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Alberni Valley United Church
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, February 27th, 2011

1. Open with prayer
2. Call the AVUC AGM to Order
3. Adopt the agenda
4. Minutes of the 2010 Congregational & Special Meetings.
 - Business arising - Nil
 - Adoption
5. Team Reports
 - Questions and Discussion
 - Adoption
6. Financial Reports including proposed 2011 Budget
 - Questions and Discussion
 - Adoption
7. Nominating Team Report
8. Authorize Council to act on behalf of the Congregation in 2011.
9. Adjournment



SPECIAL A.V.U.C. CONGREGATION MEETING

January 3, 2010

PRESENT:

Dennis Andow	George Toombs	Jean Bishop	Janet Schlackl
Allyn Parker	Tracey Kennedy	Alice Malachowski	Lois Andow
Jim Phillips	Rev. Sandra McMillan	Shirley Fuller	Hugh Sproule
Harold Fuller	Bev Herd	Gordon Blake	Brenda West
Elizabeth Parfitt	Anne Gray	Steve Vatamaniuck	Isabel Parker
Judy Vatamaniuck	Coreen Humphries	Paul McMillen	Alex Bell
Ellen Vander Putten	Ron Gray	Peter Scott	Julie Zaplotinsky
George Geddes	Ann McMillen	Willard Myrfield	Dell Weiler
Angie Blake	Natalie vanViegen	Mary Steele	Mary Fletcher
Denny Hackett	Pat Dobb	Bill Irwin	Margita Hartmann
Dewayne Parfitt	Jean Sproule	Holly Judge	Berry Kretai
Joan Jacobson	Garry Korven	Carol Korven	

This special congregation meeting was called to inform the congregation of the financial crisis that the AVUC is facing. Dewayne Parfitt, as the Congregational Chairperson called the meeting to order at 11:20 am. and outlined the purpose of the meeting.

Interim Chair of Council, Hugh Sproule, gave an overview of our financial picture with some input from our Treasurer, Holly Judge. Hugh also gave the congregation notice of the pending taxation of our property by the City of Port Alberni. This will ultimately have a tremendous impact on our bottom line.

Holly reported that as of the end of November/09 we were in a deficit position of \$18,000. There is \$114,000 left in our G.I.C.'s of which the greatest portion can only be used for housing allowance. Our M&S contribution as of the end of the year will be approx. \$10,000.

Bill Irwin asked the questions "when would be the right time to inform Presbytery of our financial 'crunch' to see if there may be some relief from that area". Holly Judge stated that she felt the time was now.

Some suggestions from the congregation were:

1. Converting the facility into an Intermediate Care Facility
2. Rental of the Sanctuary
3. Memorial bequeaths
4. Amalgamation
5. Bring a friend to church
6. Sharing our facilities with other groups
7. Part-time ministry, diaconal ministry, etc.
8. Move Sunday Worship services into the Chapel for 2 months
9. Important to keep the downstairs rental going and perhaps extended
10. Upgrade the hall for marketing
11. Investigate the M&S givings

It was decided that Council would call a special meeting to discuss all of the concerns, thoughts and ideas of the congregation to determine some direction for the incoming 2010 Council and Teams. Peter Scott moved for adjournment at 12:20 pm.

Yours in His Service, Lois Andow, Secretary

Dewayne Parfitt, Chair



A.V.U.C. CONGREGATION MEETING

February 7, 2010

PRESENT: (62)

Dennis Andow	Willard Myrfield	Elizabeth Parfitt
Lois Andow	Allyn Parker	Doreen Grant
Isabel Parker	George Geddes	Steve Vatamaniuck
Mary Steele	Kathy Tetarenko	Johanna Dutton
Jean Sproule	Mary Fletcher	Kaireen Primeau
Bert Simpson	Walter David Graham	Sharon Simpson
Margaret Graham	Monte Smith	Bill Allen
Audrey Smith	Kathy Allen	Garry Korven
Helen Weaver	Carol Korven	Elsie Reynolds
Dawne Mallon	Betty Kretai	Wm S. Britten
Jean Bishop	Ron Gray	Dell Weiler
Anne Gray	Julie Zaplotinski	Linda Kenny
Alex Bell	Judy Vatamaniuck	Dewayne Parfitt
Alice Malachowski	Coreen Humphries	Ann McMillen
Holly Judge	Paul McMillen	Tam Villette
Bev Herd	Eileen Tremblay	Ellen Vander Putten
Brenda West	Michael Villette	Brad West
Janet Schlackl	Hugh Sproule	Dorothy Larson
Peter Scott	Gordon Blake	Angie Blake
Rev Sandra McMillan	Matt McDougall	Jim Phillips
Audrey Bartell (Presb. Rep.)	Walter Steuf	

The first Congregational meeting of 2010 commenced with prayer led by Rev. Sandra McMillan. Sandra then introduced Presbytery Rep. Audrey Bartell. Audrey acted as Chairperson and explained the purpose of the meeting which was to pass the JNAC.

Hugh Sproule presented his report explaining the process that has brought the JNAC report to this point.

HUGH SPROULE/Lois Andow

That the congregation of the A.V.U.C. approves the 2010 JNAC Report. The motion was followed with questions/discussions and not carried.

