



*We are a welcoming, caring  
community, called by Christ, and  
enabled by the Spirit,  
to share God's love by living our  
faith*

## Why We Observe All Saints Day

By Pastor Philip

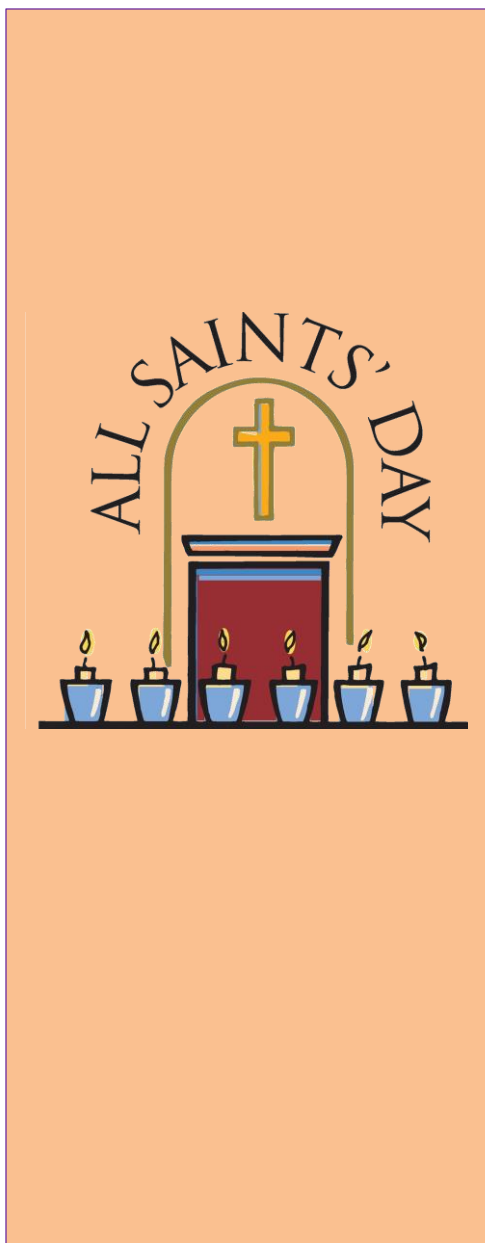
In the West, All Hallows, or All Saints, was celebrated on November 1. This date was fixed by Pope Gregory III in the eighth century. Prior to that it may have been celebrated in May as Holy Martyrs. When pagan communities became Christian, they often kept their holiday times. Many suggest that Easter replaced the Rite of Spring and Christmas replaced Winter Solstice. Some speculate that Holy Martyrs replaced the pagan Feast of Lemures, a time to appease the spirits of the dead.

It has also been pointed out that in many Lutheran churches All Saints' Day and Reformation Day were observed concurrently since Reformation Day is October 31 and All Saints Day is November 1. The observance of Reformation Day was immediately followed by a reading of the names of those members of the local congregation who have died in the past year in observance of All Saints' Day.



Luther posting the 95 theses on the day he did, the Eve of All Saints Day, was deliberate because Frederick the Wise's massive collection of relics were usually displayed on All Saints Day and Luther detested this industry of death, making money off the dead.

In the Smalcald Articles Part II, 25, Luther says, "The invocation of saints is also one of the abuses of Antichrist conflicting with the chief article, and destroys the knowledge of Christ. Neither is it commanded nor counseled, nor has it any example [or testimony] in Scripture, . . . ." One of the points of contention between the reformers and the church of the time was the place of saints. But it was not that they were advocating doing away with the understanding of and celebration of saints in the faith community. The Preface of the Smalcald article says, "We do not deny in our Confession that the saints should be honored. This may be done in three ways: first, by thanking God for showing us examples of his grace in the lives of the saints, and for supplying the church with teachers and other gifts. Now as these gifts are great, we should highly esteem them, and praise the saints who made good use of them, as Christ in the Gospel praised the faithful servants, Matt. 25:21,23."



