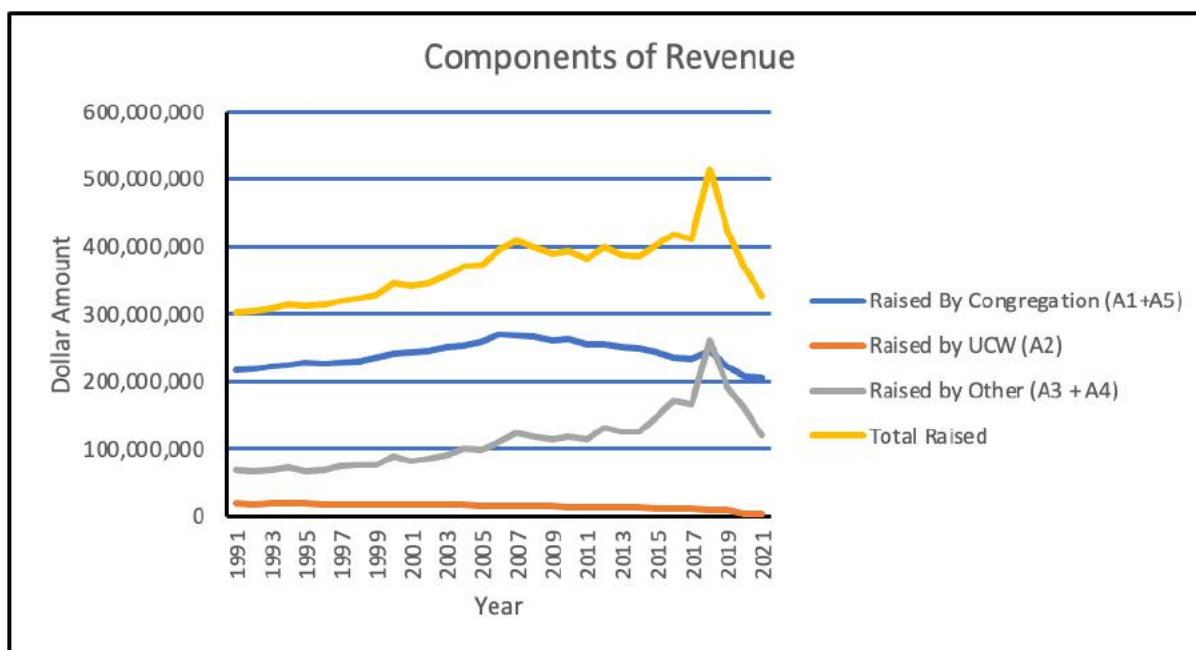
	2022
Congregational Donations	62.1%
UCW Contributions	3.9%
Other	34%

Explanation

Most congregations in the '80s and '90s aimed for at least 75% of their income to be from donations. Rentals from the building became commonplace in the 60s and 70s partly due to the building of church halls to accommodate large Sunday schools, but also because there was an increased demand for public space. AA groups, the Guiding and Scouting movements, CGITs, after school drop-ins, etc. often used church buildings.

The national church saw a big drop in UCW donations to congregational income. As the footnote indicated, the number of UCWs has shrunk dramatically in the last 20 years and for those that remain, the capacity for fundraising has dropped. Our NUC UCW still may be the largest in the Pacific Mountain Region and we owe a real debt of gratitude to them for the work they put in with catering, serving coffee and fundraising.

The graph on the next page shows The United Church of Canada congregational income trends from 1992 to 2021.



Notes:

- There was a big increase in other income in 2018; this was likely attributed to the selling of assets or the use of trust funds that were otherwise kept untouched.
- Total raised by congregations plateaued in 2007 and, except for the anomaly in 2018, began a sharp decline soon after.
- Donations to congregations plateaued in 2006-2007 and began a slow decline until 2018 when a sharper decline began.
- Other income has shown a steady increase to the anomaly in 2018 before a sharp decline began.

What we learn from the graph and from our own congregational experience is that we must rely on other income more and more to meet expenses. Donations alone will never again be over 70%; in fact, they will continue to decline to below 60% of congregational income. The reasons for this decline are twofold—1. Church participation is declining; and 2. The older Depression-era generation (born between 1928 and 1946) and some Baby Boomers (born between 1946 and 1964) are the historical big donors to congregations and many of those folk have died; younger generations (born since 1965), because of different priorities, less involvement in congregations, and less disposable income, give less per capita.

