

**MINISTER'S REPORT**

It has been a full and interesting time since I arrived at Wilmot last June! I can still say, in all honesty, that I am very glad to be part of this ministry at the corner of Carleton and King streets in Fredericton.

I am particularly grateful for the warm reception I received and for the patient support as I began the process of learning all about the congregation.

Sometimes, a newcomer can see a situation in ways that are fresh and revealing. It was very encouraging to have the leaders of the congregation hear and respond to the issues I raised for possible action. The main three were: communication, finances and structure.

As you are likely aware, we are seriously engaged with all three items at every level of the church's operation. Furthermore, we are making real headway in all areas. In my opinion, this willingness to take stock and reflect is a major asset in any organization.

It is very satisfying to me to feel that my particular professional experience, training and gifts are useful and a good fit for the congregation at this point in its history. I definitely see God's hand at work in all that has happened.

The year ahead will be an exciting and challenging part of Wilmot United Church's journey I feel sure. I look forward to discerning a path together and to the creative problem solving and innovation that will be required. I am truly grateful for our shared ministry and for the interesting time of transition and transformation throughout the church.

May God bless our ministry and make us a blessing to others.

In Christ's service,  
Rev. Rose~Hannah Gaskin BN, MScN,  
MDiv, STM  
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**REFLECTIONS ON 2010**

**Bob Jones**

For me, it was a year of preparatory transition; preparation for the departure of Chris Levan who had endeared himself to so many in so many ways; preparation for the arrival of Rose-Hannah Gaskin, with her particular gifts of ministry - so much needed at this crucial time in our church's life.

If I am weary, it is not so much from work done in my 10 plus hours, but from the knowledge of visits that have not been made but are being attended to one-by-one. Pastoral visitation is never finished!

But let me emphasize that I heartily enjoy my "Wilmot Life"; being part of the ministry team - Marlene, Beth, Megan, Erica (Vouchers), Randy, Murray and Priscilla (Jan. - June), Steven, Virginia, Minister Emeritus Cliff Moase, M&P Chairs, Andy and Richard, my M&P Rep, George Cross as well as members of the choir and UCW especially when called upon for funeral participation on short notice!

I am blessed by support of the congregation as I move among you in visits and various church functions. Perhaps most satisfying of all was my supportive role with Chris in the first half of the year and "being there" for Rose-Hannah during the past 6 months.

A final word from St. Paul - "Rejoice in the Lord always. Let your gentleness be known to everyone."

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**FROM THE SECRETARY**

The year 2010 was a great year for me - both here at Wilmot and in my personal life. The year began with a great celebration on Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> - the birth of our second grandchild - Rachel Eva Burgoyne! Grandparenting is the best ever!

In March Donnie and I travelled to Florida where we met our daughter, her husband and their two young children. Seeing Magic Kingdom through the eyes of a three year old is something everyone should do!

It was a great year of travel for me- I

also travelled to Cape Breton where I attended meetings for my home church.

Work at Wilmot continues to keep me very busy! Having such wonderful people to work and socialize with makes Wilmot a wonderful place to be. Your kindness throughout the year is greatly appreciated and your thoughtfulness especially at Christmas time will not be forgotten.

We said farewell to Chris in May and welcomed Rose-Hannah to our staff. Changes although sometimes challenging also cause us to grow. Wilmot is always growing!

Wilmot Seniors and Quilters continue to invite me to join them for tea and refreshments - how can I say no to such an invitation? If you cannot find me in my office - check the parlour I am probably there!

My M&P Rep, Richard MacTavish has been very understanding and graciously considers all my requests. Sometimes I keep him very busy!

I look forward to this my 19<sup>th</sup> year at Wilmot. May God richly bless each one of you as you have blessed me.

*Marlene Phillips*

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**STATS**

**BAPTISMS** (Adult)

- William Bauer
- Kal Hasan
- Mae Springer
- David Watt

**MARRIAGES**

- Dirk Deurloo & Stephanie DeLong
- Matthew Colbourne & Lecia Neadow
- Trevor Scott & Krista Reid
- Skylar Dutcher & Tasha Whitlock
- Scott McPhail & Simone Nowlan
- John Henderson & Marijke Daye
- Greg Meirs & Marcie Pushee
- Berton Quigley & Gerald Rymes
- Graham Little & Heather Gorman
- Darren French & Erica Payne
- Bradley Granlund & Kari Embleton

- Jason Henderson & Sally Pong
- Matthew Levan & Monica Gonzalez
- Nora Watson & Nancy Oxner

**DEATHS**

- Marjorie Atherton
- William Johnston
- Valorie Kendall
- Jane Foster (M)
- Mary Ellen Tait
- Ralph Gorman (M)
- Ladona McKinley (M)
- William Bauer (M)
- James Cooper
- Elizabeth Kerr (M)
- M = Member

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**TRANSFERS**

**Into Wilmot:**

- Amanda Francis
- Marcel Laflamme
- Alissa Lee
- Bonnie Melanson
- Denis Melanson
- Jeannette Hall

**From Wilmot:**

- Griffin Higgins

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**SESSION**

April 2010- January 2011

Session oversees the activities related to worship within Wilmot United Church (WUC). Under this mandate numerous groups function; the Worship Committee, the Sanctuary Committee, the Congregational Life Committee, the Outreach Committee, and the Faith Formation/ Christian Development Committees. In 2010 these groups were responsible for numerous social activities, fund raisers, and educational activities.

Session is made up of Elders who not only work at the committee level, but also participate in worship services providing communion and acting as greeters and ushers. They keep in touch with members of the congregation and are a resource to those who

do not come to services regularly.

Some of the work that has been done through Session over the past year includes: re-establishing communications with St. Paul's and co-coordinating shared ministry through the summer months, including a shared Vacation Bible School; participating in the 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Church of Canada with the 'Common Loaf' packages; organizing several special services; creating the first Session budget; organizing coffee and conversation each week; approving baptisms, weddings, and transfers for WUC; creating guidelines for Discernment Committees and keeping regular contact with our inquirers and candidates; approving use of the church buildings; electing a new Chair of Session and a new Clerk of Session; and creating a marriage policy.

All of this work has been done in partnership with our clergy and we hope has been helpful to move WUC forward in its service to the church both at a congregational level and in the wider community.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Oxner, Clerk of Session

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**OFFICIAL BOARD**

The Official Board is the decision-making body of Wilmot United Church. All committees in the church ultimately report to the board. The representatives on the board are comprised of members from Stewards, Trustees, Session, and a representative from M&P, United Church Women, and Outreach. Many of the issues of the Official Board are the issues of respective committees and each committee will present its own report. In this report I will highlight the dominant issues with which the board dealt in the year 2010.

