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Why Ash Wednesday and Lent?

By Pastor Philip



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



Mount Zion members leaving the 2015 Ash Wednesday Service.



**Ash Wednesday
Imposition of the Ashes**

7:00 p.m.

**Our choir will be joined by the
voices of St. John's Lutheran,
Waterloo for this special evening
service.**

Lent is approaching, Ash Wednesday is around the corner. As we are marked with the sign of the cross on our foreheads, we are reminded who we are. "We are dust and to dust we shall return." The Ash Wednesday service and liturgy reminds us about our mortality. We have been reminded of this as three of our charter members, Bob Schmidt, Mary Delion and Rose Moore, passed away the last few weeks.

Our mortality and fragility of life calls us to be intentional and faithful in what God has called us to be. Traditionally this is a time when we put our piety into practice by being benevolent, by spending time in prayer and giving up things, food or practices. Given the scripture reading for Ash Wednesday where we are reminded that we are not to show our piety in public, it is ironic that we go around with crosses of ashes on our forehead!

Theologian Vitor Westhelle points out as to how this season brings to the fore how the household of this world or the economy of this world ought to be transformed to be the household of God, the economy of God. This starts in our relationship with the least ones. That is where we ought to be practicing a new way of managing the household instead of doing what the hypocrites do trying to make some gain even out of those pretentious gestures of being pious, giving alms or praying and fasting. "The season of lent is really about the practice of resurrection, of doing the thing that does not compute, of loving who might not be lovable, of giving a flower that will soon fade and cannot be returned," of standing with the refugee and the First Nations, of providing for the homeless and hungry, of supporting religious minorities and doing these as our gift and response to God who gives us the gift of life and also doing these as our response to neighbor in whom we see the image of this God. The season should not just be about ashes and being morose but a time of discerning God's will and purpose for us so that we can gratefully participate in the experience of the resurrection.

How to “bake” a great Annual General Meeting

(with apologies to our long tradition of “serious” AGM reporting...)

By Pauline Finch

Thoughts of recipes came to mind as a quorum of 65 Mount Zion members gathered after worship on a snowy February 12, charting or re-charting the congregation’s course for the 59th time in our history. Would we get the mix right in 2017? A quick “taste” of the ingredients was promising, but not without a few challenges, like the odd bit of eggshell in a good batter.

Of course it helped to be “bribed” immediately beforehand with coffee and carrot-cake by **Anne Woolner** and **Brenda Wynosky** – an ongoing unofficial ministry gratefully acknowledged by Council President and meeting chair, Karen Gastmeier. After all, appreciation and recognition are key “ingredients” in a good congregational recipe and there was plenty given to everyone who contributed to keeping Mount Zion’s property, programs and mission vibrant over the past year. (You only have to glance through the booklet of annual committee and staff reports to see how every page sizzles with activity and accomplishment.)

Council dedicated this AGM to the late Alfred Brunger, who in addition to numerous hands-on volunteer projects, persevered to achieve three important operational by-law changes; all were approved at meeting’s end, showing the congregation’s deep trust in his wisdom.

Pastor Philip’s opening devotions drew on Paul’s words in 1st Timothy about the importance of doing good works to meet our present and future needs as members of the body of Christ. And later, “in the second week of my fourth year ... already” at Mount Zion, he thanked the congregation for extending his call to an open tenure. We all appreciate his ministry of word, sacrament, music ... and cuisine!

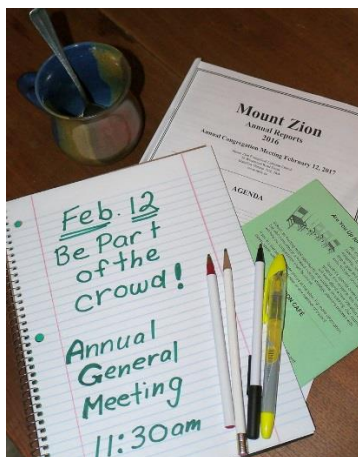
Some increased funding for programs, ministries and staffing were a modest “lift under our wings” Karen noted, but along with that welcome ingredient, Treasurer Richard Brubacher noted that we’re entering our second consecutive deficit year, a potential fly in the dough for sure.