Many congregations are utilizing their trust funds or are selling assets to continue congregational life. There are a few examples of congregations selling their buildings and worshipping in school gymnasias or using another denomination's building. There are other examples of congregations redeveloping their properties to generate revenue (like housing or concert halls). There are many examples of congregations using their trust funds to keep the congregation going; this tends to be the first line of defence.

B. Our Narrative Budget for 2022

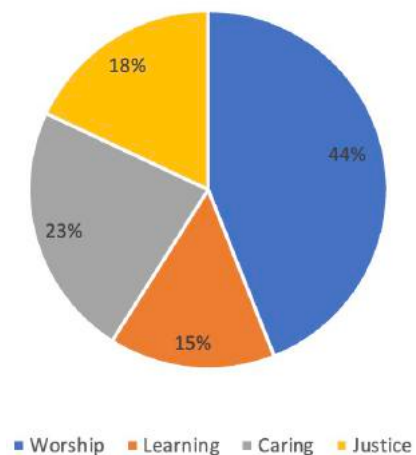
This narrative budget is based on an expenditure of **\$268,275**.

2022 Narrative Budget

The categories we're using for this year's narrative budget:

- **The Practice of Worshipping**
- **The Practice of Learning**
- **The Practice of Caring**
- **The Practice of Justice**

Worship, learning, caring and justice are the mission and ministry of our church; administrative and building support help make these ministries happen and are factored into the costs in each area.



The Practice of Worshipping

\$117,990 or 44% of \$268,275

Our congregation works hard at making worship life-giving and vibrant, full of colour and symbolism. Whether together in person or together online—or both, we work at making worship meaningful for participants. We are inspired, called, and nurtured to follow the Way of Jesus and embody the Love of God. We have a strong tradition of involving lay members in leadership in our worship. We offer worship each week on Sunday and at special times throughout the year.

Some practical examples that are part of the Practice of Worshipping:

- ministry leadership in worship/preaching.

- instruments, choir, music, and staff.
- baptisms.
- banners and décor.
- scripture readers.
- prayers of the people.
- ushers.
- space for worship and preparation.
- worship resources, hymn books, livestreaming, and projection.
- Communion once a month.
- Special worship services and celebrations.
- Ecumenical Worship.

The Practice of Justice

\$40,717 or 15% of \$268,275

Living the Way of Jesus and embodying the Love of God is how we live in the world. We provide time and money for God's work beyond our church walls. This work takes place in Nelson and region, in BC and Canada, and in countries where we partner all around the world. We also support the work of the United Church through Regional and National assessments. Our congregation has a strong ministry of outreach both locally: refugee work (currently on hiatus), Interfaith climate work, food security, and community supports, and nationally through the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church. We are called to seek justice and equality for others. Throughout the year, we reach out beyond this budget and provide additional support and funding to special projects as needs are identified—Nyanyadzi Methodist Church and Bienestar, as well as the many relief and aid donations when required. Some practical examples that are part of the Practice of Reaching Out:

- Mission and Service Fund support and support for the Pacific Mountain Region and national church.
- local initiatives for justice and care for the earth like climate justice, Affirming Ministry, and community partners.
- special projects like Bienestar, Nyanyadzi Methodist Church in Zimbabwe, and climate disaster relief.
- support of the Nelson Community Food Centre.

The Practice of Learning

\$62,230 or 23% of \$268,275

Through developing our Christian identity, each of us grows in our knowledge of what it means to be the people of God in our world.

- Spirit Explorers, Art Hive, & Sunday School.
- Adult study and reflection happen throughout the year through Bible study, book studies, interesting videos, social media information and engagement.

- Special presentations were made at various times last year as educational tools.
- Small group ministries, Bible study, videos, Zoom discussion groups, adult membership and baptism.