KATHY ALLEN/Angie Blake

To table the aforementioned motion for two weeks (Feb. 21/10) to allow the congregation more time to study the JNAC report. **CARRIED**

Parishioners who wished their opposition to the motion noted are:

Jean Bishop, Hugh Sproule, Dennis Andow, Garry Korven, Lois Andow, Jean Sproule.

Audrey Bartell declared the meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Yours in His Service,

Lois Andow,
Secretary

Audrey Bartell (Presbytery)
Chair



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

February 7, 2010

PRESENT: (58)

Dennis Andow	Willard Myrfield	Elizabeth Parfitt
Lois Andow	Allyn Parker	Doreen Grant
Isabel Parker	George Geddes	Steve Vatamaniuck
Mary Steele	Kathy Tetarenko	Johanna Dutton
Jean Sproule	Mary Fletcher	Kaireen Primeau
Bert Simpson	Walter David Graham	Sharon Simpson
Margaret Graham	Monte Smith	Bill Allen
Audrey Smith	Kathy Allen	Garry Korven
Helen Weaver	Carol Korven	Elsie Reynolds
Dawne Mallon	Betty Kretai	Dell Weiler
Jean Bishop	Ron Gray	Linda Kenny
Anne Gray	Julie Zaplotinski	Dewayne Parfitt
Walter Steuf	Judy Vatamaniuck	Ann McMillen
Alice Malachowski	Coreen Humphries	Tam Villette
Holly Judge	Paul McMillen	Ellen Vander Putten
Bev Herd	Eileen Tremblay	Brad West
Brenda West	Michael Villette	Dorothy Larson
Janet Schlackl	Hugh Sproule	Angie Blake
Peter Scott	Gordon Blake	
Rev Sandra McMillan	Matt McDougall	

Rev. Sandra McMillan began with prayer.

Chairman, Dewayne Parfitt called the 2010 AGM to order and began with a short poem.

DENNIS ANDOW/Brenda West

To adopt the agenda as presented.

CARRIED

CAROL KORVEN/Jean Bishop

That voting privileges be extended to all present for temporal matters (this excludes financial or Pastoral Relations concerns).

CARRIED

JULIE ZAPLOTINSKI/Holly Judge

To adopt minutes of 2009 Congregational & Special Meeting Minutes.

CARRIED

PAUL McMILLEN/Peter Scott

To accept all Team reports as presented.

CARRIED

PAUL McMILLEN/Hugh Sproule

To accept the Statement of Income & Expenses report for year ending 2009

CARRIED

Holly Judge presented the 2010 Budget and discussion followed.

HOLLY JUDGE/Paul McMillen

To pass the 2010 Budget as presented.

CARRIED

On behalf of the Congregation, Janet Schlackl thanked Holly for the many years of service she has devoted to the congregation as our Treasurer.

Hugh Sproule reported that Council has been revisiting their Membership & Adherent count as mandated by the U.C.C. and that copies were available in the Narthex.



Hugh Sproule made a power-point presentation of amendments to the AVUC Governance Model Policy.

HUGH SPROULE/Lois Andow

That the Governance Model Policy be adopted as amended with the exception of the 'Conflict of Interest' section. **CARRIED**

HUGH SPROULE/Lois Andow

That the 'Conflict of Interest' section go back to Council for further review. **CARRIED**

The next order of business was to accept the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Team. The slate was accepted with the exception of two positions (1) Treasurer (2) Council Chair:

PAUL McMILLEN/Hugh Sproule

That the position of Treasurer be shared between both Paul McMillen and Dawne Mallon.

CARRIED

Bill Irwin & Isabel Parker were both vying for the position of Council Chairperson which resulted in a election.

BRENDA WEST/Doreen Grant

That Dennis Andow and Tam Villette be appointed as scrutinizers.

CARRIED

Following the election, Dewayne Parfitt declared Bill Irwin Chair of Council for 2010.

PAUL McMILLEN/Holly Judge

That the ballots be destroyed.

CARRIED

Paul McMillen expressed concern over the use of the power point for the purpose of presenting the amendments to the JNAC and/or Governance Model. Council will reconsider using this format in future.

HUGH SPROULE/Corinne Humphries

To authorize Council to act on behalf of the Congregation of the AVUC for 2010. **CARRIED**

Steve Vatamaniuck moved for adjournment at 1:25 pm, which was followed by a lovely lunch presented by the Catering Team.

Yours in His Service,
Lois Andow,
Secretary

Dewayne Parfitt
Chair



A.V.U.C. SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING

May 9, 2010

PRESENT: (56)

Natalie vanViegen	Elsie Reynolds	Gordon Blake
Angie Blake	Desiree Irwin	Dawne Mallon
Linda Kenny	Eileen Tremblay	George Toombs
Walter Steuf	Jim Phillips	Willard Myrfield
Elizabeth Parfitt	Garry Korven	Audrey Smith
Monty Smith	Jean Bishop	Lillian Robinson
Bill Allen	David Graham	Margaret Graham
Kaireen Primeau	Mary Fletcher	Kathy Tetarenko
Steve Vatamaniuck	Judy Vatamaniuck	Sandra Simpson
Bev Herd	Ellen VanderPutten	Pat Dobb
Denny Hackett	Anne McMillen	Paul McMillen
Margita Hartmann	Olive Roach	Les Roach
Peter Scott	Mary Steele	Julie Zaplotinsky
Dell Weiler	Brad West	George Geddes
Doreen Grant	Coreen Humphries	Mary Bell
Alex Bell	Lisa Rozwadowski	Dewayne Parfitt
Bill Irwin	Holly Judge	Kathy Allen
Janet Schlackl	Rev. Phil Spencer (Presby.)	Lois Andow
Dennis Andow	Elva Hogan (Presbytery Rep)	

This Special Congregational Meeting of May 9, 2010 was called to discuss Pastoral Relations at Alberni Valley United Church.