“The second mode of honoring the saints, is, to strengthen our faith by their example. Thus, for instance, when we see that through the rich grace of God Peter's sin was forgiven, when he had denied Christ, our hearts receive strength to believe that grace abounds much more than sin, Rom. 5:20.”

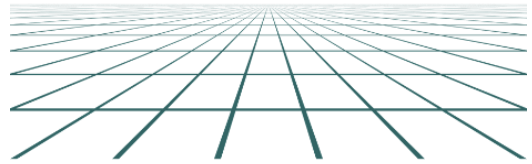
In the third place we honor the saints, “by following, according to our several vocations, the example of their faith, love, and patience.”

The preface here talks of three ways of honouring saints, they are examples of faith, we are called to use their faith as example and strengthen our faith, and by letting their examples of faith, love and patience influence our actions through our various vocations.

All Saints Day is not about how a few achieved perfection as the “holy ones” who are “blessed of God,” it is not about going through the process in place by Catholic and Orthodox traditions to achieve sainthood. But as we remember the saints who have gone, our thanksgiving is also aware that sometimes they got it right and the living Christ was at work in them. Through Christ, God’s reign of mercy showed through their lives. It is also true that those with little claim to privilege and fame have often blessed us and the world with their Christ-like kindness.

All Saints Day is a time to remember and celebrate the times when ordinary folks conveyed God’s holy love to us and to the world, probably in unexpected times and places. It is about God whose holy reign is still at work in the lives of the likes of us. It is also about us and how our lives are transformed. We are called and sent to be saints in God’s world, enacting God’s love and justice, emulating those that have gone on to God’s presence, in the paths that God leads us.

## PERSPECTIVES



*Join Pastor Philip for lunch and discussion from  
a faith perspective*

*The most pressing questions of the day demand  
Christians respond through the prism of faith*

*Other Fall Dates*

**Nov 24**

**Following the service**



## Caribbean Christmas Dinner\* & Party

*\*Includes traditional turkey  
dinner with tastes of the  
Caribbean.*

**Saturday November 23, 2019**

**Doors Open: 5:30 pm**

**Dinner: 6:00 pm**

**Tickets: \$35.00**

**Tickets available from  
church office**

**Mount Zion Lutheran Church  
29 Westmount Road S.  
Dawson Street Entrance  
www.mzlc.ca 519 886 5820**



# LITURGY Bites

## Why we do the things we do

By Tim Ehrlich



Every All Saints Day, we celebrate the memory of loved ones by lighting a candle. All those candles draw our attention to the candles we take for granted each Sunday. Why do we use candles in this day of electricity?

Even pre-dating Christianity, fire or flame represented divine presence. Fire was one of the main symbols of Zoroastrianism which was the likely the religion of Abram before he journeyed to Canaan. God appeared to Moses as a burning bush and the Holy Spirit is described as tongues of flame. Almost all major religions make use of light, usually in the form of candles, to provide symbolism and ambiance.

The Early Christian church probably did not use candles. Worship often occurred at night and processions used torches (hence the term torchbearer) or more likely oil lamps. By around the fourth century candles had become more commonplace and during the middle ages were a fixture in the worship space.

When a sanctuary is consecrated a lamp or candle is lit to burn perpetually from that time forward. You can see ours high above on the right side of the altar. We commonly use two candles on either side of the altar. One is referred to as the Epistle candle and the other, the Gospel Candle. The other candle which is near the Baptismal font is called the Paschal candle. It is usually lit during Baptismal rites. It is worth noting that many Reformed churches have done away with altar candles which they view as “popish.”

Other occasions such as All Saints Day we can light votive candles as an accompaniment to prayer as we remember our loved ones.

Like most worship practices, there are many rules surrounding the use of candles. The only one I will point out is that they are required to be primarily beeswax or, if lamps are used, pure olive oil. Whether it is day or night there can be no doubt that they add to the ambience of our worship.

