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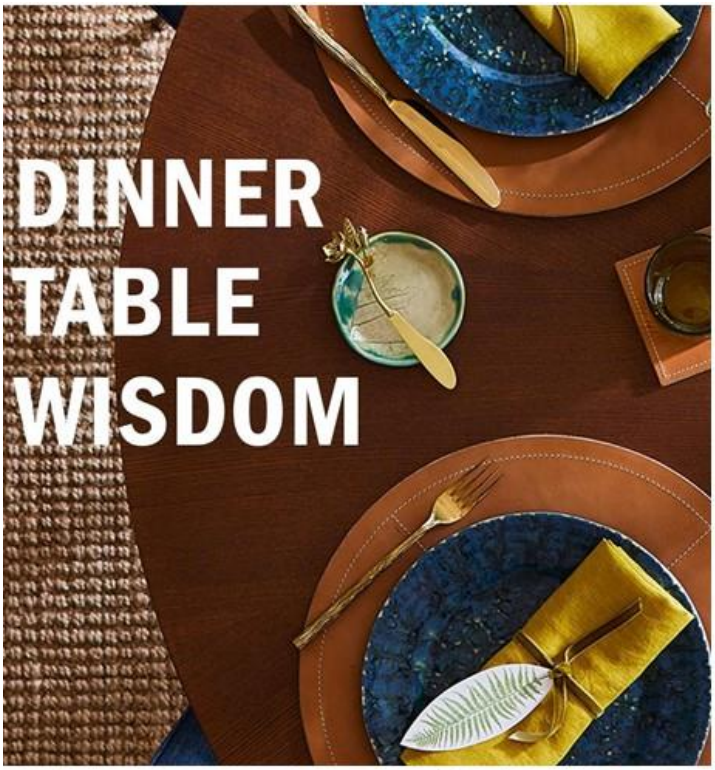

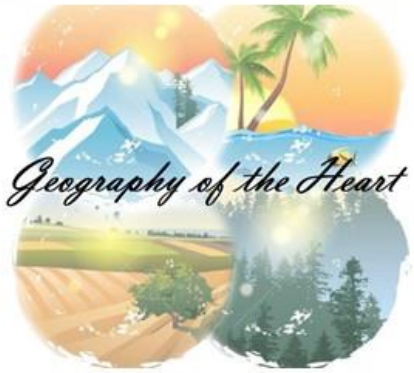

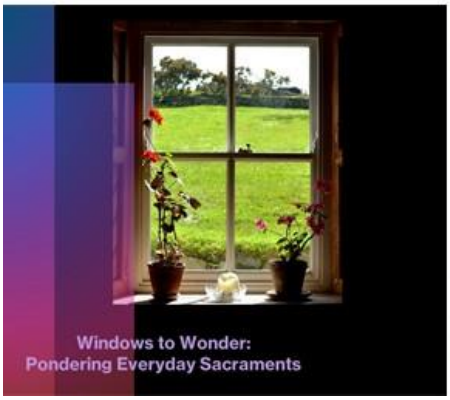

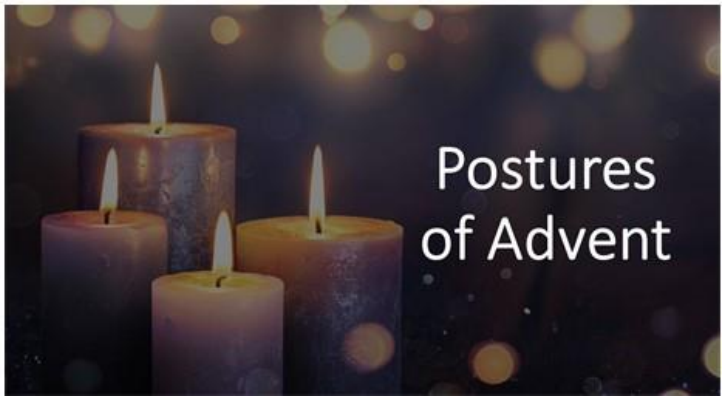

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MINISTRY TEAM REPORT

Enduring the second year of the Covid Pandemic was a challenging one for all of us. Having adjusted to life online, we met via livestream and zoom throughout 2021 until very late in the year when we re-opened briefly in December.
Encouragingly, we made our way through the year with such grace and strength. Some of us are thriving and finding new ways to enrich ourselves and others. However, many of us are still isolated, and some have endured challenges, griefs and hardships without the robust community they've needed. Our physical and our mental health are vitally important: 2021 has taught us this again and again. Our hearts are linked, especially with those we haven't spoken with or seen through the year. I'm so grateful for the community of SSUC who continue to connect with each other and ensure we're cared for. We explored many themes on our journey of deeper living this year: Dinner Table Wisdom, Geography of the Heart, Finding our Footing through Challenge and Change, Windows to Wonder-Everyday Sacraments and Postures of Advent. I appreciate so much the privilege of pondering and working together with Nancy in bringing you these thoughts, along with memorial services, Good Friday, Blue Christmas and Christmas Eve gatherings.

When we think of all the work that so many in our community have contributed to the health, connection and wellbeing of the SSUC family, It's awe inspiring. We can't possibly name them all, but let's all think of and offer thanks to these people:

- The ordinary caring nature of our community and especially our Congregational Care team who have kept us connected and feeling cared for, especially in times of need;
- Our board, regularly meeting online to guide our community through the year, and our committees who've maintained their work even amid challenge and change. A special thank you to Jacob Kellerman, who extended his term as board chair and been an unwavering strength in helping us navigate this year with care, diligence, humour and skill. A special thanks go also to our Re-Opening Task Group, who continued the hard work of making the decisions with our health and best interests at heart;
- Organizers of 'Project Reconnect' and musicians who offered outdoor concerts in the summer that provided opportunities for safe community connection and needed contact with new and old friends;
- Our gathering musicians who have provided inspiring and comforting music for our Sunday experiences, whether live or recorded, whether instrumental or vocal;
- Our team of technicians who have given so much time in bringing our sounds and sights to the at-home community every week;
- Sunday livestreamers (yes, all of you!) near and far, who contributed with videos, email contributions and the supportive input as we engaged in Sunday series and various topics.
- Organizers, volunteers and performers, who have planned and brought us successful events like the dramatic reading presentations of *The Velveteen Rabbit*, Yes Virginia, There i*s a Santa Claus,* and *The Little Prince;*
- Fundraiser volunteers who contributed to our first ever online pie auction, ICPM bag lunch preparation, the Cookie Walk, and our regular and special outreach commitments;
- Our educators and leaders who have developed and led us in online 'music and meditation' evenings, post-gathering connections, and children and family video resources;

Now for gratitude to you: to each person who is a part of this community – for your support of the work and commitments of this community with your energy and passion, and with your financial support. Many of you were able to maintain or increase your level of support for your spiritual community this year, knowing that it would be a challenging financial year. Without the bulk of our building rental income and our fundraising opportunities scaled down, you stepped up and sustained us. This shows us all what an important place our community has in all of our lives. It made it possible for us to be faithful to our outreach commitments, supporting agencies and causes that are dear to our hearts and who also had difficult years and relied on our generosity and commitment.

Our office trio of Nancy, Aynsley and Chris continued a hybrid home-office work schedule, but we've partnered together in sustaining creative ways to collaborate to make for a year that made digital communication as vital as ever. What an easy and beautiful friendship and working partnership that we have…and none of us take that for granted.

Christopher New and Nancy Steeves, your Ministry Team

OFFICIAL BOARD

Following a directive from the General Council of the United Church of Canada it was decided not to have an Annual General Meeting of the Southminster-Steinhauer United Church community in 2021. Due to the raging COVID-19 pandemic, all in-person gatherings at SSUC had already been paused in mid-March 2020. The directive from the General Council amended the regulations in the Governance Manual to allow for congregational governing bodies to carry out the business of the congregation during the pandemic. This included deferring annual meetings of the congregation, approving financial budgets and appointing board members while in-person gatherings were suspended. The ruling by the General Council is still in effect and will be active until the end of June 2022 unless revoked earlier through a special announcement.

The members of the SSUC board who were approved at the March 8, 2020 Annual General Meeting agreed to stay on in their roles on the board for a second term. The only exception was the vice chair position. Doug Thompson indicated that, for personal reasons, he could not carry on in that role for 2021. At a board meeting in March 2021 Joanne Van Beek was elected and welcomed to the Board in the role of vice chair.

Since March 2020 the Board has met regularly on-line to ensure proper governance of the board responsibilities. The Reopening Task Group which was formed in August 2020 and assisted the board in staying informed of the latest governmental and the published health restrictions also met regularly, often bi-weekly, to advise the board on decisions regarding in-person gatherings, office hours, facility usage and any special requests for small memorial services.

In-person gatherings at SSUC were resumed for the first time on Sunday, September 12 for four consecutive Sundays and paused again with the onset of the fourth wave of COVID infections in Alberta. Roughly two months later, on November 28, in-person gatherings were resumed again until after the two in-person Christmas Eve services. The outbreak of the Omicron variant in December 2021 resulted in the Northern Spirit Region of the United Church of Canada issuing an advisory to congregations to, once again, pause all in-person gatherings. All Sunday services have been streamed live while in-person gatherings were paused and viewer numbers stayed fairly constant throughout the year.