Rev. Phil Spencer, acting on behalf of Presbytery, called the meeting to order at 11:40 am.

Elva Hogan led the opening prayer.

Rev. Spencer presented a brief overview of the Joint Search process.

JANET SCHLACKL;/Holly Judge

On behalf of the Joint Search Team, that the congregation concur with the recommendation of the Joint Search Team to call Rev. Minnie Hornidge to the full time ministerial position at Alberni Valley United Church Pastoral Charge under the terms and conditions outlined in the joint Search Team report of April 26, 2010 as circulated and attached to the minutes of this meeting.

The motion was followed by a discussion period in which Janet (as Chairperson for the JST), reported on Minnie's qualifications and experience. The Search Team addressed questions from the floor.

The motion was

CARRIED

Peter Scott and Mary Steele wished to have their abstention vote recorded.

JANET SCHLACKL/Bill Irwin

That the congregation request Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery approve the call of Reverend Minnie Hornidge to full time ministry at Alberni Valley United Church under the terms and conditions as per the Record of Call form (MEPS 435 CPC).

CARRIED

JANET SCHLACKL/Brenda West

That the Joint Search Team be disbanded following a covenanting service to be conducted by Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery.

CARRIED



Rev. Phil Spencer thanked the members of the Joint Search Team for their dedication on behalf of the congregation of AVUC.

Brenda West extended the gratitude of the congregation to Phil Spencer and Elva Hogan for their leadership through the 'Search' process.

Bill Irwin moved for adjournment at 12:15 pm.

Yours in His Service,
Lois Andow,
Secretary

Rev. Phil Spencer (Presbytery)
Chair

NOTE:

Members of the 2010 Joint Search Team are:

Dewayne Parfitt
Bill Irwin
Holly Judge
Kathy Allen
Janet Schlackl

Lois Andow
Brenda West
Isabel Parker
Elva Hogan
Rev. Phil Spencer

SPECIAL A.V.U.C. CONGREGATION MEETING
July 4, 2010

PRESENT: (38)

George Toombs	Coreen Humphries	Sandra Simpson	Carol Korven
Kathy Tetarenko	Dennis Andow	Natalie vanViegen	Gordon Blake
Angie Blake	Ann McMillen	Mary Fletcher	Elsie Reynolds
Betty Kretai	Mary Steele	Julie Zaplotinsky	Peter Scott
Denny Hackett	Pat Dobb	Doreen Grant	Alex Bell
Mary Bell	Walter Steuf	Willard Myrfield	Paul McMillen
Dawne Mallon	Ron Gray	Anne Gray	Steve Vatamaniuck
Judy Vatamaniuck	Linda Kenny	Mike Villette	Tam Villette
Brenda West	Ellen VanderPutten	Bill Irwin	Garry Korven
Audrey Smith	Lois Andow	Anne Manikel (Presb.)	

The purpose of this special congregational meeting was 3-fold.

1. To integrate the learnings from the McMillan report
2. To give input to Council in regard to what recommendations in the report that the congregation want to proceed with
3. To think about how each of us may have contributed to the difficulties and how we might contribute to the solutions

Bill Irwin called the meeting to order and Anne Manikel opened with prayer. She outlined the goals and ground rules and invited the congregation to form into smaller groups to discuss two main questions:

1. What aspects of the report did you find most helpful in understanding our current situation?
2. What action should our congregation take in response to the recommendations?

Below are observations/comments from the groups in response to question 1:



- We have been working under a 'matriarchal' system but we feel that we don't need so much structure
- Some felt that the report was inconclusive. Appreciated that power and control issues were addressed as well as the role of the M&P Team, felt that pointing out triangulation was good.
- Agreed that we need to concentrate on our strengths. We face deep systemic challenges that culminated in inappropriate behavior. Without strong guidance and an M&P team to rectify, we dig a hole.
- Agreed that power was given, not taken and we need to share the load more evenly. Interesting that amalgamation was still an issue to a few.
- Wants to focus on the good things ie: our strengths. Surprised that there was little mention of Worship and prayer and feels we need to invite God in to all discussions. We need to move forward as a 'UNITED' church.
- Disappointed that the report directed all our faults toward 1 person
- Angered that the M&P Team was fingered in spite of their efforts to 'put out fires'

Responses to question #2:

- Each of us needs to make a pledge to have fun together and put our differences aside
- Feels that a healing circle would be beneficial (recommendation #3) and a workshop as outlined in recommendation #2 would be beneficial
- Another group liked the recommendation of a healing circle but questioned if one session would be enough
- As above, another group like #2 recommendation for a workshop dealing with differences in Christian Community. Feels that #4 would be very valuable. Was hopeful that #'s 5, 6 & 7 could be combined in some format to reduce cost and last but not least, #9 needs to be addressed at the end of the process
- What's not working needs to be examined and restructured

Bill Irwin discussed Minnie's moving expenses with the congregation but it was felt that we shouldn't let the cost of the recommendations prevent us from moving forward in this process.

Ann closed with prayer.

