

# ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH

## 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

### THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

St. Andrew's response to the COVID-19 pandemic changed many aspects of congregational life in 2020. Worship moved online in September: we now post weekly services to our YouTube channel on Sunday mornings. Many outreach activities and worship services were cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions. But we were able to adapt and grow our food ministry, offering two free take-away meals every week.

While we lament the loss of person-to-person fellowship at St. Andrew's, we are grateful how the pandemic has drawn the Board and Mission and Management Teams closer together to support our community of faith and our North Shore neighbours. We long for the day when the pandemic ends and life will be in full bloom again at St. Andrew's.

- St. Andrew's updated its Mission, Vision and Values.
- St. Andrew's became a full Affirming Ministry in December 2020. This means we are part of Affirm United/S'affirmer Ensemble, which "works for the full inclusion of people of all gender identities and sexual orientations in the United Church of Canada and in society".
- St. Andrew's worked closely with the Food Providers Working Group, an inter-organization task force that was created by North Shore Emergency Management (NSEM) agency as a response to identifying needs created by COVID-19.
- St. Andrew's community gardeners built a butterfly and bee garden adjacent to the Christian Education building, a beautiful and environmentally friendly addition to our gardens.
- Congregational member Audrey Brown compiled a short history of St. Andrew's, building on two previous histories. Audrey's history summarized key points from those and continued to present day.
- The United Church Women (UCW) financially supported the work of five North Vancouver non-profit organizations.
- St. Andrew's donated \$9,285 to the United Church of Canada's Mission & Service.
- An easier to navigate and up-to-date website was designed and launched.

### MISSION

#### Faith in Action

### VISION

**We are a community of faith** that practices radical hospitality.

**We welcome everyone** to participate in all aspects of the life and work of our faith community, including people of all ages, abilities, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, and socio-economic circumstance.

**We provide a safe, inclusive space** for meditation, prayer, and sharing the gospel.

**We provide a variety of worship and study options** that encourage spiritual formation.

**We partner with others** to mitigate the effects of homelessness, poverty, social isolation, and environmental issues in our community, and are known for our outreach and food ministries.

**We seek and support** ways to contribute to peace and justice initiatives on a global scale.

### VALUES

**We act with courage and commitment**, safeguarding the principles of diversity, authenticity, inclusiveness, and the power of Christian teachings.

**We do so with humility, integrity, gratitude, and joy.**

## FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

A budget is a theological statement that reflects our concept of what the church is; our belief about the nature of God; and our commitment to stewardship and the gospel. This financial snapshot will give you the church's financial "bottom line" for 2020. It is meant to remind everyone how much it costs to operate the church—and to thank you for giving your time, talent and treasure to our ongoing mission.

The extraordinary circumstances in 2020 also had a significant impact on the financial position of St. Andrew's. We had planned for a small surplus and the net income is in excess of \$100,000. Revenue from day-to-day operations, including offerings from in-person worship services and rental of the church building, were less than budgeted. However, the lease revenue from the Christian Education building was higher than expected and we received \$32,677 from the Federal Government's Wage Subsidy Program. As a result, the total income was \$5,988 over the budget. Overall, expenses were down from the budgeted amount by \$113,533 because most activities at the church were cancelled.

### 2020 OPERATING BUDGET

Budgeted revenue .....	<b>\$457,000</b>
Actual revenue.....	<b>\$458,325</b>
Budgeted expenses .....	<b>\$457,719</b>
Actual expenses.....	<b>\$347,674</b>

### COMMUNITY MEALS

**5,912** people served at our Thursday Express Lunch and Friday Meal-to-Go programs

**1,503** volunteer hours preparing, packaging and distributing meals

### DIVERSE MINISTRY

- United Church of Canada's Mission & Service
- First United Church Community Ministry Society
- Open Sanctuary
- Bible Study
- Faith Formation Programs
- Meditation
- Pastoral Care
- Prayer Ministry
- Community Gardens
- Community Kitchen
- Weekly Food Programs

### ADVOCACY

- Affordable Housing
- Environmental Issues
- Guaranteed Liveable Income
- Palestinian and Israeli Justice Issues

### CONGREGATIONAL STEWARDSHIP

Budgeted revenue from.....	<b>\$61,000</b>
envelopes/PAR/donations	
Actual revenue from .....	<b>\$53,403</b>
envelopes/PAR/donations	

### GRANTS

The City of North Vancouver .....	<b>\$3,000</b>
Canada Summer Jobs .....	<b>\$7,150</b>
United Way of the.....	<b>\$42,000</b>
Lower Mainland	
New Horizons for Seniors .....	<b>\$10,000</b>
Government of Canada's .....	<b>\$32,676</b>
COVID-19 Wage Subsidy Program	

### BOARD AND STAFF

**Church Board:** John Eakin (Chair), Gail Sokalski (Secretary), Lillias Bjornson (Treasurer), Diana Lyons, Ali Panahi, Mark Egerton, Rev. Judith Hardcastle (ex officio).

**Board of Trustees:** John Eakin (Chair), Rev. Judith Hardcastle, Lillias Bjornson, Phyllis McNeil.

**Staff:** Jason Feng (Office Administrator), Susan Cowan (Events Coordinator), Rebecca Knight (Community Outreach Coordinator), Sarah Higgins (Communications Coordinator), Won Kim (Caretaker).