

CLARKSON ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Annual Report 2004

Annual Congregational Meeting, February 27, 2005

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CLARKSON ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
47th Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 27, 2005

AGENDA

- 1) Constitute with Worship
- 2) Appointment of Secretary
- 3) Adoption of Agenda
- 4) Adoption of 2004 Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes
- 5) Adoption of February 1, 2004 Special Congregational Meeting Minutes
- 6) Business Arising from Minutes
- 7) Motion to receive and consider Treasurer's Report for 2004
Motion to adopt Treasurer's Report for 2004
- 8) Motion to receive proposed budget for 2005
Motion to adopt 2005 budget
- 9) Election of Board of Managers
- 10) Appointment of Auditors for 2005
- 11) Appointment of Trustees
- 12) Memorial and Bequest Fund
- 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 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2004**

Opening Devotions: Rev. Harry McWilliams opened with a Scripture Lesson from Galatians 5:13-6:10 and constituted the meeting with prayer.

Secretary: Moved by Barbara Sypher and seconded by Eleanor Garbutt that Lesley Routhier be secretary; carried. Bruce Murray moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Dave Brown; carried.

Agenda: Moved by Gordon Coyne and seconded by John Dekker that the Agenda be accepted as written; carried.

Minutes: Moved by Linda Flemington and seconded by Jack Heidema that the minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting, held on Sunday, February 16, 2003 be accepted as written; carried.

Business Arising From Minutes: None.

Treasurer's Report for 2003:

Total envelope receipts for 2003 declined by \$6,000, or 4% from last year. Salaries were under budget. The pension increased; we are required to contribute to the pension plan for four years after the Rev. Campbell's vacancy date of Oct. 7, 2002. A transfer of \$4,100 was received from the Elves Workshop in 2003 as well as transfers of \$6,000 from the C.E. Fund and \$2,900 from the M. & B. Fund. These two last amounts were used to pay the salary of the C.E. Director until about June, after which her salary was paid out of the general funds. We ended the year with an operating surplus of almost \$18,000 compared to \$5,800 last year. There was a shortfall of \$6,000 in givings to Presbyterians Sharing – this was made up out of the General Fund. A donation of \$6,400 was received to cover the cost of the sprinkler system. A transfer of \$11,800 was made from the General Fund to cover the shortfall in the Building Fund. (See page 9). The total surplus was \$5,300 in 2003 compared to \$8,000 last year. We had \$34,000 in the bank at the end of 2003, including \$30,000 that was invested in a GIC. Moved by Bruce Murray and seconded by Linda Flemington that the Treasurer's Report be received and considered; carried. It was moved by Dave Brown and seconded by Isabella Cunningham that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as written; carried.

Budget for 2004: General Givings are budgeted to increase by 2%. Beginning March 1, 2004 we are budgeted for 10 months of transition allowance payments to Rev. Campbell. This will leave one month remaining to be paid in 2005. The total transition allowance payments are budgeted to be \$57,650, which comprises Rev. Campbell's full stipend and manse allowance plus health and dental. Salaries comprise the Secretary and the Stated Supply Minister for 12 months. The budget assumes an Interim Moderator for 12 months and a C.E. Director for 10 months. Presbyterians Sharing budgeted amount is unchanged. Building Fund budget is \$20,000. This expenditure will be for the replacement of 3 hydro poles on Church property and moving the transformers out to the street. This work will be completed in the Fall. Overall budgeted total receipts are \$249,000. This represents an increase over 2003 of 39%. However, if Rev. Campbell continues to receive LTD benefits, then the breakeven increase in receipts would be reduced to \$43,000 or 24%. Peter McLean moved that the Proposed Budget for 2004 be received and considered, seconded by Isabella Cunningham; carried. Peter McLean moved the adoption of the Budget as presented with the stipulation that the budgeted transition

allowance paid to Rev. Campbell in 2004 will be reduced by the amount of any other source of income received by her, seconded by Terry Alexander; carried.

Board of Managers' Members: Linda Flemington moved that Todd Jocko and Ron Percy be elected to the Board of Managers, seconded by Bev Philips; carried. Eleanor Garbutt moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Bill Richards; carried. Rev. McWilliams recommended having all Board Members installed during a Worship Service.

Appointment of Auditors for 2004: Doug Wall moved that Isabella Cunningham and Gary Reamey be appointed as Auditors, seconded by John Dekker; carried. John Dekker moved that the Board have the authority to appoint one more auditor during the year, seconded by Dave Brown; carried.

Appointment of Treasurer: Bruce Murray moved that Peter and Megan McLean be co-Treasurers for a three year term to 2006; seconded by Ron Percy; carried. Andrew Billings moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Linda Flemington.

Appointment of Trustee: Dave Brown moved that Bill Richards be appointed as a Trustee for another three-year term to 2006, seconded by Linda Flemington; carried. David Lee moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Terry Alexander; carried.