Yours in His Service,
Lois Andow,
Secretary

Bill Irwin,
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

A Time of New Beginnings

A new beginning means building relationships, establishing community networks, discovering the mission, purpose and identity of the congregation and strengthening the leadership teams. I have been engaged in this work since September 07, 2010

Alberni Valley United Church has been preparing the ground for something new to emerge. Seeds and signs of new life are everywhere. When a seed is planted, it goes into darkness before it germinates and moves towards the light. We are a community willing to risk consultation when troubling issues arose in order to assess our strengths, rough edges and growth potential. As I have been listening to the community story I have heard you say:

- we want to be a place of harmony, respecting diversity and embodying reconciliation,
- we know that some people have been wounded and this is painful,
- we want a congregational culture which has effective communication,
- we want to empower all people, we love to sing, we love music, we love to care well for one another, we love children and youth, we love serving the Alberni Valley, we love justice making and want to be caught up in that,
- this church is my home. I love this church.

These are some of the seeds of new life and the seeds of hope for the community. We will take incremental small steps towards becoming a place of harmony. Interestingly the Hebrew word shalom means harmony. When we speak of being a place of harmony, we are envisioning the peaceable kin-dom. If we can figure out how to be that place of harmony then we have something very valuable to offer the wider world. Images describing harmony are choirs, symphonies, and fields of wildflowers.



A time of new beginnings is a time to review our story, mission and identity. We are reviewing our mission statement and will be reviewing our marketing strategy in order to develop a plan for growth and media sharing our story of AVUC at its best.

During the season of Advent, we began the practice of giving invitations to others to join in special events and worship services. The outcome of this practice evidenced increased worship attendance. It is important to remember that statistically church growth occurs most often from one to one invitation.

The choirs, choir directors, musicians, office assistant, children's worship, nursery care, artwork contributors, council, property maintenance, UCW, worship, faith events and education, pastoral care and catering, and mission service and outreach teams are to be commended for



the fine work in this place. Their involvement, dedication, creativity, fundraising and care are more deeply appreciated than words can convey.

I have officiated at four funerals and we remember, Bjarni Raymond Jacobsen, Joan Roach, Stanley Malachowski and Marie Vera Bowen.

Thank-you to our wonderful church office assistant Andrea, who makes everything work together smoothly. We could not do this ministry without you!!

I am working on one of my ministry goals, to visit all members and adherents during 2010/11. Please know that I welcome invitations for a visit; a cup of tea is always valued.

Lastly, may I tell you that I love what I do, that the Alberni Valley is very welcoming and that I look forward with pleasure to the time in the future when we can look back together and behold what God has been up to in our midst.

Blessings

Rev. Minnie Hornidge



Harmony is pure love, for love is a concerto.~author unknown

As far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone~Romans 12: 18

COUNCIL REPORT

This year has been a year of contrasts. It struck me that I could quote the opening lines of *A Tale of Two Cities*, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times". We have suffered the loss of several of our older congregation, we have had some of our congregation move to other parts of Canada, and we have lost some members, hopefully only temporarily, because of conflicts. I am happy to see the arrival of some new people and even some members who had been present in the past.

In the spring we asked the Search Committee to seek out a permanent minister. Reverend Sandra McMillen decided to accept a Call in the Edmonton area. We were able to persuade Reverend Minnie Hornidge to join us. We look forward to a long period of renewed growth and lots of positive experiences.

In order to address the problems that were occurring, Presbytery suggested that we invite a consultant, Kim MacMillan, to help us. He came to our church and conducted a series of interviews. We received his report in June and later in the summer, an addendum. We have considered his recommendations and will act upon at least some of them in the future. The Council felt that it would be prudent to wait for our new Minister and allow her to influence any changes.

Many positive things have occurred. As you will read in the committee reports, we have:

- Held several dinners,
- Held rummage sales,
- sent money for the helping others in foreign lands
- participated in community projects –the feeding of breakfast to school children, the visiting people in the care homes and in the hospital and made donations to the Bread of Life.
- continued the adult choir under the direction of Mike Villette
- continued the children's choir under the direction of Brenda West
- had a resurgence of young children coming to the services

I would like to thank the Worship Committee for carrying on during the times of adversity. In particular, I would like to thank Denny Hackett and George Pickles for their long hours of preparation and their excellent presentations when clergy were not available in the summer



and in the fall.

During the last year we have had close contact with Presbytery. They chose to give us the opportunity to use the services of Kim MacMillan. This cost them several thousand dollars. During the summer, in the absence of a minister, we had the services of Anne Manikel whose position was Presbytery Appointment for Supervisory Oversight. Clarification about the role of the Ministry and Personnel Committee came from R.G. Madziya. We have also had some clarification from Trina Duncan who is at the Conference level.

I would like to thank all the members of all the committees for their work in the last year. I would also like to encourage the people who are not already serving on a committee to step forward and join the committee of their choice. We have found that the people who do join us seem to get much more from their church experience. This will give each of us an opportunity to make new friends. May I also encourage each of you to get to know the persons around you in the pews. Especially try to engage the new people who come to visit us. We pride ourselves as being a welcoming church.

Thank you,
Bill Irwin
Chair of Council

PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE

Presbytery Representative Report 2010

The size of our congregation dictates that we have only one representative to Presbytery. This is usually the Chair of Council. If I am unable to attend the biannual meeting my alternate delegate is Denis Andow.