It is impossible to fathom the real impact that the pandemic had and is still having on our SSUC community. Revenue was negatively impacted mainly through an inability to have standard fundraising campaigns and a reduction in facility rentals. Of greater significance is the emotional effect of imposed isolation and resulting loss of connectivity from family, friends and community. The Reopening Task Group and the Board continuously wrestled with the concepts of weighing the collective health of the members of our community against the clearly visible impact that isolation measures had on the emotional and spiritual wellbeing of individuals.

A very special thank you goes to our ministry, musicians, technical support and office administration teams who tirelessly laboured to ensure that our livestream and administration activities remained spiritually enriching and always professional. Our communications and ministry groups had to constantly adapt and change the technical equipment, content presentation and platforms used to ensure maximum reach of our messaging. The board gratefully recognizes the extra time and effort spent.

The two years of living with a pandemic also had an impact on the availability of volunteers and their overall ability to carry on with the many regular volunteer tasks in and around our church. The board decided to appoint a Property Manager on a contract basis to take on the responsibility for cleaning services and building and yard maintenance at SSUC.
Even though the board approved a deficit budget for the 2021 financial year, the final deficit was significantly smaller than anticipated and we managed to pay all our dues and met all our planned Outreach responsibilities. SSUC also paid off the mortgage loan and now no longer carries any long term debt. Thank you for your personal financial support and the collective effort and support for fundraising projects which made it possible to finance multiple outreach programmes in our wider communities, both in Edmonton and Saskatoon. The partnership with SSUC Saskatoon remains strong and is formalised by an evergreen memorandum of understanding between the two parties and permanent representation from Saskatoon on the SSUC board.
I want to thank all board, task group and ministry members for the professional way in which the business of the board was debated and decided during these abnormal times. Getting to know you collectively and individually inspired and enriched me personally.

Submitted by Jacob Kellerman, Board Chair

EDUCATION AND LEARNING

Education and Learning
kidSPIRIT
With the solid leadership of Ariane Perreault and Daisy New, kidSPIRIT continued with online video content available for families to participate at their convenience. They offered weekly videos that included stories, crafts, and snacks. They were eager and offered in-person programs in December. We're so grateful to Daisy and Ariane for all their work and continued connection to our SSUC families.

Yoga
Our Wednesday evening drop-in adult yoga class carried on via zoom throughout 2021. Our teacher, Sharon MacMullan-Baron, continues to do a wonderful job of guiding us through some gentle poses, breath work and meditations, while making our virtual classroom a warm and welcoming space for everyone. And always, always, we are reminded to listen to our own bodies.

Whatever your experience (or none), all are welcome to join!

We are usually about 30 in number, and although a lot of us are local, the zoom format has allowed those from other provinces to join, providing little mini reunions for some family and friend members. While missing our in person classes, (and pot-luck parties), the zoom format has allowed us the ease of unrolling our mats in the comfort and convenience of our own homes, which has been a lovely gift when it is 30 below, or the roads are very icy and treacherous.

We would like to thank Aynsley for her administrative help, and our ministry team for their support.

Submitted by Marlene Rubik

Library
Your Library: working to give you *something* to read
Always, only as COVID lingered through 2021, we felt less like librarians, and more like caretakers of property belonging to remote, withdrawn owners: will they never show up?! (Not surprisingly, under the circumstances, a "grand reopening" of the Library—this last September when it was being imagined that the church could and would be unlatched momentarily—came to nothing.)

In the entire calendar year, just four volumes were "checked out" of the SSUC Library—hey, it's hard to browse and borrow from a distance, we get that—and it was we ourselves who took off with three of those books! (We did stop by, if infrequently.) Here's hoping that you, like we, are frustrated that you're pretty much unable to have at the reading materials there for you, and are looking forward to visiting the book room, sometime in 2022, and prospecting for something to pore over.

In your absence, and even with the pandemic afoot, the collection of books has only continued to grow: there are now over 700 items for you to discover and apprehend. In fact, the shelves came to be so filled that two new bookcases were added, thanks to Sheila Parsons who donated them. Now actually there's room on the shelves for further growth.

Mind you, even during these doldrums, efforts have continued to give you *something* to read, beginning with new opening paragraphs to the block of copy on the Library's webpage [ssucedmonton.com/library] that introduces the collection: initially, there was the story of how, once upon a time, New York City librarians actually lived 24/7 within the walls of the public libraries they oversaw; then, about mid-year, this was replaced with a piece that upraised the love letter to libraries writer Margaret Kearney composed for *The Christian Century*.

Then there were the Library Learnings essays: these were published, albeit only every couple of months, on the Library's webpage. There were in '21 a half-dozen such compositions on a wide variety of subjects:

➵ A sweeping look at progressive Christianity in Australia and New Zealand, and its vigour, was documented, based on the book from Down Under, *Why Weren't We Told: A Handbook on Progressive Christianity*.

➵ Another jotting arose out of a 2007 book by Michael Benedikt, *God is the Good We Do*. He means those words literally, it was observed: "[T]hink of God…as something—'someone'—we bring to life when and as we do good."

➵ The seminal work by the late Vine Deloria, jr., written almost half a century ago, *God is Red: A Native View of Religion*, got highlighted in another essay. It pointed up what he considered the "superiority" of the tribal religions of the Native Americans.

➵ The Great Courses organization was reported on; and each of the seven of its DVD sets, all having to do with religion-and-such, which came to be added to the Library in 2021, was described.

➵ How it is that "reading can sometimes totally change our minds about things we thought we were sure of!"—this was another topic taken up; 10 books from the collection were sampled.

➵ Finally, an essay was fashioned that made this point: novels...tales that arise out of the writer's imagination...can tell readers hard truths. Seven books, all on the Library's shelves, were featured.

Another practice was continued throughout the year: every two weeks, a different book from the Library's shelves was previewed and reviewed, each in a 200-word blurb; each Featured Book tidbit was published in the weekly *Messenger*, and each got added to the ever-growing accumulation of these briefs on the webpage. They're still there, by the way, every last one of them, some 80 in all.

Among the titles taken up in 2021 were these...and they're so diverse that, surely, you'd find something of interest: *How to be an Agnostic*; *Melancholic Joy*; *The Universal Christ*; *Jesus Would Demand a Green New Deal*. And then there were the novels: *American Savior: A Novel of Divine Politics*, and *Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal*.

Consider, too, the celebrated authors of one or another Featured Book, like the "Four Horsemen" who ushered in "the new atheism"; Sir John Polkinghorne, the renowned physicist who's also an ordained Anglican priest and theologian; Brian McLaren, a lynchpin in Emergent Christianity; and Sister Joan Chittister, "the maverick Benedictine nun who dares to speak her mind".

Before wrapping up this report, this one thing more needs to be affirmed: probably none of this could have happened without the patient and diligent cooperation and effort of SSUC's secretary, Aynsley New. We've thanked her time and time again, and here we'll do it once more, publicly: Aynsley, thank you.

Ellen & Ken Fredrick

CAMP DRAGONFLY

Camp Dragonfly celebrated its fourth year of connection and community-building in 2021. We continue to acknowledge and recognize the needs of trans+ and gender creative children, their siblings and friends. We continue to live out our mission of providing spaces for creation, connection, and celebration. Camp Dragonfly offered two annual gatherings this year, both online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dragonfly WinterFest was held in February 2021. There were 34 families in attendance which meant that 61 individuals joined us for an afternoon of games, songs, activities, and a community dinner! As always, Camp Dragonfly is made possible by the support of our volunteer team, with 6 camp counselors offering us their leadership. We were delighted by our partnerships with StumpKitchen and Lady Tenderflake who provided us with a cooking workshop and a musical theater performance, respectively.

"We didn't know what to expect with our new virtual world but we were blown away. Both of my kids participated and they loved all of it. They were completely engaged the whole time. It was absolutely amazing!" - Caregiver, February 2021

Camp Dragonfly Summer was held in August 2021. Despite a shared, growing fatigue around online events, children and parents joined us for a hybrid model of camp. Camp was run by a stellar team of 15 volunteers who were camp counselors, photographers, cooks, and general busy bees. Children participated in yoga, kickboxing, nature scavenger hunts, cooking, nail painting, and crafts over our online platform. Of the 28 families (or 103 individuals) that participated in camp, over %50 attended our in-person community dinner at the end of camp. Braving the wind and rain, many of us met outdoors at SSUC to share a meal and spend time in community.

Parent and Caregiver Support continues to be an important part of the work that Camp Dragonfly does in the community. At both the summer and winter gatherings, parents were invited to attend a support circle. In 2021, we had a total of 34 parents attend the support circle which led to connections and relationships that lasted well beyond our camp.

By the numbers, Camp Dragonfly continues to impact families all across Alberta & the Northwest Territories.

- 71 trans+, gender creative children, siblings and friends attended programs
- 62 families were engaged
- 23 volunteers offered their time
- 6 workshop leaders shared their skills
- 14 cities and towns were represented

Camp Dragonfly continues to be grateful for the ongoing support of the SSUC community. It is through outreach committee funding, in kind donations, and countless volunteer hours that Camp Dragonfly continues to flourish at SSUC and in the Edmonton community. We are excited about what the future holds for Camp Dragonfly and trust that it will continue to positively impact the children and families we support.