Election of Memorial & Bequest Fund Committee: Bev Philips moved that Bruce Murray be nominated to the Memorial & Bequest Fund Committee, seconded by Dave Brown; carried. Ron Sypher moved that Gordon Coyne be appointed a member of the Memorial & Bequest Fund Committee, seconded by Bev Philips; carried. Linda Flemington moved that Ruth Durward be nominated a member of this committee, seconded by Bev Philips; carried. John Dekker moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Terry Alexander. A show of hands resulted in the appointment of the three named above as new members on the committee.

Motion to receive Annual Reports (other than the Treasurer's Report): Doug Wall moved that we receive and consider the Annual Reports other than the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Bruce Murray; carried.

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

New Business: Linda thanked Kristen Garbutt for supplying the cakes today.

Isabella Cunningham asked how long it will be until we get a new Minister, and does the congregation choose a Search Team. Harry advised that Session is responsible to Presbytery to appoint the Search Team, although members of the congregation can make recommendations in writing or by word to the Session. Harry recommended a Search Team of no larger than eight.

Bruce Murray, as Chairman of the Finance Committee requested that the congregation consider and recommend ideas for new fund raising events. He also asked that the PAR program be considered by those not presently using it. Increased use would stabilize the cash flow, especially through the summer months.

Harry made the suggestion that Clarkson Road look ahead by initiating a stewardship campaign and invite the congregation to each make a one-time financial gift to fund future dynamic ministries of the church.

Gordon Coyne raised the question of the amount of the Transitional Allowance to the Rev. Mary Campbell, which is to be reduced by the amount of L.T.D. she receives. Harry McWilliams advised us that Presbytery is responsible to provide us with the details to establish the amount of the reduction.

Harry invited the Rev. Sean Foster to come to the front, and introduced him as our new Interim Moderator. Rev. Foster expressed his enthusiasm for his new role and encouraged the congregation to look ahead for the exciting things God is going to do. He stressed his availability and willingness to help us in any way.

Adjournment: Terry Alexander moved the adjournment of the meeting at 1:00 p.m., seconded by Dave Brown; carried.

Rev. McWilliams closed with prayer.

Lesley Routhier, Secretary

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2004

Purpose of the Meeting: to discuss the dissolution of the Pastoral Tie between Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church and the Reverend Mary Campbell.

Opening Devotions: The Moderator, the Rev. Harry McWilliams, read from Romans 12 and constituted the meeting with prayer.

Secretary: Moved by Bev Philips that Barbara Sypher be secretary, seconded by Joanne Krauser; carried.

Agenda: Moved by David Brown that a discussion on the Transitional Allowance be added to the written agenda after the “appointment of congregational representatives”, seconded by Ron Percy; carried.

Citation from the Presbytery of Brampton: The Moderator read a letter from The Presbytery of Brampton which summoned the congregation of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church to appear before the Presbytery of Brampton within Heart Lake Presbyterian Church at 8:30 p.m. on February 17, 2004, to address the request that the pastoral tie between Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church and the Rev. Mary Campbell be dissolved. Discussion followed.

It was explained that the Kirk Session asked that Presbytery dissolve the pastoral tie for the life and growth of the congregation. It was stated that the congregation has the authority to recommend the dissolution of a pastoral tie.

Concern was raised as to why a congregational meeting had not been called sooner. The Moderator explained that it was his decision to delay the meeting in hopes that the issue would

have been resolved immediately. Rev. McWilliams explained that he had received a letter from the Clerk of Presbytery stating that the Presbytery had no written information on the status of the Rev. Campbell's health. It was mentioned that the Rev. Peter Barrow had been appointed advocate for the Rev. Campbell on the advice of the Rev. McWilliams.

In response to a question, the Rev. McWilliams stated that the Kirk Session had unanimously agreed to pay the Rev. Campbell the full stipend during the four months after her sick leave in lieu of her having to take Employment Insurance.

A question was raised as to how the people who disagree with the dissolution can be heard. Answer: they can be heard by writing a letter to Presbytery through the Kirk Session.

Appointment of Congregational Representatives:

Dianne Garde nominated John Darling, seconded by Victor Cottrell.

Wilma Wall nominated John Wiley, seconded by Isabella Cunningham.

Ron Sypher nominated Kelta Fleck, seconded by John Wiley.

John Darling nominated Dianne Garde, seconded by Sharon Garde.

John Wiley nominated Bruce McWilliam, seconded by Bev Philips.

Bev Philips nominated Linda Flemington, seconded by Joanne Krauser.

Margaret Brown nominated Bev Philips, seconded by Ron Sypher.

John Wiley nominated Doug McGregor, seconded by Ron Percy.

John Hansuld moved that nominations be closed, seconded by Laura Pannell; carried.

John Dekker moved the adoption of the slate of speakers, seconded by John Wiley; carried.

The Moderator explained that he would be obligated to tell the Presbytery that two dissenters had been nominated.

