



**ALBERNI VALLEY
UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT
2009**

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Alberni Valley United Church
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, February 7th, 2010

1. Open with prayer
2. Call the AVUC AGM to Order
3. Adopt the agenda
4. Vote to extend voting privileges to all members and adherents present.
5. Minutes of the 2009 Congregational & Special Meetings.
 - Business arising - Nil
 - Adoption
6. Team Reports
 - Questions and Discussion
 - Adoption
7. Financial Reports including 2010 Budget
 - Questions and Discussion
 - Adoption
8. Membership & adherent count update
Amendments to AVUC's GovModPol
9. Nominating Team Report
 - Appoint scrutineers
 - Ballot Council Chair
 - Balance of Report
 - Adoption
10. New Business
11. Authorize Council to act on behalf of the Congregation in 2010.
12. Adjournment

A.V. UNITED CHURCH CONGREGATION MEETING
February 1, 2009

PRESENT:

Dewayne Parfitt	Kathy Allen	Dell Weiler
Jean Bishop	Holly Judge	Doreen Grant
Sandra Simpson	George Geddes	Natalie VanViegen
Ellen VanderPutten	Gail Hadfield	Bill Irwin
Ann McMillen	Gordon Blake	Mike Vilette
Steve Vatamaniuck	Audrey Smith	Betty Kretai
Tam Vilette	Connie Randall	Isabel Damery
Dennis Andow	Lois Andow	Bill Allen
Elsie Reynolds	Julie Zaplotinsky	Liz Parfitt
Coreen Humphries	Peter Scott	Dawne Mallon
Alex Bell	Drew Hadfield	Gladys Priest
Angie Blake	Eileen Tremblay	Paul McMillen
Linda Kenny	Monte Smith	Carol Korven
Garry Korven	Mary Fletcher	Ron Gray
Anne Gray	Jean West	Cliff West
Brenda West	Janet Schlackl	Helen Price
Rev. Anna Constantin	Brad West	Judy Vatamaniuck
Dez Irwin		

Reverend Anna Constantin opened with prayers of thanks to all those members who have served the A.V.U.C. for the past terms and asked God's blessings on the new members who have consented to serve for the coming year/s.

Dewayne Parfitt called the Annual General Meeting of February 1, 2009 to order.

CAROL KORVEN/Angie Blake

To extend voting privileges to all members and adherents present.

CARRIED

PETER SCOTT/Doreen Grant

To adopt the agenda as amended.

CARRIED

JUDY VATAMANIUCK/Dennis Andow

To adopt the minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED

DENNIS ANDOW/Holly Judge

To accept all reports as presented in the Annual Report.

CARRIED

HOLLY JUDGE/Angie Blake

To adopt the 2008 Financial Reports as presented.

CARRIED

Holly presented and then opened for discussion, this year's Budget. There was much discussion about fund-raising ideas and cost cutting measures. Everyone is encouraged to consider joining the P.A.R. plan. Many felt it important to make better use of our facilities through marketing and to 'think outside the box'.

Kathy Allen, representing the U.C.W. confirmed that they wish to have a \$3,000 contribution added to the revenue portion of the budget on an annual basis. This is money raised mostly by the church bazaar.

Carol Korven reported to the congregation that our insurance costs have risen substantially and we are now insured for \$2.9 million.

PAUL McMILLEN/Dennis Andow

That we increase the general giving's revenue total to \$111,812; increase the facility use donations to \$6,000; and add in the UCW contribution of \$3,000, which would bring the total revenue, budgeted for 2009 to \$154,852. **CARRIED**
with one opposing vote.

HOLLY JUDGE/Garry Korven

That we pass the budget as amended. **CARRIED**
with one opposing vote.

NOMINATING TEAM:

On behalf of the Nominating Team, Janet Schlackl extended the congregation's gratitude to Holly Judge for her tireless efforts in balancing our books.

Sandra Simpson nominated Dawne Mallon to the Mission/Service & Outreach Team and this was accepted.

JANET SCHLACKL/Tam Villette

To accept the slate of officers as presented with the addition of Linda Kenny & Dawne Mallon to the M.S.& O. Team. **CARRIED**

Janet also expressed much thanks to our past Council Chair Hugh Sproule and welcomed Kathy Allen onboard as the new Chair of Council for 2009.

ANNE GRAY/Judy Vatamaniuck

That Council be authorized to act on behalf of the congregation for 2009. **CARRIED**

Dennis Andow moved for adjournment at 1:15pm.

Yours in His Service,

Lois Andow,
Secretary

Dewayne Parfitt,
Chair

ALBERNI VALLEY UNITED CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

The Alberni Valley United Church is a dynamic community of faith. Service, social justice and healing are at the heart of our life together. We are open to new insights and experiences as we encourage, challenge and joyfully celebrate God's blessings.

VISION STATEMENT

We intend to pursue this vision of our future vigorously:

- We will free people to build programs, launch and staff new ones.
- We will meet the social, educational and spiritual needs of our congregation.
- We will expand our work in care homes, hospitals and with lonely seniors.
- We will engage qualified persons for leadership positions in the congregation.
- We will continue to develop our ministries of music and children.
- We will share our work and faith with the larger community.