With the resignation of Rev. Chris Levan in late December of 2009, it meant that Wilmot would now be without a full time minister as of the end of May. One of the first responsibilities of the board in January was to ask the Search Committee to reconvene and move forward by interviewing the candidates

that had applied in the fall. (In the December, 2009 meeting the board had made a recommendation to halt the Search Committee to provide time to re-examine our finances to see if we could afford a second minister.) At the January meeting the board made a recommendation to the congregation as to the salary we felt we could afford to offer a new minister. Once the congregation approved this change in salary, the Search Committee contacted the applicants to see if they still wished to be considered with the salary change.

Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin accepted the call to be our new minister and her appointment was approved at a Congregational Meeting in February, filling the vacancy left by Rev. Peter Short in the fall of 2009. In April a new JNAC was established with support from Presbytery and approval by the Congregation to begin the process of filling the vacancy left by Rev. Chris Levan. This move was in response to the request of the first JNAC that two full-time ministers were needed to fulfill the requirements of this congregation.

Throughout this transition the church was blessed to have Rev. Murray McFarlane and Rev. Bob Jones responding to the many needs of the congregation. Priscilla Geisterfer continued to co-ordinate the Sunday School Program. A celebration of Rev. Chris Levan's ministry was held in May and in July we welcomed our current minister, Rev. Rose- Hannah Gaskin.

In 2009 the church was faced with heavier financial issues as a result of the loss of revenue from the Old Manse, the previous decline of the stock market and an ongoing deficit. In December 2009 the board met solely to brainstorm ideas for increasing revenues, decreasing expenditures and examining creative ways we might be able to create a team ministry.

The Stewards continued to work on alternative measures to raise money for additional funding to offset expenses throughout this year. Many of the suggestions that were presented have been implemented: an auction, a book sale, combining summer services with St. Paul's Church, Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, and

a new way of leaving endowments.

The old manse was rented with a lease for eight years. The cost to upgrade it to reasonable standards was considerable so the revenue for the first few years will be low to offset these expenses. In the spring it was discovered that the roof of the old manse had to be replaced. Where as the need was immediate, a member of Stewards, Marjorie Atkinson approached the congregation to fund this project. Most of the cost of repairing the roof was recovered in this campaign.

With the new minister's arrival several meetings were held in the summer to re-examine the financial situation, to look at developing a framework for the structure of our committees and their individual responsibilities, and work on better ways of communicating the work of the church to its members. Three specific committees were struck to examine these areas with the intention that the committees would continue working in this vain for the next eight months.

**The Vision/ Mission Committee** was comprised of members of the JNAC, as part of their current mandate was to determine needs of the congregation. Various means of surveying the congregation were used to gather this information. Because of their collection of data this committee assumed the responsibility of developing a new Mission Statement for the church and this will be presented to the congregation at the AGM.

**The Finance Committee** was able to get approved the acceptance of shares from members of the congregation. This will enable people who choose to donate shares to do so and in turn receive a charitable receipt. The various programs and functions of the church now have their own budgets and this will provide a clearer picture to the members of the congregation as to the use of the money.

**The Structure Committee** was charged with examining the structure, organization and function of the many committees of the church. The document created from this collection of data will have many purposes, one of which is for the use of the nominating committee.

The year 2010 has been a difficult one

in many ways as we said good-bye to our current full time minister, Chris Levan, our interim minister, Murray McFarlane, and our Sunday school coordinator, Priscilla Geisterfer. On a positive note we welcomed Rev. Rose- Hannah Gaskin. Also, Shirley Cleave offered in September to relieve me of my responsibilities and she took on the role as the Chair of the Official Board. Already her expertise in process and her excellent organizational skills have had an impact on the meetings and the direction in which we are going. The many changes of clergy, (the ongoing operation of the Search Committee for Rev. Peter Short's replacement and the formation of a second JNAC for Rev. Chris Levan's replacement), the financial issues, the loss of revenue, the need for fund raising and the necessity to examine our current structure and communication tactics have been the central focus for the Official Board for the year 2010. This ongoing work is the result of the many dedicated people who believe in what we do here at Wilmot. On that note I wish to offer some thanks.

Christian Education falls under the umbrella of the Session, but on behalf of the congregation, I wish to thank Peggy Scott, Wendy Topolski and Joyce Trites who accepted the responsibility for the organization, design and implementation of a new Sunday School Program. Gathering teachers and overseeing the ongoing work is a major task.

We have a vast volunteer base without which we could not run and sustain the many things we do. To the people who have chosen to step down from their former responsibilities, I wish to say a sincere thank-you. To those who continue to serve to see that the vision of Wilmot Church is maintained I say thank-you. Bob Lutes, our church treasurer, is one volunteer I wish to single out for his commitment. The finances have been a huge focus and Bob has provided information consistently as we have grappled with how to run our church. Thank you, Bob!

This is my final report and last function as former Chair of the Official Board. I wish to acknowledge the service of Randy and Marlene. Whenever I made a request to Randy to prepare for a supper

meeting or a regular meeting he was only too eager to help and to do it correctly. Marlene answered many many calls from me with the same even temperament, willingness and kindness. Whenever I needed an answer Marlene had it. I continue to enjoy the talents of Steven and Virginia and thank them for making our services so special. The Ministerial Staff at Wilmot has been dedicated, professional and extraordinary in meeting the needs of our congregation. I enjoyed rekindling my friendship with Murray; I delight in the stories of Bob Jones and his visitation ministry; and I feel we are very blessed to now have Rose-Hannah in our midst. Although Wilmot United has seen its share of ups and downs over the years we are a resilient congregation, a caring congregation and with God's help we will continue to be a strong positive church on the corner of King and Carleton for years to come.

I thank you for the opportunity to have served as the Chair of the Official Board.

Ann Kennedy

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### **TRUSTEE REPORT**

#### **The Past Year**

Last year the Trustees signed an eight-year agreement for the rental of the Manse. The agreement provided for the construction of a loft-style apartment on the third floor with an office space on the second and first floors. Yuge Design Inc. agreed to renovate the building at no cost to Wilmot. These renovations allowed for the creation of a disabled-access washroom on the first floor as well as installation of walls to prevent the spread of fire from one floor to the next.