The dominant theme in the last year is the continued process of disbanding Moorecroft Camp. It has been a very difficult process. Many of us have fond memories of Moorecroft and the economic necessity of selling it has been a heart wrenching experience.

The BC Conference of the United Church, in their wisdom, decided to sell several of the camps so that they could use the money to bolster and modernize three camps. In our area that meant Camp Pringle which is in the Shawnigan Lake area. The selling of Moorecroft Camp is contingent on their being an ecological covenant in force at the time of sale. Most of the last year's meetings were concerned with the method by which the sale could take place so that the ecological covenant would be in place and that public access to at least part of the property would be ensured. At the present moment the BC Conference 's **Camp Futures Committee** is looking for a suitable buyer.

Bill Irwin

TEAM REPORTS:

FAITH, EVENTS AND EDUCATION TEAM REPORT

The FEED team this year included Anne Gray, Dell Weiler, Julie Zaplotinsky (secretary), and Jean Bishop (chair). Mary Griffith and Audrey Smith represented UCW

The Aerobics Program, led by Julie Zaplotinsky, continues to provide a fun and active program for our church members and friends. Aerobics meets on Monday and Wednesday at 7 pm and step aerobics on Thursday evening. This program has contributed \$1,200 to our church revenue this year. We are grateful for Julie's dedicated leadership.



Our Church continues to sponsor a Cub group with 9 active Cubs. Their specific report follows.

Confirmation classes were offered to the youth, and an adult class “Exploring Your Faith” was also offered, but there were no registrations.

A five week Spring Study group was led by Rev. Sandra. Five articles were taken from ‘The United Church Observer’ and discussed. Among the titles were, “Did Jesus make mistakes,” “If we didn’t have death imagine what life would be like” (by J.S. Spong), and “The Fence-sitters: How real is hope?”. Everyone enjoyed the discussions and much laughter was shared.

A few “Out for supper followed by games/cards at the church” evenings were held throughout the year. Those attending had a great time --- and no dishes to clean up after the events.

Sunday coffee schedule and the Sunday Greeters schedule continue to be arranged by the FEED Team. If others would like to be involved with serving coffee or greeting please talk to Jean Bishop.

Thank you to all team members for the work you do and the laughter we share.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Bishop

14th Arrowsmith Group – Scouts Canada Report

We had a very successful year in 2009/2010 with the start of our Cub Group. We started out with 4 leaders, Dewayne Parfitt, Coreen Humphries, Darrell Humphries and Ryan Parfitt. We offered a varied program and succeeded in attracting 14 registered youth ages 8-11 by the end of our June 2010 year. Starting out with no youth at the beginning of the year, we were encouraged by this success. Our youth predominately attend Maquinna, Eighth Avenue, and Wood schools which is where we have focused our marketing.

We meet every Tuesday from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the basement of the Church. We focus on the outdoors and incorporate this aspect wherever possible. This past year we took our Cubs on an overnight trip to Science World in Vancouver (April), day trips to the Wildlife Recovery Centre in Errington, Hike to Fossli Park on Sproat Lake, Robertson Fish Hatchery, Stamp Falls, etc. We also built “Cub Kars” (small wooden cars designed and built by the youth) and raced them against the other youth and even the adults. Another highlight was our camp out at the Church in February and the Church Parade on the Sunday of that weekend.

In September of this year we continued our program and were able to attract back 6 of our Cubs from last year and have added 3 more new ones for a total of 9. Also we have added two new leaders, Mark Frew and Jim Versteeg . Darrell Humphries assisted us for a year and although he did not return as a leader this year, he remains as group quartermaster. At present we have 5 leaders and two very helpful parent helpers. The plan is for Dewayne and Coreen to step down as leaders by the end of June this year but continue their roles overseeing the group.

The plan is to continue building on our success and expanding our program to include Beavers (youth ages 5-7) and Scouts (youth ages 11-14) in the future. As always we are in need of leaders to continue our growth and for youth to enjoy the program. If you know of any interested youth or adults, please let us know.

14th Arrowsmith has a long history with the church, having received our charter on Jan. 12, 1967 and being sponsored by the church for these past 43 years. It is an honour we cherish and appreciate.

Thank You!!

Dewayne Parfitt, Group Commissioner



MINISTRY & PERSONNEL TEAM REPORT

"Wow", what a year for Ministry & Personnel and our Church, we had once again a challenging year. We said good - bye and wished her well to Rev. Sandra McMillan. We welcomed Rev. Minnie Hornidge and her husband Bruce to our Church family. The Staff and Volunteers kept our caring church very busy with activities. A big Thank you to all.

We continue to admire the work Rev. Minnie Hornidge is doing in our church and community. She is very flexible so it is easy for us to appreciate her work.

The Ministry and Personnel Committee is a mandatory committee of every pastoral charge, required by the By-laws of the United Church of Canada.

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For more information about the work of the M&P Committee, please contact the Chair or any of the members listed above.

MISSION / SERVICE & OUTREACH TEAM REPORT

Activities of the MS&O team for 2010 include the following:

- . 2 scholarship students, \$250.00 each
- . Distributed Baku Eye Clinic monies:
 - \$300 to Guyana school/church
 - \$100 to UCW foster child
 - \$100 to Bread of Life
 - \$100 to PA Hostel
 - \$ 90 to M&S
- . Knitting of prayer shawls
- . Knitting of lap blankets for cancer patients
- . Winter clothing drive
- . White Gifts distributed to Bread of Life, PA Shelter, and Transition House.
- . Hamburger soup to Bread of Life.
- . Blue basket. Special thank-you to Steve Vatamaniuck for delivering items weekly to the Shelter and Bread of Life.