Transition Allowance: The Rev. Mary Campbell is in her 11th year at Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church. Therefore, as required in Section 2.3 of the Presbyterian Church in Canada Policy for the Dissolution of Pastoral Ties, Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church would provide a Transition Allowance up to a maximum of 11 months, or until the Rev. Campbell receives stipend or income from another source or sources. Should the income from the other sources be less than the Transition Allowance, the Transition Allowance would be reduced by the amount of the income from the other sources.

The Transition Allowance, which would be provided monthly, would be as follows: Stipend (including Car Allowance) \$3,625.00, Housing Allowance \$1,540.00, Utilities Allowance \$300.00 for a total monthly Transition Allowance of \$5,465.00. It was explained that Presbytery could go beyond this allowance if they so wish.

Ruth Durward urged everyone to be in prayer over this situation and to treat one another with love. She also thanked all involved for their caring of the Rev. Mary Campbell and the congregation of Clarkson Road.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:30 p.m.

Barbara Sypher, Secretary

February, 2005

Interim Moderator's Message

So that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, 'What do those stones mean to you?' then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. So these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial forever.

Joshua 4: 6-7

There is a wonderful story in the Old Testament book of Joshua telling how the Israelites crossed into the promised land. As they moved from the Shittim region they had arrived at the Jordan river. Once again, God made himself known to the Israelite people that he was indeed with them.

With the Ark of the Covenant leading the way, the waters of the Jordan parted so that the people could cross on dry ground to the other side of the river to embrace and live in the land that God promised to give to them. As Joshua records in verse 10 of chapter 3, *By this you will know that among you is the living God.*

To remember what God did for the people that day, Joshua instructed twelve men, one from each of the twelve tribes of Israel, to each take a stone from the middle of the Jordan river from where they had crossed. Then, on the other side of the river, they laid them down as a memorial to what God had done for his people.

In a way, the annual report is like a memorial to what God has been doing in the midst of his people at Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church. The pages that follow reflect those memories to which we can give thanks to God for the many blessings we have experienced throughout the year of 2004.

2004 was a busy year for Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church. In the month of February, the Presbytery of Brampton dissolved the pastoral tie between the congregation and the Reverend Mary Campbell. In reality, I personally feel that you as a congregation have been vacant and without a minister since November of 2001. However, as a congregation, you were not declared vacant until March 1st 2004. Clarkson Road was finally given the permission to search for a new minister. Shortly thereafter, the session assembled a Search Team to do the work of searching for a minister who would both lead and inspire the people of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church.

2004 was a year not without its disappointments. In the month of September, the Reverend Mary Campbell sued the Presbytery of Brampton. Although frustrating, this bump in the road was not going to deter people of Clarkson Road from embracing its future. As I write these words to you I am please to report that a settlement has been agreed upon in the amount of forty-five thousand

dollars (\$45,000). As your Interim Moderator, I am pleased that this on-going problem will finally be resolved and put to rest.

Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church has been blessed to have some very wonderful people. You have a strong session, a committed Board of Managers, a group of dedicated Sunday School Teachers, a gifted Organist, and an organized Administrator. It has been a privilege to work with some very dedicated and hard working people. My thanks to Barbara Sypher, Lesley Routhier, and Roger Brown for making my work as Interim Moderator so easy.

It has also been a blessing to work with the Search Team. The Search Team worked very hard on your behalf in sorting through profiles, travelling to hear various candidates preach and lead worship, and course the interviews with those candidates we were seriously considering. In January of 2005, the Search Team recommended a candidate to the session. Session, approving the candidate, invited the Reverend John Crowdis to preach for the call on February 6th. My personal thanks to the Search Team for all their hard work. They put in many countless hours searching and praying for God's direction and call for Clarkson Road PC.

In the pages that follow, you will read the memories of our ministries throughout the year of 2004. Each of them is a memorial to remind us that indeed the living God is amongst us.

It is my prayer that God continue to bless the ministries to which we have been called to do in Jesus name.

Peace and Love,

Sean

We Remember ...

*Doug Auld
Jane Black-Coffey
Viola Herridge
Ruth Lucas
Les Page
Margaret Salvatori*

THE KIRK SESSION STATEMENT

1. CHURCH INFORMATION

(a) Membership

Members recorded as of December 31, 2003		277
Members removed from Roll by:		
Death	6	
By Certificate	8	
By resolution of Session	<u>25</u>	<u>39</u>
		238
Members added to Roll by:		
Profession of Faith	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Members recorded as of December, 2004		243
Number of Households, December, 2004		147

Baptisms

The following Baptisms took place in 2004:

Children	2	
Adults	<u>1</u>	3

We rejoiced in the following Baptisms in 2004:

Harold Samuel Pedwell, April 4, 2004

MacKenzie Jaye Brown, daughter of Vikki and Kenneth Brown, December 5, 2004

Marnie Wilson Hansuld Ferguson, daughter of Stephanie and Douglas Ferguson, December 5, 2004

Weddings

The following weddings took place in 2004:

Ria Rose Ilagani and **Christopher Scott Magaday**, April 7, 2004

Kristen Lynne Garbutt and **Frederick Jay Goodwin**, May 1, 2004

Christine Frances Durward and **Jeffrey Peter Baker**, August 6, 2004

Karen Anderson Park and **Drew Edward Kowal**, October 2, 2004

Tracy Lee Voege and **Ian Thomas Flemington**, October 16, 2004

Ivy Yuet Mei Ng and **Guillaume Pieter Vandenbroek**, October 24, 2004

(b) Bereavements

The following members and adherents passed away in 2004:

Viola Herridge, January 13

Les Page, March 6

Ruth Lucas, March 19

Margaret Salvatori, May 22

Jane Black-Coffey, June 27

Doug Auld, December 18

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, 2003		16
Resigned	<u>1</u>	
Number on Session as at December 31, 2004		15

Elders on the Kirk Session, December 31, 2004

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

Congregational Life Committees

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

Chairperson

Wilma Wall
 David Brown
 Shirley Ross/Bev Philips
 Ron Sypher
 Colin Gardiner
 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 2004 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 to our Interim Moderator, the Reverend Sean Foster, who carries out his responsibilities in a caring and dedicated manner. He does pastoral care visiting, moderates the Session meetings, gets the supply ministers, presides over all congregational meetings, chairs the Search Team meetings and acts as liaison between Clarkson Road and the Presbytery of Brampton. We thank him for his direction and leadership.

Over the past year, Clarkson Road was truly blessed to have had the following supply ministers: the Rev. Gordon Beaton, the Rev. Gerald Doran, the Rev. Dr. Victor Downs, the Rev. John McGurrin, the Rev. Harry McWilliams, the Rev. Susan Sheridan. We regretfully accepted the resignation of Marjory Stewart from the Kirk Session. We thank Roger Brown for the wonderful work he does with our praise in music. Our choir's excellence is vocal testimony to the excellence of its leader. Thank you, Roger. Lesley Routhier's selfless service and ministry in the church office is very much appreciated, and we thank her for that.

A Search Team was formed in March and they have been very diligent in choosing the right candidate for the congregation to preach for a call. We thank each one of them. They are doing a super job. You will read about their activities elsewhere in this report. The elders delivered mums and poinsettias to the shut-ins at Easter and Christmas. The Rev. Glen Soderholm was invited to come in September to lead the congregation in three visioning evenings to choose a Mission Statement for Clarkson Road. "TO EMBRACE ALL WITH THE LOVE AND FRIENDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST" was chosen.

A special thank you to John Dekker, our property administrator, who carries out his duties with loving care and devotion. He is supported by David Lee who is there for all electrical needs and to Carl Turpin who works closely with John on all aspects of keeping our church building in good running order. The Newsletter continues to be a very important communication vehicle for our congregation and we thank Wilma Wall and Marcia Murray for their dedication to this publication. Thank you to Ron Sypher for his enthusiasm in making the Men's Group a reality once a month. Our thanks and appreciation go out to Shirley Ross and Helen Chislett for organizing the Ladies Christmas Potluck Lunch and the very successful collecting of small toiletry items for the Evangel Hall ladies. Dorothy Coyne and Pat Sargent organized a very successful Card Party and Luncheon in November, and our heartfelt thanks go to these ladies and their committee. The proceeds will be used to refurbish the nursery.

As we move into 2005, we can only be encouraged and pleased to contemplate the leadership we have in our faith family. 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, readers, and all the congregational life committee members. The benefits of helping in some way are great, and the time commitment is minimal. So please volunteer if you are able. Together we can accomplish great things for Clarkson Road.

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 Treasurer position is shared by Peter and Megan McLean. They are supported by Bruce McWilliam, Doug Wall and Ron Percy.

The Property Committee is responsible for the maintenance of the building and grounds, both short term and long term. The Chair of the Property Committee is John Dekker. John has the support of Doug Wall and Todd Jocko.

The Secretary is responsible for the Board of Manager's minutes. Bev Philips has been our recording secretary and is 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 during this past year. Our meetings have been well attended. The Property Committee under John Dekker's direction has worked diligently to meet the needs of the church maintenance. John will be highlighting the property committee work plan in his report.

A special thank you to our co-treasurers for their diligent work over the past year. It is wonderful to have young volunteerism within our church.

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

Terms of the Board of Managers

John Dekker	2006
Linda Flemington	2005*
Bev Philips	2005*
Bruce McWilliam	2005*
Peter McLean	2006
Bruce Murray	2006
Doug Wall	2006
Todd Jocko	2007
Ron Percy	2007

*Members up for re-election

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

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Flemington
Property Committee

This past year we accomplished the following items:

1. Ceiling fans were installed in the auditorium.
2. Cages around the fluorescent lights have been secured.
3. Outside security lights were replaced.
4. We applied for a \$20,000.00 grant from the Trillium Foundation of Ontario for a washroom for the handicapped but were unsuccessful.
5. A runner for the hallway was bought and installed.
6. We looked into a natural gas contract and decided that it was not to our advantage at this time. Ron Percy will keep us informed on natural gas pricing.
7. We cleaned up the loft over the stage.
8. The nursery was painted and cleaned up under the guidance of Kelta Fleck and help from the youth group.
9. Ongoing maintenance and cleaning was kept up during the year.