The Practice of Caring

\$48,576 or 18% of \$268,275

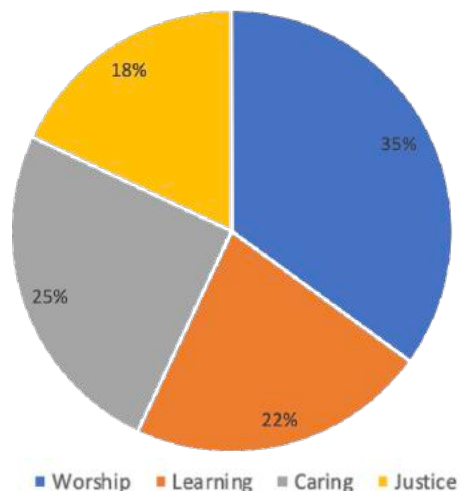
We provide for the ongoing care and support of members and friends of our congregation. We respond to individuals in times of crisis, such as illness or loss. We keep in touch with members who are housebound or who live in seniors' residences and can no longer come to church. Our ministry personnel and volunteer visitors want to make this church a caring community where each person can feel the love of God.

Some practical examples that are part of the Practice of Caring:

- visits to hospitals and seniors' residences.
- grief assistance.
- letters & special care packages and cards.
- connecting with new members.
- receptions after memorials.
- individuals reaching out to others, BYOC Zoom
- gatherings, phone calls, emails, and in-person visits.
- prayer shawls.
- Zoom meetings.
- Memorial services.

David's Time

In relation to the above, this is a graph of David's time based on a 40-hour work week.



NELSON UNITED CHURCH WOMEN TREASURER'S REPORT 2022

Balance Forward		\$8,256.21
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CREDITS

Bazaar	2990.70	
Cookie Sales	4216.00	
(20, 21,22)		
Funerals	2150.00	
Garage Sale	1466.00	
Kitchen Equipment	600.00	
Men's Club	3500.00	
Plant Sale ((56)	<u>380.00</u>	
	15,302.70	<u>15,302.70</u>
		<u>23,558.91</u>

DEBIT

Bazaar	327.92	
D. Boyd (Sabbatical)	1500.00	
Food cupboard	500.00	
Funerals	356.14	
1. Kitchen Supplies	300.00	
General funds	10,000.00	
Hospital	100.00	
Staff Gifts	700.00	
Service Charge Bank	<u>7.50</u>	
	13,791.56	<u>13,791.56</u>
Balance on hand as of Dec.ember 31, 2022		<u>9,767.35</u>

Guatemala Bienestar Account

Month	Debit Item	Debit	Credit Item	Credit	Balance
April	Diabetes Program	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 50,033.99
			NUC/Monthly Dona	\$ 10.00	\$ 50,043.99
			Canada Helps	\$ 684.68	\$ 50,728.67
			(correction)	\$ 10.00	\$ 50,738.67
May			NUC/MD	\$ 10.00	\$ 50,748.67
			Canada Helps	\$ 559.73	\$ 51,308.40
June			Counter Deposit	\$ 150.00	
			Office Deposit	\$ 1,000.00	
			NUC/MD	\$ 10.00	
			Canada Helps	\$ 944.60	\$ 53,413.00
July			NUC/MD	\$ 10.00	\$ 53,423.00
			Canada Helps	\$ 511.48	\$ 53,934.48
August			NUC/MD	\$ 10.00	\$ 53,944.48
			Canada Helps	\$ 535.60	\$ 54,480.08
	Diabetes Program	\$ 5,000.00			\$ 49,480.08
September			NUC/MD	\$ 10.00	\$ 49,490.08
			Canada Helps	\$ 559.73	\$ 50,049.81
October			NUC/MD	\$ 10.00	\$ 50,059.81
			Counters deposit	\$ 40.00	\$ 50,099.81
			Canada Helps	\$ 559.73	\$ 50,659.54
November			NUC/MD	\$ 10.00	\$ 50,669.54
			Canada Helps	\$ 5,522.23	\$ 56,191.77
December	Diabetes Program	\$ 5,300.00			\$ 5,089.77
	Scholarship Program	\$ 5,375.00			\$ 45,516.77
			NUC/MD	\$ 10.00	\$ 45,526.77
			Canada Helps	\$ 2,467.19	\$ 47,993.96
January			NUC/MD	\$ 10.00	\$ 48,003.96
			Canada Helps	\$ 3,799.20	\$ 51,803.16