# Pastoral Acts

Margaret Heick passed away on October 14, 2019. A service in celebration of life was held on Saturday October 26, 2018, noon, at Mount Zion.

## Affirmation of Baptism

Madeline Van Moerkerke and Matias Jyrkama affirmed their baptism during the Reformation Sunday service on October 27.

# In our Prayers

The Heick and Stewart families at the deaths of Marg Heick and Reagan Stewart.

## This month at Mount Zion

Nov 13	Mount Zion Cafe	10:00 am
Nov 23	Caribbean Christmas Party	5:30 pm
Nov 24	Perspectives	11:30 am
Nov 27	Mount Zion Cafe	10:00 am
Nov 27	Our Healing Congregations	7:00 pm
Nov 29	Family Friday Night	6:00 pm

## Family Friday Night

### Suppers



**All Kinds of food for all kinds of families**

**Nov 29**

### Mount Zion's Office Hours

Mount Zion's office will be open Tuesday to Friday from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

The office will remain closed on Mondays. The Phone will be monitored. In case of emergency, call Pastor Philip at 519 781 5602.

# Confirmation 2019

*On October 27, we, celebrated both Reformation Sunday and the Affirmation of Baptism of Matias Jyrkama and Madeleine Van Moerkerke with their families gathered by their sides. The service marks the completion of a period of instruction in the Christian faith as confessed in the teachings of the Lutheran Church. Matias and Madelyn were presented with a bible and cross. Trumpeter Debra LaCoste, the choir, special flowers added to the celebration.*



*Pastor Philip with the confirmands*



*Debra LaCoste*



*Madeleine Van Moerkerke and Matias Jyrkama.*



*Usher Fern Greb prepares for the service.*

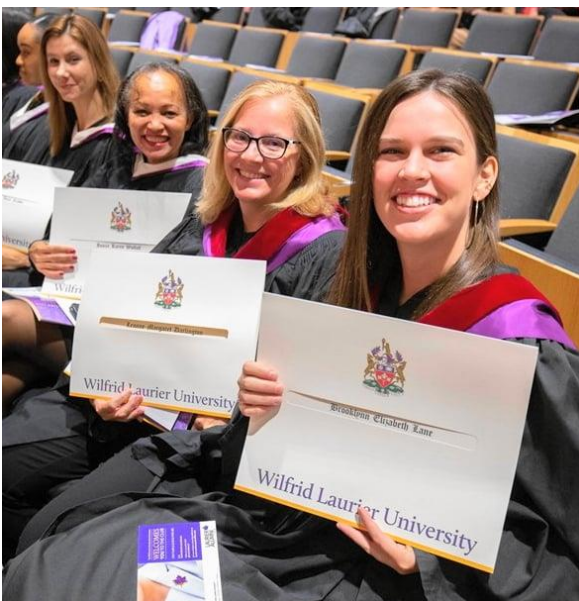
# Congratulations to

Mary Thompson



*Last month U of W's Department of Statistics and Actuarial Science honoured Mary Thompson with a "Cake Party" in celebration of Mary's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a faculty member. While Mary is officially retired, she continues to carry on research and mentor students making her one of very few faculty members to reach that milestone. Congratulations Mary!*

& Brooklyn, Leanne & Jonah



**Congratulations** to Brooklynn and Leanne on their Graduation from Seminary – Jonah Bruce also was in the graduating class but missing from the photo.



## Mount Zion Café

*Come and bring a friend to the Mount Zion Cafe*

The Mount Zion cafe offers seniors the opportunity to socialize over a cup of tea or coffee. At about 11:30 a.m. a scrumptious lunch of home-made soups and breads is available. From time to time you might find live music to enjoy while lunching with friends both old and new.