MINISTER'S REPORT

It has been a privilege to be in ministry with you for these last five months of 2009 as you work on your future here in the Alberni Valley. The numbers for the year 2009 are:

Baptisms - 2

Marriages - 1

Funerals - 13

Yours in Christ,
Sandra McMillan

COUNCIL REPORT

The year began with Council endorsing the formation of a Cub group under the dedicated and experienced leadership of Dewayne Parfitt & Coreen Humphries.

Trustee Carol Korven announced to Council that our facilities are greatly under-insured and Council approved an increase in our coverage to \$2.9 million. This is costing our congregation \$8,664.

After many hours of hard work, the final version of the facility's rental policy came into being. Our gratitude to those who worked so diligently on the policy.

Council endorsed the appointments of Bill Irwin and Kathy Allen as Presbytery Reps with Dennis Andow as alternate.

Rev. Bob Long entertained the congregation on March 29th with a presentation on the inauguration of President Obama.

Thanks to the Emerging Spirit Team for the much-improved signage around the building.

In May, we were very saddened to receive the resignation of Rev. Anna Constantin effective August 2009.

Dewayne Parfitt was appointed as our Marketing/Communications go-to person.

Rev. Sandra McMillan was appointed as ministerial supply to the AVUC from August 1/09 to June 30, 2010.

Thanks to Scott Kenny, we were able to secure the rental of the facility to the Red Cross Blood Donor Clinic. Unfortunately, our electrical limitations prevented the clinic from entering into a rental agreement.

Council has been working with Presbytery to firm up the JNAC (Joint Needs Assessment Committee) report. As a result of a recommendation from a joint meeting of Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery Pastoral Relations representatives and the JNAC team, we were encouraged to add to our ministerial profile. In order to expedite matters, the Council approved the inclusion of Diaconal Minister and Designated Lay Minister to that of Ordered Minister.

In October, all team members were invited to participate in an all-day workshop hosted by the Wonder-What Team, the Emerging Spirit Team and the Marketing Team to review policies, governance and setting team priorities.

Unfortunately, in November, Kathy Allen resigned her position as Chair of Council due to health concerns. Although this was Kathy's first year 'at the helm', she stepped in with professionalism and attention to detail. Council appointed Hugh Sproule to become Interim Council Chair until the February 2010 AGM.

Holly Judge announced that she would not be seeking another term as our Treasurer. Holly has taken care of our financial records for more years than I can remember. The commitment by Holly to keep us afloat has been remarkable and she is due a much-deserved break. We, her church family, continue to support her as she struggles with the loss of her husband Albert. The plan is to move much of the treasurer's day-to-day work to the church office. Such a move will simplify the Council Treasurer's task.

In November Council appointed AVUC's Nominating Team, which consists of Allyn Parker, Tam Villette, Steve Vatamaniuck and Jean Sproule. AVUC, along with all other non-profit organizations in Port Alberni, was served notice by the City that our tax-free status will be terminated effective in 2011. This could leave us facing an even larger debt. The Trustees have been asked to investigate the city tax proposal and report back to Council as early as possible in the New Year.

As the year ends we are awaiting final approval from Presbytery on our JNAC. The JNAC may need to be amended again to reflect the new financial reality. Council is confronted with a large deficit, the tax issue, and dwindling envelope and loose offering. As the United Church statement of affirmation says, 'We are NOT ALONE.' We will need to be creative - to think 'outside the box' in order to meet the challenges before us. Lets look at this as an opportunity to work together prayerfully for the future.

Yours in His Service,

Lois Andow, Council Secretary

J P Hugh Sproule, Interim Council Chair

PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE

Alberni Valley United Church has two Presbytery representatives. The number of representatives is based on the number of members of the congregation. The current representatives are myself, Isabel Parker and Bill Irwin, with Dennis Andow serving as an alternate for when either Bill or I are unable to attend.

Bill and I attended the British Columbia Conference in Vancouver in May. It was most informative. If you ever have the chance to hear retired Moderator Peter Short speak please do so. He is a wonderful orator.

In October Dennis and I attended the Presbytery meeting in Port Hardy. It was a weekend get together with Trina Duncan giving a great workshop on conflict resolution within

congregations. Again it was very interesting.

Moorcroft's future continues to be of concern to the Presbytery. It certainly is an unresolved issue and more information will be coming out in the next year as the representative's struggle with this difficult question.

On a personal note I would like to thank you for the opportunity to represent this congregation at the Presbytery level. I will be stepping down this year but did not want to leave without letting you know that it has been a joy to serve in this capacity.

Thank you

Isabel Parker, Bill Irwin, Dennis Andow

TEAM REPORTS:

EMERGING SPIRIT

The Emerging Spirit Team disbanded in December 2009 due to lack of members and work flexibility. This is not to say that I do not value the work of our team. Our budget remained unspent.

