

CLARKSON ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Annual Report 2003

Annual Congregational Meeting, February 29, 2004

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CLARKSON ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
46th Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 29, 2004

AGENDA

- 1) Constitute with Worship
- 2) Appointment of Secretary
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Adoption of 2003 Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes
- 5) Business Arising from Minutes
- 6) Motion to receive and consider Treasurer's Report for 2003
Motion to adopt Treasurer's Report for 2003
- 7) Motion to receive proposed budget for 2004
Motion to adopt 2004 budget
- 8) Election of Board of Managers' Members
- 9) Appointment of Auditors for 2004
- 10) Appointment of Treasurer for 2004
- 11) Appointment of Trustees
- 12) Election of Memorial & Bequest Fund Members
- 13) Motion to receive and consider Annual Reports (excluding Treasurer's Report)
Motion to adopt Annual Reports (excluding Treasurer's Report)
- 14) New Business
- 15) Motion to adjourn Annual Meeting
Closing Prayer and Benediction

**ANNUAL CONGEGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2003**

Opening Devotions: Rev. Harry McWilliams opened with Scripture and constituted the meeting with prayer.

Secretary: Moved by Grace Anne Wiley and seconded by John Dekker that Barbara Sypher be secretary; carried.

Agenda: Moved by David Chan and seconded by Isabella Cunningham that the Agenda be accepted as written; carried.

Minutes: Moved by Victor Cottrell and seconded by Marilyn Hepburn that the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting, held on Sunday, February 17, 2002 be accepted as written; carried.

Treasurer's Report: Moved by Isabella Cunningham and seconded by David Chan that the Treasurer's Report be received and considered; carried. A question was raised regarding the miscellaneous fund and it was explained that VBS money, Elves Workshop donation, receipts from History books were all in the fund. It was moved by John Dekker and seconded by Orville Schnick that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as written; carried.

Budget for 2003: Isabella Cunningham moved that the Proposed Budget for 2003 be received and considered, seconded by Wilma Wall; carried. Peter McLean explained that \$400 should be added to the budget for the Christian Education Director, bringing the total to \$11,200, with totals affected accordingly. Peter McLean moved the adoption of the Budget as amended and presented, seconded by Isabella Cunningham; carried.

Board of Managers: Peter McLean moved that Doug Wall be elected to the Board of Managers, seconded by Bruce McWilliam; carried. Tom Whittaker and Isabella Cunningham have resigned from the Board. The term for members of the Board of Managers listed in the Annual Report, has to be amended. John Dekker moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Isabella Cunningham; carried. Doug Wall was appointed to the Board by acclamation. Doug Wall moved that the Board be given the power to add one more member during the year, seconded by Isabella Cunningham; carried.

Auditor's Report: It was moved by Victor Cottrell and seconded by Jim Geddes that the Auditor's Report be adopted; carried.

Appointment of Auditors for 2003: Doug Wall moved that Isabella Cunningham be appointed an Auditor, seconded by John Dekker; carried. Bruce McWilliam moved that the Board have the authority to appoint one more auditor during the year, seconded by Doug Wall; carried.

Appointment of Treasurer: Isabella Cunningham moved that Peter & Megan McLean be co-Treasurers for the year 2003; seconded by Margot Blevins; carried.

Appointment of Trustee: Barbara Sypher moved that Jim Garde be appointed as a Trustee for another three-year term to 2006, seconded by Isabella Cunningham; carried. Isabella Cunningham moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Marilyn Hepburn; carried. Victor Cottrell moved that Isabella Cunningham be either nominated as a Trustee or an Auditor, because of conflict of interest. There was no seconder, so the motion fell.

Motion to receive Annual Reports (other than the Treasurer's Report): Isabella Cunningham moved that we receive and consider the Annual Reports other than the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Barbara Davenport; carried.

Motion to adopt all Reports (other than the Treasurer's Report): Isabella Cunningham moved the adoption of all reports as printed, seconded by David Chan; carried.

Approval of Memorial & Bequest Fund Mandate: John Wiley moved that we place the Mandate on the floor, seconded by Roger Brown; carried. It was explained that the Kirk Session had endorsed this Mandate. John Wiley moved that the Mandate be approved as written, seconded by David Chan; carried.

Appointment of Memorial & Bequest Fund Committee: Marilyn Hepburn moved that John Blevins be nominated to the Memorial & Bequest Fund Committee to replace Peter McLean, seconded by John Darling; carried. John Dekker moved that Bruce Murray be appointed a member of the Memorial & Bequest Fund Committee, seconded by Isabella Cunningham; carried. Marilyn Hepburn moved that Jim Garde be nominated a member of this committee, seconded by Victor Cottrell; carried. Isabella Cunningham moved that nominations be closed, seconded by David Chan. A show of hands resulted in the appointment of Mr. Blevins as the new member on the committee.

New Business: Ron Sypher explained that the contract for the Christian Education Director's position expires on June 15, 2003 and has been funded through a generous donation. The majority of the funds for continuation of the position for the year will be transfers from the designated donation and from the Bursary fund from Memorial & Bequest Fund. Ron Sypher moved that a new contract for the C.E. Director be prepared by the Nurture Committee to come into effect August 15, 2003 that provides for a review of this position by the Kirk Session each year, and will include the appropriate termination clause, seconded by Doug McGregor; carried. Doug Wall moved that Peter McLean and Megan McLean serve as co-trustees, seconded by Isabella Cunningham; carried.