Submitted by Zoë Chaytors

EMBERWOOD/WILD SANCTUARY

Since 2018, Emberwood has been responding to the spiritual and community needs of queer young adults in Edmonton. With the support of and in partnership with SSUC Edmonton, we have been able to meet the significant need and desire for a renewed relationship to spirituality through the natural world. We have a number of cherished programs that continued to see high attendance in 2021, including:

- Our 2SLGBTQIA+ young adult gatherings under the full moon has seen 12 monthly events and served 112 participants
- Our online eco art therapy contemplative series: Saturday Saunter, Wednesday Wander, and Hibernate, which served 37 participants over 18 weeks
- "Nest," the 24-hour solo retreats, have had 11 graduates from the 10 week program

There is a significant community of people who love accessing spirituality outdoors, who are embracing and exploring new ways of being a spiritual community. Emberwood continues to be an intentional, values-based community that offers connection for countless young people who are excited to be engaging with deeper meaning and spirituality. In 2021, we expanded our programming to include multi-generational spaces, with significant success. Our community engagement continues to grow with roughly 200 community members of which 45 make up a core group of 'regulars'.

In deeper conversation with community members, Chris, Nancy, and the board at SSUC we have begun the process of broadening our vision and expanding our work. We continue to explore some of our foundational ways of being in the world including our belief that:

- We are nature
- We can deepen our collective sense of reciprocity and oneness with the natural world
- We make meaning of our lives through our relationship with nature
- We see all people growing deeper in their relationship with self, community, and the natural world

As we look ahead to the 2022-2023 year we are excited to continue the work with our visioning working group, comprised of SSUC Edmonton, SSUC Saskatoon and Emberwood Community members to help guide our work forward. We are grateful for a very fruitful first meeting with another gathering booked. The SSUC Board has enthusiastically supported our plan to apply for the New Ministries Grant from Edge and United Church of Canada with the goal of securing $75,000 worth of funding over the next three years.

Emberwood/ Wild Sanctuary is guided by Zoë Chaytors and Alison Brooks-Starks. Zoë is a Registered Social Worker who has worked in a variety of community-based programs and capacity building roles. She holds a B.A, a BSW, and is currently completing her Expressive Art Therapy Diploma. Alison did her practicum at SSUC for her Certificate of Spiritual Care from the UCC's diaconal ministry school, the Centre for Christian Studies. She has an education degree, 15 years of experience with camps, and holds Remote Responder wilderness first aid and a Certificate of Ecopsychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute.

Submitted by Alison Brooks-Starks

RITES OF PASSAGE AND STATISTICS 2021

Lives Celebrated

Andrea Brodeur
Shirley Tripp
Phyllis Fowler
Lydia Liviniuk
Barb Wright
Una Staples
Joseph Stebbings
Thelma Kruper

Members Removed by Death (3)

Phyllis Fowler
Joyce Osness
Una Staples

Marriages (6)

Alan McPhee & Rachael Risser
Chad Krayenhoff & Meredith Swytink-Bennema
Samuel Oszust & Nicole Farmer
Allan (Sam) McDougall & Theresa Wynn
Brian Lam & Kira Charanduk
Deanna Matthews & Emily-May Scott

Membership Report 2021

Membership: January 1, 2021: 376	During the Year:	Membership: December 31, 2021: 373
	- Received by Transfer 0	
	- Confirmed 0	
	- Removed by Death 3	
	- Removed by Transfer 0	

SSUC SASKATOON

SSUC in Saskatoon continues to enjoy the practical, emotional and spiritual benefits of being warmly included in the SSUC community. The livestream Spiritual Gatherings and numerous opportunities to connect with SSUC such as Tuesday evening series, Going Deeper/Post-Gathering Reflections, Tuesday Connection, Music and Mediation, etc allow us to get to know our Edmonton friends at a deeper level. For the first part of the year, Trisha tried to schedule a Zoom meeting the Sunday evenings when we would have been booked at St. Andrew's to give us a chance to reconnect. We did not meet in person at St. Andrew's College Lounge until October where we follow the College's guidelines of proof of full vaccination, mask wearing, and physical distancing.

SSUC Saskatoon hosted the Tuesday Topics: Winter Session January through to March. The topics included: "Gratitude" hosted by Mary MacFarlane-Sefton; "Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man" hosted by Trisha Little; "Social Justice Entrepreneurship" hosted by Terry Harrison and Dawn Guenther; "White Fragility" hosted by Judy Guenther and Dawn Guenther; "White Supremacy – An Urban Indigenous Experience" hosted by Cliff and Deb Gunther-Hansen; and "Change the World" hosted by Lorie Kurz.

The $5000 Outreach offered for Saskatoon was distributed evenly among five organizations: Saskatoon Open Door Society (particularly focussed to the Women's Business Hub program), Bridge City Bicycle Coop, Global Gathering Place, ICM and EGADZ. We continue to support ICM (Integrated Community Ministries) through donating garden produce, and calls for specific foods or other items for the weekly take-away lunches, food boxes and the Christmas Feast.

SSUC Saskatoon (along with other Saskatoon Affirming ministries) sent a letter to Saskatoon City Council asking to draft a bylaw to prohibit the business of providing so-called conversion therapy in the City of Saskatoon. This bylaw was passed by City Council on February 23, 2021! Since the City of Saskatoon passed the bylaw SSUC SK and Living Skies Regional Council have written letters and submitted petitions pressing the provincial government to follow suit. Fifty-seven pages of petitions were sent to Meara Conway, MLA for Regina Elphinstone and the human rights critic for the NDP to be presented this fall to the Saskatchewan Legislature. At this point, we have not received an update from Meara Conway.

SSUC SK hosted a zoom gathering on February 24, 2021 for Living Skies Region Communities of Faith and individuals who are Affirming, in the process of becoming Affirming, and those who are Affirming curious. Following the meeting a contact list was circulated for future networking. We gathered again in May to discuss how Pride celebrations may unfold in our various locales. SSUC SK took part in creating a video that was included in the Virtual Pride Parade on June 19, 2021. We also helped to plan and host a Multi-spiritual Pride Celebration for June 17 at 6:00pm. SSUC SK (as part of Saskatoon Affirming Ministries) joined with our Wiccan, Buddhist, Quaker, Lutheran and Unitarian friends to celebrate Pride in each of our unique spiritual traditions. The event was presented via Zoom and was viewed on Saskatoon Pride Facebook Live and YouTube Live accounts.

The MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between SSUC in Edmonton and SSUC Saskatoon was reviewed this fall and is now more open-ended in that it will not be reviewed on a yearly basis but only when the need arises. There was a decision made at the board level to upgrade the audio and video projection/livestreaming system through replacement of older equipment and the purchase of new equipment, some of which will enable video conferencing to encourage two-way participation in our gatherings. Following a recommendation in the MOU, some of the MVU legacy funds will be used toward this equipment and we are excited to see how it works for us some time in 2022.

Trisha Little continues to fulfill the paid administrative (and volunteer) duties needed to maintain communication, relationship and outreach within SSUC SK and with SSUC ED. She attends board meetings regularly and sends another member if she is unavailable. We celebrate living out the innovative and joyful reality of being a single community – separated geographically, yet joined in our values, beliefs, and the way we interact within society and nature.

Respectfully submitted by Trisha Little

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE

ON GOING MEMBERS: Janelle Brooks (chair), Berni Hardin (secretary and board liaison), Lorne Lea (Budget) Donna Hodgins (Cards and Office Liaison), Amy Fontaine (on sick leave), Diana Langley (pending new member).

WITHDRAWING MEMBERS: In the Fall of 2021, Myrna Sager retired as Broadview Magazine Coordinator. The position was graciously taken on by Aynsley New.

AD HOC - SPECIAL PROJECTS MEMBERS: Joy Hibbard (Cards), Lynn Wolford (Plants), Kathleen Woods (Blue Christmas), Aynsley New (Broadview Subscriptions).

The committee is most grateful to the Ministerial Team Rev. Nancy Steeves and Rev. Chris New for facilitating our meetings by Zoom as well as their invaluable input and support. Gratitude also goes to Aynsley New for her clerical support, management of the Morning Messenger announcements, and overseeing of Broadview subscriptions. With the aging demographic of our congregation, Donna Hodgins and Joy Hibbard's job of sending cards has increased exponentially. There were 186 cards sent this year. For the past two years, cards were sent in lieu of flowers at Easter and Christmas. Postal costs have almost doubled.

Similar to the past year and a half, our focus has been maintaining contact with those on our Care and Concern list. Here, in the absence of direct personal contact on Sunday mornings we are indebted to the good women of Tuesday Connection and other concerned congregation members who keep us updated with new and ongoing concerns.

Because of the variable access to the church we have kept a minimum amount of food in the Comfort Freezer. Most of us make food in our own homes and deliver it on an add need basis. Therefore, I do not have an accurate number of soups and casseroles provided this year. Most recently we have begun to deliver comfort blankets to the hospitals and care facilities where our members are patients. A dozen blankets and food were delivered to an adherent who voluntarily houses homeless family members.

In October, Janelle approached Diana Langley, (who had voiced interest in the committee) who agreed in principal to take on the Welcome Table Coordination position in whatever shape it takes in the future. Since that time, with our committee membership being so low, Diana has also agreed to take on a caseload. Since she has been oriented to the terms of reference, and roles and responsibilities of the committee, she will join us formally at our next meeting.

In December members of the CCC attended the Blue Christmas service as hosts.

Respectfully submitted,
Janelle Brooks (Chair Congregational Care Committee)

FINANCE COMMITTEE & STEWARDSHIP

SSUC ended the 2021 fiscal year with an operating deficit of just over $22,400, well under the $70k deficit that had been presented in the 2021 budget. Donations and other revenue were both lower that in 2020, understandable due to Covid. Thank you very much to our generous donors who have stuck by us in thin as well as thick! Sale of Grocery cards continued through the year thanks to David Mayor and Aynsley New and resulted in income for SSUC of $4345. Thanks as well to all who have supported SSUC by buying the cards. A "Cookie Drive-by" headed up by Jo Nicholas and Dawn Waring with help from many others raised an additional $7000, and for that we are also very grateful.

