



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

The Annual Meeting of
**Mount Zion
Evangelical Lutheran
Church**

will be held
on
February 9, 2020
Following the 10 a.m. service at
approximately
11:15 a.m.

The Mountaineer

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Black History it is part of our history. Let's celebrate it together!

Tim Ehrlich

February is officially recognized as Black History month in Canada and the United States. It began as a way of remembering important people and events of the African diaspora. In the U.S. the idea began when historian Carter G. Woodson proposed that the second week in February be designated "Negro History Week."



The week was chosen because it coincided with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln, Feb. 12 and Frederick Douglass, Feb. 14. Woodson felt strongly that it was important not only to recognize the contributions of black people but also to coordinate the teaching of young black people in the public education system.

"If a race has no history, it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated. The American Indian left no continuous record. He did not appreciate the value of tradition; and where is he today? The Hebrew keenly appreciated the value of tradition, as is attested by the Bible itself. In spite of worldwide persecution, therefore, he is a great factor in our civilization." C. G. Woodson

Although it took a while to gain momentum, in February of 1969, Black educators and Black United Students from Kent State University proposed that February be designated Black History Month and the first observance occurred in February 1970. The following six years saw it widely adopted across the U.S. and in 1976 Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month.

In Canada, the observance of Black History closely paralleled that of the United States. The first celebration of Negro History Week was organized by Stanley G. Grizzle Feb. 13, 1950. He was president of the CPR division of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and it took place in Toronto at the British Methodist Episcopal Church. One of the speakers that year, Kay Livingstone, established the Canadian Negro Women's Association the following year and they continued to organize Black History Week for many years. In 1973, Kay Livingstone chaired the first Congress of Black Women. After a series of conferences across Canada the CWBC became a national organization and chapters were formed across the country.

Black History Month Cont'd

The Ontario Black History Society (OBHS) was formed in 1978. A petition was presented to the City of Toronto to have February formally proclaimed Black History Month and that proclamation was issued in 1979. In 1993 the OBHS petitioned The Province of Ontario to proclaim February as Black History Month. Following that success, the idea was presented to do the same on a national level. In December 1995 Jean Augustine, the first black Canadian woman elected to parliament, introduced a motion which was carried unanimously, to officially designate February as Black History Month. In 2008, Donald Oliver, the first black man elected to the Senate, introduced a motion to recognize the contributions of black Canadians. This was passed in support of the proclamation of February as Black History Month.

The roots of Black communities in Canada arise primarily out of the migration north of mostly African slaves fleeing slavery in the U.S. There has been a rich community of Black people in Nova Scotia dating back to before the War of 1812. In addition, there were a number of families who came north from California to settle around Victoria and Saltspring Island. More recently, Canada has welcomed large numbers of Caribbean immigrants who have enriched us with their traditions including the wonderful Caribana Festival.

Black communities and Black leaders have made and continue to make important contributions to our culture and society. Some of them are well known and some not as well. Here are a few notable examples.

Mathieu Da Costa was the first recorded black person in Canada. Little is known about him except that he arrived as a free man and played a surprisingly important role in Canada's early days. He worked as a translator for Samuel de Champlain because of his facility in many languages. His language skills were particularly helpful in establishing relationships between French explorers and Indigenous peoples in the early 17th century. His work is honoured at the Port Royal National Historic site in Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia.

Viola Desmond was a Canadian civil rights activist and businesswoman from Nova Scotia. In 1946 she challenged racial segregation in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia by refusing to leave a white only area of the Roseland Theatre. For this, she was convicted of a minor tax violation of one cent for the difference between the seat she paid for and the one she used! In 2010, 45 years after her death, she was granted a posthumous pardon and now is commemorated on the back of the new ten-dollar bill.

Lincoln Alexander is a man of many firsts. In 1968, he was the first black person elected to the House of Commons and in 1979 he became the first black cabinet minister. His most significant public role may have been when he became the first black vice-regal appointee as Lieutenant Governor of Ontario from 1985 to 1991.