A vote of thanks was offered to Rev. Harry McWilliams, Barbara Sypher, Kelta Fleck Rev. Costerus and Roger Brown. Also information was given on the Christian Education activities, with thanks to Sunday School Teachers and leaders.

Adjournment: Jack Heidema moved the adjournment of the meeting at 1 p.m., seconded by Isabella Cunningham; carried.

Rev. McWilliams closed with prayer.

Barbara Sypher, Secretary

February, 2004

Minister's Message

Member and Friends of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church,

As stated supply minister since October 1, 2003 it has been a special time not only for me, but Elizabeth as well. The good-will and encouragement received has been a gift for which we sincerely give thanks.

During these months it has been a privilege to work with our Church Secretary, Lesley Routhier, our C.E. Director, Kelta Fleck, our Choir Director and Organist, Roger Brown, and our Interim Moderator the Rev. Harry McWilliams. And I would want to say the same with respect to Barbara Sypher, the Clerk of Session, Linda Flemington, Peter and Megan McLean and John Dekker of the Board of Managers.

You are a fine congregation. You have had the benefit of gifted and talented ministers through the years. You have a glorious future ahead of you. Through all the changing scenes of life you and I need to be alert to the pledge of our Lord to be with us "in the middle of it all".

The preparation of the Annual Report is a huge responsibility. Let us give a careful reading of the report as our way to acknowledge the efforts of all whose responsibility it has been to make submissions and put it together for our benefit.

May God give us His amazing grace in Christ Jesus that we may be adequate to our responsibilities as members and friends of His body the Church.

Young and old, "It is good to give thanks to the Lord" for His goodness and mercy to us as we continue the journey to which He calls us in Jesus Christ.

Rev. Gordon Beaton

THE KIRK SESSION STATEMENT

1. CHURCH INFORMATION

(a) Membership

Members recorded as of December 31, 2002		268
Members removed from Roll by:		
Death	7	
By Certificate	<u>1</u>	<u>8</u>
		260
Members added to Roll by:		
Certificate of Transfer	4	
Profession of Faith	12	
Reaffirmation of Faith	<u>1</u>	<u>17</u>
Members recorded as of December, 2003		277
Number of Households, December, 2003		163

Baptisms

The following Baptisms took place in 2003:

Children	6	
Adults	<u>1</u>	7

Katelyn Elizabeth Viau, daughter of Christine and Michel Viau
Andrew Laurence Haugen, son of Tara and Brent Haugen
Robert John McGregor, son of Grace and Keith McGregor
Ethan Andrew Davis, son of Kara and Gordon Davis
Natalie Blyth McLean, daughter of Megan and Peter McLean
Megan Joan Wiley, daughter of Caroline and Mark Wiley
Connor Warrick Henry Paulencu, son of Meredith and John Paulencu

(b) Weddings

The following weddings took place in 2003:

Vikki Patricia Gardiner and Kenneth Edward Brown, September 13, 2003
Tammy Elaine Chan and Robert Randolph Jackson, October 4, 2003

(c) Bereavements

The following members passed away in 2003:

Elmer Hay, June 30, 2003
Vi Campbell, June 29, 2003
Harold Carey, October 28, 2003
Dan Firth, November , 2003
Raymond Smith, November 27, 2003
Doris Turner, November 28, 2003
Carrie Duncan, December 11, 2003

We pray that all who have lost loved ones have found comfort and support in their faith community and in our risen Lord.

2. KIRK SESSION

Number on Session as at December 31, 2002		19
Resigned	<u>3</u>	
Number on Session as at December 31, 2003		16

Elders on the Kirk Session, December 31, 2003

Terry Alexander	David Brown	John Dekker
Linda Flemington	Eleanor Garbutt	Jack Heidema
George McLean	Beverley Philips	Shirley Ross
Orville Schnick	Bob Sinclair	Marjory Stewart
Barbara Sypher	Ron Sypher	Wilma Wall
John Wiley		

Congregational Life Committees

Communications
Policy & Planning
Mission & Outreach
Nurture
Worship
Roll Clerk
Board of Managers
 Church Treasurer
 Finance Committee
 Property Committee

Chairperson

Wilma Wall
David Brown
David Chan
Ron Sypher
Barbara Sypher
George McLean
Linda Flemington
Megan & Peter McLean
Bruce Murray
John Dekker

Jack Heidema is the Presbytery Representative Elder and George McLean is the Alternate Elder. Ron Sypher is an Assessor Elder for Almanarah Presbyterian Church, a newly-formed Arabic congregation in the Presbytery of Brampton.

3. ACTIVITY

The Kirk Session is responsible for providing for the pastoral care of the congregation, and the supervision and oversight of all associations of members and adherents. It is also responsible for the use of the church building and property, stewardship, mission and Christian Education for all ages in the congregation.

The carrying out of all these responsibilities is managed in regular monthly meetings of the full Session and in the meetings and activities of all the Congregational Life Committees and the Board of Managers. You will read about the activities of these committees in the following pages and we sincerely thank all who have contributed their energy, skills and financial resources to make 2003 a good year.