In my opinion, the free family events gave members of the congregation an opportunity for closer connection and lasting, meaningful memories. Who can forget the special campfire or open games night. My hope is that similar Emerging Spirit initiatives could be absorbed by other teams.

Our Children's Professional Day Fun Events for school-aged children continue to be a shared effort with Trinity and Knox Churches. These will now fall under Children's Worship so they continue to be a priority.

I would like to recommend that those of us who attended the workshops place the Emerging Spirit resources in the church library for reference. There are some very good sections that could inform team planning as we welcome new families to our church.

Thank you for allowing this to be a part of our structure,
Brenda West

FAITH, EVENTS AND EDUCATION TEAM REPORT

The 2009 FEED team included Anne Gray, Dell Weiler, Des Irwin, Coreen Humphries (youth leader), Judy Vatamaniuck & Carol Korven (Catering), Julie Zaplotinsky (Secretary), Jean Bishop (Chair).

Our Aerobics Program, led by Julie Zaplotinsky, continues to meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings. In March a step aerobics program was added. These programs contributed over \$1000 to our Church coffers in 2009. Thanks to Julie for her up-beat music and hard work delivering these programs.

A full inventory was done of our library to fulfill insurance requirements. Our library has

been used very little over the past year.

Our Youth Group, led by Coreen Humphries and assisted by Dewayne Parfitt, met from January to June. They participated in numerous activities and challenges. In September, we received, with regret, Coreen's resignation. We thank her for her dedication and leadership of this group. We hope to include our youth in the life of our Church according to their talents and availability.

We are happy to see that Cubs have started up again with 11 Cubs and 4 leaders. Welcome.

The Spring study group, led by Rev. Anna, was an "Overview of the Old Testament", with a total of 8 sessions. Weekly reading (homework) was needed to be able to participate in the discussion. Participants found it informative and a good learning experience.

In March, a morning and evening Funeral Planning workshop took place, with good participation.

A questionnaire on the choice of "study groups" was handed out in October. The top 2 choices were Bible Study, and Topics from the U.C. Observer. We had 10 replies. We will work with this information for future planning.

Again this year the Catering group did a great job of looking after funeral teas, church suppers and luncheons. Thank you to the great group of people who make those events possible. (Their report follows).

The FEED Team continues to schedule "greeters" for Sunday Church services. Thank you to those who commit to this service.

This year we took some time to review our "Church Governance Model Policy" as it pertains to the FEED Team. A few changes have been recommended.

Thank you to all FEED Team members for their sense of humor, reliability, honesty and hard work.

Respectfully submitted
Jean Bishop

CATERING TEAM REPORT

Social events are a major part of our church family life. During 2009 we were involved in the following events:

January 9	Abashiri Dinner	175.00
January 25	Robbie Burns Dessert Party	
February 22	Pancake Lunch	282.45
April 18	Garage Sale (coffee and muffins)	
May 1	Spring Dinner	1,511.83
May 6	Presbytery Luncheon	75.00
June 12	Meet & Greet Sandra McMillan	
June 21	Church Picnic	

July 19	Farewell Potluck Lunch for Anna	
August 2	Welcome to Sandra McMillen	
September 20	Rally Sunday Luncheon	184.36
October 23	Fall Dinner	1,432.25
November 21	Bazaar	
December 6	Children's Pageant Potluck Lunch	
		3,660.89
Also in 2009 we catered to 6 Memorial Teas		2150.00
March 30	Isobel Morris	
May	Belle Damery	
September 19	Sybil Cruickshank	
December 7	Elinor Ohs	
December 11	Albert Judge	
December 12	Bill Mather	
		5,810.89

We express our most sincere appreciation to all of the enthusiastic and willing folks who helped and offered food donations when approached for all the above events. Our job is made much easier because of your assistance.

We extend a very special thank you to all who attended and supported our church events.

As we did last year, catering submitted a "0" budget. Sunday morning coffee donations is what we use to cover anything we need and to keep the kitchen 'stocked'. Our thanks to you all for that.

Respectfully submitted,
 Judy Vatamaniuck, Carol Korven
 Co-chairs, Catering

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL TEAM REPORT

The Ministry and Personnel Committee have had a challenging year.

Colin Baker, our custodian, retired. We were able to have our Administrative Assistant, Andrea Markiewicz take over the duties. She is doing a great job. We had Rev. Anna Constantin leave us in July. It was hard to say good-bye to a wonderful person we had for such a short time. We were very fortunate to find Rev. Sandra McMillan with 8 years of experience to focus on our needs in the congregation.

The Committee is working closely with Pastoral Relations Committee. We asked them to come and educate the Council and our Committee to better understand M & P's role in the Church. We are truly grateful for their help.

We continue to work on job descriptions and staff performance reviews.