Willie O'Ree. Here is a name not many would immediately recognize, however, his accomplishment is uniquely Canadian. In 1958, he became this first black player in the National Hockey League. His courage and talent paved the way for stars such as Jarome Iginla, P. K. Subban and Wayne Simmonds.

There so many others that it would take several issues to chronicle. Names such as Michaëlle Jean, Donovan Bailey, Ferguson Jenkins, Portia White and Michael-Lee Chin. If you don't know any of these names, you owe it to yourself to find out about them.

February is not only about Black History it is part of our history. Let's celebrate it together!

A Celebration of Black Heritage

Hosted by Mount Zion Lutheran Church

February 23, 2020

11:00 am* - Service

Guest Preacher: Bishop Michael Pryse

12:30 pm - Tastes of the Caribbean Luncheon and program

Key Note Speaker, Pat Lovell

****Note change of Service Time***

In our Prayers

Leanne Darlington and Pam McNeil and their families as they begin their ministries.



We mourn the passing of the Rev. Canon Norman R. Casey, who died January 20, 2020 in Brantford. We knew him as the priest at the Six Nations Anglican Parish, from which position he retired a few years ago. With Pastor Philip, Father Norm co-supervised the internship of Scott Knarr, as he prepared to become a Deacon, and along with some of his parishioners he participated in several of our celebrations at Mount Zion. He was an initiator and fervent supporter of the Music for the Spirit program for children and youth at Six Nations. He was warmly welcoming to many groups who visited the reserve to learn about its people and our shared history, in response to the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. *Mary Thompson*

This month at Mount Zion

Feb 9	Annual Meeting	11:15 am
Feb 12	Mount Zion Cafe	10:30 am
Feb 16	Leanne Darlington Installation	3:00 pm Zion, Philipsburg
Feb 17	Family Day	
Feb 23	Black Heritage Celebration	1:00 pm <i>Note there will be no 10 am service</i>
Feb 26	Mount Zion Cafe	10:30 am
Feb 28	Bible Study	5:00 pm
Feb 28	Family Friday Nite Supper	6:00 pm
Mar 3	Philip's Book Launch	7:00 pm <i>Martin Luther University College</i>

Pastoral Acts

Private Grave side committal of John Siegner on Friday January 10 at 10:30 at Woodland Cemetery.:

Welcome New Members

Sherryanne Kennedy-Pink, Dwayne Pink, Deaveon Kennedy, Malique McKnight, Sydney Marshall, M. Darrol Bryant, Karen and Peter Bjerland

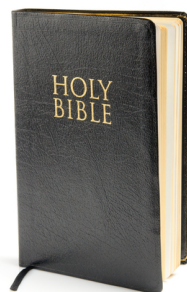


Installation of Pastor Leanne Darlington

**Sunday, February 16, 2020
3:00 pm
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church**

3357 Erbs Road,
(just west of the hamlet of Philipsburg,

New



***Join Pastor Philip for
bible study and
theological
discussion as they
relate to the issues
of today.
Feb 28, 5:00 pm
Followed by Friday Nite
Supper***

LITURGY Bites

Why we do the things we do

By Pastor Philip

Ash Wednesday



It is suggested that it was by the 7th and 8th centuries that Lent began at the middle of the week and Ash Wednesday or Day of Ashes appeared as the beginning of Lent in the Western Church because Sundays in Lent were not considered fast days and so four more days were added to Lent to match the 40 days Jesus' spent in the wilderness.

In the early Middle Ages Lent was viewed as a season of repentance. Christians who admitted to serious wrongdoing were publicly disciplined and reincorporated into the community. On the first day of Lent they confessed their sins before the entire congregation. The priest sprinkled their heads with ashes and gave them a garment made of sackcloth to wear and they were required to do penance.

Between the 8th and 10th centuries public confessions declined in popularity. Instead people began to confess their sins privately to a priest. The several days before Lent became a popular time to confess (Shrovetide), and thus Lent became a time for general repentance.

Ash Wednesday takes its name from the ceremony of imposing crosses made of ashes on the foreheads of penitents. By the 11th century, the imposition of ashes was not just for those who admitted wrongdoing, but for all who wanted to prepare themselves for Easter. But it may be Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday the day before Ash Wednesday, that is better known in the larger society.

