

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

WESLEY-KNOX UNITED CHURCH  
91 ASKIN STREET, LONDON, ONTARIO N6C 1E7  
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2013

Cathie Banks, chair

### AGENDA

1. Constitution of meeting and invocation
2. In Memoriam
3. Minutes of February 12, 2012 Annual Meeting
4. Pictorial Review 2012: John McFall
5. Acceptance of reports as printed
6. Financial Report for 2012: Robert Hahn, treasurer
7. Budget for 2013: Robert Hahn, treasurer
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Open doors,  
Open hearts,  
Open minds...



## **KINGDOM OF GOD**

The Kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come Lord, and open in us the gates of your Kingdom.

Amen

## **UBI CARITAS**

Where there is charity and love, God is present.  
The love revealed in Jesus gathers us into one flock.  
Let us rejoice and take delight in him.  
Let us attend to and love the living God,  
And with a sincere heart, let us love one another.  
Amen

## **PRAYER**

This is a day that God has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Let us count our many blessings.  
Let us be grateful for the  
    incredible gift of life.  
Let us be grateful for the capacity  
    to see, feel, hear and  
    understand,  
And let us be especially grateful  
    for the ties of love which  
    bind us together,  
Giving dignity, meaning, worth  
    and joy to all of our days.  
Amen

## **LIFE IS SHORT**

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden  
    the hearts of those who travel the way with us,  
So be swift to love and make haste to be kind,  
    that love and life, peace and joy, hope, light  
    and justice too might emerge in us,  
    and through us go out to people everywhere.  
Amen

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## OUR MISSION

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Wesley-Knox United Church is a community of Christians which, through God's love, welcomes and nurtures everyone.

Our vision is...

- Being an open, welcoming church that embraces diversity.
- Being a church with a strong commitment to mission and outreach.
- Being a church where participation is encouraged and made easy.
- Being a teaching church that, for all ages, feeds the mind and spirit.

"Open doors, open hearts, open minds..."

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## FROM OUR MINISTERS

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Whenever I am asked how I am enjoying my ministry at Wesley-Knox my response has been, "It feels so good to be in the place where I believe God has called me to be." Thank you for the warm welcome that my family and I have received and for so graciously embracing us. I feel truly blessed to get to share in this ministry journey with you and I look forward to all that is to come.

I continue to be amazed by the number of people who are actively involved in this congregation and by the ways that ministry is shared. We have a committed group of leaders who care deeply about how Wesley-Knox is reaching out and how our faith is shared. Just look at the number of people who are involved in our youth and children's programs alone to see what passion we have in our community. The Council and Official Board are dedicated and have been enriched by Cathie's thoughtful and forward-looking leadership. Committees have a sense of excitement about them and several people have commented on the palpable "buzz" that is here and filling this place with energy.

This congregation is also blessed with a strong and talented staff team. Heather and Sandra co-ordinate the office and the building in such a way that we can all trust that things will run smoothly. It is obvious that they care deeply about their work and I have witnessed several times how the little things—and not so little!—they do for others make a huge impact. Doug's gentleness, wisdom and caring ways enhance this team so profoundly and we are blessed by his ministry here. I don't think I have ever seen Karen sit still and I continue to be amazed by the ways that she brings people and music together to inspire all involved. Barb's ministry in the Sunday School and children's music programs allow our young people to feel cared for, nurtured and motivated to learn about God. She gives so much to the programs and it is wonderful to watch her creative juices flow as she grows our children's ministry and brings a Spirit-filled energy to all she does. Mary Bee helps to keep so much organized and flowing in all the music programs, and the warmth with which she greets the children and parents makes everyone feel welcome.

As we journeyed together toward the end of 2012, the Mission and Service Committee and the South Sudan team encouraged all of us to see how we can get involved and help care for God's people in another place. Thank you to this group for allowing all of us to take part in such an incredible, important experience as God called you to live out your faith in this way. The ripple effect of your mission will be felt for a long time to come and what we will learn from you will draw us closer to our God of peace and justice.

Thank you again, all of you who make up this incredible Wesley-Knox family. In a time of concern about church decline in other places, YOU are living as a community where there are signs of new life, growth and a vitality for ministry. God's Spirit is in this place and I trust we will be amazed by where God will lead us. Peace to all.

**Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler, minister**  
**January 2013**



2012 was a year of transition, both for myself and for Wesley-Knox, as you welcomed Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler as your new minister. The Joint Search Committee under the capable leadership of Ian Hardie did a phenomenal piece of work over many months and I have no doubt that their recommendation and your choice will mark a wonderful new chapter in the life and ministry of Wesley-Knox.

The reports that follow will testify to the vibrancy of Wesley-Knox, the solid foundation laid by Tom Hiscock and the commitment of Wesley-Knox members to build on that foundation.