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 Anne Gray 250-723-5293
 Steve Vatamaniuck 250-723-0232

MISSION / SERVICE & OUTREACH TEAM REPORT

Fundraising activities/sponsorships of the Mission, Service & Outreach Team for 2009 included the following:

- One scholarship student from ADSS, \$500.00
- Bread of Life - miscellaneous food each week from the 'blue basket'
 - Donations of warm clothing taken to the Bread of Life in December
- Guyana Luncheon - donation of \$536
- White Gift Sunday in December - gifts went to Bread of Life, Womens' Transition House and Port Alberni Shelter
- Silent auctions at church dinners

We look forward to beginning a group of women to make "Prayer Shawls" as well as providing the Bread of Life with "Hamburger Soup" in the near future.

Respectfully submitted

Dawne Mallon, Des Irwin

PASTORAL CARE TEAM REPORT

The Pastoral Care Team for 2009 included: Johanna Dutton, Mary Fletcher, George Geddes (Transportation) Doreen Grant (Secretary), Betty Kretai, Carol Korven, Dorothy Larson, Gwen McLellan, Elsie Reynolds, and Judy Vatamaniuck (Chairperson). We were aided and supported by our Ministers, Anna Constantin and Sandra McMillan.

On the fourth Thursday of most months we gather for a service and hymn sing at the Extended Care Facilities: Westhaven at 2pm, Echo Village at 3pm and Fir Park at 3:45pm. We are thankful to Jean Sproule for her beautiful music at those services. Those of us that attend these services appreciate the thought and care invested by our Ministers and Musician and know the 'congregation' enjoy our time with them.

A special thank you to George Geddes for co-coordinating the transportation. Thank you also to all of you that provide transportation for members of our church family for services and other events.

Over this past year, many cards were delivered or mailed on your behalf with your thoughts and greetings of: get well wishes, thinking of you, sympathy and congratulations. When we hear from you that one of our church family is in hospital, we try to visit with them, our prayer list is long. Dorothy regularly contacts our shut-ins by telephone and we thank her for that important ministry.

We recognized the 2009 graduates of our church family members with cards and a lovely pictorial presentation prepared by Ann McMillen. Honorable mention was given to those students progressing to new schools. Doreen sends cards to our baptized members on the anniversary of their special day.

Dorothy has tried to organize Court Whist, with not enough players most months. Thank you to those who attend, provide refreshments, set up, clean up and car-pool some of the

players. Thank you to Dorothy for organizing these fun evenings. \$60.00 was raised and turned over to the treasurer. Dorothy is still trying to keep these evenings going.

At Christmas, 39 'goodie bags' containing an orange, shortbread, fruitcake, cookies, and our home made chocolates were distributed to shut-ins and others in our church family. Many thanks to all of you who donated to these special gift bags, helped prepare them, and deliver them.

The Pastoral Care Team is also the nucleus of the Catering Team. We have been kept very busy with teas, luncheons, and dinners, donating food, cooking, serving, and doing dishes. A huge thank you for the many jobs well done!

Financially, we received \$20.00 from the coffee fund, so we submitted a \$0 budget. Thank you to those that donated cards.

Personally, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all members of the Pastoral Care Team for your cooperation, participation and your ever present willingness to help in the many, many events held over the past year. This team has proven to be a loving and caring group of individuals doing everything we can for you and on your behalf.

Respectfully submitted
Judy Vatamaniuck

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE TEAM REPORT

Thank you to the people who have spontaneously taken care of the lawns and the flower beds.

We are happy to report that we were able to complete the painting of the front of the Sanctuary. Thanks to Gordon Blake and his buddies for the loan of the truck with the hydraulic lift.

Lois Andow was responsible for the installation of the drapes at the front of the Sanctuary.

We worked on the lights in the Sanctuary. This required the hiring of an electrician. We also fixed the middle fan. Lesson learned - when using balloons in the Sanctuary first turn off the fans. Everything in the sanctuary that requires maintenance seems to be way up high!

In the early heating season we required the use of a professional to replace a switch on the furnace.

We continue on our little plumbing jobs in the basement. Occasionally, we have a little trouble with the electrical plug that runs the sump pump. The ghost that inhabits the basement pulls the plug, the sump pump stops, and water ends up all over the floor. Snow removal is expensive so that it quickly makes a large dint in our budget. Let us hope that it only snows on the hills.

Thank you, Bill Irwin

STEWARSHIP TEAM REPORT

The Stewardship team which consisted of Holly Judge, Allyn Parker and Garry Korven once again tried in their own way to look at the budgets of the AVUC and to help Holly in reporting the budget situation to Council and to try and help balance the books.

The Stewardship team, along with many other volunteers from the congregation, hosted a dance this past year which was well received and added some dollars to general revenue.

We also produced a pamphlet which promoted our facility and had it placed at a number of locations. The only direct positive result that we are aware of was the renting of our facility for a Blood Donor Clinic.

Garry Korven, Chair Stewardship Team

U.C.W. FRIENDSHIP UNIT TEAM REPORT

Our Friendship Unit met monthly except for July and August on the first Wednesday of the month. Although we are small in number, nine members, the friendship and fellowship we have shared over many years is very special.