The ashes were usually made from the burning of the palm fronds that were used the previous year for Palm

Sunday. (Now they are available in Church Supply stores but we make our own at Mount Zion, though not every year!) The first Ash Wednesday ceremonies were likely held sometime in 11th century CE. The beginnings of the practice could be traced to the Book of Daniel that links fasting to ashes, and some scholars believe this is the origin of the Lenten practice. Ash Wednesday didn't gain mainstream popularity with Christians until the 1970s, when a number of traditional practices found new life in the church.

The presider applies the ashes to a person's forehead in the shape of a cross and speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." There is also an option to say, "Repent and believe in the Gospel." Earlier ashes were sprinkled but the practice of marking the forehead became the accepted norm most probably from the 11th century.

Ashes also symbolize grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance. They are a visible sign of our cleansing and rebirth, both a recognition of our daily dependence on God for life and a promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Like many other historic practices of the church, the Imposition of Ashes has been retained in the Lutheran Church because it is valuable, and not as a work to merit righteousness. It has been the Lutheran view, from the time of the Reformation, that the Church should not do away with good traditions and practices, but only those things that take away from the Gospel and this practice reminds us of our relationship with and dependence on God.

An interesting note about Ash Wednesday in Iceland! In Iceland the fun does not stop with Shrove Tuesday. The first day of Lent in Iceland, called Öskudagur, is similar to Halloween. Kids dress up in costumes and tour their neighborhoods singing songs in exchange for candy. The holiday even makes room for mischief—in one fading tradition, kids will sometimes pin "ash bags" (often filled with grains instead of ash) to the backs of their peers when they aren't looking.

Meet Diana (Di) Groffen, our new Office Administrator

Di was born Toronto and attended the University of Waterloo, where she graduated with a BA in Political Science.

In 1990, Di and her husband, Bill Redekop moved to



Kelowna, British Columbia, where she managed a variety of technology start-up companies and non-profit organizations. She also obtained a master's degree in conflict resolution.

In her last position, she served as

Executive Director of Project Literacy, a charitable organization that matches volunteer tutors with adults who want to improve their English or math skills. At any given time, Project Literacy manages more than 100 tutor-learner matches.

Di and Bill returned to Waterloo last year to be closer to both of their families. Di hoped to find part-time work with a community minded organization, so she was pleased to find our job posting for an office administrator. She liked the variety of duties it entailed, but what appealed to her most *"is the quantity and quality of community programs we run and/or support ... she loved the idea of supporting volunteers dedicated to public service."*

Di started on January 6th 2020. She is very grateful for the support and training she has received from Pastor Philip; Karen Gastmeier; Muriel Tillich; Ginny Ehrlich; Richard Brubacher, and others. She loves *"the warm and friendly atmosphere of our church"* and is *"very happy to confirm that we truly are a welcoming, caring community, called by Christ and enabled by the spirit, to share God's love by living our faith!"*

Thank you

Dear Members of Mount Zion

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the farewell service, the gifts and the generous gift of money you presented to me for my retirement. It was such a special day for me and my family.

I am so blessed to have worked 28 years for you; a job I truly loved. I have been very fortunate to work with great pastors, staff, council members and knowing members of the congregation over the years.

I now look forward to a different journey; being with my family, friends, and hopefully some travel.

I will definitely be in touch and hope to see you soon.

My sincere thanks
Muriel



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.

Feb 12 & 26, Mar 11 & 25, April 8 & 25

10:30 am - 1 pm

Photos from Christmas and January

A lot has happened since our last edition of the Mountaineer.

On Jan 26, Leanne Darlington and Pam McNeil were ordained at Mount Zion. Bishop Pryse assisted by Joy Philip, ordained the pair in the presence of over 200 people. Thanks to the funeral committee for making sandwiches, those of you who set up the sanctuary and the reception. Thanks to the choir and our choral scholars who made the service memorable.



Pam and Leanne with the Bishop following the service.



Setting up for the reception





And then there was Christmas where children and special music made the services sparkle with the Good News.