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	Budget 01/01/2023 to 12/31/2023	Actual 01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022	
REVENUE			
OPERATING RECEIPTS			
Offerings-General Fund	160,000.00	154,520.58	
Envelope Initial Offerings	150.00	110.00	
Loose Offerings	4,000.00	3,709.15	
Other Donations	36,000.00	32,293.04	
CanadaHelps Admin. Fee	500.00	741.76	
Total Donations	200,650.00	191,374.53	
Hall Rentals - Annual	20,000.00	19,146.50	
Hall Rentals - Non-annual	10,000.00	12,916.00	
Rental Groups Insurance Rec'd	1,500.00	1,710.00	
Weddings & Funerals - Sanctuary	500.00	325.00	
Weddings & Funerals - Minister	600.00	915.00	
Weddings & Funerals - Musician	300.00	750.00	
Weddings & Funerals - Custodian	200.00	315.00	
Weddings & Funerals - Tech Support	200.00	925.00	
Other Fundraising	10,000.00	550.00	
Grant(s) Received	40,750.00	2,478.60	
Total Fundraising	84,050.00	40,031.10	
Broadview	700.00	675.00	
Books	300.00	250.00	
Office Expense Recoveries	100.00	50.00	
Rebates	0.00	4,800.00	
Total Expense Recoveries & Other	1,100.00	5,775.00	
Received from Trustees	20,000.00	19,000.00	
Total From Trustees	20,000.00	19,000.00	
TOTAL OPERATING RECEIPTS	305,800.00	256,180.63	
DEFERRED AND TRUST			
Benevolent	0.00	432.00	
Fair Trade	0.00	0.00	
Memorial Fund	0.00	810.00	
Paul Wood Technology Fund	0.00	7,215.00	
Pipe Organ Maintenance Fund	0.00	0.00	
Special Project	0.00	50.00	
Refugee Fund	0.00	0.00	
Vision Fund	0.00	1,812.68	
Spirit Camp 2022	0.00	785.00	
Community Engagement Grant	0.00	30,750.00	
Youth Exchange Grant	0.00	0.00	
Spirit Explorers	0.00	100.00	
Total Deferred Revenue Receipts	0.00	41,954.68	
Mission & Service	0.00	11,119.00	
World Dev & Relief	0.00	1,062.00	
UCC Emergency Response	0.00	325.00	

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Bienestar Donations	16,200.00	16,198.79
Nelson Food Centre	0.00	480.00
Camp Koolaree	0.00	275.00
Scholarships (from Trustees)	0.00	11,500.00
Total Received in Trust	<u>16,200.00</u>	<u>40,959.79</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED AND TRUST	<u>16,200.00</u>	<u>82,914.47</u>
 TOTAL REVENUE	 <u>322,000.00</u>	 <u>339,095.10</u>

EXPENSE

OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS

Wages Minister	61,757.00	75,443.52
Contract Minister	3,000.00	3,940.98
Wages Min. of Music	21,142.00	20,172.44
Youth Music Leader Provision	6,000.00	0.00
Contract Musician	300.00	125.00
Wages Administrator	18,500.00	20,983.65
Contract Secretary	800.00	679.50
Community Engagement & Comm.	34,320.00	0.00
Wages Youth Minister	14,322.00	8,611.20
Wages Custodian	17,277.00	13,160.16
Contract Custodian	500.00	579.98
Technical Support	0.00	0.00
Social Media Minister	15,005.00	14,831.24
Contract Social Media Minister	200.00	125.00
Bookkeeper contract	8,400.00	4,800.00
Telephone Allowance	250.00	336.00
Study Allowance-Minister	2,000.00	294.11
Auto Allowance-Minister	300.00	317.75
Group Insurance/Benefits	10,000.00	10,749.50
Group Pension	12,000.00	10,494.00
CPP Expense	6,500.00	6,014.76
EI Expense	3,400.00	3,117.63
Worksafe BC (WCB)	150.00	159.96
Weddings & Funerals - Minister	600.00	915.00
Weddings & Funerals - Musician	300.00	800.00
Weddings & Funerals - Custodian	200.00	280.00
Weddings and Funerals -Tech Support	200.00	875.00
Total Payroll Expense	<u>237,423.00</u>	<u>197,806.38</u>
Advertising & Promotions	1,500.00	2,247.49
Bank Charges	500.00	454.37
ADP Payroll Charges	400.00	397.25
CanadaHelps Admin. Fee	500.00	741.76
Computer Replacement	1,000.00	0.00
Computer Software	1,500.00	1,511.52
Computer Maintenance	3,400.00	4,517.49
Envelopes (Offering)	200.00	215.80
Criminal Record Updates	50.00	100.00