Future projects on the list are:

Landscape the area around the new church sign.
Purchase vertical blinds for the auditorium.
Purchase new stage curtains.
Improve the telephone system and equipment.
Purchase a fireproof filing cabinet for archiving.
Improve wheelchair ramps.
Improve electrical supply to the building (hydro pole).
Replace north and south-east exit doors.

I would like to thank Dave Lee and Tom Whittaker for their help and also our custodian Carl Turpin for keeping the floors nice and shiny.

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. I would also like to compliment Doug wall and Bruce McWilliam for the donation of their skills and time to the congregation. 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 Ron Percy for performing the church audit function.

We look forward to 2005 with optimism as the church moves forward after a couple of difficult and divisive years. Expenditures in 2004 were well below expectations as the pastoral transition allowance has come in less than expected and the replacement of hydro access to the property has been delayed. Salary expenses were lower due to the search to fill the pastoral position. Actual expenses were held to \$166,000 and the church ran a deficit of about \$25,000. 2004 revenues were \$141,000 of which giving was \$100,000. Another \$29,700 of giving was passed on to Presbyterian Sharing. The 2005 budget is set at about \$155,000. To balance this budget will require giving to the church to increase by about 15%. We are sure this modest sum will be achieved now that the course for the future has been set.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Murray

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Members of the Communications Committee are Joanne Krauser, Marcia Murray, Wilma Wall and Terry Alexander.

Communications oversees the Fellowship Time after Sunday Worship. We supply the coffee/tea and juice. Each Sunday, volunteers come in early to make the coffee and tea for everyone to enjoy. With the addition of the commercial dishwasher the clean up time is somewhat easier. We thank the people who have volunteered to make the refreshments for the Fellowship Time. The sign-up roster is located on the table outside our secretary's office and we would encourage all to take a turn. People enjoy the fellowship immensely, therefore, this is one volunteer "job" that brings so much pleasure to so many. Please consider signing up for one Sunday.

Joanne Krauser continues to send out our Friendship cards to our congregation. The sending of these cards is an important mission of our Church. A card received in the mail can encourage the person receiving it and let the person know they are thought of and prayed for always by their Church family. In 2004 Joanne mailed 90 cards. A mission well worth the effort and time. Our thanks to Joanne for doing this valuable service for the people of our Church.

Terry Alexander continues to look after the audio equipment in the Sanctuary. Terry has managed to get a few volunteers to help out on a Sunday when he is unable to attend. Thank you to Terry and the volunteers. Their efforts allow us to hear the service more clearly.

Marcia Murray and I (Wilma Wall) continue to be the editors for the Church's newsletter "On The Road." In 2004, we published five newsletters. We hope to publish the same number in 2005 starting March 6th, followed by April 24th, June 26th, October 2nd and November 27th. We thank all contributors to the newsletter, but encourage others to please consider writing or contributing articles for publication.

Communications hosted the Anniversary of Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church in October of 2004 by providing anniversary cake for our Church family.

In December 2004 a new Church Lawn Sign was erected on the front lawn. This sign has space where we can put changing messages for the community to read. Marcia Murray took time to meet with several sign companies and settled on a local sign merchant. The Committee thanks Marcia for the hours she put in to get this sign. It's not finished yet though. The brick work will be completed in the spring when the frost is out of the ground, and then landscaping will be done. We hope to be ready for a June dedication ceremony.

Jordan Wall, one of our young people took on the task of developing a website for our Church. His work is complete and it's ready to be installed onto our Church's computer. We thank Jordan for his work and imagination. It is Communications hope the website will be installed by late February or early March. Lesley Routhier, our Church's secretary has graciously volunteered to look after the website and I will be Lesley's back-up. Of course both of us will have to be trained on "how to" look after the website.

As usual, Communications is seeking volunteers to join us. We meet approximately four times a year. Please consider coming on board.

Respectfully submitted,
Wilma Wall

NURTURE COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Ron Sypher (Chair), Isabella Cunningham , Eleanor Garbutt, Kelta Fleck, Laura Pannell, Siem Vandenbroek, Grace Anne Wiley.

During 2004 the Nurture Committee continued to encourage the congregation to participate in many meaningful education programs.

We were very sorry that Kelta Fleck was unable to continue as our Christian Education Director but we appreciate her dedication to several youth programs. Kids do Story Time "Bible Theatre" was performed monthly during the Church service and Kelta supervised these presentations. She also assisted with several Sunday School activities. We have advertised for a Christian Education Director through various channels but with no positive results.

A very successful Alpha dinner was held in January with over 40 people attending. Alpha courses were offered but the number of participants was too low to have meaningful discussions.