**Nov 13 & 27 Dec 11**

**10 am - 1 pm**

## Duo Helmer & Scott Knarr in Concert

with the Grand Philharmonic Youth Choir



**Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.**

*An afternoon of music for choir, violin, piano and organ, with works by Mozart, R. Strauss, and others.*

All proceeds towards

**Supportive Housing at the House of Friendship**

Tickets: \$25 (adults), \$5 (18 and under)

St. Matthews Lutheran Church,  
54 Benton Street, Kitchener

Tickets available at

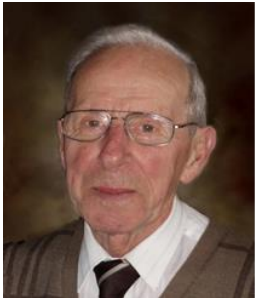
Centre in the Square's box office: 101 Queen Street North, Kitchener, 519-578-1570 or 1-800-265-8977

[kwtickets.ca](http://kwtickets.ca)

# We Will Remember Them



Marie Christine Zinken passed away peacefully at Victoria Hospital, London On., Sunday November 18th, 2018 at the age of 60. A Memorial service was held at Mount Zion on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 11 a.m.



Burton George Huehn, passed away on Saturday, December 1, 2018 at Grand River Hospital Freeport Campus in his 86th year. The funeral service to celebrate his life took place on Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 11 a.m., at Mount Zion



Susan Momber (Kellsey), mother of Rebecca Dahle, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at the age of 63. The Memorial Service was held at Mount Zion on Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 3 p.m.



Jean Catharine Pym passed away on Saturday, February 23, 2019 at the Grand River Hospital in her 92nd year. Her Memorial Service took place at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Mount Zion



Horst-Alfred Dürichen died suddenly at home in Kitchener on Saturday, March 23, 2019. A memorial service to celebrate his life took place at Mount Zion on Saturday, June 1, 2019, at 10:00 a.m..



Dorothy Weppler passed away peacefully at Barnswallow Place Care Community, Elmira on Sunday, March 24, 2019 in her 90th year. Her funeral was held at the Erb & Good Family Funeral Home chapel on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.



Ashman Adolphy (Joe) Kennedy, father of Sherryann Kennedy-Pink, passed peacefully on Friday, April 26, 2019 at Freeport Hospital at the age of 71. His funeral was held at Henry Walsar Funeral Home on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 11:00 a.m.



Audrey Marion Johanna (nee Miller) Emslie passed away peacefully, at Trinity Village Care Centre, Kitchener, on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the age of 93. The funeral service to honour Audrey's life was held at Mount Zion on Saturday, August 17, 2019 at 11 a.m.



Doreen Ritter passed away peacefully at Innisfree House on October 4, 2019 in her 84th year. A celebration of Doreen's life was held at Erb & Good Family Funeral Home chapel on Saturday October, 12, 2019, at 10:30 a.m.



Margaret Emma Heick (nee Schlote) passed on the morning of Monday October 14, 2019. A service in celebration of life was held on Saturday October 26, 2018, noon, at Mount Zion.

# Circle Talk

By Mary Thompson

This article is about circles in Indigenous cultures and spiritual life. Circles have significance in art, in creation stories, in every day practices, and in bridging faith traditions.

In Indigenous traditions, North America is Turtle Island, and is often depicted inside a circle. A circle can also represent the sun or the moon. In some versions of Haudenosaunee creation story, Sky Woman, who plays a central role in the creation of Turtle Island and humanity, eventually becomes Grandmother Moon. For many of the first peoples of Turtle Island, the thirteen full moons of the year have special names, typically connected with the local harvest cycle.

At [oneidalanguage.ca](http://oneidalanguage.ca) there is a video documentary made in 2014 with four elders of the Oneida of the Thames community, called “Our Thirteen Grandmother Moons”, worth watching if you have the time to do so.

Meetings and ceremonies are often conducted in the round. In particular, a Talking Circle is a traditional form of meeting.