Meet Carol and Lloyd Ziegler

Carol was born on a farm at the 6th Concession of Sullivan Township, County of Grey, 20 miles south of Owen Sound, 4 miles west of Williamsford on Highway 6. "Our youngest son's teacher," Carol remembers, "once called me a "living pioneer" because I grew up without electricity, a furnace or indoor plumbing. It was a privilege to experience that way of life. With loving parents and strong connections to our one-room school, (the teacher usually boarded with us), and our church, St. Peter's Sullivan, I had a very happy childhood."

It was a sad day when Carol's family moved to Hanover in the fall of 1949 so her father could pursue his first love of carpentry. She was twelve, and this was a huge change for the whole family as they now lived across from a hotel, near the railroad station, next door to a new store named Smitty's that was owned by an uncle and cousins. Carol says, "I now thank my parents, George and Florence Kreutzkamp, for making such a bold move, giving me the opportunity to learn to swim, ice and roller skate." At the time, Hanover was a lively town with many furniture factories and a strong musical heritage. Carol sang in the town choir.

Lloyd was born at 104 Walter Street in Kitchener between King Edward Public School and KCI. During Lloyd's early years, he lived so close to his public school that he waited for the bell to ring before leaving home. He also lived across from the school playground so he could take part in the summer program for children and have a large outdoor rink to skate on in the winter. Lloyd's signal to come home at night was a blinking porch light which was often ignored!

Carol's and Lloyd's parents strongly believed that once you graduated from high school the next step was to find a job. There was no talk of going on to university.

Carol enjoyed a job at Peppler Bros. Furniture where she invoiced furniture stores across Canada that purchased Peppler's high quality bedroom and dining-room suites. She worked there for 3 1/2 years before coming to Kitchener in 1958 with her sister Glenna and



a girl-friend Janet. In Kitchener, she worked for 9 1/2 years as an appraisal-clerk for Central Mortgage and Housing now called Canada Mortgage and Housing. There, she was trained to read house plans making sure they met CMHC building requirements. She determined the amount of mortgage available to applicants based on income and credit rating and advised them whether they were approved.

Lloyd's first job was at the Globe Furniture in Waterloo where he worked for 13 years until the Globe closed in 1968. Lloyd designed church furniture for many local churches and throughout Canada. When Mount Zion made the decision to build a sanctuary, Pastor Norman Lange asked him to design our chancel furniture, knowing that he had worked at the Globe. Lloyd incorporated Pastor Norm's ideas and created chancel furniture that is unique.

Lloyd's next job was Furnishings Coordinator at the University of Waterloo, from 1968 to 1996 at a time when the university was expanding quickly.

Lloyd and Carol met in 1960 at the YMCA. When Lloyd told Carol his name, she didn't believe him! In Hanover, she lived next door to another Lloyd Ziegler who gave her a ride to work. In the first conversation with her Lloyd Ziegler, they discovered they were both Lutheran.

At St. Matthews, Hanover, Carol was involved in Luther League and sang in the church choir. In 1957, along with a number of other young people from KW, she travelled by bus to a Luther League of America Convention in Lawrence, Kansas. Friends she made on that trip

remained friends over the years. During her Luther League days, she served on the Luther League of Canada Executive along with Judi (Carse) Harris and also got to know Marian (Houser) Main and Mel Schmidt.

Lloyd and his parents, Norman and Annette, attended St. Matthews, Kitchener, and Carol worshipped there sometimes, too. Reformation Lutheran, on Krug St. was closer to her apartment, and she worshipped there as well.

Lloyd and Carol were married on Oct. 6th, 1962 at St. Matthews in Hanover. When they moved to their home on Avondale, in Waterloo, they decided to join a church close by and have been members at Mount Zion since 1963.

Carol says singing in our choir fills her with joy. She's happy that music is such a big part of Mount Zion's ministry.

Carol gives thanks to God for so many blessings in her life with Lloyd. They have two sons, Craig and Joel. Joel is married to Tara Hurley, and both are dedicated teachers who live in Waterloo. Craig and his son Jake live in New Hamburg. Craig works in engineering in Stratford. His girl-friend, Meredith Hagen, is also part of the family. She owns Mee Mee's Café in New Hamburg, a great place for lunch. The café was featured on the TV series "Anne with an E".