The cemetery committee undertook a number of projects this year as well. The construction of a modern facility with a washroom with disability access for employees and visitors, as well as a proper meeting area for those visiting the site to discuss burial options was completed. The committee also used ground-penetrating radar to determine whether a number of plots actually contained graves. This resulted in

locating approximately 70 plots that were spoken for, but no records of payment or other details could be found. Another columbarium was ordered for delivery in the spring of 2011. There were 78 interments this year compared to 61 last year. The staff straightened and leveled 57 monuments last season. The Fredericton Rural Cemetery trust account had a balance of \$820,236.34 as of December 31, 2010. This is a \$57,636 decrease from the previous year.

The Trustees also made the repayment of the final amount owing the church for the exterior maintenance project of 2006. The conversion of the gym lighting to fluorescent was completed and at this time a gym heater motor was also replaced. New and improved security lighting for the Carleton and King St. exits of the hall were completed. Lighting for the sanctuary entrance and balcony steps was upgraded and plumbing and boiler repairs were made.

#### **The Year Ahead**

The Trustees at a recent meeting set forth a list of capital maintenance items that need to be discussed and budgeted for. Some of these are things that must be done to bring certain portions of Wilmot up to current government code.

- Provide better heating and ventilation in the furnace room to allow for furnace room to not be cold so that pipes do not freeze.
- Adjustments to the Sanctuary furnace burner to allow for optimum performance of furnace.
- Kitchen Improvements: This item contains a list of issues that currently are against the Department of Health revised regulations regarding community kitchens. The installation of a properly vented 9 foot stainless steel range hood and a stainless steel backsplash. This also involves replacement of existing light fixtures, new exhaust duct work. The other items that may be addressed during this are a new range, the operation of an existing room exhaust and the installation of a new counter top.
- As of the date of this report the

Trustees have not heard what the Security Working Group will be coming forward with in terms of recommendations to provide better security at Wilmot.

- The two front entrance windows in the Sanctuary should have Lexan placed over them to allow for better long term care.
- The parking lot signage for the Carleton street parking lot also needs to be improved. The Trustees should look at a permanent signage for those spots that we rent to individuals. This might impact the patio at Isaac’s Way but would provide better signage than the current chain and post system.

The above list is a suggestion of things that are higher on the priority list than others. Due to the age of Wilmot and constant use it receives they are numerous things that are on the list that would be nice to have addressed.

- replacing the carpet in the Nursery
  - refinishing and reupholstering chairs at the back of the Sanctuary
  - painting of the ceiling in the Sanctuary (which has not be done since 1974)
  - plaster repairs to the stairwells in the Sanctuary leading to the upstairs
  - new flooring in Wilmot Hall and the kitchen
  - woodwork at the front of the Sanctuary that needs to be refinished
  - installation of a drop ceiling in Wilmot Hall with new lighting

Submitted by  
Craig Astle, Chair

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## COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS

The Stewards would like to thank the Congregation for your support during this past year not only financially but also with all the hours you have volunteered. Although our givings were up \$1500 or 1% above the previous year, we had planned on a 3% increase in the budget. In the Spring we had tenants who signed an 8 year lease for the Manse which covers costs but does not contribute to our budget. Fortunately, our investments did better than expected .

We had a very successful Auction thanks to Maggie Clarke and all the wonderful volunteers who contributed their time and their goods. The net proceeds from the auction were \$11,692. We had budgeted earning \$10,000 from the auction and \$2000 from a speaker (which did not occur). The Stewards are going to attempt to balance the budget without counting on Fundraisers in the future. We plan on using these events to help replenish our trust funds.

Members of the congregation on PAR continue to contribute in a meaningful and regular way to our finances. We now have 72 participants. Committees have been taking a close look at their own budgets and have been submitting them to the Church treasurer. This has been a very positive experience. However, in the past few months, givings have been down. This is an issue which causes some concern especially since our personnel needs, as a church, must be met.

It has been a pleasure to work with Rev. Rose-Hannah who has been working to understand and connect all our various committees. We are a very active church and this can be a challenge.

Respectfully submitted  
Committee of Stewards

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## MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The Ministry and Personnel Committee had several meetings this year primarily regarding changes in ministry personnel at Wilmot. Co-chairs, Andy MacDonald and Richard MacTavish, conducted interviews with Rev. Chris Levan,

Rev. Murray McFarlane, Rev. Bob Jones and Priscilla Geisterfer concerning their positions at Wilmot. We want to thank Rev. Chris Levan, Rev. Murray McFarlane and Priscilla Geisterfer for their dedicated work here at Wilmot. We have been challenged to re-evaluate and go in a new direction due to budget restraints, therefore, there is a reduction in staff.

We were pleased to welcome Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin who came to us from Vancouver Presbytery. We are grateful to Rev. Bob Jones who is willing to continue his valued ministry with us.

Our committee continues to work closely with all staff at Wilmot and reports regularly to the Official Board. We feel there has been a smooth transition over the past few months and thank the great staff and congregation for all their hard work and support.

Respectfully submitted,

Andy MacDonald

Richard MacTavish (co-chairs)

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our current Sunday School curriculum was selected after examining several programs at a curriculum information meeting in mid August at St. Paul's United Church.

A strong point of this curriculum is the integration of learning and worship. This provides a unity of themes in worship and Sunday School not found in other programs. Lectionary based and user friendly for the teachers, it uses a variety of learning styles and media for the children and youth. The curriculum is enhanced by art, music, games and resources. With all of this there is still room for the creative and imaginative talents of our teachers to shine.

A team worked to determine the age groupings, arrange for teachers, put together binders and set up classrooms as well as a supply room. Everything was ready for Sunday School Registration on Welcome Sunday in September.

In addition to the normal curriculum, the children and youth were involved in extra

activities during Advent. They provided extra support for the Christmas Hamper Program. As well they participated in White Gift Sunday and greeted and handed out bulletins.

There has been positive feedback on the current Sunday School program by teachers, parents and children.

Teachers for Sunday School are:

Nursery: ages 0-3      8 children registered

- Nicole Jacobson
- Krista Bowen
- Amy Thornton
- Nancy Andrechek

Sunshine Room: ages 3-5      13 children

- Hilary Drain
- Jennifer Redmond
- Kristie Heard
- Krista Bowen
- Erin Mattinson
- Stephanie English
- Breagh MacDonald-Rahn

Ages 6-7      16 children

- Debbie Comfort
- Andrea Hoyt

Ages 8-10      10 children

- Lorie Nielsen
- Virginia MacDonald

Ages 11 and up      10 youth

- Anne Colpitts
- Guy Vezina
- Jon Sweeney

As well as all the teachers and helpers thanks go to Peggy Scott, Joyce Trites, Wendy Topolski and Jilanna Eagles for their hard work and commitment to this ministry.

**WILMOT INFORMATION TEAM**  
**(WIT)**

In 2010 the Information Team published two issues of *Words from Wilmot* including a limited number of large print copies.