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Miscellaneous	100.00	141.00	
Office Supplies	300.00	268.53	
Photocopy Contract	3,000.00	2,502.60	
Photocopy Maintenance	1,500.00	1,280.90	
Postage	300.00	282.90	
Professional Fees	400.00	0.00	
Telephone/Fax/Internet	1,500.00	1,592.15	
Total Administrative	16,150.00		16,253.76
Electricity	12,000.00	13,836.09	
Gas (Heat)	2,000.00	509.08	
Insurance	12,000.00	14,714.98	
Rental Groups Insurance	1,000.00	1,711.00	
Janitorial Supplies	1,000.00	1,090.00	
Repairs & Maintenance	5,000.00	2,213.59	
Security	300.00	372.60	
Snow Removal	2,000.00	3,756.78	
Water, Sewer & Garbage	1,400.00	1,390.60	
Total Building Maintenance	36,700.00		39,594.72
Christian Dev.- Books & Library	500.00	677.96	
Christian Dev. - Con. Education	50.00	19.98	
Christian Dev. - S.School/Family	150.00	139.28	
Affirm United Annual Mbrshp	150.00	125.00	
Broadview	700.00	675.00	
Contract: Progressive Renewal	0.00	0.00	
Total Christian Dev & Communication	1,550.00		1,637.22
W&M Music Equipment R & M	200.00	1,057.65	
W & M Fees & Royalties	200.00	36.87	
W&M Supplies & Decor	250.00	448.37	
W&M Music	200.00	216.76	
Total Worship & Music	850.00		1,759.65
Regional Delegates	100.00	50.00	
Regional Dues	12,000.00	11,704.00	
Other Outreach Expense	100.00	0.00	
Total Wider Church (Outreach)	12,200.00		11,754.00
Past Care Team Expenses	100.00	0.00	
Past. Care Minister Expenses	100.00	0.00	
Total Pastoral Care	200.00		0.00
TOTAL OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS	305,073.00		268,805.73

DEFERRED AND TRUST

Benevolent	0.00	0.00
Fair Trade	0.00	0.00
Memorial Fund	0.00	0.00
Paul Wood Technology Fund	0.00	0.00
Pipe Organ Maintenance Fund	0.00	0.00
Pacific Mountain Region-Technician	0.00	0.00
Special Project	0.00	0.00
Refugee Fund	0.00	0.00
Vision Fund	0.00	0.00

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Faithful Footsteps Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00
Youth Exchange Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00
Deferred Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mission & Service	0.00	0.00	0.00
World Dev & Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00
UCC Emergency Response	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bienestar Donations	16,200.00	0.00	0.00
Nelson Food Centre	0.00	0.00	0.00
Camp Koolaree	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scholarships (from Trustees)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Received in Trust	16,200.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL DEFERRED AND TRUST	16,200.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	321,273.00	268,805.73	269,057.00
NET INCOME	727.00	-12,625.10	293.00

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NELSON UNITED CHURCH WOMEN TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Forward \$8,256.21

CREDITS

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Balance on hand as of Dec.ember 31, 2022 9,767.35

NELSON UNITED CHURCH TRUSTEES ACCOUNT (CIBC)
DECEMBER 31 2022
BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank Balance Jan. 1, 2022				\$ 3,023.36
Feb. 2	Deposit from Frontier Capital		19,000.00	
Feb. 7	Cheque to NUC Operations	19,000.00		
May 25	Deposit from Frontier Capital	11,500.00		
May 27	Cheque to NUC Operations		11,500.00	
May 31	Stock Transfer from Wood Gundy		3,170.10	
June 9	Cheque for NUC Operations	3,170.10		
Nov. 28	Deposit from Frontier Capital		1,450.00	
Nov. 28	Cheque to NUC Operations	1,450.00		
Dec. 31	Service Charge for year	48.00		
		<u>\$ 35,168.10</u>	<u>\$ 35,120.10</u>	
Dec. 31	Book Balance			\$ 2,975.36
Bank Balance Dec. 31, 2022				<u><u>\$ 2,975.36</u></u>

NELSON UNITED CHURCH CIBC WOOD GUNDY ACCOUNT
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Dr.	Cr.	
Value as at Jan. 1, 2022,			\$8,678.47
May 31 Stock Donation	\$3,170.10		
May 31 Transferred to CIBC Chequing Acct.		\$3,170.10	
Dec. 31 Interest Earned	\$141.18		
	<u>\$3,311.28</u>	<u>\$3,170.10</u>	
Dec. 31 Account Balance as per Wood Gundy Account			<u><u>\$8,819.65</u></u>