Expenses for the year were lower than had been budgeted due to reduced operating and program activities. Fortunately, we were able to meet our M&S and Outreach goals.

In addition to the activity detailed in the Income statement, funds were also contributed and disbursed through our special fund accounts as noted by our Treasurer in the notes to the Balance sheet in the Treasurer's report.

We were able to pay out our Servus mortgage in June which should be cause for a celebration when we can safely get together in person. The Board agreed to create and fund a Maintenance Reserve Fund with an initial goal of $50,000 to cover future maintenance needs. It is planned to budget $10,000 per year until that goal is reached. The nearly $6000 S H Infrastructure fund has been rolled into the new fund.

The Finance Committee includes Kim Boyes as Treasurer, Ann Didluck as charitable donation secretary, Pam Boutilier who coordinates the offering counters and Bill Hibbard, Chair. Brian Rothwell has agreed to join the committee. Since Covid restrictions were adopted donation counting has been done by Kim Boyes and Aynsley New.

The Chair thanks them all for their diligent work, and especially thanks to Kim Boyes for her huge commitment of time and effort as the church treasurer. It has been a pleasure working with them all!

The Finance committee has not had a formal meeting in 2021; committee members keep in touch by email and telephone.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Hibbard, Chair, Finance Committee

GROCERY CARDS

We completed seven years in this fundraiser in October 2021.

We have sold a total of $863,700 in cards and have made a total profit of $50,943.00 which now goes into general revenue. Initially the profit was used to fund the kitchen renovations.

The profit for 2021 was 4343.75 which is down from a high of 8775.25 back in 2017. Of course sales have slowed due to the closure of the church, however cards are still available at the church office every Thursday morning. During 2021 we relied on delivery of the cards.

At the end of 2021, we had $39,300 in outstanding cards which shows as cash on hand in the financial statement. $80,000 in new cards were purchased in 2021.

We continue to make 6% profit on Safeway/Sobeys cards, 5% on Superstore and 8% on Save on foods.

For those who support the program, we thank you. Those people love the program as it helps with their budgeting on an ever increasing household expense.

We would encourage anyone who has not participated in the program, to give it a try. This is just an alternate way of paying for your groceries. The cards can also be given out as gifts for those people who already have everything they need.

David Mayor

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Dear Friends,
We have good news that together we have met our Outreach 2021 financial commitments to several caring agencies in Edmonton and Saskatoon and beyond. $31,101. reached others in our two cities; and $33,000. changed lives in Canada and globally through the Mission and Service fund of The United Church of Canada. In the midst of the pandemic, our support has assisted many in difficult circumstances.

Our largest local commitments are to

- Bissell Centre ($6,000.),
- Operation Friendship ($6,000.),
- Ambrose Place ($5000. toward Indigenous Housing),
- five helping agencies in Saskatoon ($5,000. total toward inner city, prison and youth needs)
- and when able to resume, our own SSUC Camp Dragonfly for trans+ and gender-creative children ($5,000. in our 2022 Outreach budget).

In addition,

- close to $3,000. supported other struggling families;
- $1,000. each to CHEW (street LGBTQ2S+ street youth),
- Inner City High School, and to Duggan Elementary (student well-being),
- Sister Crew skills program - Right at Home Housing residents.
- Other monies supported smaller 2021 programs.

We detail these amounts to acknowledge the many people facing enormous challenges of poverty, homelessness, and injustices in our communities and world; and to honour the dedicated work of so many agencies and programs. Your generous 2021 support through our budget and additional donations to various fund-raisers (such as Bissell's Festive Give Away, Sister Crew, CHEW and our new PIE Day) has been steady and life-giving. **A big thank you to everyone! We propose a 2022 budget of similar support including $1500. for a new initiative yet to be determined by SSUC.**

In normal non-Covid years, we have more hands-on opportunities to participate in Outreach. **Nonetheless, many have provided exceptional leadership in our recent Covid year**: Linda and Ken May (Bissell's CNOY), David Mayor (Operation Friendship), Judy Dube and Glenn Fredeen (Christmas Festive Give Away), Carol Allen (Families), Trisha Little and her Saskatoon team, Peggy Dodson (Foodbank), Kim Boyes (Treasurer), all the pie bakers, our Refugee support people, Gayle Simonson (M&S awareness); and our dedicated staff of Nancy, Chris, and Aynsley. You have each and all motivated us to be even more generous in these days.

We want to highlight David Mayor and his decade long leadership toward Operation Friendship and in particular his coordination of our Operation Friendship Casserole Luncheon program. David decided to complete his work as Coordinator as of June/21. Over the past three years, David has invited discussion with our Committee to address the changing circumstances of our Luncheon volunteers. With David's help, we have decided to bring OF Casserole Luncheons to a conclusion at this time, with much gratitude to all those who have been involved over many, many years providing a monthly casserole luncheon to 125 people plus, October to May each year.

David will remain our key volunteer liaison with Operation Friendship, sharing the story of our long history together, and encouraging fundraising, the yearly Gala and other needs. We continue to strengthen Operation Friendship's work with annual support of $6,000**. Thank you, David, for your past and current efforts to raise awareness of Operation Friendship, as they/we help seniors in need in the heart of Edmonton.**

Part of our vision and story as SSUC is our commitment to make a difference in the lives of those struggling with marginalization, injustices, poverty, and homelessness through practical help and systemic change. Are there Outreach initiatives you would encourage SSUC to pursue in 2022? Please let us know.

Special thanks to our Outreach Committee: Maie Kellerman, Glenn Fredeen, Bill Stephenson, Judy Dube, Chris New
Margaret Hetherington, Chairperson

OPERATION FRIENDSHIP

It's now been two years since we served our last casserole lunch at Operation Friendship.

For March 2020 we provided the groceries and the lunch was prepared by existing staff members. Following that month, the dining hall was closed due to the impossibility of trying to maintain any form of social distancing. In the meantime, bag lunches have been prepared and served at the door.

The Outreach Committee and the Board of Directors have had several meetings and discussions on the future of Southminster-Steinhauer's participation in the lunch program if and when the dining hall reopens. At this time we have decided to step down from our participation due to the concern of being able to find enough volunteers to make the program work for us.

Formal notice has been given to Operation Friendship and they thanked us for our past service work.

We will continue our financial support for this organization as we have been working with them for over 50 years. When things settle down, we can always reconsider our position. We will also continue our support for their annual gala fundraiser when it starts up again.

Thank you to all those who have helped work in our kitchen, helped with the serving of lunch or who have helped with financial support for the Christmas luncheon.

David Mayor

FOOD BANK

18,466 kilograms of food worth $105,256 was distributed by our Food Bank depot by November of 2021. We were open every week of the year and received a Janet Hughes award for our commitment and innovation.

The number of people in Edmonton needing food assistance has doubled in this second year of the pandemic.

During 2021, volunteers over 70 who had been put on leave for their safety early in the pandemic, returned to serving our neighbors. We changed to curbside delivery of full (unsorted) hampers to minimize close contact and reduced our list to 12 hampers per week. Curbside pickup will end at the end of March 2022.

Staffing volunteer shifts has proved to be challenging. Curbside pickup required moving full, heavy hampers from tables in the foyer to the delivery trolley to be wheeled outside. Not everyone could do it. Several volunteers have retired after long service or have taken a leave for medical or other reasons. There are currently 16 volunteers. We have been able to continue to provide this much-needed service by volunteers' willingness to work more shifts. We are grateful to those who could manage moving hampers and took on even more time.

If we would like to continue offering a Food Bank depot more volunteers will be needed.

Submitted by Peggy Dodson

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The M & P Committee currently has four members: Carman Dufresne, Steve Hoskin, Donna Stephenson and Lynne Wolford. Marilyn McPherson was on the committee until October when she retired from the committee. We thank her for her contributions to the M & P Committee.

Our situation did not change in 2021 due to COVID-19, with the church being closed for most of the year. We did not have a lot of meetings, and those we had were by zoom. Our main contribution has been to make recommendations concerning payroll for budget purposes.

Our Ministry Team continues to excel in delivering the Sunday gatherings online. Nancy is on a much-deserved Sabbatical and will return in April. Chris is slated to take his sabbatical starting in May. Aynsley is working from home and comes into the office on Thursdays.

I personally look forward to in person services resuming and being able to see everyone again!

Respectfully Submitted
Lynne Wolford
lwolford@telus.net

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Committee members: Peter Blackall, Andrew Redeker, Richard Wong

I have appreciated the support of the highly committed and dedicated people who have donated their time and talents to make the operations and maintenance of our church facility run smoothly this past year.

Peter Blackall continuously checks the building for items requiring maintenance and repairs. Included in that list was replacing light bulbs, fixing the toilets, windows screens, door sweeps, door kickstands. He has replaced faulty electrical switches and arranged for window and Audio Visual repairs.

Trudy Smith, although not officially part of PMC, has been responsible for keeping the kitchen in tip top condition. She has been responsible for arranging for regular inspections and maintenance of the dishwasher, grease traps and the small appliances. The annual spring cleaning of the kitchen is always a major task requiring one or more days work by a number of volunteers. As in our homes, our Church kitchen is a vital heartbeat within our congregation. It is up to all of us keep it in a healthy, clean and tidy.