In addition to regular notices of services, special notices for Welcome Sunday, Anniversary Sunday, Christmas, and Holy Week were published in the Daily Gleaner.

As a cost-saving measure, to replace the program directory WIT published WELCOME TO WILMOT'S GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES: 2010-2011, given out on Welcome Sunday. Also the team assisted in assembling the newcomers' folders. We also provided photographs and powerpoint presentations for special occasions.

Garth Caseley has continued as webmaster of our site, www.wilmotuc.nb.ca which is very useful.

Ted Colson, Chair

Members: Owen Washburn, Rick Patterson, Carolyn Atkinson, Jack Oudemans, Lucille Caseley, Nancy Bauer  
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**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

Committee members: Cheryl Smith and Michelle Gunn (with the help of many devoted volunteers.)

The Congregational Life Committee at Wilmot United Church is responsible for the following events:

**September:** Welcome Back Sunday and Annual Corn Boil

**November:** Anniversary Sunday

**December:** (In past: Progressive Dinner)

**January:** Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner (new event initiated January 2011 to replace Progressive Dinner.

**February:** Annual Meeting (Breakfast), Curling Event  
Pancake Supper, which

occurs based on the calendar date of Shrove Tuesday. (This year it will be held in March.)

**June:** Sunday School Picnic

**January 2010 – January 2011**

**February** was a busy month for the Congregational Life Committee with three events occurring during this month in 2010:

**Curling Event:** Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Although attendance was down this year and not all those who signed up attended, the event still went well. People seemed to enjoy themselves, and some were people who had not attended before, or curled before. The event ran from 6:30- 9:30 p.m., and after people were done curling, the committee had prepared some snacks for the group. Jim Nicholson is the contact person for this event, and basically runs the event due to his experience and enjoyment with curling. The event will occur again in 2011. Thank you for all your hard work Mr. Nicholson.

**Shrove Tuesday:** Tuesday, February 16. This event always seems to be quite a success each year, and the committee prepares pancakes, beans, ham and sausage with the help of many volunteers. The supper starts at 5:00 p.m. and runs to generally 6:30 p.m. The cost is minimal to participants, and the event is open to the general public. Special thanks to Phil Smith for cooking the pancakes, Molly Dubay for making the fruit salad, and the other countless volunteers who help out during this event, flipping pancakes, cooking, serving food and helping with the clean-up. Your hard work is always very much appreciated.

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation:** Sunday, February 21. The event is a luncheon in which the congregation is asked to help out by bringing in either sandwiches, or sweets, according to the alphabetical placement of their last name. The committee provides tea, coffee, juice, condiments, and a cake for this event. This event went well, and we had a fairly large crowd.

**Congregational Picnic and Sunday Worship at Odell Park:** Sunday, June 13. This event did not go as well as it had in previous years. Due to financial restraints, it was decided (without the committee being consulted) that people should bring their own food, and beverages; with the committee providing the barbeques, napkins and a cake. Attendance was down, and it was decided that

for June 2011, that we would return to the original plan which would include providing barbecued hot dogs, beverages, chips, some cut-up vegetables, condiments and a cake.

**Welcome Sunday, September 2011:** This event went very well, with a huge attendance. The congregation was again asked to bring sandwiches or sweets, depending on the placement of their last names in the alphabet (which is the common practice for this event). A cake was also provided for the congregational lunch, along with tea, coffee, and juice. The decision was made to not order a whole slab of cake for upcoming events, as people do not seem to be eating the whole cake. For the next event that requires a cake, the committee will order a half a slab. When there are sweets left over, (for any congregational life event), the sweets are always frozen for the next Sunday for Coffee Hour, so there is no waste.

**Annual Corn Boil: October 2010:** Due to prior commitments with the members of the committee this event was not planned until mid-October, and there was a lack of response. Therefore, the event was cancelled this year. Next year, the event will occur earlier in September, but will not coincide with the Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival.

**Anniversary Sunday: November 2010:** This event was cancelled this year due to the fact that the guest speaker was ill at the time. It was indicated that this event may occur later in the spring of 2011. When this event does occur, the congregation will be asked to bring in sandwiches, or sweets, depending on the alphabetical placement of their last name. The congregation always participates well, and the committee also provides tea, coffee, juice and a cake. This event should occur again next fall with the Congregational Life committee hosting it.

**Progressive Dinner: December 2010:** This event was cancelled this year due to the fact that it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a host for the main course for this event, and it is a very busy time of year. This year we decided to host a new event in January to replace the Progressive Dinner.

**“Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner: January 2011:** This event went very well, according to both hosts and guests. This

event is a relatively new event that has not occurred at Wilmot for some years, and had not been organized previously by the existing committee. Due to a lack of guests, there were only four places that hosted the event. With a small guest list, it was unfortunate that more people did not call to enjoy this event. There were some comments that, according to some participants and hosts, that the committee did not charge enough. An initial charge of \$15 per person was set. The feedback on the event was very good, even from the hosts, who indicated that a good evening was enjoyed by all. Several suggestions were made to improve this event which included charging more per person, having someone talk up the event and make an announcement during a service before the event, and also setting up a table during coffee hour so that people can ask questions and hopefully participate. It was also suggested that the event take place in February close to Valentine’s Day, but this may prove difficult due to the fact that it would coincide with the curling event which occurs right around that date. The event will definitely take place again next year.

The Congregational Life Committee looks forward to preparing for the new year and would also like to thank Terri MacLean for actively becoming involved in this committee this year. Other volunteers that have helped on a regular basis who need to be thanked and who were not already mentioned are: Greg and Bev Black, Andrea Black, Nancy Beth Chase, plus Lindsey and Jon Sweeney. There are countless others to step in to help out in the kitchen, and who also bring food during the events we host. Thanks to all who help out. We appreciate it all. If you are interested in helping out, please do not hesitate to contact us.

#### **Updates for next year:**

Cheryl Smith and Michelle Gunn would officially like to take this time to indicate that we will be tendering our resignation when the next report is due in February 2012. We will help whoever takes over, and will definitely answer any questions as new volunteers transition to this committee. We will also help run the events until new volunteers take over completely in

September 2012.

We would also like to take this time to thank Marlene, the church secretary, for all her help and for her patience with our many questions.

Thank you

Cheryl Smith and Michelle Gunn

Congregational Life Committee

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**SANCTUARY COMMITTEE**

The members of the Sanctuary Committee in 2010 were: Elizabeth Bastin, Diana Hall, Barb Frame, Betty Shore, Florence Potts, and Gisele LeBlanc.