The Kirk Session wishes to thank the congregation for their dedication and their quick response to appeals, whether financial or in support of some need. We are extremely thankful for our Interim Moderator, the Rev. Harry McWilliams, senior minister of Knox Oakville. Rev. McWilliams carries out his responsibilities in a caring and dedicated manner. He moderates all Session meetings, presides over all congregational meetings and acts as liaison between Clarkson Road and the Presbytery of Brampton. We are especially grateful for his sermons, direction and his leadership. We are also very fortunate to have the Rev. Gordon Beaton as our Stated Supply Minister. Rev. Beaton has provided a wonderful stability in his preaching and pastoral care. We are also grateful to Elizabeth Beaton in her support of our work here at Clarkson and her gentle friendliness.

We regretfully acknowledged the resignations of Jean Richards, Rimmer Tjalsma and David Chan this year. We shall miss their caring devotion in carrying out their duties as elders at Clarkson Road.

A big thank you to John Dekker for continuing as our property committee of one. We thank all who have helped John over the past year. There have been many and you know who you are. Wilma Wall had a very successful Bible Study during the year and we thank her for her insight and teaching. The Newsletter continues to be a very important communication vehicle for our congregation and we sincerely thank Wilma Wall and Marcia Murray for the dedication to this publication. Our thanks and appreciation go out to Pat Sargent for organizing the monthly "Ladies Morning Coffee" group. Thank you to Ron Sypher for his dedication in making the Men's Group a reality once a month. Thanks to Isabella Cunningham for her foresight in beginning a "Friendship Club". It is a very successful group. We continue to thank God for our church secretary, Lesley Routhier. Her ministry in the office is greatly appreciated by the whole congregation. With great joy we thank God for all those persons who reflect the love we witness through the many avenues of service: Sunday School teachers ushers, choir and music director, Roger Brown and all our committee members.

As we enter another year in the life of our church family, our prayers are with the Rev. Mary Campbell, that she will know the comforting presence of the Holy Spirit and will once again be restored to good health. We pray that the Lord will continue to lead our congregation forward into the year 2004, and that we will continue to be true disciples of Jesus Christ.

In His Service,
Barbara Sypher, Clerk.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

The Board of Managers is structured with two committees: The Finance Committee and the Property Committee.

The Finance Committee is responsible for the annual budgets and the financial reporting of the church. The Chair is Bruce Murray and the Co-Treasurers are Peter and Megan McLean. They are supported by Bruce McWilliam and Doug Wall.

The Property Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds in both the short and long term. The Chair of the Property Committee is John Dekker. John has the support of Doug Wall as a committee member.

The Secretary is responsible for the Board of Managers' minutes. Bev Philips has been our recording secretary; supported by Lesley Routhier.

As the Chair of the Board , I would like to thank an exceptional team of dedicated and committed managers for their work over the past year. Our meetings were always well attended. The Property Committee under John Dekker's superior direction has worked diligently to meet the needs of the church maintenance under a short term plan, and has also produced a longer strategic plan for the property needs. John will be highlighting the property committee work plan in his report.

We also experienced a smooth transition of the books from our past Treasurer (Isabella Cunningham) to the new Co-Treasurers – Peter and Megan McLean. The Board of Managers receive a full financial report each month from the Treasurers and we are advised of any major variances to the budget. Bruce Murray will provide the financial highlights in his report.

Again a special thank you to all the committee members for the contribution of their time and talents to the life of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church ministry.

TERMS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

John Dekker	2004
Linda Flemington	2005
Bev Philips	2005
Bruce McWilliam	2005
Peter McLean	2006
Bruce Murray	2006
Doug Wall	2006

The members of the Board of Managers are elected for a three year term and may stand for re-election for one more three year term.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Flemington

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

The year 2003 had many activities and improvements to bring our church building up to industry standards. Completed projects for the year are as follows:

1. The ladies and men's washrooms were improved.
2. Hall lighting was improved.
3. Classroom locks were replaced to meet safety standards.
4. A key register was implemented.
5. Ceiling fans were installed in the auditorium and all lights were replaced.
6. Some sanctuary lights were replaced to improve lighting.
7. Pew cushions were installed.
8. Industrial dishwasher was installed.
9. Kitchen faucets were improved.
10. Leak in boiler system was repaired.
11. Sprinkler system installed.
12. Front lawn was weeded and re-seeded.
13. Parking lot lines were repainted and pot holes filled.
14. Paper towel dispensers were installed.
15. New vacuum cleaner purchased.
16. Replaced all outside safety and security lights.
17. Electrical wiring in the kitchen improved.
18. Chancel step added.

A big storm in October caused major power problems. The hydro pole at the back of the church with the transformers split and needs to be replaced. A number of trees had to be cut down or trimmed to avoid further disruption. The pole has been repaired temporarily and is safe.

Future projects on the list are:

- Vertical blinds in the auditorium.
- Replace broken tiles in the hall.
- Improve telephone system and equipment.
- Fireproof filing cabinet for archiving
- Washroom exhaust fans to be improved.
- Runners for hallway.
- Improve wheelchair ramps.
- Purchase of snowblower.

You can see it has been a challenging year and I have to thank a number of people for the help they have given me to accomplish this: David Lee for the help with the electrical system and repairs; Tom Whittaker for help with the timers; John Darling and Ron Sypher for snow shovelling; Doug Wall for researching and ordering the pew cushions and the dishwasher. Also, Carl Turpin for keeping the floors and the rugs clean and vacuumed. Keep up the good work. A special thank you to the Murray family for their generous donation of the new sprinkler system.