Approved by Trustees

**NELSON UNITED CHURCH
GUILFORD BRETT MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUNDS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Marketable Securities at Market Value Dec. 31, 2022	10,683.01
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EQUITY

Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2022	13,972.17
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Scholarship Paid	-3,500.00
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Investment Gain for Year	210.84
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Value at December 31, 2022	10,683.01
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Approved by Trustees

**NELSON UNITED CHURCH
JAMES HAMILTON ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP TRUST FUNDS
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Marketable Securities at Market Value Dec. 2022	\$55,408.05
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EQUITY

Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2022	58,380.61
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Scholarship Paid	-4,000.00
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Investment Gain for Year	1,027.44
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Value at December 31, 2022	\$55,408.05
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Approved by Trustees

**NELSON UNITED CHURCH
RESERVE FOR WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Marketable Securities at Market Value Dec. 2022	\$42,930.51
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EQUITY

Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2022	46,130.17
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Scholarship Paid	-4,000.00
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Investment Gain for Year	800.34
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Value at December 31, 2022	\$42,930.51
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Approved by Trustees

**NELSON UNITED CHURCH
HELEN CATLEY YOUTH FUND
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Marketable Securities at Market Value December 31, 2022	65,784.04
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EQUITY

Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2022	69,928.28
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Scholarship Paid	-5,450.00
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Investment Gain for Year	1,305.76
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Value at December 31, 2022	\$65,784.04
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Approved by Trustees

**NELSON UNITED CHURCH
CANOE INCOME AND GROWTH FUND
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022**

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Marketable Securities at Market Value December 31, 2022	\$629,639.03
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EQUITY

Beginning Balance Jan. 1, 2022	632,959.18
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Transfer to NUC Operations	-15,000.00
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Investment Gain for Year	11,679.85
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Value at December 31, 2022	\$ 629,639.03
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**NELSON UNITED CHURCH
SUMMARY
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Cash and Fixed Income Investments	11,795.01
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Marketable Securities	816,239.65
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Total	\$828,034.66
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Comprised of:

CIBC Trustees Bank Account	2,975.36
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CIBC Wood Gundy Account	8,819.65
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Reserve for Women's Scholarship Fund	42,930.51
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Helen Catley Youth Fund	65,784.04
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Guilford Brett Music Scholarship Fund	10,683.01
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James Hamilton Allen Scholarship Fund	55,408.05
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Fierra Capital Income and Growth Fund (Genesis)	629,639.03
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Total	\$816,239.65
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Nelson United Church 2022 Recognitions

David, Robyn, Nicole, and Andy: They have definitely been the steadfast group over the past year.
Danaraj and Jasmine, who ensured the church was cleaned and sanitized.

Our Church Board: Linda Mae Findlay, Chair; Leah Gray, Treasurer; Berdine Jonker; Jasmine Lysenko; Andrew Murray, Carrie Fitzsimmons, and David who kept the goals of the church in sight.

Administrators: Debbie Bartlett and Robyn Lamb who kept up the business of the office.

UCW executive leaders: Leah Gray, Lynne Busby, Grace Smith, Bess Rathbone, Donna Strongman, and Bev Robertson.

NUC representatives to the Nelson Community Food Centre, Kathy Baker, Leah Gray and Berdine Jonker.

Senior Worship co-ordinators, David Boyd, Linda-Mae Findlay, and Jasmine Lysenko.

Worship Team: David, Nicole, Robyn, Lynne Busby, Shirley Moon, and Judy Cameron who developed the liturgy and themes of our Worship services.

Rev. Carol Prochaska (Ret), Jean Daniels, Catherine Rose; and **Linda Mae Findlay, Nicole Purvis, Robyn Lamb, and Caritas** who provided worship leadership during David's sabbatical.

Trustees: Bob Steed, Verna Kidd, Bev Robertson, Tom Johnston, Peter Lee, and David, who cared for the church's financial investments.

Pastoral Care Team: David, Judy Cameron, Willa Horsfall, Irene McIlwaine, Wendy Steed, Dorothy Wayling, Lois Berg, and Joe Woodward, who reached out in as many ways as possible to the members of our congregation.