The Sanctuary Committee is responsible for things behind the scenes. We are like stage hands in a theatre production. We hang the crosses and tapestries, change the bookmark and table runners, arrange flowers and blow out candles just to name a few. The committee helps to enrich the Sunday morning worship service by adding their own creative touch.

Sanctuary Committee wishes to thank all the members of the congregation for their support and donations to each and every Sunday in their own way.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carlinda Daigle

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**PRAYER AND HEALING MINISTRY**

In the United Church healing ministry is seen primarily as the continuance of Jesus' healing ministry – concerned with restoring “the balance and wholeness of body, mind and spirit, not only within the individual, but also with relationships, community and creation.” (Ross Bartlett, Imprints, 2005)

**The Prayer and Healing Ministry at Wilmot** consists of 3 components: The Prayer Circle, Contemplative Services or Services of Healing and the offering of Healing Touch treatments.

**1. The Prayer Circle offers prayer daily for those placed on our Wilmot Prayer list.** Prayer requests / intentions may be for physical, emotional, mental, and

spiritual or family and relationship challenges. The number of intentions on the list at any one time varies between sixty and ninety. The Prayer Circle membership was ten or more over the course of the year and Bob Jones was the primary ministry contact.

**2. Services of Healing (Contemplative Services)** provide a quiet space for rest and restoration through prayer, meditation, music and various dimensions of healing. The last service was held during the Advent season of 2009; there are no contemplative services scheduled for 2011 at this time.

**3. Healing Touch** is an energetic healing technique which was originally developed by nurses to facilitate relaxation and healing and to ease discomfort and anxiety. When used in the context of the Christian tradition we focus on the healing presence of Christ, and then through prayer and the use of touch, Christ's healing is directed to the individual. Healing Touch treatments are offered as requested. In 2006 a room was provided for this ministry. A small budget provided for decorating and obtaining a proper table. This quiet space is available for other ministries such as Spiritual Direction and Meditation. In 2010 the Healing ministry sponsored a workshop (Awakening Sacred Connections) which focused on listening for God's guidance in our own lives and when helping others. Fourteen participants attended the workshop, many from outside the Wilmot congregation. Several of our Wilmot people were sponsored to attend the workshop

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**LECTIONARY BIBLE CONVERSATION GROUP**

The members of the Lectionary Bible Conversation Group invite other members of the congregation to an ongoing conversation on the invitations and challenges of the Christian way:

*Wilmot Seekers: Exploring the Horizons of the Christian Way*  
Meeting monthly starting Thursday Jan. 13  
4:00-6:00 pm in the Church Parlour

*“If you seek me with your whole heart I will let you find me”*  
-Jeremiah

Wilmot Seekers will be a forum for deepening faith and broadening understanding of Jesus’ way in the 21st Century.

The conversation will be based on a current book which raises central questions about the Christian journey in human perspective:

- following Jesus or worshipping Christ
- right belief or true love
- Jesus’ blood or our blood
- the Bible: teaching pictures or literal words
- religion: relationship or righteousness
- Easter: presence or proof

From Jan 2011: “Saving Jesus from the Church: How to Stop Worshipping Christ and Start Following Jesus” by Robin Meyers, available from Westminster Books. \$18.99.

The approach would be to use books like this to stimulate fresh ways of thinking about what Jesus seemed to be about, what He seemed to advocate among His friends and followers, and what God may be saying to us through Him for the faithful living of ordinary life today.

The conversations would be open, explorative, respectful of all opinion, and attentive to guidelines about how adults learn and grow.

Don MacDougall

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### **WILMOT OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Several ongoing activities happen over the year under the auspices of the Outreach Committee. These are varied in time, duration, focus/goals, and people involved. Each activity/ project has come about to address a need or social justice issue in our community, country, or world. We aim to provide educational content and learning as well as action. The Outreach Committee consists of about 6-8 people who meet monthly (1st Wed. of the month ) to review ongoing activities and deal with any new business, projects, or issues that arise.

Wilmot Community members are essential to the success of our endeavors. You can be involved in one or several Outreach

activities as your time, interest, and skills allow.

Our 2010 year was full but we also decided to focus on our ongoing projects and not add more to our endeavours this year. It was a ‘maintenance & refreshing year’. We have had a few new people assist us on both the committee level and in various projects.

We also were conscientious of the restricted financial situation the church was experiencing. Thus our fund raising went mostly to support our Drop In program. We were able to allocate some financial donations to various community groups after not doing this in Dec 2009.

Although all the activities are important that Outreach supports/does a few noteworthy accomplishments over the year are:

(a) Catalyst & participation in a new project “Support for Access to Justice Project of Maritime Conference”. Special thanks to Gail Wylie & Norm Laverty & the Social Work students who have been working with Maritime Conference. Wilmot has provided skills & time from people involved, meeting space, networking with downtown churches, like-minded groups & individuals.

(b) Eris MacDonald Rahn with his sister Breagh & mother Gayle’s help has been steadfast at managing & selling Fair Trade products & increasing the variety of stock. He has kept detailed financial & inventory records.

(c) Norm Laverty & Loana Davies organized an excursion for the Drop In participants to PEI.

(d) Elaine Kenyon, Ann Price and Kara Dinkins did a huge job organizing & soliciting support from all of Wilmot members who made the Holiday season special by providing food hampers & gifts for many newcomers and their children to Fredericton (a partnership with MCAF)

(e) Outreach initiated a sharing of information among Downtown churches and joined the CAGH ( Community Action Group on Homelessness)

(f) 2009-10 social work students organized a day of education on Food Security

(g) Joined with other to take

action to question the government cuts to KAIROS

We were very saddened at the death of a long-time Outreach member & supporter Bob Young. However, his legacy will continue to be inspiration.

We welcome your participation at any time. Feel free to contact the Outreach chair– Judy Coates

judycoates@rogers.com  
454-5631 or any of the following people.  
Committee members & /or specific program coordinators:

Chris Colwell, Elaine Kenyon, Gail Wylie, Darrell Mesheau, Beth Paynter, Terri Maclean, Ruth Breen, Jennifer Redmond, Norm Laverty, Gayle MacDonald, Eris and Breagh MacDonald –Rahn, Melva Curtis, Beth Arsenault, Ellen Messenger, Glenys McLaughlin, Guy Vezina, Loana Davies

Activities include:

- Soup Lunch Fellowship/ fundraiser
- Community Kitchen Teams of volunteers
- Legal Advice Clinic
- Ongoing support, resources, and work with the Access to Justice Maritime Conference Project
- Interchurch Refugee Committee
- Christmas Mitten Tree & Hamper Project
- Wilmot & Community Christmas Dinner
- Saturday Night Drop In
- Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Olive Oil, & Merchandise Sales
- Financial Contributions to local and national organizations
- Support & networking with like-minded community groups
- Education on social justice issues

Judy Coates  
Chair, Outreach Committee

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## WILMOT SENIORS

We welcome any senior to our meetings and outings. Another successful and enjoyable year for our group in 2010! Over the last year, we met 15 times and our average attendance for meetings was 29 and for outings was 40. Our total attendance in 2010 was 414.