Respectfully submitted,

John Dekker

FINANCE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the congregation I would like to thank Peter and Megan McLean for their dedicated job as Co-Treasurers. The church is fortunate to have professionals willing to undertake this role. I ask congregation members to thank them when the opportunity arises.

The Finance Committee and the Board of Managers also express appreciation to Isabella Cunningham and Gary Reamey for performing the church audit function.

2004 will be a challenging year financially for the congregation. Examination of the budget will show projected expenditures of almost \$250,000 as there are two extra-ordinary items totalling about \$75,000 budgeted; Reverend Campbell's transition allowance and the necessary replacement of the hydro access to the church building. This will consist of replacement of poles and transformers.

Bruce Murray
Chairman

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Members of the Communications Committee are Joanne Krauser, Marcia Murray, Wilma Wall and Terry Alexander. In the year 2003 the Committee lost two members: Rimmer Tjalsma and Helen Norris.

Rimmer was responsible for the purchasing of the coffee/tea and supplies for the Church's Sunday Fellowship. Rimmer spent a considerable amount of time phoning people to ask them to volunteer to make the coffee. Unless you personally have had to make phone calls to get people to help, it is hard to imagine how difficult and time consuming a volunteer commitment like this can become. Rimmer did an excellent job for the Communications Committee. But, all good things must come to an end, and Rimmer decided to call it a day with the Committee. Thank you Rimmer from the Communications Committee for your dedication and God bless you.

It was decided by the Committee that phone calls to volunteers for this Fellowship time would stop and the onus is now on the congregation to sign up for the making of the coffee/tea. The sign up roster for the Fellowship Time on Sunday is currently posted on the bulletin board by the Secretary's office. Please, if you truly enjoy a cup of tea or coffee after the service and are able to volunteer for this "mission" then sign up. A nice plus is that an industrial dishwasher has been installed in the kitchen and the clean up is amazingly fast. Sadly, if people don't volunteer, then the beverage time will not be available, but remember FELLOWSHIP never ceases.

Helen Norris, who has been a member of Communications for many years, sadly announced in the autumn of this year that she would no longer be able to participate. Helen faithfully recorded our minutes and offered her wisdom and guidance when we had to make decisions. We will miss her so much, but God Bless you Helen and thank you from the Committee.

Joanne Krauser is doing a bit of double duty for Communications as she is recording the Minutes and sending out our Friendship cards to congregation members. These cards bring comfort, hope and joy to the many people who have received them throughout the years. It's nice to get a card in the mail that uplifts and refreshes you when you need it most. Thank you Joanne for volunteering to do this "mission" for our Church.

Terry Alexander continues to look after the audio equipment. Volunteers are needed to help out with recording the sermon on a Sunday and looking after the sound system during the service. Please see Terry if you can volunteer.

Marcia Murray and I (Wilma Wall) continue to be the editors for the Newsletter "On the Road." We have worked diligently to improve the quality and content of the Newsletter over the past few years, and felt we have accomplished just that. For 2004, we have decided to go to a seasonal approach to publishing the Newsletter. We will produce four newsletters this year, beginning in March, followed by June, September and November. Watch your Sunday bulletin for the dates. We are currently seeking new editors for 2005. Anyone interested?

Our committee hosted the Anniversary of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church in November, 2003 by providing a Tea Social for the Church family.

Future hopes are: A **Church Sign** installed on the front lawn; a **Website** created to tell of the good news of Jesus and how our Church is creatively going about God's work; a mass **mailing** before the Advent Season that would let people know our Church is the place to be for the Season. We are hopeful some of our Youth Group will be involved in all of the aforementioned.

Communications is seeking creative thinking, spirit filled individuals to come on board and be part of the team. We're a team committed first to spreading the good news of Jesus Christ and then doing the good works He would have us do. Join us for the fun.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma Wall

NURTURE COMMITTEE

Members of the Committee: Ron Sypher (Chair), Kelta Fleck (Christian Education Director), Isabella Cunningham, Eleanor Garbutt, Marcia Murray, Laura Pannell, Siem Vandenbroek, Grace Anne Wiley.

The responsibilities of the Nurture Committee have been simplified due to the dedicated work done by Kelta Fleck. Her energy, ideas and implementation of programs have greatly enhanced the education aspect of our Church. She also kept us aware of what was happening in the community and encouraged us to participate.

The Sunday School has continued to provide very dedicated teachers who present an interesting curriculum. Unfortunately our weekly numbers are not as high as we would like them to be. We were very thankful to have Aileen Baird as our Sunday School Administrator for part of the year. However she resigned and we are looking for a replacement.

Our Youth Group led by Marcia Murray and Laura Pannell has had some special projects and we always enjoy their participation in Church activities.

The Alpha programs continue to attract new members. During the winter Wilma Wall led a very successful Bible Study entitled "Angels". A weekly prayer meeting is held every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and new participants are very welcome.

We did not hold a Vacation Bible School this past summer but a Veggie Tales Camp was held during March Break.

The Nurture Committee also supervised the Rally Day Pot Luck Lunch which was well attended.