We were saddened by the passing of a devoted and long time member of the U.C.W for many years, Belle Damery. Belle served so faithfully over the years, not only in the U.C.W. but in the church Sunday school. She loved the children. She will always be in our hearts.

2009 was another busy year and we participated in the following activities:

- Assisted with greeting and coffee hours on Sunday mornings.
- Two of our members are part of the Pastoral Care Team and have shared in services at the Care Homes each month and at funeral receptions.
- On February 26th we hosted the Annual Meeting of the Comox-Nanaimo U.C.W Presbyterial.
- U.C.W participated in a very successful garage sale on April 18th, 2009.
- Our Happy Times parties for seniors and shut-ins were held in February, April, June and October. The December party was cancelled because of the weather. These parties continue to be a highlight in our year.
- In June we enjoyed a luncheon meeting at the Alberni Valley gold Club.
- The 'Presbyterial Day Apart' at Moorecroft in September was attended by two of our members - an excellent program.
- A highlight of our year had to be the Tremendous Success of our Christmas Bazaar. It was a great congregational event and a very financially rewarding one. Thanks to each and every person who contributed in any way and may God bless each one.
- We enjoyed our Christmas Luncheon on December 2nd at the Barclay Hotel. A special offering was taken which provided food items for the Bread of Life.
- The 2009 church Calendars were sold.

Financial donations were made to the following:

- Alberni Valley United church
- First nations church Mission - Vancouver
- A continuing sponsorship of a foster child in togo, Africa, through individual donations.

My thanks and appreciation to all members of the congregation for your generous support of our endeavors and to our members for your caring, sharing and devotion to U.C.W.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kretai

WORSHIP TEAM REPORT

An eventful year for the Worship Team, 2009 included a variety of Worship styles and content adding to the growth and development of Worship Services. The music and children's worship departments continued to grow and contribute to both Worship Services and the life and work of AVUC.

We were sad to say farewell to Rev. Anna Constantin. Anna contributed much to the life and work of AVUC but followed a call to Edmonton, Alberta. We were pleased to welcome Rev. Sandra McMillan, in August, who accepted our invitation to an appointment at AVUC.

Baptisms/Memberships/Transfers:

We received two children in to the church through baptism:
Edmund Victor Kay Stevenson on June 21, 2009
Kara Jane Ferguson on September 13, 2009.

Worship Services and Related Matters:

Communion: A pattern of communion Sundays on the first Sunday of each month has continued to work well. We have enjoyed a variety of celebration styles over the year including a change in the method of serving communion to accommodate the fears around the H1N1 virus. We are grateful to Carol Korven who has worked diligently to ensure we had servers for each service. The invitation to servers is one way in which the Worship Team tries to involve the greater congregation.

Power Point:

The raising of the projector from the floor to a suspended position above the chancel received both positive and negative comments. We have enjoyed having the use of the full chancel for Cantata's and other presentations but realize that the position of the projector is not optimum. However, it is an improvement over the floor position and should at some future time the occasion arise to move the projector further up to the ceiling; we will endeavor to make that happen. We did not use the power point over the summer as the light from the windows made it nearly impossible to see the screen. The installation of the curtains has greatly enhanced the screen capacity and we are grateful for those who arranged and managed that task.

Special Services:

Lent: The Lenten Worship Services centered on the theme of garments and their significance through the Bible history. Rev. Anna created a wonderful Lenten Journey that culminated in the Cantata, Come Touch the Robe.

Easter: AVUC participated in the Good Friday Ministerial Service but held our own Sunrise and Easter Worship.

Farewell: We gathered to wish farewell and blessings to Rev. Anna Constantin who left our charge for Edmonton.

Thanksgiving and Remembrance Day services held observing most of the traditional worship styles used at AVUC.

Advent Services:

Advent 1: children led worship service.

Advent 2: a presentation by the AVUC choirs and our children's presentation of God Whispered the News

Advent 3: White Gift Sunday organized by the Mission, Service and Outreach Team.

Advent 4: Come Together for Christmas - a Cantata presented by the AVUC Choirs

Christmas Eve: 7:00 pm Family Candlelight Service
10:30 pm Communion Service

*This year there was a regular 10:30 am. Service held on December 27, 2009.

We would like to thank:

Denny Hackett for leading us in inspiring worship services during our ministers' absences.

All those who provided pulpit supply services during the year.

Alex Bell for his commitment as candle steward each Sunday.

Worship Assistants and Communion servers for their participation in the Services.

Lois Andow for her outstanding service as Funeral/Wedding Coordinator and her care and attention to the decoration of the narthex.

All who have contributed to worship services and/or sanctuary decorating throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Denny Hackett, Bev Herd, Shirley Fuller, Brenda West, Janet Schlackl - Worship Team

Music Team

The commitment of our musicians, choirs and the parents and grandparents of our children is truly a blessing to both the congregation and the music department. The work of the choirs this year has been extraordinary. The weekly anthems, special musical events, cantatas and musicals continue to enhance our work at AVUC.

Our community involvement saw the choirs participating in the annual Spring Choir Concert, the Christmas Nativity Celebration at the Church of Latter Day Saints and the annual Christmas Festival of Choirs at ADSS.