Bible Study: Rev. Gordon Beaton (our Stated Supply Minister) led a "Beloved" series for 3 weeks in January. He also held Membership classes during Lent. The Nurture Committee sponsored Laura Pannell to attend a course on Bible Study Leadership. She then held several Bible Study evenings entitled "Famous Men and Women of the Bible".

A weekly prayer meeting is held every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Sunday School: Because we were unable to find a Sunday School Administrator the Nurture Committee, led by Ron Sypher, has taken on this role for the time being.

On many Sundays attendance has been very discouraging for the teachers but they continue to offer a very interesting curriculum and we are indebted to their dedication to the children. Dawna Thompson and Isabella Cunningham very capably looked after the Nursery.

A skating party was held in January and a bowling party and pancake breakfast were held in February.

A Sunday School Library, with monetary donations from the congregation, was established by Cathy Corrigan in the Spring. The books are available every Sunday during our coffee time.

Unfortunately a Vacation Bible School was not held this past summer. After much searching a leader was not to be found.

The Sunday School donated \$300.00 to the "Water for Life Project" which is operated by the James Robison Evangelistic Association. The Nurture Committee purchased a DVD player for use in the Margaret Terry Room. The Nurture Committee also provides \$50.00 to each child attending a Church Camp. This was not requested in 2004. The Youth Group held a very successful Fast in the church in November. The funds raised were donated to Canadian Food For Children. Congratulations to all who participated.

A Fellowship Club including a Book Club has been meeting on a regular basis with good attendance. This group sponsored an evening showing the movie "The Passion of Christ".

A Social Club for young adults was initiated in the Fall. Those who attended enjoyed the evening and are planning future events.

The following congregational events sponsored by the Nurture Committee were held –

- April: A Pot Luck Dinner and a video provided by Rev. Gordon Beaton.
- August: A golf tournament was enjoyed followed by a Pot Luck Dinner at the home of Ron and Barbara Sypher.
- September: A Rally Day Pot Luck Lunch
A Pot Luck Dinner followed by a very enjoyable presentation by Glenn and Gloria Thompson entitled "A Glimpse of Nunavut".

(Pot Luck Dinners seem to work very well as Fellowship Events in our Church).

In June the Nurture Committee hosted the Congregational BBQ. Many thanks to all who helped with the food and games.

"Policy for Ensuring a Climate of Safety in The Presbyterian Church in Canada". This document was reviewed by members of the committee. A "Leading with Care" form was filled out and forwarded to the Policy and Planning Committee of Session.

A very special thank you to those who lead and nourish our congregation and we appreciate your continued support for our events and programs.

We have had a very active year but more leaders are needed to fulfill the obligations we have to our children. Specifically we require a Christian Education Director, a Sunday School Administrator, and a Youth Group Leader.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Anne Wiley.

Sunday School

We wish to thank the Sunday School Teachers for their dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year; Dawna Thompson and Isabella Cunningham – Nursery; Cathy Corrigan and Nicole Jocko, with support from Ruth Hyatt – Ages 3 to Grade 3; Debbie Ambrus, Bobbi MacDougall, Maureen Read, Julie Wright – Grades 4 to 6; Laura Pannell – Grade 7 and up. This was a challenging year for the Sunday School as the attendance was low, with sporadic attendance. The curriculum for the classes varied and was designed to meet the spiritual needs of the various ages of the children. An active and growing Sunday School is the responsibility of the whole congregation. This cannot be achieved by the Christian Education Committee and the Sunday School teachers alone. We ask for your support in encouraging your children, grandchildren and neighbour's children to attend Sunday School. They will be warmly welcomed.

We were sorry to lose Kelta Fleck as Christian Education Director in January 2004, however, she continued to devote time and effort to the Sunday School, primarily coordinating the Bible Theatre each month. These presentations were very important to the children and were very well received by the congregation.

With the Christian Education Director position vacant, it became the responsibility of the Nurture Committee to take on this responsibility. The Committee took up this challenge and my thanks to them.

Throughout the year, it was important to have a number of activities for the children: Family Skating was held in January with refreshments at the Flecks, Family Bowling in February, children handed out palm branches on Palm Sunday, Easter Egg hunt on April 11th, Congregational Picnic on June 13th, Rally Sunday on Sept. 12th. And White Gift Sunday on December 12th. In addition, the youth and teachers organized a Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 22nd, which was well attended and resulted in a profit of \$111.

Our youth did it again this year. They had a 31 hour fast at the church in November. They began the fast at midnight Friday and broke it Sunday morning with a hearty breakfast. Over \$4,000 was raised to support Canadian Food For Children. Congratulations to the students and many thanks to all the parents who helped chaperone this event.

The Sunday School donated \$200 to the Robison Ministry for the Water for Life project which provides clean water to underdeveloped countries. Half of this donation came from the funds raised at the Pancake Breakfast.

The teachers had an opportunity to review the video, “The Policy & Procedures for the Protection & Care of Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults”, and are very supportive of this initiative by our national church..