The annual Congregational Picnic was hosted by the Nurture Committee on June 8th. Many thanks to everyone who prepared and served food and also to those who ran the races which are always enjoyed by the children.

The Nurture Committee instigated the planning of a Progressive Dinner in June which was thoroughly enjoyed by 62 Church members. A Golf Tournament was organized for the Fall but it was rained out. However the would-be participants enjoyed a pot luck dinner at the home of Shirley and Ian Ross.

A Friendship Club was started in the Fall and the members participated in a variety of activities. Isabella Cunningham would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in the group.

Special thanks to Dawna Thompson for looking after the Nursery so capably and with great dedication. Most Sundays we have very few babies so perhaps we should be encouraging younger families to join us?

Our thanks to Cathy Corrigan for organizing and raising funds for a much needed Children's Library. It should be in operation early in the new year.

The students of the Sunday School provided a "Power Point" Christmas presentation which was thoroughly enjoyed by the congregation. We need these young people to keep us up to date on technology and they proved how it can enhance a Church service.

The Policy and Procedures for the Protection and Care of Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults in The Presbyterian Church in Canada document was given to the Nurture Committee Chair. Several members of the congregation were asked to review it and report back to the Session.

In December, the committee regretfully accepted the resignation of Kelta Fleck as Christian Education Director. As previously mentioned, Kelta has been a driving force in organizing many of our educational events and we will sincerely miss her in this capacity. Kelta will continue to be a valuable member of the Nurture Committee.

Again, thank you to all who have made our Nurture programs more meaningful to the congregation. We pray that we will be able to welcome a new Christian Education Director and a Sunday School Administrator very soon.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Anne Wiley.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

2003 has been a good year despite the unfortunate circumstance of our minister being away sick. We continue to pray for her complete recovery.

I was pretty disappointed by the fluctuation in Sunday School attendance but until worshipping God becomes the number one priority in families I really don't know what to do! We had a weekly youth reader for the responsive Psalm every Sunday and also a Christ Candle lighter.

In January we ran an Alpha course which was attended by 15 people and in September another 12 people participated. Another wonderful time of learning and growing together in the Holy Spirit. On a lighter note, 40 people attended the skating/tobogganing party!

In February the Youth Sunday School class held our second Annual Pancake Breakfast. We sold 78 tickets and all the proceeds (after expenses) were given to the Youth which was included in their Mission donation to "Canadian Food for Children". We had 43 people come to the family Bowling party!

For 3 days in March we ran a successful Veggie Tale Bible Club based on the story of Jonah and the importance of OBEYing God. We had 12 helpers and 28 children participating in the various activities in the gym.

Thanks to Wilma Wall for leading the 5 week Bible Study series on Angels. 12 people attended regularly. 64 people came to the Progressive Dinner!

Our Youth group was active in their outreach this year. They prepared and served the dinner for 200 at Evangel Hall in Toronto. They donated \$3,500.00 to the children in Latin America through Canadian Food for Children. We also appreciate their help in our local church in many ways like the yard clean up and painting the tables in the gym. It's good to see that they understand Jesus' words, "in as much as you do it for the least of these my brethren, you do it for ME!" Their full report follows.

We had no Vacation Bible School this summer. Two of our Sunday School children attended Glen Mhor Camp.

We had a picture day in October with the Sunday School to prepare for the Christmas PowerPoint presentation. I visited many homes in an attempt to include all the children in the presentation. It was our first attempt at a "techno-Christmas" and I'm hopeful we will do better next time. Thanks to all who helped.

We are encouraged by the support for the weekly Prayer Meeting held before the service of worship at 10:00 a.m. in the main floor Sunday School room. It is a wonderful way to bring our congregation before the Lord and we are seeing prayer answered.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelta Fleck

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We didn't have a Sunday School Administrator this year and I tried to keep up with the various requirements of the Sunday School. All the classes seemed to be enjoying the new curriculum.

Dawna Thompson is really getting to know Natalie McLean as she is quite often the only regular child in the nursery.

Sharon Poupard and Isabella Cunningham are doing an excellent job with the new, "God Loves Me" series of stories for the 3 year olds.

"Young Children and Worship" is being used for the Sunday School children ages 4-8. It is based on the Montessori concept of learning which involves much more interaction from the children. We now have all the stories in the series prepared and we're thankful for the wonderful job Nicole Jocko and Cathy Corrigan are doing with help from Carol Alexander and Ruth Hyatt.

Special thanks to Julie Wright, Bobbi MacDougall, Debbie Ambrus and Maureen Read for the excellent work they are doing teaching the Grades 4 to 6. The children are a very lively bunch who really appreciate all the extra effort these saints put into making learning about God interesting and fun.

Thanks to Laura Pannell, with support provided by Siem Vandebroek, for teaching the Youth class. What a thrill that is to see all those big kids coming out to Sunday School. That is by far our biggest class.

All the children participated in the worship service at one point or another over the year. In June we had our Promotion Sunday with each of the teachers presenting their students with a certificate. Thanks to the Nurture Committee who organized the congregational picnic which followed. It was very well attended and the kids did a great job with the games and prizes.

Many thanks to our wonderful Sunday School teachers who came out so faithfully and to all the extra folk who helped out occasionally.

We were delighted that Lindsay and Julia Poupard went to Glen Mhor Camp this year.

The Sunday School sent \$100.00 to Canadian Food for Children.