In a Talking Circle, the “conductor” and the other participants sit in a circle. A token such as a feather or “talking stick” is passed around. The person holding the token speaks from the heart, taking as long as needed but being respectful of the time of others. Everyone else is to listen attentively and supportively. Someone who does not wish to speak will simply pass the token, and this can continue until all have spoken as many times as they wish to. A speaker may address something raised by a previous speaker. All contributions are to be valued, and the circle shape is symbolic of all participants having equal status.



A Talking Circle may be a sharing circle, used as a way of preparing for an event or reflecting after it is over. It may be used as a healing circle or a mediation circle to alleviate a problem. Or it may be just a conversation in depth: the first Talking Circle I ever attended was a bible study session, where participants expressed their thoughts on the gospel lesson of the day.

Of course, European (and other) traditions also make use of meeting circles: think of the table in the Great Hall at Winchester Castle, and the familiar roundtable meeting format. The purpose of the shape is the same – giving everyone the same status – but the protocols may be quite different.



*Haudenosaunee water drum cakes from Music for the Spirit 2018 summer camp closing concert.*



In Indigenous art, circles capture cycles in life and in nature in all its forms. We see them in drums and dreamcatchers and the medicine wheel. Social dances often follow circles. Someone raised in one of these traditions finds great comfort and strength in contemplating the harmony and flow of the circle.

The circle then becomes fundamental to bridging traditional and Christian spirituality. In the logo of the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP), the fish at the centre is formed by the overlap of two circles – or two traditions -- coming together, the Indigenous tradition and the European tradition.



Archbishop Mark MacDonald wrote in the preface of A Disciple's Prayer Book: "When disciples gather in a Circle, Jesus becomes the teacher, living in the center of the community. The gospel becomes fully alive, a living, breathing and organic element in the life and the place where it is being experienced."

Not surprisingly, the national gathering of the Indigenous Anglican Church is called "Sacred Circle". Hundreds of participants gather for this special meeting every three years or so. A circle mainly in metaphor, but a circle nonetheless!

## Our Healing Congregations

November 27, 2019

Mount Zion, Waterloo

Auditorium 7-9 pm

Sponsored by the Two Rivers Ministry Area

*Lay and Rostered Congregational Members are invited to come and enter into directed and small group conversations relating to "congregations" and "healing".*

Discussions will be guided by  
Rev. Dr. Peter Kuhnert, MDiv, MD, CCFP

For more information please contact Robyn at  
[northside@rogers.com](mailto:northside@rogers.com)

## Circle of Dialogue An Unprecedented Moment

*Thoughts on Self-Determination from the First National Anglican Indigenous Archbishop, the Most Rev. Mark MacDonald,*

**Tuesday, November 5, 2019**

**7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Keffer Memorial Chapel**

**Martin Luther University College**

located at the corner of Bricker Avenue and  
Albert Street at Laurier's Waterloo campus.

# Meet Member

## Ann Woolner

I was born at KW hospital, January 1, 1952. I have an older brother, Jim, who lives in Ottawa and a younger brother, Charles, who lives in Cambellville. We had a very close family who spent summers camping in the tent trailer that my father built and also travelling to Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia every three years to visit my Dad's sister's family.

I was fortunate to grow up on a street (Roosevelt in Waterloo) that was a veteran's street with lots of children. We tobogganed, skated, played "Kick the Can" and made forts in the forest until we heard our mother's calling (and not with a cell phone, just a loud voice) for us to come home for supper. It was an idyllic childhood!

Since I was born so close to the school cut-off age of Dec. 31, I was allowed to go to school a year early as they had an extra seat in the grade 1 classroom. As a result, I did not get to go to kindergarten and was always the smallest and youngest in my class.

I went to a little three-room country school, Rummelhart School (now the historical school at the Bilingual school on Erb St.W.) for grades 1 & 2 and then went to Empire school for grades three to six-as the town boundaries changed and our house on Erb St. was now part of the city. After Empire, I went to McGregor for grades seven and eight and then went on to WCI for high school.