Our Young Voices Choir expanded this year to include children aged 3 to 5 years old. They worked very hard and delighted everyone with their musical presentation. The older children prepared some very challenging music to add to our Worship. They worked very hard with some impressive results as they begin to learn two part harmony. In the spring, the AVUC Young Voices presented a musical, Oh, Jonah! at both a Worship Service and an afternoon concert. What an amazing presentation! The Christmas presentation of God Whispered the News! was truly a testament to their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment to enriching our lives. Several of our young people shared their talent, playing the piano during worship, writing and presenting poems, singing solos, helping with the power point and greeting at the door.

Ellen, Mike and Graham who contribute so much to our music department are indeed a blessing. This year we have enjoyed the addition of their own selections as part of the preludes, concerts and cantatas. Their commitment and expertise continue to help us grow and develop musically.

Our hand bell choirs have added an exciting dimension to the music of the church and as they continue to develop, we hope to hear more of them. Both choirs participated in the community events as well as the concerts and Christmas services. We are grateful to the PA Orchestra and Chorus Society for the continued use of the Dr. A. P. Millar Memorial Hand bells.

The Music Team strives to prepare what we hope is inspirational and meaningful music. The choirs, musicians and the congregation sharing the music is truly a blessing at AVUC. The adult choir included some new contemporary music in their weekly anthem selection, music incorporating congregational singing, and still others shared with the Young Voices Choir. They presented, together with the Young Voices, two Cantatas, on Palm Sunday, and Advent 4. Additionally, for the first time the choirs held a concert on Palm Sunday afternoon that was well attended and appreciated by the community.

It takes many people to develop and implement a music ministry and I am grateful for those who give so freely of their time and talent: Each of the choir members; Dennis Andow, Dewayne Parfitt, Robin Parfitt – sound technicians; Bill Irwin, Dewayne Parfitt, Mike Villette – official risers and acoustic engineers; Brenda West, Lois Andow – strong support of the Young Voices Choir; Brad West, Dieter Schlackl – videographers; Anne Gray, Austin Padjen, Rev. Sandra McMillan, Paul McMillen– narrators; and for those in the congregation who are so appreciative.

Thanks to the Calamity Players who continue to bring a smile to our faces at various occasions throughout the year.

We invite you to lift your voice in song with us. Our choirs are open to all - a love of music and laughter is the only prerequisite.

“Come let us sing for Joy to the Lord”! (Psalm 95:1)

Respectfully submitted, Janet Schlackl, Music Director

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP REPORT

In 2009, Children's Worship continued to offer Sunday faith filled activities for school aged children and younger. In the fall we held an intergenerational service where much of it was child-led and appropriate for children. With a family moving away and children moving into the youth age group, our numbers are lower from week to week this year than last year.

Hailey and Shaylene Balle, Madyson Williamson and Rachel VanViegen work as our child-minders for our children not yet in school who attend with their families. I prepare the lessons with the help of a curriculum from Seasons of the Spirit On-line. I also deliver those lessons with the children each week. *I continue to seek a partner or partners who would be willing to deliver the lessons I prepare or lessons of their own when I am not available.*

Our Sunday programs have allowed each of the children to participate in their own way...in leadership, artwork, music, reading and/or Children's Worship activities on Sunday's. When appropriate, they are given the opportunity to share their learning when they return to the larger worship service.

Late fall brought a Mission, Service and Outreach program for our children to participate in as other leaders in our congregation made soup for the Bread of Life.

One exciting shared activity that helps us work with other congregations and meet the needs of our children and children in the community is our Professional Development Day Fun Events. With the help of the ministers and lay persons from AVUC, Trinity and Knox Churches we have been providing free, faith-based fun on ProD-days so that children are engaged in meaningful activities on days they might otherwise have little to do.

These ProD-day Fun Events have given our children an opportunity to meet other children who attend church or not AND share spiritual learning with these new friends. In planning these events, I myself, have made connections with people I might not have otherwise met. The next event is Friday, Feb 26. *We host on Monday, April 19th*, followed by the last event on Monday, May 31. *If you are interested in helping, please let me know.*

The children who come to our church feel the support of family when they come through the door and they are the better for it.

Thank you,
Brenda West

ADJUNCTIVE REPORTS:

14TH ARROWSMITH GROUP-SCOUTS CANADA REPORT

We had hopes of getting a Cub Group going early in the year (2009) but were unsuccessful in attracting leaders. On that note we decided to concentrate on starting the Cub Section in the fall of 2009. We started with 4 leaders, Dewayne Parfitt, Coreen Humphries, Darrell Humphries, and Ryan Parfitt. All of the leaders have either been leaders before or in the

case of Ryan, a member of the Scouting program as a youth. We advertised the program in early September as well as sent a notice home to all elementary school youth ages 8 - 11 at Maquinna, Eighth Avenue, and Wood Schools. As a result we were able to start with 11 youth - 9 new youth and 2 transfers in from other groups.