The children did an excellent job with the worship service on December 7, 2003 despite technical difficulties. It was our first attempt at including technology and although there were some problems, the consensus was we should do it again.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelta Fleck

YOUTH GROUP

At our Fall gathering the Youth Group agreed upon a 20 hour fast in support of Dr. Andrew Simone of Toronto. The charity that we were supporting was Canadian Food for Children. Dr. Simone and his team of volunteers provide support to third world countries through the collection of goods and money. He then sends these off to missions in third world countries. Our aim was to raise money for this cause through individuals who would sponsor our 20 hour fast. Our goal was to raise \$1,000. We actually raised \$3,500. We fasted from 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 1 to 9:00 a.m. Sunday, November 2. We spent our time as a group at the Church involved in various activities (movies, games, homework! team building). Supervision was provided by a team of adults. Sunday morning we went to the Murray household for breakfast. The general consensus of the group was that this was a worthwhile and fun project and that we should do it again next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcia Murray

ALPHA

The season was started with a successful interdenominational dinner meeting in which 10 churches in our community participated. Over 200 people attended this event at the Clarkson Community Centre.

The Fall Session of Alpha started at Clarkson Road on Wednesday, September 21 with 12 people participating. Siem Vandebroek and Kelta Fleck were the facilitators. Everyone participated in the one day retreat held at the church.

The Alpha Celebration dinner was held on Friday, January 9, 2004 at the church with 48 people attending. Based on the support for the dinner meeting, plans are being made to organize more of such meetings having the same format but not offered under the Alpha banner.

Alpha offers a vehicle for experiencing Christian fellowship and we hope to continue the program as a means of reaching out to members within our church and to reach out into our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Siem Vandebroek

POLICY & PLANNING

As Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church is currently undergoing a transition and since there were no issues brought forward to the committee, no meetings were held during 2003.

Respectfully submitted,
David Brown

MISSION & OUTREACH

Well another year has come and gone and we have all managed to get through it somehow. I would like to take this opportunity to send out a huge thank you to all the congregation for their support of our Committee over the past year. I would also like to thank our Committee for their help and understanding throughout the year. Our Committee consists of David Chan (Chair), Bev Philips (Secretary), Marjory Stewart, Shirley Ross, Orville Schnick, Doug Wall and Wyn Millard. If anyone is interested in joining this easy going, hard working and ever faithful group please do so. We are always looking for new members and new ideas.

Through our budgeted amount approved by the Board of Managers we were once again able to send funds totaling \$1,700.00 to the following organizations: Evangel Hall, Open Door, Armagh, Camp Iona, Camp Glen Mhor, Peel Distress, Emmanuel International, Community Church Volunteers and Covenant House. These organizations are always in dire need of funds and are always so thankful for the monies received.

The balance of our budget was spent on the booklet "Glad Tidings" (if you haven't read this booklet yet, please feel free to pick up a copy at the back of the church). We sent plants to Armagh on Mother's Day for all the young mothers there and they were really surprised, happy and thankful for our thinking of them. Also again this year we purchased poinsettias at Christmas time and had them delivered by the elders to the shut-ins which always makes them feel like they still belong and are still in our thoughts and prayers.

In May we hosted an evening of jazz thanks to the generosity of Leslie Jamieson and Paul Brooks. It was a very exciting evening for all those who attended and we were able to hand over to the Board of Managers an amount collected of \$990.00. A huge thank you goes out to both of them.

In the Fall we had an appeal for the Cornshare programme and with all your donations we were able to send them just over \$600.00. Many thanks to Doug Wall for heading up this very important appeal.

The Elves Workshop once again hosted an "Arts and Crafts Sale" in November for which we raised approximately \$4,100.00. Many, many thanks to all those who donated their time as well as those who donated either prizes or items for the auction or those who donated to the lucky draw or to our bake table. Profits are only made because of people's willingness to work and help out and for this we should be extremely grateful to all.

This year, once again through the "Caring through Sharing" programme, we were able to sponsor four families at Christmas. We are very grateful to those in our congregation who looked after the tables and made sure that all the items needed were in on time to deliver to the needy families. I'm sure they feel a certain amount of pride inside knowing they were able to affect people's lives in this way at that very special time of the year. Thank you does not seem to cover it but many thanks on their behalf.

We continue to collect each and every week for Open Door and Evangel Hall. The food collected is delivered to Open Door courtesy of Tom Whittaker and the clothing and personal items collected reach Evangel Hall thanks to Shirley and Ian Ross. We also collect Canadian Tire coupons for Evangel Hall. This year we collected over \$100.00 in coupons for them. Way to go – keep them coming!

On behalf of the entire Committee we thank you.

Respectfully submitted,
David Chan

LADIES COFFEE MORNING

Ladies coffee is a fellowship group for women to come and meet old friends, someone new, listen to a speaker and have a cup of coffee. All you need is your coffee mug and a loonie.

This past year we gave a donation of \$100.00 to Ian Anderson House.

We donated 59 Christmas bags to Evangel Hall for their ladies and 4 baskets of cosmetic products to the Church Missions Christmas families.