I went to WLU (Waterloo Lutheran University) where I earned a BA in math. When I was at university some random person asked me to go to a Stratford teacher's College presentation, so instead of getting a Masters of Social Work as I had planned, I headed off the teachers College where I found my true vocation! I taught for two years in downtown Galt, which was a real eye



Ann at the back is surrounded by her family. Her Dad Charlie is centre.

opener, as I had led a fairly sheltered life and that school was rough and tough. I learned some new words there that I sure would not have repeated in front of my parents.

After my first year of teaching, I got married to my high school sweetheart and proceeded to put him through Optometry school for the next 4 years.

My son, Tim was born in 1979 and my daughter, Lori was born in 1981. By then, I was a stay-at-home Mother, a job that I loved. I also did my husband's books and was involved with my children's co-op nursery school, Little Mountain, which shared the space with Open Sesame at Mount Zion. Although I loved being at home with my children, I really missed being a teacher, so in 1989, I was fortunate to get a teaching job at a little school (mostly Mennonite- Old Order, Old Colony and the more modern Mennonites) near Milverton where I taught music and later added Special Education to my job description. This school was the opposite of my first teaching assignment. Here "shut up" was considered a swear word and "Jesus Loves me" was their favourite song. I had 22 fabulous years of teaching in this school where it was like one big family. I enjoyed doing Christmas musicals (religious!) and Spring

musicals. When I retired, it was a very sad day for me as I loved the school and I loved the children!

But.....retirement has been good! I have travelled to many places- Europe, China, Grand Canyon, Greece, California, Costa Rica and have hiked the Inca Trail into Machu Pichu, the Almafii Coast and most recently, Ireland.

I have become an avid hiker, who has accomplished a major bucket list item, hiking the Bruce trail, end to end (900ks.) from Niagara Falls to Tobermory. I find it amazing that 50 years ago, someone had the foresight and imagination to create this amazing trail that is the oldest and longest trail in Canada. I loved the environmental diversity from tranquil wetlands to stunning shorelines to towering cliffs to majestic forests to crevices that still contain ice in the heat of the summer. It was an incredible experience in which I made life-long friendships that are rooted in hiking.

In my retirement, I also have a little job with SickKids hospital mentoring teachers in the Waterloo Catholic School Board who are implementing their reading program, *Empower*. I especially like when I model the lesson as then I get to be a teacher again for that hour! I treasure those times as I really do miss being a teacher!

I have also been blessed with three grandchildren, two who live in Little Falls, New York and one who lives in Waterloo (right across from the church). Being a grandmother is the most spectacular role in my life. I thought that motherhood was great, but nothing compares to being a grandmother.

As my Dad always says, if I had known how great grandchildren were, I would have had them first.

I have been a member of Mount Zion since its inception when I was three years old. My family came from St. Marks and my father one was of the men going door-to-door to recruit new members for this Mission church. It was an exciting time with mostly young couples and lots of children. When I moved to Heidelberg, I went to St. Peters church and worshipped there until I moved back to Kitchener and Mount Zion. I have always been Lutheran but I prefer to say that I am Christian, rather than Lutheran. Some day, I hope that all of the protestant churches are in full communion.

I have served on the Christian Education committee, Church council, Learning Committee, Building Committee and several call committees. I have taught Sunday School, done Youth Work, sung in choirs, ushered, cooked for many church meals and have been involved in fundraising for various events. I have also helped with Open Sesame Preschool a Mount Zion program. My Mom's words of wisdom "Stay out of the church kitchen" fell on "rocky soil", and I do spend a lot of time doing KP duty!

Mount Zion is a family that I have grown up with and have augmented with many new relationships that I have developed over the years. I love that we are a church that is constantly striving in our outreach to others outside of our church community- our cafes, music programs, Open Sesame and many others activities. We are also welcoming to all people and all lifestyles.