Richard Wong was responsible for maintaining the cleaning contract with our provider and the liaison between the church and "AMC Cleaning".

Some of the important initiatives to maintain our property during 2021 included: signing a contract with "AMC Cleaning", to provide weekly cleaning services, furnace repairs, replacing broken light fixtures, fixing broken chair pans, cleaning of the parking lot, maintenance and repair of the tractor, repair of one of our kitchen ovens, sump pump repairs. We have also signed a contract with a snow removal company to take care of the parking lot and sidewalk snow clearing so that we don't have to rely on volunteers to take care of snow removal.

We have also investigated and temporarily repaired a ceiling leak in the main foyer that has been plaguing us for years and came up again in November. Further repairs will have to take place in the spring to make sure that the roof portion of the leak is fixed in a more permanent manner once the weather permits us to do so.

We have also as of October signed a contract with a facilities maintenance person, Bruce McCarron, to take care of the weekly cleaning services going forward as well as maintenance items that come up. Bruce will also take care of lawn care and grounds keeping.

Keeping our Church home maintained and in good working condition was willingly undertaken by over 35 different members of our Congregation during 2021. They keep our Church property looking cared for and operating in a clean and safe manner. There are too many of these dedicated volunteers to name them in this report, however, without these volunteers, the cost of operating our Church would be much higher. Those who volunteer also find it a wonderful way to meet and get to know other members of the Congregation. New volunteers are always welcome especially with our currently vacant positions of Kitchen Coordinator and fire/security system coordinator.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Redeker (paredeker@yahoo.ca)
PMC Chair

AFFIRM COMMITTEE

Members: Marilyn Blackall, Janet E. Campbell, Mitch Ostby, Rod Rash, Marlene Rubik, Dara Smith, and Doug Thompson.

Many thanks to the Outreach Committee for planning and carrying out the PIE Day event.

In the past year due to the COVID-19 lockdowns the usual activities such as the monthly meals and other activities such as the Edmonton Pride Parade did not happen.

I attended the online AFFIRM National Leadership Day. This year they had speakers dealing with Immigration Settlement issues of LGBTQ persons, developing an understanding of cultural issues and how they affect the ability to Come Out as something other than heterosexual, a musician that is non-binary, who explained their journey of coming out in an Evangelical faith-based family.

The Edmonton and surrounding area Affirming Congregations did meet to do basic planning for an activity at the Edmonton Pride events, but COVID-19 shut the public activities down. Never Fear, the Affirming congregations in Edmonton held their own Affirming church services. Smaller communities around Edmonton like Sherwood Park, Spruce Grove, Leduc, and Camrose held their own Pride Parades and events.

Let us Hope and Pray for a safer year ahead where we can have more face-to-face activities, and all people will be welcome.

Submitted by Janet Campbell

SPIRITUAL GATHERINGS TEAM

This small working group acts as a sounding board to the ministry team.

The live streaming of each Sunday Gathering to our sattelite community in Saskatoon as well as those who join us via the Internet has completed another successful year thanks to our Communications Coordinator and the volunteers who staff the audio and video booth, without whom we couldn't connect and enjoy the livestreams from home: Noah New, Andrea Rubik, Joseph-Luis C.-M., Dara Smith. Thank you to Darion Weragire who retired from this role this year.

On an average Sunday we have well over 100 devices connecting online from Edmonton and beyond, and we will always be committed to continuing to live stream in the future to serve what wide and growing extension of our faith community.

Our deep gratitude is also extended to the musicians and singers who enhance the gathering themes and get us raising our voices and our spirits on the internet if not in person. Key thanks go to Pam Patten, Deb Mooney, Katie Alexander, Janis Zalitach, Ann Didluck, Noah New, Dawn Waring, Janet Dougan, Kathryne Kuhn, Pam Boutilier, Blair Anderson-Croft, Jeff Zalitach, Heidi Stenabaugh, Marilyn Blackall

And finally we are deeply grateful for the spiritual leadership of our Ministry Team: Nancy Steeves and Christopher New. They craft the themes and reflections for all Sunday Gatherings with the occasional help from other spiritual leaders in our community, for their creativity with the Time for All Ages, which continues to inspire both the children and the young-at-heart. They also provide leadership for other gatherings at special times of the year and for Celebrations of Life.

For more information, talk to Charles Bidwell or Nel Ouwens.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees is an elected body, accountable to the Congregation of Southminster-Steinhauer United Church. Trustees are charged with holding the "Real" (land, building and anything else affixed to or growing on lands and buildings, and rights relating to these) and "Personal" property (Investments, furniture and equipment) of the Congregation in trust for the United Church of Canada for the use and benefit of the Congregation., The activities of the Trustees is restricted and governed variously by public stature, the United Church's Trust of Model Deed, and the lawful directions of the Church Board and of the Courts of the United Church of Canada. The day-to-day operation needs of SSUC are overseen by the Church Board through the use of their current/operating bank accounts and reported by the finance reports and budgets presented by the Board at our AGM. The Board of Trustees is responsible for any other major financial transactions and investments not included in the Congregations operating accounts.

The present Board of Trustees includes:

Ernie Boruk - Edmonton, Alberta
Alan Brimacombe - Edmonton, Alberta
Arvid Hardin - Edmonton, Alberta
Pat Seale - Edmonton, Alberta
Rev. Nancy Steeves - South Cooking Lake, Alberta
Rev. Christopher New - St. Albert, Alberta

The Trustees are responsible for obtaining Insurance Coverage for our building and contents plus the various Liability Coverage. Our Insurance Broker identified a firm we could use to conduct a Building Assessment. We had not conducted an assessment since the church was built and we needed to confirm we had sufficient coverage in case of a total loss. Through the efforts of Alan Brimacombe and Bill Hibbard they arranged to have an assessment conducted. The building replacement was estimated at $5,000,000.00 which was considerably higher than we had previously estimated, as a result of this and a general increase in insurance our insurance premiums are considerably higher then last year. We have obtained insurance coverage for the building and contents until December 1, 2022.

Since 2016 we have invested $332,000.00 with Frontier Capital Funds Inc. The Market Value as of December 31, 2021 was $433,297.73 which represents an increase of 30.5% to date,

David Neilson has resigned as a Trustee and I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his services during his tenure.

Submitted by
Ernie Boruk - Chair of the Board of Trustees

TREASURER'S REPORT 2021

Musings from the Bean Counter

As treasurer, my position entails documenting a combination of numbers from 0 to 9 which can seem pretty dull and boring (I will not get into the stereotypical imagery of an accountant). However, there is so much more to the story in a treasurer's report that is not reflected amidst all the numbers which add up to being **PRICELESS**. How does one measure connections that run deep not just in Edmonton but far and wide? How does one measure dedication and creativity in the midst of a pandemic that has continued a long tradition of fundraising? How does one measure commitment to a cause of spiritual engagement and enrichment? How does one measure compassion, love, and kindness? How does one measure generosity? How does one measure heart? **ALL PRICELESS**.

With humble gratitude,
Kim

And now for the dull and boring…

2021 still had us in the midst of managing the Covid19 pandemic. In spite of this, whereby the majority of in person gatherings did not take place, major fundraising projects curtailed and rental income decreased, there was a Net Deficit of -**$22,441.** This was significantly less than the budgeted deficit of -**$58,110**.

SSUC's debt has consisted of a long-term loan through The Property and New Church Development Council which transitioned to the Northern Spirit New Ministries Development Fund. The amount outstanding at the beginning of 2021 was $10,347 and in June 2021 this loan was paid out in full. Ending balance at December 31, 2021 is $0. This reduction was through a combination of regular quarterly payments and a lump sum payment of $1,730 in April 2021.

The Comparative Balance Sheet ending December 31, 2021 and the Income and Expense Statement for 2021 are attached. In addition to the monies shown in the 2021 Income and Expense Statement, a total of $165,093 was collected and $170,472 was disbursed through the Special Funds on the Balance Sheet. For a summary, see the Special Funds Collections and Disbursements spreadsheet attached at the end of this report.

Notes on the financial statements are as follows:

1. Servus Credit Union Chequing Account
This is the main bank account of the church.

2. MVU Funds Invested
In late 2020, $100,000 of the MVU funds were invested by the trustees in Frontier Capital Funds (Canoe Bond Advantage Fund). NOTE: The value of this account on December 31, 2021 was $96,366.

3. SH Invested
This account was opened by the trustees in 2016, whereby $232,000 of the Southern Homes proceeds were invested by the trustees in Frontier Capital Funds. NOTE: The value of this account on December 31, 2021 was $336,932.

4. Servus Credit Union Savings Account (SSUC-Saskatoon funds)
In July 2018, $118,748.40 was transferred into this new account from Meewasin Valley United Church in Saskatoon. Opening balance - $11,138. $22 was added (interest earned). $352 was disbursed (SSUC-SK Contract Administration). Closing balance $10,808.

5. Grocery Cards on Hand
This account reflects at any given moment, the cash value of grocery shopping cards that have been purchased by SSUC but not yet purchased by individuals. This is part of an ongoing fundraising effort originally intended for use towards the kitchen upgrade. As the kitchen was completed in 2016, proceeds from this fundraising effort are now being transferred into general fundraising. Every quarter, proceeds from the sales of Grocery Cards are transferred into Fundraising.

6. Petty Cash

This reflects the $200 held by SSUC – Edmonton and $200 held by SSUC – Saskatoon for incidental expenses.