We are still looking for additional teachers for a Grade 2-3 class. Please keep the Sunday School in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted
Ron Sypher
Sunday School Library

During various Sunday School teacher meetings in 2003, a vision of restarting the children's library was discussed. In the fall of 2003 an inventory of the available books was completed. Less than 50 books were accounted for. This concern was then put forward to the congregation, asking for support in any way to add to this small collection.

In the spring of 2004, with the financial support of some members, more books were purchased. Members also donated books from their own personal collections. Most definitely, this support was and is continually appreciated.

Books were purchased from Good Books Christian bookstore in Oakville. This store was chosen after extensive price comparison and dialogue with the staff. Considerable time was devoted to meeting with the staff and discussing the content of the books which were purchased.

Toddlers to teens can now find a variety of books available in our library. There are board books, bible stories retold, books and tapes, mysteries, science fiction, non-fiction and devotional books. We now have over 120 books.

The library is currently on a trolley, with a binder to sign books out. It is in the gym, before and after the church service. All are encouraged to browse and borrow!

We look forward to growing and celebrating the library on a consistent basis in 2005 and seeing our children take advantage of the current and exciting Christian literature.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Corrigan

POLICY & PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Committee commenced a project to develop a protection policy and procedure for Clarkson Road Presbyterian Church based on the "Leading with Care: A Policy for Ensuring a Climate of Safety in The Presbyterian Church in Canada", which is expected to be approved in 2005.

It is anticipated that this project will take some time to complete, commencing with a review of all the activities within the Congregation and the various committees operating therein, which is currently underway. Following this, the required policies and procedures will be developed for implementation within the Church.

I wish to thank those members of the committee who served during the year: John Dekker, Eleanor Garbutt (representing Ron Sypher), Bill Richards, Shirley Ross (representing Bev Philips) and John Wiley.

Respectfully submitted,
David Brown

MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

This past year saw a few changes in our committee. David Chan, our leader, stepped down; we want to thank David for his help and support over the past years. We will miss you but you are welcome back any time.

Our new committee members are: Bev Philips (Chair), Shirley Ross (Co-Chair), Christine Campbell, Wyn Millard, Orville Schnick, Christine Scotland and Doug Wall. We welcome our new members and look forward to the new year and new ideas.

Our funds approved by the Board of Managers enabled us to send cheques to the following:

Armagh
Camp Glen Mhor
Camp Iona
Church Community Volunteers
Covenant House
Emmanuel International
Evangel Hall
Open Door
Peel Distress Line

In April we hosted a dinner at Evangel Hall for 120 needy people. It was well received and they couldn't thank us enough, a lesson for us all!

At Christmas we purchased poinsettias and had the elders deliver them to the shut-ins so they may know they are constantly in our thoughts and prayers.

In December the Ladies Coffee Hour hosted a pot luck luncheon, 25 attended, 3 declined at the last minute due to illness. After the luncheon and gift exchange we packed 37 bages for the needy women at Evangel Hall and a basket for each of the women in our "Caring and Sharing" programme. A great time of fellowship was had by all, we did a survey on what the ladies would like in the future with the results posted in the Sunday bulletin. Another get together is scheduled for April 14th with details at a later date.

Through our "Caring and Sharing" programme we were able to sponsor 5 families at Christmas. We are very gratified to those in our congregation who looked after the tables, contributed money and gifts, as well as delivering them to the needy families.

Thank you all for your support this past year – we couldn't have done it without you.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Ross

Ladies' Coffee Morning

On March 11, 2004, at Ladies' Coffee, I announced the end of Ladies' Coffee Mornings. It is with great sadness that I find I am unable to continue. In the last little while my life has changed in many ways and it has become harder for me to find the time for Ladies' Coffee.

Over the six years, we have had many excellent speakers on a great variety of topics, and learned many a new thing. It has been a very interesting time for me, and I hope for you.

Thank you to everyone who has helped me, I appreciate all the friendship I have been given.

The monies remaining in our account have been donated to Ian Anderson House.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Sargent

A pot luck luncheon was held on December 2nd, with 25 ladies in attendance. Following the luncheon Christmas bags were packed for the needy ladies at Evangel Hall and 5 baskets of cosmetic products were assembled for the "Caring and Sharing" families sponsored by the church through Mission and Outreach. Many thanks to all the people who helped make Christmas a bit happier for those less fortunate than ourselves.

A survey was taken at the meeting and the majority voted to continue the luncheon once a year at Christmas and to have a coffee morning occasionally during the year to enjoy a speaker and a chit chat. The next Coffee Morning is planned for April 14, 2005, so mark that day on your calendars ladies, more details to follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Ross
Helen Chislett

Men's Group

The Men's Group meets in the Margaret Terry Room on the last Friday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with the exception of December and the two summer months. We enjoy a cup of Presbyterian coffee and an opportunity to chat on the events of the day. It is great fellowship.