We would like to express our sincere thanks for all who donated to our projects.

In God's trust, Sandra Simpson

PASTORAL CARE TEAM REPORT

The Pastoral Care Team for 2010 included Johanna Dutton, Mary Fletcher, George Geddes (transportation), Doreen Grant (secretary), Betty Kretai, Dorothy Larson, Des Irwin, Carol Korven and Judy Vatamaniuck (chairperson). We were aided and supported by our minister's Sandra McMillan and Minnie Hornidge.

Over this last year, many cards were delivered or mailed on your behalf with your thoughts and greetings of get well wishes, thinking of you, congratulations and sympathy. We rely on our church family to tell us who is not well, or is in the hospital, undergoing treatment or surgery.



Our prayer list is long. Dorothy regularly contacts by telephone many of our family and we thank her for that important ministry.

George is our transportation coordinator. We thank George for organizing transportation for members of our church family enabling them to attend services and other events.

The graduates of our family were recognized with cards and a lovely pictorial presentation prepared by Ann McMillen. Mention was given to those students progressing to new schools. Doreen sends cards to our baptised members on the anniversary of their special day.

Our Care Home Services/Hymn Sings went by the wayside for a few months due to our lack of a pianist. Jean Sproule was such a large part of our team, we have missed her. Mary Steele stepped forward to help us, which we appreciated. Then Mary stepped down. We were back with our problem of no one to play for us. Vivian Johnson has now taken on the piano ministry for us. We look forward to getting started with our services at the homes with Minnie at the helm.

In December we make special chocolates to put into the 'goodie bags' that we present to shut-ins, seniors and others in our church family at Christmas. In addition to the chocolates, each bag contains an orange, fruitcake, shortbread and cookies. Many thanks to all of you who donate to these special gift bags, help prepare them and deliver them.

The Pastoral Care Team is the nucleus of the Catering Team. We have had an extra busy year with teas, luncheons, dinners, donating food, cooking, serving and doing dishes. We have had help from many of the male members of the family. What experts in setting up and taking down chairs and tables. This year some of you have started setting the tables also. To all of you, a huge thank you for many jobs well done.

Financially, we receive money from the 'coffee fund' and so have submitted a "0" budget. Many folks have donated various cards, which we have used. Thank you.

Personally, I wish to express my most sincere appreciation to all members of the Pastoral Care Team for your ever present willingness to help in the many, many events held in 2010. This team has proven to be a loving and caring group doing everything we can for you and on your behalf.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Vatamaniuck

CATERING TEAM REPORT

Social events are a major part of our church family life. During 2010 we were involved in the following events:

February 7	Luncheon for Haiti	495.00
April 14	High Tea	
May 7	Spring Dinner	1,271.31
May 30	Pot luck – Rev. Sandra's farewell	
June 20	Congregational picnic	
September 12	Welcome tea for Minnie Hornidge	
September 19	Rally Sunday	242.00
September 25	Vatamaniuck's 50 th Anniversary Tea	625.00
October 21	Canadian Cancer Society luncheon	935.00
October 29	Fall Dinner (baskets and wine)	2,925.00
November 20	Bazaar luncheon	
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		6,493.31

Also in 2010 we catered to 9 Memorial Tea's:



January 9	Kitty Cawthorne
January 23	Rose Carlisle
February 6	Allan McGifford
February 19	Connie Young
April 28	Mae Myhre
May 26	Steve Ritchie
June 17	Deach Tetarenko
October 25	Ben Jacobsen
November 23	Stan Malachowski

	5,025.00
Total:	11,518.31

We wish to express our most sincere appreciation to all of you enthusiastic and willing folks who helped in so many ways and offered food donations time and time again for the many above events. Our job is made much easier because of you and your assistance.

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

Financially, we have submitted a “0” budget. Sunday morning coffee good will donations, plus the till tapes that you all bring in and then are counted and turned in for certificates at Fairway Market and Quality Foods, is what we use to cover expenses and keep the kitchen “stocked”. Our thanks to all of you for these. What a year this was! Thank you, thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Vatamaniuck, Carol Korven
Co-chairs, Catering

PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE TEAM REPORT

The major projects this year were:

1. The painting of the ramp way. Thanks especially to the Korvans.
2. The painting of the windows of the sanctuary. Thanks especially to Lois Andow and Sandra Simpson
3. The painting of the gymnasium – Thank you to the many people who participated.
4. The fixing of the septic tank. This was a very messy and dirty job. Thank you to Bert Simpson who did the hardest part.

On a week to week basis the committee sets up and takes down tables and chairs and we change a lot of light bulbs and fix the occasional toilet. We are ably helped by Steve Vatamaniuck who also takes care of the lawn and can be seen almost every evening in the summer watering the plants. There are several people who take it upon themselves to weed around the plants – especially Kaireen Primeau, Carol Korven, and Ron Gray.

In conclusion I would like to thank those of you who have helped us. There are a few people who have bought most of the paint and there are many of you who come out to clean up the yard when we have a special clean up day. There are also a lot of people who help with the setting up and taking down of the chairs and tables.