While a \$3257 shortfall in 2016 is nearly \$5,000 less than expected, he and Karen urged us to add a not-so-secret ingredient. If each of our 147 “giving units” increased donations by just \$10 a month, the deficits from both 2016 and a further \$15,507 in 2017 would be completely wiped out, just like adding an extra pinch of spice to kick up the flavour.

We were also urged once again to add a no-fail “rising agent” to the congregational cake. It’s called PAR – Pre-Authorized Remittance, or contributing directly from your bank account whether you’re in church or not. If donations came in regularly Richard’s “anxiety chart,” showing most months with expenses higher than income, would instantly be history; just like baking the cake at an even temperature instead of turning up the oven at the last minute.

And of course a good cake needs icing. The appointment of a roster of new Council members – **Richard Heimbecker, Stephanie von Schilling, David Murison, Pauline Finch and Dorothy Hobson**, – was a perfect finishing touch. They will join current members, **Alfred Durichen, Anne Woolner, Riita Schaus and Karen Gastmeier**.

In this 500th anniversary year of the Reformation we’re all ready to bake something great.



From Mount Zion’s Facebook page.

Discussion and Soup are part of Mount Zion's Lenten Journey

As with our recent practice of Wednesday night services, the service will be preceded by a



*Soup Supper served at 5:45 p.m.
Discussion will begin around 6
and be followed by Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.*

Fruits of Dialogue: Lutherans and Roman Catholics Together

2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, and also 50 years of dialogue between Lutherans and Catholics. Let's take a look at the fruits of this dialogue and how we might continue to build relationships with our Roman Catholic neighbours.

March 8 Renewing Relationships - Commemorating the Reformation

How is *commemorating* different from *celebrating*? Why are we trying to change this?

March 15 How We Worship

We'll take a look at how changes in both Lutheran and Roman Catholic worship over the last 60 years have brought us closer.

March 22 How We Understand the Sacraments

What are the understandings of Baptism and the Eucharist in our two traditions?

March 29 Where We Are Now - Faith and Works

In 1999, Lutherans and Roman Catholics signed an historic Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification. What is the common ground?

April 2 Building Relationships for the Future

What can we do at the local level to build trust, mutual respect and better understanding of one another?

Service Committee's Winter Adopt A Cause



oneROOF
YOUTH SERVICES

The Service Committee's is looking

- for toiletries.
- Help in the Mount Zion kitchen on March 15 to cook a meal and deliver it to oneROOF.
- A \$20 donation to buy food for the meal. Be sure to designate it on your envelope as "oneROOF Meal"
- Donations towards oneROOF's Capsule Bed Pilot Project



Capsule beds offer safety, security and privacy with individual sleeping units as an alternative to the Shelter model for homeless youth.

Pancake Supper

Tuesday, Feb. 28

5:30-6:30.

Free-will donation

Please sign up on Bulletin Board.

快乐消防鸡年 ... Happy Year of the Fire Rooster

By Pauline Finch

If you were listening very carefully on Sunday February 5, when the Red Maple Seniors' Club marked their annual Chinese New Year celebration feast in Mount Zion's Lange Auditorium, you might have heard a phrase sounding something like, "*kway-la cho-fung tee-nyan.*" In the traditional lunar calendar, which officially began on our western date of January 28, it wishes everyone "Happy Year of the Fire Rooster."

Council members, committee chairs and ministry staff were honoured to be special guests of the RMSC, our



largest of several weekly rental groups, whose relationship with Mount Zion goes back more than a decade.

RMSC President Billy-Jean Gong estimated attendance at close to 100 for a delicious meal of hand-made pork and



vegetable dumplings, seasoned fine rice noodles, and spring rolls, accompanied by unshelled peanuts and sunflower seeds.