In addition to a games day every month, we enjoyed several outings and guest speakers. This year five guest speakers included Twila Buttimer on her work at the Provincial Archives, Kal Hasan on the benefits of Vitamin D, Ann Kennedy’s lighthearted presentation on “Decluttering” and a goodbye programme with Chris Levan. We were also pleased to have our new minister, Rose-Hannah visit with us and tell us her story. Jack Foster and several of his fellow FHS Mikado actors sang for us at our Valentine’s Pot Luck as they fund-raised for their trip to Scotland. In September, we enjoyed another pot luck lunch which we were pleased to share with our ministers. We were once again entertained by Rod Campbell with his wonderful story telling. Three outings were a part of our year’s activities. In June we took part in a Mystery Tour which included lunch at the Reversing Falls Restaurant in Saint John followed by a visit to Portland United Church, a voyage on the Millidgeville Ferry and then tea and cookies hosted by Nancy Gilbert and her cousin, Margie Colwell at Margie’s cottage at Sand Point. In October we traveled to the Acorn Restaurant for a delicious lunch. Our Christmas dinner was held at Aggie’s and was followed by a carol sing led by Ian Stewart. At this gathering our 45 members brought gifts to be given to the Men’s Shelter in Fredericton. We also made financial donations this year (\$150) from the offering collected each week.

Many thanks to our ministers, to Marlene and Randy and to all of you who made the year a great one. We are a group of seniors, married or single, who like to spend a couple of hours, usually twice a month with other seniors, to talk, laugh, visit and enjoy a nice cup of hot tea and a light lunch before we head for home. If anyone is interested in

joining us, just drop in any time the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday afternoons between September and June. You'll be very welcome. It's a nice way to meet other seniors who like to call Wilmot Church their home!

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**MORNING OUT/QUILTERS**

The Morning Out Group has had a very successful year. We meet on Wednesday mornings and invite everyone to join us for tea and conversation during our time together. We are excited that our numbers have grown. We have completed more quilts this year than ever before allowing us to make donations to The Salvation Army, The Red Cross, Buy a Night Campaign, The Operating Fund for our Church, Anniversary Sunday, etc. Our accounting for money is done by the UCW treasurer under the title of "The Morning Out" group. We have just established a "Learn to Quilt" area in the parlour. Quilters, and non-quilters who wish to learn the process from piecing to hand-quilting, are welcome to come for personal instruction. A schedule of available afternoons is posted on the Parlour door. This is a three-month project to be completed by the end of April. Anyone who would prefer evening sessions may contact Anne Stewart to arrange that. Phone: 454-7367, or, e-mail: anneian@nbnet.nb.ca

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**CUBA COMMITTEE**

The Cuba Committee is proud of its achievements in 2010 and look forward to 2011 and beyond. The Committee is in place as result of a twinning relationship between Wilmot United Church and the Evangelical Theological Seminary (SET) Cuba. This relationship has fostered many opportunities for the Wilmot Church community and others in ways that would not be available if it weren't for this relationship.

In 2010 the Committee continued to evolve an understanding of the opportunities associated with our relationship with the Seminary. Meetings took place with Renerio Arce from the Seminary and opportunities

discussed. Young people have returned from Cuba and have developed lifelong relationships. A major fundraiser was completed with the Barra MacNeils, Cathedral concert. This concert was a huge success for Wilmot, the Seminary and the opportunities in Cuba.

The committee, through its funding resources, has been able to provide scholarships to students in Canada as well as students in Cuba.

In the future, the Committee will continue to develop opportunities to foster the cultural relationship between the Seminary and Wilmot. Future opportunities will enable us to continue to build on the basis that we have established at this time. Examples of opportunities that we are currently considering include: cultural trips to Cuba, projects in Cuba, projects in Canada.

The success of this committee is made possible through the support, prodding, and questions that are raised by the people at Wilmot and community and the Seminary and community. Thank you for all that you do to support the goals and success of this committee.

Greg Black

Chair of the Cuba Committee

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**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH WOMEN**

Thirty-nine members of the Wilmot U.C.W. for 2010 met every second Monday in the parlour, with the exception of January, February and March when we met at noon. Programs of each meeting included devotions, business and a light lunch prepared and served with members taking turns with the program. Special programs were held at Easter, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day and Christmas. Our June meeting was held with a "dinner out" at Swiss Chalet and the December meeting was a pot luck.

Programs for 2010 were a Foodless Food Sale in February, Bring and Buy in March, Thank Offering in April, September meeting program was "Least Coin", War Bride guest speakers in November and White Gift/Mitten Tree in December. Several members attended the Inter-church Council World Day of Prayer

2010 held at the Christ Church Cathedral in March. Ferne Kilbride, our representative, report to us on the activities of the Council. Lucille Caseley is on the Executive of the Council. Nancy Gilbert and Jeannette Jarvis, attended the U.C.W. Spring Rally in Florenceville on May 1<sup>st</sup>, with three excellent speakers, a memorial service for deceased members, and a worship service.

The U.C.W. major fund raisers for the year included the Foodless Food sale in February, Spring Rummage Sale in April, Book Sale in September, Fall Rummage Sale in October, Bake Sale in October and Pie Sale in November.

The group catered to a Healing Hands Luncheon in April, and four funeral receptions.

The U.C.W. contributed \$3,000 to the cost of the new roof for the manse.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks is expressed to all who volunteer of their time

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and talents to make our fund raisers a success. "Many hands make light work"! With the generous support of the congregation we were able to support the Mission and Service Fund, General Church Funds, and Community Kitchen. This year the Helen A. Young Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Kara Dinkins, Samantha Cameron and Jennifer Redmond. We wish them much success in their endeavors.

Cards were sent out to members of the Wilmot family who were ill, shut-in, or just needed to know we were thinking of them. We made our annual visits delivering Christmas stockings to our Wilmot shut-ins.