7. Membership in Servus

This is an accumulation of the yearly dividends paid by Servus Credit Union on membership amounts. $166 was added in 2021.

8. Patronage Rewards Payment

This is a new feature set up by Servus in 2018. It represents a yearly fee rebate and sits in its own account on the bank statement. Fee rebate for 2021 was $9.

9. Fixed Assets

These accounts were established to record acquisitions, at cost, to date. Land set up in 1998 represents the cost of the Yellowbird land purchase. Building represents construction costs to December 2019 and includes the development cost of the lower hall, kitchen upgrade and the roof replacement in 2017. Furnishings include major upgrades. For 2021 property tax purposes, The City of Edmonton assessed SSUC's land/buildings at $3,424,000.

10. Investment in Furnishings

A depreciation amount of 10% is taken annually, with a corresponding decrease in Equity in Furnishings.

11. Accounts Payable

Consists of supplier payables outstanding at the end of 2021.

12. Special Funds

In 2021, there was an ending balance of $421,105. Of this, $204,047 represents SH Proceeds ($185,988) and SH funded projects (SH Refugee - $12,073; SH Infrastructure - $5,986). The remaining year end balance of $217,058 is represented in various other ongoing projects being undertaken by SSUC. A breakdown of money received and disbursed in these funds are outlined in notes #16 through #34 as well as summarized in table form at the end of this report.

13. Southern Homes (SH) Proceeds

This fund is being used to reflect amounts received (proceeds and interest earned) from the sale of the Southern Homes less projects funded to date. The balance of these funds are held in a trustee investment account with Frontier Capital Funds. Opening balance $243,777. $57,789 was adjusted to reflect the original amount of $232,000 that was invested. Closing balance $185,988.

14. SH Refugee

This fund is a Southern Homes proceeds internal project. Opening balance $12,073. No activity in 2021. Closing balance $12,073.

15. SH Infrastructure

This fund holds the balance from the original $150,000 committed to Infrastructure from the SH Proceeds ($100,000 to the kitchen upgrade and $50,000 for the roof replacement). Opening balance $5,986. $5,986 was transferred to the Maintenance Reserve fund as per Board motion passed in April 2021. Closing balance $0.

16. MVU Funds Transferred

This fund holds money transferred in 2018 from Meewasin Valley United Church in Saskatoon upon their closure. Opening balance $111,224. $22 was added (interest earned). 17,191 was expensed. Closing balance $94,055.

17. Maintenance Reserve Fund

At the Board meeting of April 20, 2021, a motion was passed that a Maintenance Reserve Fund be established with "seed" money of $5,986 transferred from the SH Infrastructure Fund. An additional $5,000 was also transferred from the Maintenance Budget. Closing balance is $10,986.

18. Refugee Fund

Opening balance $4,785 ($4,130 – Garneau Syrian Refugees, $455 – Canadian Council for Refugee Support Fund). $320 was donated. $455 (Canadian Council for Refugee Support Fund) was expensed and $4,130 was transferred to the Garneau Refugee Fund. Closing balance $520.

19. Garneau Refugee Fund

For differentiation purposed, this fund was set up and $4,130 was transferred in from the Refugee Fund.

20. Ananais Sponsorship Fund

The money placed in this fund is held in trust for a specific sponsorship. If the sponsorship is not fulfilled, the funds will be returned.

21. Christmas Eve Fund

Opening balance $0. 2021 donations for No Room in the Inn (L'Arche Edmonton) were $3,114 and forwarded to the organization. Closing balance $0.

22. Special Events/Fundraising Projects

This account keeps track of the various special events that tool place over the year. Collective opening balance in this Special Event Fund is $4,593. ($979 - Affirm Activities; $42 – Memorial Expenses; $322 - SW Community Events; $4,057 - CCPC Funds; $904 – 50th Anniversary; T-Shirts – -$1,711).

-Affirm activities: Opening balance $979. No activity in 2021. Closing balance $979.
-Memorial Expenses: Opening balance $42. No activity in 2021. Closing balance $42.
-Cookie Drive: Opening balance $0. $7,224 was sold and $312 was expensed. The balance of $6,912 was transferred to Fundraising. Closing balance $0.
-SW Community Events: Opening balance $322. No activity in 2021. Closing balance $322.
-CCPC/Ever Wonder: Opening balance $4,057. No activity in 2021. Closing balance $4,057.
-50th Anniversary: Opening balance $904. No activity in 2021. Closing balance $904.
-PIE Day Fundraiser: Opening balance $0. There was $2,445 collected and $1,223 disbursed to The Chew Project and $1,222 disbursed into SSUC General Revenue (Local - $1,125 and Loose - $97).
-Sister Crew Fundraiser: Opening balance $0. $1,485 was collected and $1,435 was disbursed to Right at Home Housing Society. Ending balance is $50 to be disbursed in 2022.
-T-shirts: Opening balance -$1,711. There were $60 in sales. Closing balance -$1,651.

The overall ending balance in this Special Event Fund is $4,703. ($979 - Affirm Activities; $42 – Memorial Expenses; $322 - SW Community Events; $4,057 - CCPC Funds; $904 – 50th Anniversary; $50 - Sister Crew Right at Home Housing Society; -$1,651 – T-Shirts).

23. Youth Helping Youth Fund

Opening balance $559. $559 was transferred to the Campership Fund in 2021. Closing balance $0.

24. Campership Fund

Opening balance $1,400. $530 was donated to Camp Dragonfly and $1,634 was paid for camp registrations. $3,564 was expensed. Closing balance $0.

25. Edge Grant 2

Opening balance $1,443. $1,443 was expensed. Closing balance $0.

26. Edge Grant 3 (Young Adult Initiative)

Opening balance $2,500. $100 was donated and an Edge grant of $4,000 was added. $6,530 was expensed. Closing balance $95.

27. Memorial Funds

Opening balance $8,933. $1,590 was collected. $9,746 was expensed (piano upgrade/livestreaming equipment upgrade). Closing balance $777.

28. M. Thomas Memorial Education Fund

Opening balance $501. No activity in 2021. Closing balance $501.

29. Labyrinth Fund
Opening balance $9,765. No activity in 2021. Closing balance $9,765.

30. Bequests
Opening balance $14,000. $83,938 was added. $44,737 was disbursed. Closing balance $53,201.

31. Debt Servicing Fund
Opening balance $0. $1,730 was donated. This was used to make an additional lump sum principal payment towards the long term loan in April. Closing balance $0.

32. Caring Fund
Opening balance $2,197. $1,440 was contributed. $1,875 was disbursed. Closing balance $1,762.

33. Facility Improvement Fund
Opening balance $2,458 (Memorial Leaves/Memorial Garden). $345 was received. $254 was disbursed. Closing balance $2,549.

34. Church School Givings
Opening balance $290. $290 transferred to Camperships. Closing balance $0.

35. Long Term Liabilities
Previously the Edmonton Presbytery Loan. Now known as Northern Region Loan: Funds were originally received from Edmonton Presbytery in June 2000. Loan terms for the period January 1, 2017 onwards were: 3.0% interest, principal and interest paid quarterly ($4,981 each quarter). This loan was paid out on une 2021.

36. Equity in Fixed Assets
These amounts reflect the actual cost of the land, the actual cost of the building plus improvements less the principal remaining on the long-term loan and the depreciated cost of the furnishings. Reduction of the long-term indebtedness will be reflected by a corresponding equity increase.

37. Givings - Sundry
These amounts reflect donations towards donation envelopes and Broadview subscriptions.

38. Non-Receiptable – Other Sources
These amounts are for givings that have been receipted by other charities like The UCC Foundation, Canada Helps, Benefaction Canada and The United Way.

39. Fundraising Revenue
Fundraising revenue consists of Cookie Drive - $6,912 and Grocery Card Profit - $4,344. Grand Total of $11,256.

40. Grants
The amount received was from the CRA (EU Rebate).

41. CRA 10% Tax Subsidy
This was a federal government initiative to provide financial support due to COVID-19 (only applied for in 2020).

42. CRA Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy
This was a federal government initiative to provide financial support due to COVID-19 (only applied for in 2020).

43. Property Taxes
The City of Edmonton rebated what we had paid in spring of 2021 ($3,101). Balance is $0.

44. Maintenance Reserve Expense
$5,000 was expensed to hold funds for future Maintenance infrastructure projects.

45. Personnel Expenses

Ministry and support personnel expenses consist of:

	Nancy	Chris	Aynsley	
Salary	$87,827	$87,827	$34,339	
Travel	301	1,060		
Education	3,261	3,261		
Telephone	484	484		
Benefits	19,337	19,342	8,237	
	$111,210	**$111,974**	**$42,576**	**Total = $256,080**

Benefits include employer portions of CPP, EI, and the United Church benefit package.