Asked about the unusual choice of "finger foods" Ed Wang, one of the program hosts, explained that "serving sunflower seeds and peanuts is actually quite common at any gathering ... Chinese people enjoy nibbling these (in a non-stop manner) while chatting with friends at any party." Interestingly, these treats soon became quite addictive for the non-Chinese guests as well!

But the culinary hit of the meal was the by far the dumplings – all 1200 of them! – made by about 20 RMSC women who spent all Saturday afternoon mixing the filling and pastry. Then, as we were worshipping on Sunday morning, a team of 12 were busily at work in the large kitchen wrapping, sealing and steaming these delicacies in assembly-line fashion, to be ready for the tables by 1:00 pm.

Those who've been to RMSC New Year celebrations in past years, and many of us have, will remember the festive fare assembled in buffet fashion with warm, cold, mild and spicy dishes representing the diverse cultures and cuisines of every region in China.



This year, Ed

explained, "our President and Board members decided we should try something different just for a change ... We added some noodles and spring rolls because we were told some Canadians might not like water-boiled dumpling, since they were not used to them." But we got used to loving those pork dumplings very quickly and a number of Mount Zion guests were only too happy to go home with "leftovers."

The program that followed fed our senses as wonderfully as the meal filled our stomachs. Among

the dozen performances were traditional solo and group dances from places like Tibet, Mongolia and China's coastal regions, with exquisite gestures, choreography and flowing costumes. Pianist Julia Pei, whose career credentials span several continents, contributed outstanding solo and accompaniments. We were treated to choral and solo songs whose origins spanned many centuries and cultures – like the ancient “Horse Walk Slowly,” performed by Bao-Ling Dong, and Bob Dylan’s “Blowin’ in the Wind,” sung by Ed Wang and much of the audience. There was even a unique original poetry recitation by Chang-Ling Wu and Wen-Yan Jiang on the joys of being a Senior. The two women alternated their lines in such distinct tones and nuances, one could enjoy the music of their expression without understanding a word of the text!



And we can't leave out a very special and thoughtful detail provided by Warren Luk, who shared his much-admired calligraphy skills to create Chinese pictures of many guests' names in flowing traditional brush strokes. It was an afternoon to remember and we once again extend sincere thanks and appreciation to our wonderful friends in the Red Maple Seniors' Club. From all of us at Mount Zion, “*kway-la cho-fung tee-nyan.*”



A few lucky guests received a place card with their name drawn in Chinese Symbols.. Pauline has scanned hers and she now adds it to her signature in emails.

Photos by the Red Maple Seniors Club



Open Sesame Headstart Preschool is a very active place these days as many of the children referred to us are high needs. Our new teacher Samantha Beesley is enjoying working with our supervising teacher Cyndi Publuski. We are also very grateful for Anne Woolner and Pat Edwards' assistance in the classroom. We would welcome anyone else who enjoys working with preschoolers. If you would like more information about being a volunteer call Jana Kelly, our volunteer co-ordinator, at 519-888-6837, or Carol Ziegler at 519-886-6675.

We are very pleased to report that in January we received a \$2,000. Grant from the Saavas Chamberlain Family Foundation. We thank them for their continued support of Open Sesame. Then in February we received a \$7,000. E.L.C.I.C. Compassionate Justice Initiative Grant. This was in response to our application for this last Fall. We are very grateful for this Grant.

We also thank each of you who continue to support us financially and especially in this transition year. Last year Open Sesame raised \$2,583. through the sale of grocery cards. A big thank you to all of you who made this possible, and we hope you will continue to seek out Ann Crossman and Mayda Scoins on Sunday mornings for more cards. They accept cash and cheques made out to Open Sesame Headstart Preschool. Remember, you are paying no more for your groceries but are only paying for them in advance and at the same time supporting Open Sesame's only fund raiser.