We offer a great active program each week for the Cubs on Tuesdays between 6:30 and 8:00pm, plus monthly weekend outings. Activities to date include a day outing at Stamp Falls (including making soup), trip to the annual open house at the Fish Hatchery and then to Sproat Lake Park, learning about knots, fire lighting, story telling, many games etc. As a group we participated in the Scouts Canada Popcorn campaign and had a very successful sale of popcorn. The profits from the popcorn program will help to put on our programs.

We are encouraging additional youth to join our program and are hosting a "Bring a Buddy" night to encourage our Cubs to bring along a friend. With our current leadership, we are in a position to take on more youth for this exciting program.

Going forward in the months ahead we are hopeful of taking the youth to an overnight sleep over at Science World in Vancouver, a day outing to the "Scout Cabin" on the Alberni Inlet, a hike to Fossli Park at Sproat Lake, a trip to the Errington Wildlife Recovery Centre, visit the McLean Mill, a sleep over at the Church, build and race "Cub Kars" (wooden cars built by the youth) just to name a few items. As you can see we offer a varied program which is age orientated and active and wherever possible in the outdoors. Our program will carry on until the youth get out of school in June.

We expect our current success will possibly lead to starting up a Scout Section for youth ages 11-14 next September while expanding the number of youth in the Cub program. We have two youth who would be of age to advance up.

If you are interested in becoming involved in our program as a leader, resource person, or know of youth who would be interested in joining, please contact us. We are open to accepting people at any time of year.

We would like to thank Alberni Valley United Church for sponsoring our group. We appreciate the support and partnership the church provides. This is very critical to our success and very much appreciated.

Yours in Scouting.

Dewayne Parfitt - Group Commissioner and Cub Leader - 250-724-6473

Ryan Parfitt - Cub Leader - 250-724-6473

Coreen Humphries - Group Administrator and Cub Leader - 250-723-6355

Darrell Humphries - Group Quartermaster and Cub Leader - 250-723-6355



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January 9, 2010

Moorecroft 2009 Annual Report

Two thousand and nine was a success even with the economic situation that the world economy presented to us. Our summer camper numbers were similar to camper numbers to two thousand and eight with just over two hundred and fifty campers. This is partly due to the generous support of you the people of the Comox Nanaimo Presbytery; we were able to provide camperships to ninety of these campers requesting assistance. Moorecroft finished the two thousand and nine camping season in the black with a positive cash flow.

Looking to the future a new roof was installed on splash two, walls painted and spruced up. With the change of care-takers an opportunity arose to replace the well worn carpets in the care-takers house with laminate flooring, and replace the furnace with a high efficiency one. The interior of the house was completely painted out as well as a few other long needed repairs.

Two thousand and nine was the year for accreditation inspections and renewal. I am pleased to report that Moorecroft received a three year accreditation from the United Church Camping and are accredited by British Columbia Camping Association

Two Thousand and Nine also was the year that the Comox – Nanaimo Presbytery started the task of determining what roll Moorecroft would, could play within the ministry of the Presbytery. Watch for a special Presbytery Meeting in the spring of 2010.

The Board is well into planning for operations in 2010 with the summer dates set and staffing levels being planned, and a theme set. For the summer theme 2010 we are using the United Church's eighty fifths celebration theme of "Remember, Renew, Rejoice" to guide our summer programming.

Sincerely

Joe Skipsey
Chair Moorecroft Camp Society.

AVUC Nominating Team Report February 2010

NAME	TERM	NAME	TERM
Officers		Worship	
Congregational Chair – Kathy Allen - Elect	1	Denny Hackett	2
Council Chair – Bill Irwin (elect by ballot)	1	Bev Herd	1
		Mike Villette elect	3
Secretary – Lois Andow – re-elect	1	Brenda West (Youth Worship Coordinator)	appointed
Treasurer – Paul McMillen - elect	1	Janet Schlackl (Music Team)	appointed
Trustees		Property & Maintenance	
Willard Myrfield	2	Bill Irwin	1
Carol Korven	2	Lois Andow	1
George Geddes re-elect	3	Paul McMillen re-elect	3
Bert Simpson	1	Garry Korven	1
Hans Galesloot elect	3	Sandra Simpson re-elect	3
Pastoral Care		Stewardship	
Judy Vatamaniuk re-elect (CCC)	3	(Paul McMillen) If no members, Council	appointed
Johanna Dutton	1	will do the work of this team.	
Mary Fletcher re-elect	3		
Betty Kretai re-elect	3		
Doreen Grant re-elect	3		
Des Irwin elect	3	Faith, Events & Education	
Isabel Parker elect	3	Jean Bishop	2
Dorothy Larson	1	Del Weiler re-elect	3
George Geddes	1	Anne Gray re-elect	3
Carol Korven re-elect (CCC)	3	Julie Zaplotinsky re-elect	3
		Mary Griffith UCW	appointed
Mission, Service & Outreach		Audrey Smith UCW	appointed
Sandra Simpson re-elect	3		
Des Irwin	1	Nominating Team 2010	
Dawne Mallon	2	Carol Korven elect	1
		Tam Villette elect	1
Ministry & Personnel		Dewayne Parfitt elect	1
Angie Blake re-elect	3		
Anne Gray elect	2	Presbytery Reps	
Steve Vatamaniuk elect	1	Council Chair	appointed
NOTE 2 (see below)		Bill Irwin or Isabel Parker elect	1
		Dennis Andow (alternate) elect	1
Envelope Steward			
Carol Korven	appointed		

NOTE: In this document the figures represent the number of years to complete a 3-year term of office. Where a "0" appears, the individual may be re-elected for another 3-year term or replaced if he/she declines to serve.