Our numbers are not large, and we would like to see more men attend. Please consider this as an open invitation.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Sypher

TERRY TEAM

On November 4, 2004, the Terry Team held a card luncheon in the church gym. The theme for the luncheon was Christmas, and a very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by 108 men and women.

We received many compliments on the food served and also on the decoration of the gym.

Our profit after expenses, was \$1,700.00, and in the coming Spring the money will be used to refurbish and update the babies' nursery.

The work and support of the volunteers was tremendous and greatly appreciated and we thank them very much.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Coyne
Dee Heidema
Patricia Sargent

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

This has been another interesting year for the Worship Committee. We have been blessed with many wonderful and inspiring services throughout this past year. The following have given of their time and shared their ministry with us: Rev. Chris Costerus, Rev. Gordon Beaton, Rev. Susan Sheridan, Rev. John McGurran, Rev. Gerald Doran, Rev. Sean Foster. Heartfelt thanks are in order for 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 really proud and grateful for all our readers and candle lighters over the past year.

Extra thanks to Roger for arranging our summer organ supply of Bob Barlow.

We were fortunate to have the Rev. Gordon Beaton as Stated Supply Minister for the early part of the year. The Rev. Beaton and his wife continued to be part of our development through June. We have been truly blessed by their presence and leadership.

The Worship Committee will continue the use of a flower calendar, which will be 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 took part in the second Community Christmas Carol Celebration, the proceeds going to the Compass Drop-in Centre on Lakeshore Road in Port Credit. There was carol singing in the four participating churches.

Joanne and John Dekker continued to do a wonderful job of changing the banners and pulpit falls when there was a need. Many thanks to the 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 have been successful in recruiting new members in Ruth Durward and Colin Gardiner, this past year. And in turn this allowed our long standing Chairwoman to take a well deserved rest from the leader's roll. We wish to give a heartfelt vote of thanks to Barbara Sypher for her dedicated time at the helm. She continues on with our committee and is much appreciated especially by our new Chair, Colin Gardiner.

Respectfully submitted,
Colin Gardiner.

Musical Director's Report

As I sit down to write my annual report for 2004, I wonder where the time has gone. I came to Clarkson Road in the fall of 1997. During the last seven or more years, I have enjoyed much love and support from the church, and in particular, the choir members. I am very grateful for that love and support.

The year 2004 was another great year in the musical life of Clarkson Road. The membership of the Senior Choir remained much the same at approximately twenty-one members. Four of our members, Ruth Darling, Victor Cottrell, and John and Margot Blevins have left to join other churches. I would like to thank them for the contribution to Clarkson Road and in particular to the senior choir. We have been blessed this year with four new members. They are Julie Wright, Ande MacDougall-Clumpus and George and Gerry Binnie. Also, we welcomed back two former members, Pam Page and Mary Alexander. We are still looking for a few new members in ALL sections. As most of the music we sing is in four parts we need to maintain a balance in each section. I would ask that you 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. We also enjoy many wonderful parties and that certainly should be an incentive to join the choir. The Murray family hosted our June and Christmas parties this year and we had a wonderful time. Many thanks to them for their gracious hospitality.

As the 2004 church year began, the choir was hard at work preparing music for the coming year. Flautist Jennifer Pigott, a third year University of Toronto music student, accompanied the choir for one anthem in February and Reed Hansuld, a student from Lorne Park Secondary School

joined us for Easter and accompanied the choir on his trumpet. We appreciate it whenever an instrumentalist can join us for a Sunday.

As usual, 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.

After the summer break, we resumed our fall season. The choir continued to rehearse each Thursday evening and sing each Sunday morning. On November 14, the Grade 12 instrumental music class from Lorne Park Secondary School was our special guest. They played the prelude and postlude and all of the hymns. The Concertina Singers also participated and sang an anthem at the service. Three of their members joined the choir for the singing of "You Raise Me Up". This was a wonderful service of praise and music.

The choir continued throughout the fall to prepare for the Christmas music service and on December 19 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 again this year. The service included many familiar anthems and carols. Learning these pieces presented a challenge for the choir but they worked hard and did an excellent job. Thanks to all the choir members for their extra work and for 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 and to Barb Sypher for their support. As usual, I look forward to another exciting and rewarding musical year at Clarkson Road.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger Brown, Musical Director

MEMORIAL & BEQUEST FUND

In 2004, seven small stained glass windows were installed with funds donated in memory of our friends and loved ones; of which "Wheat Sheaves" was donated by the family in memory of Burton and Margaret Terry and dedicated in a memorial service in December.

Memorial Funds were also used to facilitate the purchase of the new church sign which will help inform members of our church's activities and welcome the neighbourhood to accompany us as we move on to greater achievements.

The memorial fund would like to thank all those who donated in honour of the life of Margaret Salvatori.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Murray

TRUSTEES

	<u>Term Ends</u>
Bill Richards	2006
Isabella Cunningham	2004
Jim Garde	2006
Treasurer	Ongoing