Carol Ziegler

60th Anniversary Service

On January 29 Mount Zion celebrated its 60th Anniversary with a nod to our past. We abandoned our usual worship space and chose instead to worship in the auditorium, our first worship space on Westmount Rd. The service used elements and hymns of the day. We were delighted to have Bishop Michael Pryse and former pastor, Mark Harris as our guests.



A letter to the congregation from Pastor Philip

You will remember that in November of last year, the congregation voted to offer Pastor Philip a full time call to Mount Zion. Following that meeting a few formalities had to be attended to. A letter from us to the Bishop, a letter from the Bishop to Philip, and finally Pastor Philip's letter to the congregation accepting that call. Below is the Pastor Philip's warm and heartfelt acceptance.

Dear Karen and members of Mt Zion Lutheran Church

Greetings in Christ's name

It was just about three years ago that I began my call as pastor here at Mt. Zion, not really certain as to what the future would look like in this new situation, but depending on God for strength and guidance. The three years have gone by quickly and I am amazed at the fortitude and resilience of the congregation in facing varying situations of congregational and missional life. It has been a joy to be part of this journey these past three years. My sense of the congregation as one that strived to be faithful to the call of being the continuing presence of Christ in the world, as I began my ministry, was affirmed during my time here.

I am humbled by the vote of the congregation to extend a tenured/open call to me at the end of my contract of three years. I remain grateful for your trust and confidence in my pastoral leadership and ministry and accept the call in all humility

Let us look forward in hope and trust that the One who has been faithful till now will continue to counsel, lead and accompany us as we journey on as a faith community.

Sincerely in Christ

Rev. Philip K Mathai
Cc: Bishop Michael J. Pryse.



Mount Zion Café *Now Serving Lunch*

March 8 and March 22
from 10 AM,
with lunch starting at 11:30 AM.

Take part in any or all of the following activities:

- Short walk in the auditorium,
- coffee and goodies in the lounge,
- attend a very short educational presentation in the board room and
- stay for lunch, which will be available starting at 11:30.

Bring a friend or meet a new friend. Transportation will be available to those who need a ride. Please call the church office with a request for a ride. (519 886 5820)

The Cafe - it's what you need in the winter - a little physical activity, a little mental activity, some social activity and as always, some good food!

Time To Talk - Lunch and Learn



Tuesday February 28, 2017

12 noon - 2 PM

Mount Zion Upstairs

Learn how to make your final wishes known.

Meet the Briant/ Van Moerkerke Family:

Laura, Gary, Maddy and Aidan

Laura was born in Waterloo, where she attended local schools, starting with Winston Churchill Public School, through to post-secondary studies at University of Waterloo. She went on Althouse College in London for a year of teacher training, where she met Gary, who'd grown up in Tillsonburg, Ontario, and attended the University of Guelph.

The couple were married at Mount Zion in 2000 by Pastor Mark Harris. Laura recently celebrated 25 years with the Waterloo Region District School Board, where she teaches Grade 3. Gary runs his own investment business called AgriWealth Strategies.

Laura and Gary's family includes 12-year-old daughter Maddy, 10-year-old son Aidan, and a rescue dog named Kylie, who loves to go hiking with them. The family enjoy travelling together and were fortunate to visit British Columbia last summer to spend a few weeks with Laura's brother Doug and his wife Toshie.

Laura's roots in Mount Zion go back to when she was only five years old. "My parents heard about the church from the Crossman and Riegert families," she recalled. "They were already members here and were our



neighbours." Gary grew up Catholic, but began attending Mount Zion in 1997 before they were married.

Throughout the years, the Briant/Moerkerke family have been involved in many congregational and wider church

activities. As a teenager, Laura sang in the choir, was a liturgy cantor, a nursery helper, an acolyte and a Confirmation Camp counsellor at Edgewood. Not long after joining Mount Zion, Gary became a member of Church Council and also served as Vice-President for one year. Laura served for 10 years as chair of the Mutual Ministry Committee and also taught Sunday School. The family has served together as Communion Assistants, and for the past three years both Laura and Maddy have enjoyed being part of the Christmas Eve handbell choir.