TREASURERS'S REPORT

Something that I have learned over my years as church treasurer is that things are always changing and always challenging. 2009 has been no different.

We again have said goodbye to our member of clergy and have been fortunate to welcome Rev Sandra to minister among us.

We have ended the year in a deficit position again. This continues to be a great concern to all of us and must be addressed.

As always we continue to offer our support to the Mission and Service Fund and to other outreach programs that mean much to us.

My thanks to all who have supported me and our church during this past year and know that we will continue to live out our lives in the faith that sustains us.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Judge
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009

	2009	2008
ASSETS		
CASH AND BANK		
Bursary Fund	\$ 866.00	\$ 848.00
Credit Union Shares	\$ 118.00	\$ 102.00
Term Deposits	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Term Deposits	\$ 64,932.00	\$ 77,500.00
Memorial Funds	\$ 5,612.00	\$ 9,599.00
Other Cash Funds	\$ 4,901.00	\$ 4,901.00
Petty Cash	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
Operating Fund	<u>\$ 8,585.00</u>	<u>\$ 8,851.00</u>
TOTAL CASH AND BANK	<u>\$ 135,214.00</u>	<u>\$ 152,001.00</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Fixed Assets, at cost	\$ 56,529.00	\$ 56,529.00
Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 2,774.00</u>	<u>\$ 935.00</u>
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	<u>\$ 59,303.00</u>	<u>\$ 57,464.00</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 194,517.00</u>	<u>\$ 209,465.00</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,090.00	\$ 654.00
Wages and Benefits Payable	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 4,090.00</u>	<u>\$ 654.00</u>
EQUITY		
EQUITY, beginning	\$ 211,242.00	\$ 226,733.00
Net Income (Loss)	<u>\$ (20,815.00)</u>	<u>\$ (17,922.00)</u>
EQUITY - ending	<u>\$ 190,427.00</u>	<u>\$ 208,811.00</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>\$ 194,517.00</u>	<u>\$ 209,465.00</u>

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009

	2009	2008
REVENUE		
Bank Interest	\$ 2,958.00	\$ 4,354.00
Bursary Fund Interest	\$ 517.00	\$ 808.00
Fund Raisers	\$ 8,480.00	\$ 6,885.00
Weekly Donations	\$ 91,837.00	\$ 90,370.00
Outreach Donations	\$ 11,890.00	\$ 13,771.00
UCWomen	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 3,500.00
Weddings/Funeral	\$ 3,020.00	\$ 3,449.00
Facility Use Donations	\$ 16,890.00	\$ 14,846.00
Special Appeal Donations	<u>\$ 4,283.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,825.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$ 144,075.00</u>	<u>\$ 143,808.00</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration	\$ 2,392.00	\$ 4,226.00
Advertising - general	\$ 1,012.00	\$ 1,155.00
Office supplies	\$ 3,957.00	\$ 3,774.00
Phone and Fax	\$ 3,470.00	\$ 3,398.00
Bank charges	\$ 269.00	\$ 68.00
Wages and benefits	\$ 95,352.00	\$ 89,918.00
Discretionary Funds	\$ 304.00	\$ 90.00
Other admin costs	\$ 295.00	\$ 100.00
Emerging Spirit	\$ 150.00	\$ -
Christian Education	\$ 634.00	\$ 295.00
Kitchen Supplies	\$ -	\$ -
Worship Supplies	\$ 544.00	\$ 1,031.00
Choir Expenses	\$ 1,935.00	\$ 332.00
Nursery/SS Supervision	\$ 490.00	\$ 535.00
Presbytery Allocation	\$ 5,088.00	\$ 5,244.00
M & P Team Expense	\$ -	\$ -
M, S & O Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,155.00
Moving Expense	\$ (953.00)	\$ -
Search Team Expense	\$ 457.00	\$ 395.00
Church Operation Costs	\$ 31,760.00	\$ 33,702.00
FEED	\$ 1,388.00	\$ 2,541.00
Mission & Outreach Donations	<u>\$ 11,890.00</u>	<u>\$ 13,771.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$ 160,934.00</u>	<u>\$ 161,730.00</u>
INCOME(LOSS)	\$ (16,859.00)	\$ (17,922.00)
Expenses paid from capital funds	<u>\$ 3,956.00</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
TOTAL INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ (20,815.00)</u>	<u>\$ (17,922.00)</u>