We encourage and welcome women to come and join in our fellowship and fun as we move forward into the new year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maggie Clarke, Secretary

### Helen Young Memorial Scholarship Fund

Balance on hand January 1, 2010			\$1,778.31
	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	
Expired GIC	\$11,000.00		
Interest on GICs and CSBs	\$1,046.66		
Transferred out for Scholarships		\$600.00	
Total Receipts	\$12,046.66		
Total Expenditures		<b>\$600.00</b>	
Balance on hand December 31, 2010			<b>\$13,224.97</b>

\$1,000 held in CSBs

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Cameron

Audited by,  
Carlinda Daigle  
Treasurer UCW

Wilmot United Church Women  
Audited Treasurer's Report  
As of December 31, 2010

<b>Balance on hand – January 1, 2010</b> (includes \$74.75 balance for Morning Out Quilters)		<b>\$7,503.39</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Monthly Offering	\$1,923.95	
Thank Offering	233.00	
Donations	846.00	
Unit Projects	1,454.40	
Regular Projects	11,206.26	
Morning Out Quilters Deposits	463.20	
Transferred funds for Scholarship Fund	600.00	
Bank interest	<u>00.83</u>	
<b>Total Receipts 2010</b>		<b>\$16,727.64</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Scholarship Fund (3 x \$200 each)	\$600.00	
Mission & Service Fund	2,500.00	
Wilmot United Church	2,000.00	
Gifts and Flowers	700.58	
Church Projects	3,000.00	
Morning Out Quilters Disbursements	475.00	
Other Projects	2,600.00	
Sundries	<u>936.63</u>	
<b>Total Disbursements 2010</b>		<b>\$12,812.21</b>
<b>Bank Balance as of December 31, 2010</b> (Includes \$62.95 balance for Quilters)		<b>\$11,418.82</b>

\*Balance Carried Over in anticipation of Kitchen Renovations and 2011 Commitments.

Respectively Submitted,

Audited by,

Brenda Cameron

Carlinda Daigle  
Treasurer UCW

2010 Envelope Givings Report

Interval	Local					M & S					Capital					Total Givings				
	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
1-99	35	49	57	47	44	46	58	60	63	68	37	51	53	54	65	22	36	39	36	30
100-199	28	24	33	33	35	26	32	43	44	42	28	25	32	40	43	28	28	24	23	19
200-299	23	26	25	35	39	24	28	24	25	35	28	30	25	26	30	21	16	17	21	22
300-399	20	15	19	28	24	14	13	13	17	14	15	11	19	19	19	12	15	14	18	33
400-599	27	34	39	39	39	15	19	19	19	17	18	21	19	16	8	19	30	36	34	33
600-799	27	31	33	32	38	9	8	9	13	9	5	7	5	5	3	31	22	28	31	21
800-999	22	23	21	18	12	3	4	4	2	6	4	2	3	5	4	10	16	24	24	26
1000-1499	35	35	31	31	29	9	8	8	9	9	4	4	3		2	40	49	40	45	45
1500-1999	15	14	13	18	14	1	1	1		1			0	2	1	26	30	30	31	18
2000-2499	12	15	12	7	12			1	1			1	1	3	1	28	17	15	13	19
2500-2999	6	6	7	9	6	3	3	2	2	2	1					3	14	10	10	10
3000-3499	3	2		3	2											9	10	8	6	6
3500-3999	3	1	3	2	1					1						11	3	4	7	5
4000-4499	2	2	1		2											1	1		1	4
4500-4999	2	2	1	1	2											2	2	2	1	
5000-5999	2	3	4	3	2		1	1	1							2	3	4	4	5
6000-6999	3					1										3	4	6		4
7000-7999					1											3	3	2	3	2
8000+			1	1												6	2	3	6	10
No of Envs	263	282	300	307	302	151	175	184	196	194	140	152	160	170	176	277	301	306	314	310
Total	236499	244006	238572	243414	229406	57696	59810	63638	64295	60808	40481	40838	40715	45860	38669	413307	394657	394031	449437	462885
Ave/Env	899	865	795	793	760	382	342	346	328	313	289	269	254	270	220	1492	1311	1288	1431	1493

Percentage Increase 2010/2009

	Local	M & S	Capital	Total
Total	-3.1	-3.5	-0.9	4.7 %
Average/env	3.9	11.8	7.6	13.8 %

Envelope Givings compared to the PAR method of giving

	Number	Local	M & S	Capital	Total
Envs	184	756	326	237	1313 \$
PAR	79	1232	505	402	1949 \$

Total givings include donations to all church accounts. In 2010, there were 20 such accounts to which \$434831 was given.

Visitors (those who are identified and can receive tax receipts) brought \$12590 to our church in 2010

The table is a summary of donations received by those who have numbered set of envelopes and by those giving by PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance.)

Thank-you to all the tellers and teller organizer Peggy Brodie for their extraordinary effort each Sunday in tallying our givings and to Marlene Philips for her patience and energy that goes into keeping the envelope tracking system up-to-date.

respectively submitted  
Graham Allen

**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**February 21, 2010**

The Wilmot United Church family gathered to begin the 2010 Annual General Meeting in the gymnasium. The meeting was a continuing celebration of all that has happened over the last year and all that we continue to do for our own community and the greater community. The meeting continued through the worship service in the sanctuary.

Present: Nancy Oxner, Ann Poirier, Loana Davies, Christopher Levan, Joyce Trites, Wendy Topolski, Peggy Brodie, Lois Campion, Ruth Randall, Garnet Randall, Pauline Athey, Nancy Gilbert, Blair Kennedy, Ann Kennedy, Bob Breen, Kirby Keyser, Virginia MacDonald, Maggie Clarke, Ian K. MacDonald, Claire Buck, Ron Buck, Karen Watson, Don MacDougall, Lois MacDougall, Doris Peters, Jeanette Jarvis, Bert Jarvis, Dot Vaughan, Ron Vaughan, Gordon B. Young, Carol Young, Marjorie Atkinson, Cliff Moase, Joyce Moase, Peter Gough, Linda Gough, Elsbeth Gibson, Debbie Thorne, Marilyn McKnight, Craig P. Astle, Mary Astle, Gail Wylie, Elaine Kenyon, Sally McAllister, Judy Coates, Ian Stewart, Bruce Atkinson, Norman Laverty, Jim Nicholson, Phyllis MacFarlane, Don MacFarlane, Sheila McLeod, Bill Baird, Nancy Baird, Elizabeth Savoie, Shirley Cleave, Priscilla Geisterfer and Terri Maclean

**Opening Prayer:**

Rev. Chris Levan led the opening prayer and blessing before we began with breakfast.

**Welcome:**

Ann Kennedy welcomed all present to the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

**Opening Motions:**

- " Appointment of Chair: Motion: Shirley Cleave moved that Ann Kennedy act as Chair of the meeting. Seconded by Sally McAllister. Carried.
  