In the local community, Gary volunteers as a soccer coach and Laura helps organize UNICEF and Heart and Stroke Foundation campaigns for her school. Maddy is part of the Leadership Club at her school, where she helps in Kindergarten classes, participates in the recycling program and raises money for school charities. Aidan supports school charity initiatives with his own money and was very excited when his class was recognized as a top supporter of the "Movember" campaign.

The family love that Mount Zion feels like family to them, a place where everyone is friendly and welcoming, and where they always feel at home. Laura especially enjoys the "wonderful" music program. "Scott and the choir share such an amazing variety of music with us and are so talented." She is also grateful that "each pastor who has been part of the Mount Zion story has brought unique gifts and perspectives to our congregation and we have been very lucky to experience this."

The family appreciate how important children and youth are at Mount Zion and that so many special people provide programming for them. And in its outreach programs, our congregation shows ongoing care for others; supporting a new Canadian family, Open Sesame, and We Care bags for CLWR, to name just a few. In these and many other ways, "the people of Mount Zion make this church a special place to be!"edited by P. Finch

Ecumenical Welcoming Partnership: **Challenge and Reward**

Lori Hansen,
St. Stephen Lutheran Church

We have just passed the six-month mark of our Ecumenical Welcoming Partnership's sponsorship of Shinga, Esperance and their 5 children, our new Canadian family who arrived on August 3 from the DR Congo via a refugee camp in Burundi. Now, as I look back, I think the words "challenge and reward" are descriptive of the family's experience and of mine.

Initially I had little interaction with our newcomer family. A few short visits last summer gave me the impression of a charming, loving couple with active, athletic children. This winter I have seen them more regularly as we learn how to get around town on the bus together.

Esperance and Shinga are gracious hosts, inviting me to share some tea or a meal after our bus trips. I have enjoyed the African staple of fufu which they ate every day in Africa. It is made from cassava flour, looks like mashed potatoes, and is rolled in the hands into a round ball that you then dip into beans or meat-based stew. I have been glad to learn about their food and culture around the dining room table and the food had been delicious.

I have also appreciated talking with Shinga and Esperance and getting to know them a little better as their English has improved greatly. Recently Esperance shared that she is moving up a level at the English classes, but first she had to perform a dialogue in front of the class. It was a conversation arranging a dinner out. She told me she had little formal education as a child, but she strikes me as an eager student today.

I still think the children are charming and joyous. They are happy to see me and to share their accomplishments. Once, Redard (11) was demonstrating his ability to do push-ups, his sisters joined in and suddenly I found myself on the floor showing that I could do them too, and teaching Agape (8) how to do women's push-ups. Yves (13) told me about his overnight class trip where they played in the leaves and roasted hot dogs and marshmallows around a campfire. Uwera (6)

demonstrated her excellent bottle flipping abilities. Young Blaise (3), always moving and mostly smiling, amazes me with his ability to jump and climb and not get hurt.

Both Shinga and Esperance have large families, most still in Africa, many in the same refugee camp they had been in, some also hoping to come to Canada. They are able to keep in touch through the internet, and proudly show me pictures, some

taken at wedding celebrations. I learned that in a city the size of Waterloo, there would be two western style wedding dresses to choose from; you would rent one for the day and return it for the next person. They laugh at the idea of my wedding dress, in a box in my basement, having been worn once.

I leave our visits feeling good about the family's progress. I am thankful that I can spend time with them. I am also a little tired! It is a busy household but the parents are calm and patient. There is a reason they have five kids and I have only two!



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TRC Call to Action #60

Deacon Scott Knarr



The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 382-page summary of its final report includes 94 compelling recommendations. The task now is their acceptance and implementation, and the reorientation of Canadians' strained attitude toward reconciliation. Deacon Scott will look at a few of these recommendations over the next few months.