Bill Irwin and Paul McMillen



UNITED CHURCH WOMEN (U.C.W.) FRIENDSHIP UNIT TEAM REPORT

We are challenged each new year to fulfill our purpose which is to unite all women of the congregation for the total mission of the church and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

Our Friendship Unit meets monthly except for July and August on the first Wednesday on the month. Ten meetings were held this year. We enjoy each other's company over a bag lunch, followed by a devotional sharing time and structured meeting.

During 2010 we served in various ways:

- ❖ *Happy Times* has been a very meaningful part of our yearly activities. It is a real pleasure to welcome these seniors and shut-ins to our church home. Five parties were held throughout the year.
- ❖ Assisted at the Church Garage Sale in May.
- ❖ Our June Luncheon was held at the Alberni Valley Golf Club - we enjoyed the food and our surroundings.
- ❖ Two of our members attended the *Presbyterial Day Apart* at Moorecroft Camp in September.
- ❖ Our annual Christmas Bazaar in November was a wonderful event - thanks to the hard work and dedication of our members and the terrific response of the congregation and the community.
- ❖ Our Christmas luncheon meeting was held at the Barclay Hotel. a special offering was taken and donated to the Women's Resource Centre.
- ❖ The U.C.W continues to collect Campbell Soup labels and pop can tabs.
- ❖ A special cake was provided by U.C. W. for the 85th Anniversary of our church.
- ❖ Sold 2010 Church calendars.

Financial donations were made to the following:

- ❖ Alberni Valley United Church
- ❖ First United Church Mission and Service - Vancouver
- ❖ Transition House
- ❖ A continuing sponsorship of a foster child in Togo, Africa through individual donations.

My thanks is extended to all the members for their continuing caring, sharing and dedication throughout another year.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kretai



United Church Women Year - End 2010

Opening Balance Jan. 01, **\$ 946.02**

Givings	\$243.50
Foster Child	\$100.00
Float return	\$835.00
Bazaar '09	\$111.76
Bazaar'10	\$4,666.19
Calendars '09	\$72.00
Calendars '10	\$54.00
Interest	\$0.15

Total Receipts **\$ 6,082.60**

Transition House	\$63.00
First United Mission	\$100.00
C.N Presbyterian (2010 Givings)	\$160.00
C.N.Presb. Memorial	\$50.00
A.V. United 2010 Bazaar	\$4,400.00
United Church 85th Anniver. cake	\$59.99
Foster Child	\$100.00
Float - Bazaar	\$835.00
Bazaar Supplies	\$149.00
Calendars	\$70.95
Bank charges	\$4.98

\$ 5,992.92

Total Expenditures

Closing Balance December 31/10 **\$ 1,035.70**

Bank Reconciliation	Bank Balance	\$ 944.70
	late mini bazaar	\$ 37.00
	Calendars	\$ 54.00
	Total	<u>\$1,035.70</u>
	Book Balance	<u>\$1,035.70</u>
	Difference	0

Treasurer:
Kathy Allen



WORSHIP TEAM REPORT

Our Team is responsible for working with and supporting our minister to plan weekly and special Worship Services. We prepare the elements for monthly Communion. We work together to weave the efforts of the adult choir, the bell choir and the children's choir into the services, we liaise with the Technology Coordinator to help the sound and technology work to the best of its capacity for our congregation. We also coordinate sanctuary preparations and find pulpit supply when necessary.

We are grateful for our lay leaders; including Worship Assistants, Communion Servers, and Candle Stewards who work side by side with our minister to make our weekly worship experience what it is.

This year has seen us say farewell to Reverend Sandra McMillan and welcome Reverend Minnie Hornidge. Together, we continue to look for opportunities to add depth to our faith experience each Sunday.

Music and children continue to be an important part of our church. The adult choir continues to present at least two cantatas per year and meaningful musical expressions to our regular worship. The bell choir is a unique characteristic for valley churches and one that people are happy to hear whenever they present. The children's choir now meets on Sundays and has added a couple of new members. They enjoy sharing their music and are always well received.

Children's Worship has seen more children toward the end of the year. This may be due to the switch in choir practice days and we love it! The children have meaningful discussions that often add layers to the story heard during story time. They are becoming friends and feel true connection to the congregation.

Shared planning continues for the Professional Day free children's events between Trinity Church, the Knox Presbyterian Church and Alberni Valley United Church. Thank you to Reverend Minnie for keeping this project on, as it is a worthy project for Alberni Valley school age children.

Our special services such as Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter are well appreciated. Other special services such as the UC 85th Anniversary celebration, the Baden Powell service, Table for 5000 children's musical presentation, and Rev. Minnie's Covenanting Service see various groups and people from our congregation working together to plan worship together for our Community of Faith. How wonderful!

We would like to hear from you if you have a passion, question or idea you would like to share with us. We are grateful to have the opportunity to share worship with all of you each week.