Carol and Lloyd also have special memories of times spent with family and friends at their Wasaga Beach cottage.

Carol says, "I am blessed to have a supportive husband in the roles I have taken on at Mount Zion. You see his handiwork from time to time when called upon to do posters for Open Sesame or our Women's Retreat.

Lloyd and Carol feel fortunate to be in good health which allows them to travel and ski at Chicopee. They have also walked the Bruce Trail from Niagara Falls to Tobermory with their friends, Wilma Marie and Jim Bindernagel. It took us 66 days over a period of four years. They also like to play Bridge. She takes a tap dance class at the Downtown Community Centre in Kitchener. A good workout for body and mind.

"I think what we enjoy most about Mount Zion," Carol says, "is the variety in our worship services. No two services seem to be the same. The fact that our congregation is familiar with various settings of our liturgy means that worship never feels stale or simply repetitive.

"Our vision for the future of Mount Zion is a harder question," she adds. "With the highly qualified leadership we have at Mount Zion, if there was a cause that needed support our members would be willing to take on such a project. Because we are a vibrant congregation, I pray that more people will be attracted to becoming members of our Mount Zion church family.

Family Friday Night Suppers



All Kinds of food for all kinds of families

February 28 6:00 pm



A book launch for Pastor Philip's recently published book **Songs as Locus for a Lay Theology**

will be held on

March 3 at 7:00 pm

at Martin Luther University College's chapel.

The book discusses the importance of hymnody of southwest India. Choir members of Inshallah and Mount Zion will support Philip's words with music.

Council Notes

We need strong voices at the table

I hope you all attend our upcoming Annual General Meeting on February 9. Our AGM is a time to reflect on events of the past year, to plan financially and programmatically for the year ahead, to elect leaders and to celebrate life together in community.

We would also like to share the great news about our end of year financial position.

And as usual we are looking to fill vacancies on our council. Having a healthy church council is not just important but, vital.

I am asking that you consider becoming a council member. We are looking for people with a little congregational and life experience with an enthusiasm for Mount Zion and its programs.

Currently council meets about eight times a year while the executive meets at least monthly. As a council member you can become as involved as you are able. It is your voice that is important. Having a variety of voices at the table better represents the congregation. The value of your willingness to contribute to the life of your congregation is significant and will be appreciated.

As a council member, you can use your talents and you might learn a thing or two along the way. Think of it as a life-long learning exercise. On top of that, we very often have fun.

There is no adequate way to describe the type of things that land on council's agenda, but as a taste of what is currently going on, at our last meeting we discussed plans for our upcoming Black Heritage celebration, received a report from a working group regarding 235 Dawson, quickly reviewed our Pandemic Policy in light of Coronavirus outbreak. We also had an update about the current state of our sanctuary roof. There is never a dull moment.

The exec is planning an offsite planning meeting to discuss priorities for 2020 in late February.

The Past, Present and Future



When Pastor Philip dropped into Sarah Cardwell's office and found both Amy Di Nino and Scott Knarr visiting, he quipped, "Look it's the past, present and future."



Mount Zion collected 79 We Care Bags in 2019.

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Financial Update – December 2019

A note from Finance – Thank You!! Great finish!

1. Our final results for the year 2019 ended on a very positive note. We ended with a **\$9,666 deficit** in the “**Ministry & Mission (current) Account**”. This was better than plan by \$27,494 as noted below.

	Actual	Budget	Better/(Worse)
Total receipts	\$ 295,996	\$ 282,044	\$ 13,952
Rentals Reserved to capital	(9,200)	(9,832)	632
Net Receipts	286,796	272,212	14,584
Total Disbursements	296,462	309,372	12,910
Deficit	(9,666)	(37,160)	27,494

Comments:

- Member regular contributions of \$226,866 were **\$16,366 higher**.
 - Facility and parking net income of \$52,816 was lower by **\$2,896**.
 - Other income of \$7,113 was **\$1,113 higher**.
 - Disbursements of \$296,462 were **\$12,910 better** than plan.
 - A transfer of \$9,666 has been made from Contingency funds to cover the 2019 net deficit, and leaves \$15,988 available to be applied for future as needed.
2. Your support of **Benevolence** to the Synod and other designated needs including our Adopt A Causes was \$113,257. Of this amount \$49,910 was received from members in support of the Synod (\$25,645), and Other specific appeals (\$24,265). In addition to member support as noted, \$63,347 was received from grants from others and disbursed in support of various ministries. Synod grants include \$7,000 for Open Sesame, \$30,636 in support of Six Nations-Two Rivers Ministry Partnership, \$18,003 in support of intern Leanne, and \$1,500 for Uplifting Young Adults by Kristina Kuhnert. Additional grants were received from the Chamberlain Family Foundation \$2,000 for Open Sesame, and a government grant of \$4,208 to support our summer community outreach program.
3. Total Fund balances at December are:

Ministry & Mission (Current Operating) Account	\$ 58,799
Capital Account	45,368
Rental Property (Reserves)	28,239
Music on the Mount Fund	11,839
Memorial Fund	28,185
Contingency Fund	15,988
Youth Fund	5,572
Mission Endowment Fund	129,034

Further details will be provided in our annual report to be presented at the AGM February 9, 2020. Thank you for your continued financial support in 2019.

Richard Brubacher – Treasurer and Chair Finance

Financial Update – 12 months ending December 31, 2019

Richard Brubacher, Treasurer and Chair, Finance Committee

The summaries below reflect the actual cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2019 and the position of our bank accounts. Comparative data is displayed for our budget commitment and the prior year.

Ministry & Mission (Current) Account - Cash Flow Basis

	12 Months - 2019		Comments re: Differences to plan	12 Months
	Actual	Budget		Last Year
Cash Inflow				
Receipts from Members	226,866	210,500	- better by \$16,366	222,732
Receipts from Facility Rentals & Parking	62,016	65,544	-	58,948
Rental income reserved to Capital	(9,200)	(9,832)		(8,850)
Other Receipts - (Plate, Endow. Int., grant)	7,114	6,000	- Diff vs prior year= Endowment interest	16,558
Total inflow	286,796	272,212		289,388
Cash Outflow				
Disbursements - Staff & operating costs	296,462	309,372		291,768
Total outflow	296,462	309,372		291,768
Net Cash (Outflow)/inflow	(9,666)	(37,160)	Better by \$27,494	(2,380)
Cash balance (overdraft)	58,799	(13,606)		9,650

Benevolence Accounts - Cash Flow Basis

	Actual	Budget		Last Year
Cash Inflow				
Receipts from Members - General Benev.	25,645	28,000		27,378
Receipts for designated appeals	87,612	63,000	- Incl. Grants \$63,347	86,093
Total inflow	113,257	91,000		113,471
Cash Outflow				
Payments to Synod	25,645	24,000		26,878
Payments to other designated appeals	87,612	67,000		86,593
Total outflow	113,257	91,000		113,471

Capital Accounts - Cash Flow Basis

	Actual	Budget		Last Year
Cash Inflow:				
Receipts from Members	10,290	11,160		12,917
Transfers from Ministry & Mission acct	9,200	9,832		8,850
Total inflow	19,490	20,992		21,767
Cash Outflow				
Capital Expenditures	11,983	24,000	- bldg \$6,360, Kitchen \$4,014, Proj \$1,257	32,153
Total outflow	11,983	24,000		32,153
Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow	7,507	(3,008)		(10,386)
Cash Balances	45,368	34,852		37,860

Rental Property Account - Cash Flow Basis

	Actual	Budget		Last Year
Cash Inflow:				
Rental Income from Tenants	33,248	34,180		33,544
Transfers from Capital Account	-	-		-
Total inflow	33,248	34,180		33,544
Cash Outflow				
Current Expenditures - Properties	19,172	15,800		14,246
Capital Improvements to Properties	-	-		-
Total outflow	19,172	15,800		14,246
Net Cash (Outflow)/Inflow	14,076	18,380		19,298
Cash Balances (overdraft)	28,239	32,543		14,163