Community Engagement & Communication Coordinator hiring team: Jody Dudley, Rona Park, Lorna Inkster, Leah Gray and Berdine Jonker.

PowerPoint Preparers: Kathy Baker, Elaine Henderson, Bryan Reid, Judy Cameron

Prayer Writers and Scripture Readers, Ushers: (So many to name!) who added so much to the Worship service each Sunday.

Online Worship Hosts: Donna Macdonald, Rona Park and Doug Scott, Dirk Jonker, Berdine Jonker, Jasmine Lysenko and Linda-Mae Findlay.

Ministry & Personnel Committee: Jody Dudley, Lorna Inkster, and Rona Park who supported our capable staff.

Debbie Bartlett: who took on the job of bookkeeper for the church.

The Décor Team: Judy Cameron, Kathy Baker, Wendy Steed, Marg Stacey, Carol Prochaska, Leah Gray and Christine Dudley who made the visual part of our worship chancel fresh, interesting, and meaningful.

Donna Strongman, our Envelope Secretary, for keeping our offerings tallied and issuing tax receipts.

Counters: Lou Costain and Anne Corbett, Margaret Stacey and Leah Gray who counted and registered the church offerings and donations.

Communion Preparers: Lynne Busby who set up each month, Leah Gray who provided the bread, and Judy Cameron who assisted.

Elisabeth Reder, who organized packages for the Christmas Holly Sale.

All those who gave their tireless support to the Garage Sale, Christmas Bazaar, Cookie Walk, and Advent events.

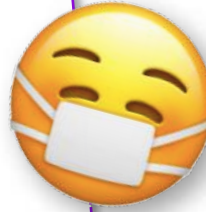
Bob Steed, an exemplary building manager and a team of helpers: Morgan Gould, Jean Elliot, Bryan Reid, Marg Stacey, Andrew Murray, and David.

Bryan Strongman, Morgan Gould, Joe Woodward and Peter Busby for always being there to help set-up for events.

Jody Dudley, NUCNews editor, who kept us informed of church activities.

grat-i-tude:

the quality of being thankful;
readiness to show appreciation for
and return kindness



Gratitude goes to all who wear masks, mind the physical distance and hand-wash during these vulnerable times: we will endure!



Gratitude goes to the many beautifiers, decorators, and artists, of the Church: we would look plain without them!



Gratitude goes to the many voices, readers, writers, dramatists, singers: our worship would sound empty without them!



Gratitude goes to the many bakers, food preparers, coffee time hosts and meal organizers of the Church: we would not celebrate without them!



Gratitude goes to the many greeters, phoners, shawl makers, drivers, home visitors: they are the front line faces of Nelson United Church.

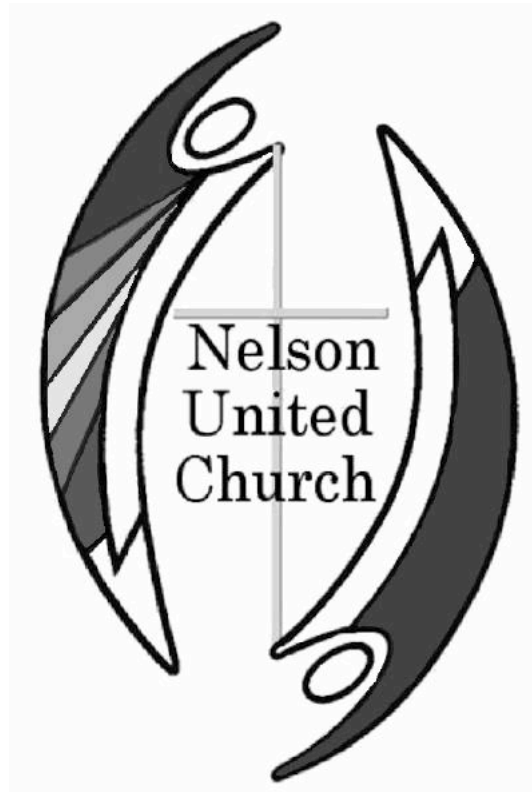


Gratitude goes to those who maintain our building, the emergency call out folk, and kitchen cleaners: they help keep our church in great shape.



Gratitude goes to the prayer vigil keepers and prayer circle people of our church: they are the underlying and over-arching ministry to our congregation.





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