*Ann says, "Being a grandmother is the most spectacular role in my life."*

I appreciate that Mount Zion is doing its best to be environmentally friendly, even though it might not be the cheapest procedure.

I can't predict what Mount Zion's future might entail, but I hope that it is a future that serves the best interest of our members, the community and the wider church. We need to be continually reassessing our situation, changing our course and sometimes taking risks that make us hold our breath and hope for the best.

# Financial Update – 9 months ending September 30, 2019

Richard Brubacher, Treasurer and Chair, Finance Committee

*The summaries below reflect the actual cash flows for the nine month period ending September 30, 2019, and the position of our bank accounts. Comparative data is displayed for our budget commitment & prior year*

## **Ministry & Mission (Current) Account - Cash Flow Basis**

	9 Months - 2019		Comments re: Differences to plan	9 Months
	Actual	Budget		Last Year
<b>Cash Inflow</b>				
Receipts from Members	147,506	141,835	- better by \$5,671	142,169
Receipts from Facility Rentals & Parking	51,601	55,261	-	51,442
Rental income reserved to Capital	(7,600)	(8,250)		(7,700)
Other Receipts - (Plate, Endow. Int., grant)	4,811	4,285	- Diff vs prior year= Endowment interest	14,223
<b>Total inflow</b>	<b>196,318</b>	<b>193,131</b>		<b>200,134</b>
<b>Cash Outflow</b>				
Disbursements - Staff & operating costs	225,517	233,093		219,607
<b>Total outflow</b>	<b>225,517</b>	<b>233,093</b>		<b>219,607</b>
<b>Net Cash (Outflow)/inflow</b>	<b>(29,200)</b>	<b>(39,962)</b>		<b>(19,473)</b>
Cash balance (overdraft)	(37,460)	(38,520)		7,819

## **Benevolence Accounts - Cash Flow Basis**

	Actual	Budget		Last Year
<b>Cash Inflow</b>				
Receipts from Members - General Benev.	18,796	20,300		20,587
Receipts for designated appeals	56,505	49,645	- Incl. Grants \$39,636	60,340
<b>Total inflow</b>	<b>75,301</b>	<b>69,945</b>		<b>80,927</b>
<b>Cash Outflow</b>				
Payments to Synod	18,796	18,925		20,587
Payments to other designated appeals	56,505	51,020		60,340
<b>Total outflow</b>	<b>75,301</b>	<b>69,945</b>		<b>80,927</b>

## **Capital Accounts - Cash Flow Basis**

	Actual	Budget		Last Year
<b>Cash Inflow:</b>				
Receipts from Members	6,850	7,620		9,283
Transfers from Ministry & Mission acct	7,600	8,250		7,700
<b>Total inflow</b>	<b>14,450</b>	<b>15,870</b>		<b>16,983</b>
<b>Cash Outflow</b>				
Capital Expenditures	11,923	12,000	- bldg \$6,360, Kitchen \$4,014, Proj \$1,257	31,681
<b>Total outflow</b>	<b>11,923</b>	<b>12,000</b>		<b>31,681</b>
<b>Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow</b>	<b>2,527</b>	<b>3,870</b>		<b>(14,698)</b>
Cash Balances	40,328	41,730		33,549

## **Rental Property Account - Cash Flow Basis**

	Actual	Budget		Last Year
<b>Cash Inflow:</b>				
Rental Income from Tenants	23,672	25,525		25,051
Transfers from Capital Account	-	-		-
<b>Total inflow</b>	<b>23,672</b>	<b>25,525</b>		<b>25,051</b>
<b>Cash Outflow</b>				
Current Expenditures - Properties	13,780	12,027		11,023
Capital Improvements to Properties	-	-		-
<b>Total outflow</b>	<b>13,780</b>	<b>12,027</b>		<b>11,023</b>
<b>Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow</b>	<b>9,892</b>	<b>13,498</b>		<b>14,028</b>
Cash Balances (overdraft)	24,055	27,661		8,894