Call to Action #60

We call upon leaders of the church parties to the Settlement Agreement and all other faiths, in collaboration with Indigenous spiritual leaders, Survivors, schools of theology, seminaries, and other religious training centres, to develop and teach curriculum for all student clergy, and all clergy and staff who work in Aboriginal communities, on the need to respect Indigenous spirituality in its own right, the history and legacy of residential schools and the roles of the church parties in that system, the history and legacy of religious conflict in Aboriginal families and communities, and the responsibility that churches have to mitigate such conflicts and prevent spiritual violence.

God calls us to love our neighbour, and the TRC calls us to pay particular attention to our Indigenous neighbours. While Lutherans do not share the same responsibilities as "Settlement Agreement" churches (Anglican, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, United), it would be a mistake to suggest that we bear no responsibility for the existence of residential schools and their long-lasting and devastating effects. We too have the responsibility to educate ourselves and to try to understand how this horrible situation transpired and why Christians did not recognize it and speak out to the many harmful effects. Effects such as losing culture, language and identity, not to mention the ongoing physical, sexual and emotional abuses, are now well documented. Genuine

reconciliation can only happen when we work "in collaboration with", as this Call to Action states. Too often our churches have tried to do work "for others".

We Need to Educate Ourselves

Many items in Call #60 seem to point towards leadership of the church, but we know that **all** members of Canadian society, and most especially Christian Canadians, need to educate themselves about how the spread of the Gospel message divided and fractured Indigenous communities across Turtle Island. In families where some members did not adopt the Christian faith, they were cut off as less than persons and this action has impacted family relationships forever. Entire communities were split across denominational lines and some First Nations are still struggling to find ways to integrate their traditional spirituality. Many Indigenous communities continue to interpret Christian doctrine in a narrow way and condemn traditional practices such as smudging and drumming. Some First Nations people still feel ashamed and embarrassed to share their own cultural beliefs and practices even though they have not been outlawed for many years. When Lutherans embrace the sharing of traditional practices and language within Christian worship we are opening a door to respecting and honouring the ways Indigenous peoples have worshiped their Creator for many centuries. What a rich place of learning this could be!

Ceremonies in Secret and Hidden Sacred Objects

Spiritual violence takes on many forms; while some are obvious others may be more hidden. For many decades, traditional faithkeepers have hidden sacred objects and held traditional ceremonies in secret locations. Losing language is more than just limiting a medium of communication. Indigenous languages describe ideas through action and verbs often hold the key for conveying ideas rather than nouns. Hearing prayers in other languages help us to understand God in new ways. When church people consider Indigenous ways of knowing, and ways of being, as less than

Western or European ideas and ways, we diminish the personhood and dignity of all.

Their Faith & Hope is an Inspiration

The tremendous faith and hope of Indigenous Christians is an inspiration and points to how God is working through even the most difficult of circumstances. In its final report, the TRC commentary said:

“A number of Survivors spoke to us about the many contradictions they now see between their adult knowledge of Christian ethics and biblical teachings and how they were treated in the schools. These contradictions indicate the spiritual fear and confusion that so many Survivors have experienced.”

As we learn the realities of our colonial past, let us seize the opportunity to lift up the traditional ways of our Indigenous neighbours, and in so doing, we might find God in the transfiguring of our lives.

Mount Zion Women’s Retreat -

Mount Zion Women’s 31st Annual Retreat will be held Friday April 21st to Sunday April 23rd, at Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp & Retreat Centre, 1921 Line 37, New Hamburg Ont. Cost for the week-end is \$93.00. Pastor Anne Anderson will lead us in the theme “Spirited Women”. She is the Community Pastor of Thirdspace at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Twenty-three women gathered at our new location last April (nine were from Mount Zion) and 12 congregations were represented. We are happy to provide this Retreat Ministry to women in our synod. Please remember to register early as we do have a cap on the number of retreaters we feel we can accommodate. Watch the bulletin board for registration forms as the deadline for registration is April 4th.