Our list of speakers for the past year were from:

January	Welcome Baby
February	MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving)
March	Our Pharmacist
April	Creative Memories
May	Waste Management and Development
June	Women's Health and Nutrition
July	Heritage Cemeteries
August	Lakeshore Corridor Community Team
September	Along the Garden Path
October	Clinical Chiropractic Assistant
November	Ian Anderson House

December was our Christmas Pot Luck luncheon.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Sargent

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group continues to meet monthly on the last Friday (except for the summer and December), from 10 – 11:30 in the Margaret Terry Room. We are a relatively small group who meet for fellowship and friendship over a cup of coffee. The topics are wide ranging and cover everything from world events to sports and everything in between. We warmly welcome all men to join us. Just give me a call if you do not have a ride.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Sypher

TERRY TEAM

To continue our fund raising efforts for Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church, the Terry Team held a card luncheon on April 9, 2003.

With the money raised we were able to purchase dinner plates and add to the number of cups and saucers and side plates. The additions completed the set up to 12 dozen.

We received a donation of \$152.00 from a member of the congregation at the end of December, which will be used to purchase some serving dishes.

The Terry Team would like to thank the anonymous donor for the generous donation.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Sargent

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

This has been a challenging and interesting year for the Worship Committee. We have been blessed with many wonderful and inspiring services over the past year. The following have given of their time and have shared their ministry with us: Rev. Chris Costerus, Rev. Fred Shaffer, Rev. Harry McWilliams, Rev. Gerald Rennie, Rev. Jim Cuthbertson, Rev. Bill Adamson, Rev. Trevor Lewis, Rev. Gordon Beaton and Rev. John Hibbs. Also our heartfelt thanks go to Roger Brown and the choir who made our services so meaningful through the ministry of music. We thank God for all of you and for your conscientious hard work. We also are especially proud and grateful for all our readers and candle lighters over the past year.

Thank you to Ruth Darling who looked after the summer organ supply consisting of Lorraine Lohnes and Bob Barlow. We also gratefully thank Joyce Hutchinson who filled in for Roger when needed.

In October, we were fortunate to obtain the Rev. Gordon Beaton as Interim Stated Supply Minister. Rev. Beaton and his wife Elizabeth were introduced to the congregation at a reception after worship on November 23, 2003. Since then we have been blessed by the presence and leadership of Gordon and Elizabeth.

The Worship Committee has introduced the use of a flower calendar which is posted outside the secretary's office. We encourage the congregation to prayerfully consider providing flowers on any Sunday during the year in memory of a loved one or to express thankfulness for a happy occasion. Just sign your name and let Lesley know what you would like put in the bulletin.

In December our congregation participated in a very successful Community Christmas Carol Celebration with the proceeds going to the Compass Drop-In Centre on Lakeshore Road in Port Credit. It began at St. Brides Church, on to Christ Church United, Clarkson Road and finally St. Christopher's where refreshments were served. There was carol singing and readings at each of the four churches. All participants walked from church to church carrying candles and singing carols. It is hoped this will become a yearly event.

Joanne and John Dekker continued to do a wonderful job of changing banners and pulpit falls when there was a need. Many thanks to our excellent Decorating Committee, consisting of Dee Heidema and Dorothy Coyne, with their helpers Jack Heidema, Orville Schnick and George McLean. This group of merry workers kept our church appropriately decorated according to the season. Many thanks to Dorothy Bragg, our very capable ushering convener. Jack Heidema continues to organize our communion services with much care and love.

We were sad to have two members of our committee step down this past year. We do need more members. Please prayerfully consider if you feel this is where you would like to help. Your Worship Committee for 2004 is Barbara Sypher, Dorothy Bragg, Jack & Dee Heidema, Lesley Routhier, and Gordon Beaton when possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Sypher.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The year 2003 was another great year in the musical life of Clarkson Rd. I would like to welcome Gordon Beaton to the pulpit as our stated supply. Having some stability and continuity is appreciated greatly by all the choir members and the director. The membership of the Senior Choir remained much the same however a few of our members are taking a leave of absence and we look forward to them returning as soon as possible. We are still looking for a few new basses and altos. As most of the music we sing is in four parts we need singers in these sections. This unfortunately is more than just a friendly invitation to join the choir. This is an urgent request to please prayerfully consider singing in the choir as part of your service to the church. As we move into the New Year, I would like to personally invite any members of the

congregation to join us on Thursday nights. If you are interested in joining even for a short time, please speak to me personally or to one of our present members. You would be most warmly welcomed.

As the 2003 church year began, the choir was hard at work preparing music for the coming year. On January 26 a wonderful guest singer joined us for the Mozart "Laudate Dominum". Lisa Timney sang the solo part and also sang a few numbers off her most recent CD. A few weeks later two flute players from Lorne Park Secondary, Robyn Syer and Michelle Kamler were our guests and accompanied the anthem.

A great deal of effort and time was spent learning special music for the Lenten season and Holy Week, leading into Easter. The choir anthems were especially appreciated by the congregation during this time. Our Easter service ended as usual with the singing of the wonderful Hallelujah Chorus by Handel.

On April 27, the Sunday after Easter, the Grade 12 Instrumental Music Class from Lorne Park Secondary School that I was teaching that semester, joined us for the morning worship service. They accompanied all the hymns and two trumpet players, Logan Rathbone and Erin Grevstad played with the anthem. The class also provided the prelude and postlude for the service. As usual it was wonderful having all the hymns played with a woodwind and brass group. This was a great way to continue the Easter sense of joy felt a week previously.