46. Mission and Service Expense

For 2021, the amount budgeted was $33,000. Contributions that were made by donors and specifically designated to M&S for 2021 were $29,962. M&S was topped up from Local Revenue to meet the $33,000 budgeted.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Boyes, Treasurer

If you have any questions regarding the Treasurers' Report, Income and Expense Statement for 2021, or the Balance Sheet ending December 31, 2021, please contact Kim via email: tzu-touch@shaw.ca

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church
Comparative Balance Sheet 2021

		As at		As at		
		Dec 31, 2021		**Dec 31, 2020**		**Notes**
ASSETS:						
CURRENT ASSETS						
Servus ChequingAccount		185,695		152,192		**1**
MVU Funds Invested		100,000		100,087		**2**
SH Funds Invested		232,000		289,789		**3**
Servus Savings Account		10,808		11,138		**4**
Grocery Cards on Hand		38,806		35,408		**5**
Petty Cash		400		400		**6**
Total Cash Assets		**567,709**		**589,014**		
GST Reimbursable		1,311		658		
Prepaid Insurance		0		7,088		
Memberships		6,556		6,390		**7**
Patronage Payment		9		81		**8**
Total Current Assets		**575,585**		**603,231**		
FIXED ASSETS						**9**
Investment in Land		288,589		288,589		
Investment in Building		1,879,357		1,879,357		
Investment in Furnishings		60,809		67,566		**10**
Total Fixed Assets		**2,228,755**		**2,235,512**		
TOTAL ASSETS		**$2,804,340**		**$2,838,743**		
LIABILITIES:						
CURRENT LIABILITIES						
Accounts Payable		0		0		**11**
Total Current Liabilities		**0**		**0**		
SPECIAL FUNDS						**12**
SH Proceeds		185,988		243,777		**13**
SH Refugee		12,073		12,073		**14**
SH Infrastructure		0		5,986		**15**
MVU Funds Transferred		94,055		111,224		**16**
Maintenance Reserve Fund		10,986		0		**17**
Refugee Fund		520		4,785		**18**
Garneau Refugee Fund		4,130		0		**19**
Ananais Sponsorship Fund		40,000		0		**20**
Christmas Eve Fund		0		0		**21**
Special Events/Fundraise		4,703		4,593		**22**
Youth Helping Youth Fund		0		559		**23**
Campership Fund		0		1,400		**24**
Edge Grant 2		0		1,443		**25**
Edge Grant 3		95		2,500		**26**
Memorial Funds		777		8,933		**27**

	As at Dec 31, 2021	As at Dec 31, 2020	Notes
M. Thomas Fund	501	501	**28**
Labyrinth Fund	9,765	9,765	**29**
Bequests	53,201	14,000	**30**
Debt Servicing Fund	0	0	**31**
Caring Fund	1,762	2,177	**32**
Facility Improvement Fund	2,549	2,458	**33**
KidSPIRIT(Church School) Givings	0	290	**34**
Total Special Funds	**421,105**	**426,485**	
LONG TERM LIABILITIES			**35**
Long Term Loan	0	10,347	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	**421,105**	**436,832**	
EQUITY AND SURPLUS:			
EQUITY IN FIXED ASSETS			**36**
Equity in Land	288,589	288,589	
Equity in Building	1,883,559	1,873,211	
Equity in Furnishings	60,809	67,566	
Total Equity Fixed Assets	**2,232,957**	**2,229,366**	
EQUITY IN SERVUS MEMBERSHIP	6,556	6,390	
EQUITY IN SERVUS PATRONAGE	90	81	
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			
Previous Years' Surplus	166,073	150,632	
Current Operations	-22,441	15,441	
Accumulated Surplus	**143,632**	**166,073**	
TOTAL EQUITY AND SURPLUS	**2,383,235**	**2,401,910**	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	**$2,804,340**	**$2,838,743**	

***The notes contained in the Treasurer's Report form an integral part of this statement.**

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church
Comparative Income Statement – General Operations 2021

	2021 Actual		2021 Budget		2020 Actual		Notes
REVENUE:							
GIVINGS							
Local	372,118				371,929		
Loose	312				558		
M&S	29,962				32,862		
Sundry	275				555		**37**
Non-Rec. Other	21,887				20,150		**38**
TOTAL GIVINGS	**424,554**		**398,000**		**426,054**		
OTHER REVENUE							
Interest	9		50		0		
Fundraising	11,256		31,000		11,188		**39**
Sundry	0		500		814		
Facility Rental	10,115		25,000		12,284		
Non-Receipt PayPal	0		0		159		
Grants	735		0		0		**40**
CRA Tax Sub. 10%	0		0		4,125		**41**
CRA CEWS Support	0		0		14,302		**42**
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	**22,115**		**56,550**		**42,058**		
TOTAL REVENUE	**446,669**		**454,550**		**468,112**		
EXPENSES:							
OPERATING EXPENSE							
Office Expense							
Furniture & Equipment	1,334		1,500		2,861		
Photocopier Lease & Printing	5,166		5,000		5,166		
Supplies	1,315		1,332		1,167		
Telephone & Internet	3,014		3,300		3,165		
Sundry/Computer	3,087		4,000		1,933		
SSUC Sask. Admin.	3,189						
Office Expenses Subtotal	**17,105**		**15,900**		**14,457**		
Utilities/Taxes							
Power	7,005		8,000		5,088		
Water & Sewage	3,075		6,500		3,101		
Natural Gas	4,838		4,500		3,725		
Property Taxes	0		3,000		2,891		**43**
Utilities/Taxes Subtotal	**14,918**		**22,000**		**14,805**		
Property Maintenance Expense							
Insurance	7,088		6,000		6,096		
Maintenance	23,543		48,000		23,261		
Maintenance Reserve	5,000		0		0		**44**
Property Maintenance Subtotal	**35,631**		**54,000**		**29,357**		
Finance Committee Expense							
Bank and Payroll Charges	1,305		1,700		1,226		
PayPal Fees	426		250		436		
Supplies	610		383		383		
Finance Comm. Subtotal	**2,340**		**2,200**		**2,045**		

	2021 Actual		2021 Budget		2020 Actual		Notes
Board	500		250		0		
Trustees	1,230		100		23		
Ministry & Personnel	0		50		0		
Archives	0		100		0		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	**71,725**		**94,600**		**60,687**		
PERSONNEL EXPENSES							**45**
Minister 1	111,210		110,300		110,832		
Minister 2	111,974		106,300		104,084		
Admin Asst	42,576		43,000		41,164		
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE	**265,760**		**254,955**		**256,080**		
MORTGAGE EXPENSE							
Long Term Principal – Presbytery	8,618		19,200		19,138		
Long Term Interest – Presbytery	93		800		787		
TOTAL MORTGAGE EXPENSE	**8,711**		**20,000**		**19,925**		
COMMUNITY PROGRAM							
Spiritual Gatherings	3,281		7,400		4,247		
Congregational Care	124		1,260		210		
Website/Livestr	1,747		1,900		1,845		
Publicity	4,514		6,000		1,376		
Broadview	2,350		2,500		0		
Earth Charter	0		150		0		
Social	0		150		0		
Commun. Coord.	15,500		13,200		16,900		
TOTAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM	**27,516**		**32,560**		**24,578**		
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM							
Adult Programming	24		500		0		
Midweek Programming	4,487		2,000		2,810		
Youth Programming	398		3,100		1,500		
kidSPIRIT	5,546		5,700		5,066		
Summer Programs	0		500		208		
Library	313		500		0		
Affirm Initiatives	226		1,350		201		
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	**10,994**		**13,650**		**9,785**		
OUTREACH PROGRAM							
Bissell	6,000		6,000		6,000		
SW Community Needs/Families Budget	2,828		2,500		2,173		
Operation Friendship	6,000		6,000		6,000		
Operation Friendship- Casseroles	0		1,500		263		
Inner City High/Duggan Elementary	2,000		2,000		2,000		
Social Justice/KAIROS	200		200		200		
Food Assistance	400		400		400		
Ambrose Place	5,000		5,000		5,000		
Moving Forward to Reconciliation	215		2,000		750		
Camp Dragonfly	0		5,000		0		
CHEW Project	1,000		1,000		1,000		

	Right at Home Welcome Kits	1,000		1,000		1,000		
		2021 Actual		**2021 Budget**		**2020 Actual**		**Notes**
	Emerging Needs (GANG)	1,000		0		0		
	Make Tax Time Pay	0		150		0		
	SSUC-SK Outreach	5,000		5,000		5,000		
	Right at Home Legal Advice	0		2,500		0		
	Sub-Total	**30,643**		**40,250**		**29,786**		
	ICPM Lunch	459		500		775		
	M&S	33,000		33,000		33,000		**46**
	TOTAL OUTREACH PROGRAM	**64,102**		**73,750**		**63,561**		
	WIDER CHURCH-Regional Assessment	20,302		18,000		18,056		
	-Travel/Lodging	0		500		0		
TOTAL OPERATIONAL EXPENSES		**469,110**		**512,660**		**452,672**		
	NET INCOME/DEFICIT	**-22,441**		**$-58,110**		**$15,441**		
***The notes contained in the Treasurer's Report form an integral part of this statement.**								

PROPOSED SSUC 2022 BUDGET	Final Draft		Totals
			Totals
REVENUE	**REVENUE**		
GIVINGS	**GIVINGS**		
Pledges	190,500		
PAR	160,000		
General	50,000		
Other & N/R	10,000		
Sundry	0		
TOTAL GIVINGS	**TOTAL GIVINGS**		410,500
OTHER REVENUE	**OTHER REVENUE**		
Interest	0		
Fundraising	15,000		
Sundry	0		
Facility Rental	10,000		
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	**TOTAL OTHER REVENUE**		25,000
TOTAL REVENUE	**TOTAL REVENUE**		435,500
EXPENSES			
OPERATING EXPENSE	**OPERATING EXPENSE**		
Furniture & Equipment	1,600		
Photocopier Lease, Usage Cost	5,300		
Supplies	1,500		
Telephone/Internet	3,300		
Sundry	5,000		
SSUC-SK Admin. Contract	6,000		
SSUC-SK ST Andrews Rental	1,400		
Office Expenses Sub-Total		24,100	
Bank Charges	1,500		
PayPal Fees	500		
Taxes	0		
Insurance	11,000		
Maintenance	43,400		
Power	6,000		
Water & Sewage	6,200		
Natural Gas	6,000		
Utility Sub-Total		18,200	
Board Expense	700		
Trustees	300		
Finance Committee	700		
Ministry & Personnel	100		
Archives	100		
Maintenance Reserve	10,000		
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	**TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES**		110,600
PERSONNEL EXPENSES	**PERSONNEL EXPENSES**		
Minister 1	112,500		
Minister 2	112,500		