Humbly submitted by the 2010 Worship Team (Mike Villette, Bev Herd, Ann McMillen, Denny Hackett, Brenda West and Reverend Minnie Hornidge)



AVUC Nominating Team Report

February 2011

NAME	TERM	NAME	TERM
Officers		Worship	
Congregational Chair - Kathy Allen	1	George Geddes elect	3
Council Chair - Bill Irwin	1	Denny Hackett	1
Secretary - Lois Andow	1	Bev Herd re-elect	3
Co-Treasurers - Paul McMillen	1	Ann McMillen elect	3
- Dawne Mallon	1	Sandi Paterson elect	3
Trustees		Mike Villette	2
Dennis Andow elect	3	Brenda West (Youth Worship)	appointed
Hans Galesloot	2	Property & Maintenance	
George Geddes	2	Lois Andow re-elect	3
Garry Korven elect	3	Bill Irwin re-elect	3
Bert Simpson re-elect	3	Garry Korven re-elect	3
Pastoral Care		Paul McMillen	2
Johanna Dutton re-elect	3	Jim Poll elect	3
Mary Fletcher	2	Sandra Simpson	2
George Geddes re-elect	3	Brad West elect	3
Doreen Grant	2	Stewardship	
Des Irwin	2	If no members, council will do the work of this team.	
Carol Korven (CCC)	2		
Betty Kretai	2		
Dorothy Larson re-elect	3		
Sharon Mather elect	3	Faith, Events & Education	
Judy Vatamaniuck (CCC)	2	Jean Bishop	1
Mission, Service & Outreach		Anne Gray	2
Anna Cole elect	3	Dell Weiler	2
Des Irwin re-elect	3	Julie Zaplotinsky	2
Dawne Mallon	1	Nominating Team 2012	
Audrie Poll elect	3	Carol Korven elect	1
Sandra Simpson	2	Dewayne Parfitt elect	1
Ellen Vander Putten elect	3	Tam Villette elect	1
Ministry & Personnel		Presbytery Reps	
Kathy Allen	3	Bill Irwin, Council Chair	
Angie Blake	2		
Anne Gray	1		
Steve Vatamaniuck	1		
		Envelope Steward	
		Carol Korven	appointed

NOTE: Nominations from the floor must be seconded, and the nominee must be present, or have provided a signed note indicating his/her willingness to serve.



1 – Only those being presented for re-election or to be elected will be voted on when the nominations are presented. Those without the election designation are completing terms to which they were previously elected. Nominations from the floor are permissible, except for the Ministry and Personnel Committee.

2 – Teams are encouraged and authorized to add to their numbers throughout the year.

3 – If you were not asked, and have a desire to serve, please contact one of the nominating team members listed below or a member of the team on which you would like to serve.

Nominations are as follows:

Congregational Chair – Kathy Allen	Re-elect	1 year
Council Chair – Bill Irwin	Re-elect	1 year
Secretary – Lois Andow	Re-elect	1 year
CoTreasurers – Paul McMillen, Dawne Mallon	Re-elect	1 year
TRUSTEES – Dennis Andow		
Garry Korven	Elect	3 years
Bert Simpson	Re-elect	3 years
PASTORAL CARE – Johanna Dutton		
George Geddes	Re-elect	3 years
Dorothy Larson	Re-elect	3 years
Sharon Mather	Elect	3 years
MISSION, SERVICE & OUTREACH		
Anna Cole	Elect	3 years
Des Irwin	Re-elect	3 years
Audrie Poll	Elect	3 years
Ellen VanderPutten	Elect	3 years
WORSHIP – George Geddes		
Bev Herd	Re-elect	3 years
Ann McMillen	Elect	3 years
Sandi Paterson	Elect	3 years
PROPERTY & MAINTENANCE		
Lois Andow	Re-elect	3 years
Bill Irwin	Re-elect	3 years
Garry Korven	Re-elect	3 years
Jim Poll	Elect	3 years
Brad West	Elect	3 years
NOMINATING – Carol Korven		
Dewayne Parfitt	Re-elect	1 year
Tam Villette	Re-elect	1 year
PRESBYTERY REPS – Bill Irwin		
	Re-elect	1 year

Respectfully submitted by your
2011 Nominating Team,
Tam Villette, Dewayne Parfitt, Carol Korven



TREASURERS'S REPORT

Wow, what a steep curve of learning this year! I was finally able to figure everything out after 6 months as treasurer. I definitely have a better appreciation of all the work that Holly did over the many years that she was our treasurer.

I thought the current year went well. We only dipped into our GIC account once for moving expenses. With the hope of a long-term ministry, I am very positive that things will only get better.

You will notice that the financial statements are slightly different from previous years. I have tried to make them easy for you to understand with more information on incoming revenue and outgoing expenses. I hope this format meets your approval. Any suggestions are always welcomed.

For the following year, I would like to present two ideas to the congregation:

Firstly, I would like to educate our congregation on the merits of the United Church Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). We continue to have difficulty in having consistent revenue on a monthly basis, with PAR this can be achieved. This is a "direct debit" program that allows people to support their church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from their bank account. So I encourage our congregation to participate in PAR so that we can achieve consistent monthly revenue. We already have 11 members participating in this program. If you would like further information please contact Carol Korven at 250-723-5265.

Secondly, I would like to replenish our GIC account over the next 5 years. To accomplish this task I would like to encourage at least 50 individuals to add an additional \$1 per week to their offering earmarked as GIC account. The addition can be done weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually, etc. This amounts to an extra \$52 per person or \$104 per couple. This would allow us to replenish the GIC at \$2,600 per year. Presently, we have three couples participating in replenishing the GIC account.

In closing, I would like to thank Holly Judge for being my sounding board for information, Dawne Mallon for helping in this position as assistant treasurer, and Carol Korven for depositing and recording the Sunday offering.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul McMillen
Treasurer