In the summer during my holidays, Ruth Darling helped organize music for the summer services. Many members of the choir sang solos and duets. My thanks to Ruth and all the choir members who showed such strong leadership during the summer.

After the summer break, we resumed our fall season. The choir continued to rehearse each Thursday evening and sing each Sunday morning despite many of our members who became ill or were away on well deserved vacations. Several of our choir members had serious illnesses this year and their ability to get better and recuperate has been an inspiration to us all. Thanks to God for his healing power and care.

Last June, the choir had been working on a beautiful piece by John Rutter called the "Clare Benediction". Marion Gardiner liked the music and words and decided to sing it at her daughter's wedding in September. The choir also sang it as an anthem in late September. The words are so beautiful that I decided to introduce it as a choral postlude in the worship service. We used it during part of October and November in order that the congregation would get to know it a little better. We had sung the "Go Now in Peace" for about eight or nine years so it took a little getting used to. As we begin 2004 we will alternate choral postludes. I have also found a few more pieces that would be appropriate for a choral postlude and introits so will introduce them as the year progresses.

Also I wanted to point out that there is a misconception that the music director chooses the hymns for the Sunday service. The hymns for each service are chosen by the minister. Sometimes if the tune is not well known I will ask the minister if we can use a different tune. Usually lots of consultation takes place. So the next time you enjoy the hymns, please thank the minister.

The choir continued throughout the fall to prepare for the Christmas music service and on December 14 they presented the "Service of Lessons and Carols". This involved many extra hours of preparation. Linda Ford, a music teacher at Lorne Park Secondary School, was our guest accompanist for the morning and my wife Pat helped out in the alto section. Chetan Phull was our guest guitarist and played a solo as well as accompanying one of the anthems. The service included many familiar anthems and carols. Learning these pieces presented a challenge for the choir but they worked hard and did a great job. My thanks to all the choir members for their extra work and to their commitment to attend all practices. My thanks also to the Worship Committee for supplying the excellent readers.

I would personally like to thank all the choir members for their continuing dedication to the choir. Your willingness to take on challenging music and attend all practices and services is very much appreciated. My thanks also to the congregation, Barb Sypher, and Rev. Gordon Beaton and his wife Elizabeth for their support and constant encouragement. I look forward to another exciting and rewarding year at Clarkson Road.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Brown, Musical Director

MEMORIAL & BEQUEST FUND

In 2003, the Memorial & Bequest Fund purchased four stained glass windows as a memorial for Lauchlin MacInnes, Roy Pickthall, Robert Fraser and Lloyd and Viola Herridge. Two memorial engraved plaques were also bought for the Sanctuary to serve as a memorial to "Loved Ones" and there are spaces on the plaques for additional names.

During the year we received, with regret, the resignation of Ruth Darling, Chair, John Blevins and Marilyn Hepburn. We will truly miss them all for their contribution to our committee. We are especially thankful to Ruth Darling whose efforts lead to the completion of all memorial projects undertaken over the past year and her contribution will be sorely missed.

During the morning worship of June 15th, 2003, there was a memorial dedication to recognize the following memorial items:

Glass Doors for the Sanctuary Entrance in loving memory of the grandparents of Ann Reamey donated by Ann Reamey.

Redecorating of the Church Sanctuary donated by the Reamey Family.

Six Stained Glass Windows on the North Side of the Sanctuary dedicated to the charter members of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church from the Memorial & Bequest Fund.

The Stained Glass Window on the North Side of the Sanctuary entitled “The Good Shepherd” donated in loving memory of Robert Fraser, from the Robert Fraser Bequest.

The Stained Glass Window located on the South Side of the Sanctuary entitled “Behold The Man” in loving memory of Lauchlin MacInnes donated by Mrs. Nan MacInnes and Family and his Clarkson Road Church friends.

The Stained Glass Window located on the South Side of the Sanctuary entitled “The Lamb of God” in memory of Roy Pickthall donated by Mrs. Joy Pickthall and Family.

The Stained Glass Window located on the South Side of the Sanctuary entitled “The Three Crosses” donated by the Cottrell Family.

The Christian Symbol of the Fish Sculpture, donated in loving memory of Reverend Bert Dutcher donated by his Clarkson Road Church friends.

200 copies of the New Revised Standard Version of the Holy Bible in loving memory of Lloyd Herridge donated by his wife Viola Herridge and from the Memorial & Bequest Fund.

Two Engraved Memorial Plaques located on the North and South Side of the Sanctuary purchased from the Memorial & Bequest Fund to serve as an ongoing memorial for Our Loved Ones.

We are truly blessed and grateful for the receipt of all of the above memorials and for those members of the Congregation who in donating these memorials have shown what Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church members can do for their Church. These memorials have added great beauty to our Sanctuary. Please let me know if you are interested in making a contribution towards the Memorial & Bequest Fund. There are still four large and twenty small stained glass windows remaining to complete the original stained glass window plans. It is a great way to donate an everlasting memorial to your loved ones. A great deal of work remains to be done and it can only be achieved with your continued prayers and support. In 2004 why not make it your year to contribute to the Memorial & Bequest Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Victor Cottrell

TRUSTEES

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Bill Richards	2003
Isabella Cunningham	2004
Jim Garde	2006
Treasurer	Ongoing