Southminster Steinhauer United Church 2021 Income Statement 2021-01-01 to 2021-12-31			
REVENUE			
GIVINGS			
Local			372,118.42
Loose			312.35
M & S			29,961.50
Sundry			275.00
Non-Receiptable - Other Sources			21,887.18
TOTAL GIVINGS			424,554.45
OTHER REVENUE			
Interest			9.30
Fundraising			11,255.77
Sundry			0.00
Extra Loan Payment Revenue			1,730.00
Facility Rental			10,114.66
Grants			735.00
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE			23,844.73
TOTAL REVENUE			448,399.18
EXPENSE			
OPERATING EXPENSE			
Furniture & Equipment	1,333.68		
Photocopier Lease, Usage Cost	5,166.00		
Supplies	1,315.36		
Telephone	3,014.24		
Sundry	3,087.41		
SSUC-SK Admin. Contract	3,188.75		
Office Expenses Sub-Total			17,105.44
Bank Charges			1,304.53
PayPal Fees			425.89
Taxes			0.00
Insurance			7,087.63
Maintenance			23,543.30
Maintenance Reserve Funding			5,000.00
Power	7,005.15		
Water & Sewage	3,075.26		
Natural Gas	4,838.11		
Utility Sub-Total			14,918.52
Board Expense			500.00
Trustees			1,230.00
Finance Committee			609.76
Ministry & Personnel			0.00
Archives			0.00
Extra Loan Payments			1,730.00
Long Term Principal	8,617.65		
Long Term Interest	93.13		
Mortgages Sub-Total			8,710.78
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES			82,165.85
PERSONNEL EXPENSES			
Minister 1			111,210.05
Minister 2			111,974.48
Administrative Assistant			42,575.79
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE			265,760.32

Administrative Assistant	43,600	
TOTAL PERSONNEL EXPENSE	**TOTAL PERSONNEL EXP**	268,600
COMMUNITY PROGRAM	**COMMUNITY PROGRAM**	
Spiritual Gatherings & Music	4,000	
Communications Coordination	14,400	
Congregational Care	500	
Website & Live-streaming	3,500	
Publicity	4,000	
Broadview	2,500	
Earth Charter	150	
Social	100	
TRC Response Group	100	
TOTAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM	**TOTAL COMMUNITY PROGRA**	29,250
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	**DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**	
Adult/Midweek Programming	100	
Midweek Programming	6,000	
Youth Prog. & Leader Contract	2,000	
Summer Programs	0	
kidSPIRIT all Year	2,000	
Leader Contract	3,000	
Affirm Initiatives	500	
Library	500	
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM	**TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROGF**	14,100
OUTREACH PROGRAM	**OUTREACH PROGRAM**	
New Initiative TBD	1500	
Bissell Centre	6,000	
operation Friendship	6,000	
ICPM Lunch	500	
Campus Food Bank	200	
Edmonton Foodbank	200	
Inner City High School	1,000	
Duggan Elementary	1,000	
Indigenous Initiatives	1,500	
MFTR Committee	500	
Ambrose Place	5,000	
Right at Home Resident Support	1,000	
Families/SW Needs	2,500	
Make Tax Time Pay	150	
Kairos	200	
Camp Dragonfly	5,000	
Community Health Wellness	1,000	
Nest Saskatoon	1,250	
The Lighthouse SK	1,250	
ICM SK Lunch Program	1,250	
Prairie Harm Reduction Sk	1,250	
RAH Legal Allowance	2,500	
Total Edm. & Sask. Outreach	40750	
Mission and Service	33000	
Total Outreach Program	73750	73750
UCC National and Region	18100	18100
TOTAL EXPENSE	**TOTAL EXPENSE**	514,400
NET INCOME	**NET INCOME**	-78,900

COMMUNITY PROGRAM		
Spiritual Gatherings	3,281.37	
Worship Sub-Total		3,281.37
Communications Coordination		15,500.00
Congregational Care		124.10
Website		1,746.69
Publicity		4,513.70
Broadview		2,350.00
Earth Charter		0.00
Social		0.00
TRC Response Group		0.00
Library		313.37
TOTAL COMMUNITY PROGRAM		27,829.23
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM		
Adult Programming	24.35	
Midweek Programming	4,486.66	
Youth Programming	398.05	
Summer Programs	0.00	
kidSPIRIT	5,546.10	
Congregational Development Sub-Tota		10,455.16
Affirm Initiatives		226.00
TOTAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM		10,681.16
OUTREACH PROGRAM		
Bissell Centre	6,000.00	
Families/SW Community Needs	2,827.75	
Operation Friendship	6,000.00	
Operation Friendship - Casserol	0.00	
Inner City High/Duggan Elem.	2,000.00	
Social Justice/Kairos	200.00	
Winspear Special Fund (E4C)	0.00	
Food Assistance	400.00	
Affordable Housing/Ambrose Pla	5,000.00	
Indigenous Initiatives	215.00	
Camp Dragonfly	0.00	
Emerging Issues	3,000.00	
SSUC Sask Outreach	5,000.00	
Project Sub-Total		30,642.75
ICPM Lunch		458.81
M & S Expense		33,000.00
TOTAL OUTREACH PROGRAM		64,101.56
WIDER CHURCH		
Presbytery / Conference		20,302.00
TOTAL WIDER CHURCH		20,302.00
TOTAL EXPENSE		470,840.12
NET INCOME		-22,440.94

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SSUC Special Funds - Collections and Disbursements SSUC 2021

Description	Opening Balance	Collected Receiptable	Collected Unreceiptable	Disbursed	Closing Balance	
SH Proceeds	243,777			57,789	185,988.00	see Note 1
SH Refugee	12,073				12,073.00	
SH Infrastructure	5,986			5,986	-	see Note 2
MVU Funds Transferred	111,224		22	17,191	94,055.00	see Note 3
Maintenance Reserve Fund	-		10,986		10,986.00	
Refugee Fund	4,785	320	-	4,585	520.00	
Garneau Refugee Fund	-		4,130		4,130.00	
Ananais Sponsorship Fund	-		40,000		40,000.00	
No Room in the Inn	-	2,890	224	3,114	-	
Affirm Activities	979	-			979.00	
Memorial Expenses	42	-	-	-	42.00	
Cookie Drive	-	-	7,224	7,224	-	
SW Community Events	322	-	-	-	322.00	
PIE Day - CHEW/SSUC	-	1,125	1,320	2,445	-	
Sister Crew (Right at Home)	-	1,485		1,435	50.00	
Ever Wonder/CCPC	4,057	-			4,057.00	
50th Anniverary	904	-	-	-	904.00	
T-Shirts	- 1,711	-	60	-	- 1,651.00	
Youth Helping Youth Fund	559	-	-	559	-	
Camperships	1,400	530	1,634	3,564	-	
Edge Grant 2	1,443	-	-	1,443	-	
Edge Grant 3	2,500	100	4,000	6,505	95.00	
Memorial Funds	8,933	1,590	-	9,746	777.00	
M. Thomas Memorial Fund	501	-	-	-	501.00	
Labyrinth	9,765	-	-	-	9,765.00	
Bequests	14,000	83,938	-	44,737	53,201.00	
Debt Servicing Fund	-	1,730	-	1,730	-	
Caring Fund	2,197	1,440	-	1,875	1,762.00	
Facility Improvement	2,458	45	300	254	2,549.00	
Kidspirit (Church Sch.)	290	-	-	290	-	
TOTALS	**$ 426,484.00**	**$95,193.00**	**$ 69,900.00**	**$170,472.00**	**$ 421,105.00**	

Note 1: Balance adjusted to reflect actual amount invested.

Note 2: Balance transferred to Maintenance Reserve Fund

Note 3: Balance adjusted to reflect actual amount invested

MINUTES: SSUC BOARD
(IN LIEU OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING)
MARCH 16, 2021

The following motions from the March 16, 2021 SSUC Board meeting reflect the business that normally would have been taken up by an AGM. This action was taken after publication of the 2020 Annual Report and after inviting feedback and questions from the congregation. (See documents referred below at ssucedmonton.com/administration-resources)

7.0 Board review & approval of the 2020 Annual Report
MOTION: To approve the Annual Report for 2020, Version 2
Moved : Bill Hibbard
Seconded: Berni Hardin Carried

8.0 2021 Budget Approval (Appendix C)
MOTION: That draft 5 of the budget, as amended, be approved as final for 2021.
Moved : Bill Hibbard
Seconded : Kim Boynes Carried

9.0 Resignation of David Neilson from Board of Trustees
MOTION: To accept the resignation of David Nielsen from the Board of Trustees with regrets and with our thanks for his service.
Moved : Bill Hibbard
Seconded : Janet Campbell Carried
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10.0 Approval of Board Members 2021-2022 (Appendix D)
MOTION: To approve the board members as indicated on the Board & Committee Roster 2021 as circulated.
Moved : Berni Hardin
Seconded : Bill Hibbard Carried