- " Appointment of Secretary: Motion: Shirley Cleave moved that Terri MacLean act as Secretary for the meeting. Seconded by Sally McAllister. Carried.
  
- " Permission for adherents to vote on temporal matters: Motion: Elizabeth Savoie moved for permission of adherents to vote on temporal matters. Seconded by Ron Buck. Carried.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion: Nancy Gilbert moved for the approval of the Agenda. Seconded by Lois Campion. Carried.

**Approval of the Minutes (1 March 2009):** Edie Colson made the motion for approval of the minutes of the 2009 AGM. Seconded by Loana Davies. Carried. Thank you expressed to Sue MacLeod for preparing the minutes for the meeting in 2009

**Approval of the Annual Report:** Moved that the Annual Report be approved with an edit to the new members and transfers. Moved by Elizabeth Savoie. Seconded by Priscilla Geisterfer. Carried.

Remembrance for those members of the congregation who passed away in 2009.

**Acceptance of Auditor's Review:** Mary Anne van Oostwaard of Daye Kelly & Associates was present to give a review of the finances of Wilmot Church for 2009. The review is a statement of the financial operations of Wilmot United Church. On behalf of the congregation, Ann Kennedy thanked Mary Anne for the preparation of the report.

The report was 21 pages. It included a cash flow statement this year, but did not include an audit.

Funds were shorter than usual this year because of the loss of income from the Old Manse. The Official Board will be developing a financial plan for the coming year. Thank you expressed to Chris for the various fund raising ideas over the past several years.

**Motion:** Sally McAllister moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Seconded by Nancy Gilbert. Carried.

**Motion:** Moved that the appointment for the financial unofficial audit be Daye and Kelly. Moved by Maggie Clarke, seconded by Craig Astle. Carried.

**Report of Stewards:** Sally McAllister presented the Stewards Report for 2009.

Although we are considered a wealthy church, in order to be responsible, we need to reduce our expenditures, and the stewards will continue to work at reducing expenses. Sally thanked Bob Lutes for his continued work as Treasurer, and especially this year for his work on cash flow problems. In order to have another full-time clergy, our church would need to have an additional \$40,000 raised to cover the salary.

Sally presented the Budget Report on behalf of Bob Lutes. We will look for increased givings from the congregation in order to continue the work of Wilmot. We plan to hold the salaries at \$220,000. In the budget next year, it will be indicated how much of the givings come from PAR.

Norman Laverty asked that we consult widely about salaries for the personnel of our church. Sally will continue to work with the stewards to have a healthy budget.

Thanks were expressed to Sally McAllister and Bob Lutes by the Official Board for the hard work that they do on budget matters for Wilmot. Bob Lutes has put in a tremendous amount of time during the past year, in particular, attending meetings, preparing budget sheets, managing the cash flow, paying invoices.

**Motion:** Ron Bucked moved that we make a vote of thanks and that Bob Lutes be recognized for his contributions as Treasurer. Seconded by Edie Colson.

**Motion:** Moved that we accept the Budget for 2010. Moved by Shirley Cleave and seconded by Karen Watson. Carried.

**Mission and Service Budget:**

The budget was presented by Shirley Cleave. Last two years we have not reached our M&S commitment. As we look forward, we need to be conscious of our role as a giving community.

**Motion:** Shirley Cleave moved that our 2010 contribution to the Mission and Service Fund be \$68,500. Seconded by Wendy Topolski. Carried.

**Trustees:**

Craig Astle presented the Trustees report. The trustees have been busy this year – painting and decorating of the church. There is a potential tenant for the manse. Seeking permission from City hall to use the manse for their business and residence. There will be \$55,000 of renovations to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

**Motion:** Moved that the amount to be budgeted for envelope giving to the Capital Maintenance Fund for 2010 be set at \$40,000. Moved by Craig Astle, seconded by Jack Oudemans. Carried.

**Motion:** Moved that Daye and Kelly conduct a review of the Rural Cemetery Funds and to be included in the church's statements. Cost of the report to come from the Rural Cemetery Fund.

Moved by Kirby Keyser. Seconded by Lois Campion. Carried.

Thank you expressed to Craig Astle and his committee members for taking care of the church property so well.

**Cuba Project:**

It would be good to have a financial statement of how these monies have been spent on the Cuba Project. Chris will prepare a statement.

Thank you expressed to Chris, Murray, Bob, and Priscilla for their support and leadership to our worship community.

**Motion:** Moved that we change the name of the Executive of the Official Board to Steering Committee as per Presbytery guidelines. Moved by Cliff Moase. Seconded by Sally McAllister. Carried.

**Motion:** Moved that we thank Ann Kennedy for her work as Chair of the Official Board. Moved by Norman Laverty, seconded by Nancy Gilbert. Carried.

Thank you expressed to today's hospitality committee for organizing a delicious breakfast.

We adjourned to the church and continued the Annual Meeting there.

**Circle of Life:** Priscilla Geisterfer gave the report on Circle of Life time with the children of our congregation. This group has continued to be active and involved in the life of our church.

As well Educational Forums have been rich and diverse. Wonder Café has been attended by 5 – 10 people per session. The discussions and insights from this have been shared with the Ministry Team.

**Ministry of Music Report:**

Steven Peacock presented the report on music. Steven looks after the Handbell Choir and the Junior and Senior Choir. Virginia Leiter is our organist. We continue to enjoy the results of the leadership of the music team each Sunday.

**Nominating Committee Report:** Nancy Gilbert presented the report. Members of the Committee were Sue MacLeod, Carol Young, Owen Washburn and Nancy Gilbert. Gratitude expressed to those who have served and a welcome to new committee members as well as those continuing members at Wilmot. It takes many committees and members of these committees to make things happen here at Wilmot. Your involvement is appreciated. The installation of officers for 2010 was concluded. There will be a covenanting service at a later date.

**Motion:** Moved that we accept the Nominating Committee Report. Moved by Nancy Gilbert. Seconded by Sheila.

**Motion:** That we rescind the requirement for a number of terms for this year. Moved by Linda Gough, seconded by Nancy Gilbert.

**Prayer and Healing Ministry:**

Karen Watson spoke about the healing ministry at Wilmot. It includes a prayer circle, services of healing and a healing touch/pathways.

**Outreach Committee Report:**

Judy Coates presented the report. Activities are broad, driven by concerns for caring in the community and world. Intentional to educate around an issue that is current. Monies are raised at soup luncheons.

**Motion:** Greg Black asked that the Annual Meeting be concluded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Terri MacLean  
Secretary, Official Board