If you would like more information about Mount Zion Women’s Retreat call Carol Ziegler at 519-886-6675 or Pat Edwards at 519-578-1742 Carol Ziegler

Financial Update – January 2017

A note from Finance

Our financial status for the first month in 2017 reflects a minor surplus of \$71 in the “Ministry & Mission (current) Account” compared with a budgeted deficit of \$361. The favourable deviation of \$432 was due to lower income accounting for \$152 offset by lower expenses accounting for \$584.

	Actual	Budget	Better/ (Worse)
Receipts	\$22,720	\$22,872	\$(152)
Disbursements	<u>22,649</u>	<u>23,233</u>	<u>584</u>
Deficit	71	(361)	432

Comments:

- Member regular envelope contributions were \$1,040 below plan for the month
- Facility and parking income was \$578 higher
- Other income was higher by \$310 including \$250 in deficit reduction response.
- Disbursements were \$584 lower than plan for the period

Your support of Synod Benevolence and other designated needs including our Adopt A Causes was \$6,090. Member support was \$4,090 which compares to \$3,187 in the prior year. The additional \$2,000 was contributed as grant to Open Sesame the Chamberlain Foundation.

Apple Tree Workshop



Sat. March 4

Mount Zion

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

a day long workshop prepared by synod to help congregations understand their mission and assets.

Free and Lunch included

Sponsored by Two Rivers

Financial Update – 1 month ended January 31, 2017

By Richard Brubacher – Treasurer & Chair, Finance Committee

The summaries below reflect the actual cash flows for the month of ended January 31, 2017, and the position of our bank accounts. Comparative data is displayed for our budget commitment and the prior year.

Current Account - Cash Flow Basis

	1 Month - 2017		Comments re: Differences to plan	1 Month
	Actual	Budget		Last Year
Cash Inflow				
Receipts from Members	15,705	16,745	- worse than plan (\$1,040)	16,220
Receipts from Facility Rentals & Parking	6,648	6,070		5,925
Other Receipts - (Plate, HST Refunds, Endow.)	117	57		694
Deficit Reduction Response	250	-		60
Total inflow	22,720	22,872		22,899
Cash Outflow				
Disbursements - Staff & operating costs	22,649	23,233		16,882
Total outflow	22,649	23,233		16,882
Net Cash (Outflow)/inflow	71	(361)		6,017
Cash balance (overdraft)	6,672	18,067		38,823

Benevolence Accounts - Cash Flow Basis

	Actual	Budget	Last Year
Cash Inflow			
Receipts from Members - General Benev.	2,318	2,500	2,520
Receipts for designated appeals	3,772	-	5,667
Total inflow	6,090	2,500	8,187
Cash Outflow			
Payments to Synod	2,318	2,500	2,520
Payments to other designated appeals	3,772	-	5,667
Total outflow	6,090	2,500	8,187

Capital Accounts - Cash Flow Basis

	Actual	Budget	Last Year
Cash Inflow:			
Receipts from Members	459	770	652
Transfers from Memorial Funds	-	-	-
Total inflow	459	770	652
Cash Outflow			
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-
Funds lent to other accounts	-	-	-
Total outflow	-	-	-
Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow	459	770	652
Cash Balances	34,566	34,877	49,527

Rental Property Account - Cash Flow Basis

	Actual	Budget	Last Year
Cash Inflow:			
Rental Income from Tenants	3,960	1,600	1,180
Transfers from Capital Account	-	-	-
Total inflow	3,960	1,600	1,180
Cash Outflow			
Current Expenditures - Properties	938	1,050	1,576
Capital Improvements to Properties	-	-	-
Total outflow	938	1,050	1,576
Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow	3,022	550	(396)
Cash Balances (overdraft)	(22,044)	(24,515)	(37,837)