During this time of transition, Cathie Banks and members of the Official Board and its committees did an outstanding job of keeping Wesley-Knox green and growing. Their commitment and dedication to Wesley-Knox cannot be overstated and we owe them a tremendous vote of thanks. It would have been tempting to rest on the oars and wait for a new minister to give direction as many congregations do, but no, they kept Wesley-Knox moving forward. The recommendation of the Trustees to retire the deficit thus giving your new minister a relatively clean slate to begin her ministry; the recommendation of M&P to hire Sandra Alvarez-Rodriguez as custodian was an excellent move for both Wesley-Knox and Sandra; the hours of work by Ron Olson and subsequent adoption of the revised Constitution (please take time to read it and familiarize yourself with how Wesley-Knox works); the ongoing work of the Stewardship Committee in legacy planning ; the adoption of the forward-thinking Action Report and the creation of a Membership Development Committee under the capable leadership of Debbi Jarvis testify to the remarkable leadership of the Official Board under its Chair, Cathie Banks.

A big thank-you also to Chris Mortlock, former Chair of Worship and his successor Sandra Fox for their work in keeping myself and Heather supplied with names of worship leaders and lay-preachers, ensuring high-quality of worship Sunday after Sunday; to Doug McCabe for arranging communion and the scripture readers; to Barb McGill and the amazing job that she has done in reshaping and rebuilding the Sunday School; to Karen Schuessler for outstanding music Sunday after Sunday and her whole ministry of music which, on so many fronts and with so many groups, keeps Wesley-Knox vibrant and alive and a remarkable presence in our community; to Heather Westbrook and her invaluable assistance to me. Heather is administrator, church secretary, greeter, coordinator, fountain of information and protector of the inner office.

Thank you also to Mary Anne van de Vooren and the UCW and their incredible energy and hard work on behalf of the whole congregation; to Doug Ross for his permission-giving, sound advice, knowledge of Wesley-Knox history and for his ministry of visitation. With Brenda Smith and her District Visitors, Doug keeps us in touch with the frail elderly and those who have drifted to the edges of the community; to Paul Mullen and the Ministry and Personnel Committee for their trust and support, encouragement and affirmation and, indeed, to the whole congregation. You have enriched my life. You are a wonderful congregation with a great future ahead of you. It has been a personal privilege to have travelled with you a little bit of the way. As I reflect upon my brief time among you I hum to myself a paraphrase of those words King Arthur sings in the musical Camelot: "Don't let it be forgot, that once there was a spot, for one brief shining moment, that was known as—Wesley-Knox!" Grace and Peace to all,

**Rev. Dr. David McKane,**  
**Presbytery-appointed minister July 2012–November 2013**  
**January, 2013**

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**WESLEY-KNOX UNITED CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT**

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**JANUARY–DECEMBER 2012**

Received into Membership by profession of faith	3
Received into Membership by transfer	6
Removed from Membership by death	14
Baptisms	8
Marriages	5

**Our Congregational Roll**

Households	309
Members	419
Adherents	39

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## IN MEMORIAM

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In loving memory of those from Wesley-Knox who entered the presence of their Lord during 2012

June Agnew	Malcolm Campbell	Brayl Copp	Elizabeth Dykeman	Donald Gourlay	
Lillian Howlett	Marian Holley	Dorothy Horst	Joan Lemay	Ian Lindsay	Fred Lunn
	Mary Martin	Doris Rabb	Winnifred Rollins		

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.—United Church New Creed

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### WESLEY KNOX UNITED CHURCH MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

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- 1. Constitution of Meeting and Invocation:** Rev. Dr. David McKane duly constituted the meeting. Cathie Banks served as chair. She opened with words of welcome and thanks to all for a busy and successful 2011 year despite the road construction. She also thanked the UCW Social Functions Committee and their many helpers for organizing the luncheon. Jonathon Stewart, and Sydney and Kennedy Kimber-Johnson were thanked for entertaining the children during the Annual Meeting.
- 2. In Memoriam:** Cathie Banks read the names of members of the congregation who had entered into the presence of their Lord during 2011. This was followed by a moment of silence and prayer.
- 3. Minutes of Annual Meeting February 13, 2011**  
MOTION to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of February 13, 2010 as printed in the 2011 Annual Report. **(Bob Read/Paul Stewart: Carried)**
- 4. 2011 Pictorial Review:** John McFall, who serves as church photographer, presented the pictorial review. Special thanks to John McFall, Alex Walker and all the others who contributed photographs. John was asked if the photos might be available for sale on a DVD. John replied that he would take that suggestion to the Communications Committee. Cathie Banks noted that privacy concerns might be an issue. John mentioned the availability of the sermons on the website and the link to contact or send photos to the webmaster on the church's Home page.
- 5. Acceptance of Staff, Committee and Group Reports as printed**  
Trevor Johnson's name was added to Stewardship Committee.  
MOTION, with this addition, of acceptance of the Staff, Committee and Group Reports as printed in the 2011 Annual Report. **(Eileen Cook/Lynda Laskey: Carried)**
- 6. Financial Report 2011:** Bob Hahn presented the report printed in the 2011 Annual Report. **Correction:** The Harold Kennedy funds go to the Sunday School, not the music program. Bob will correct in this year's Financial Statements.  
MOTION to adopt the Wesley-Knox Financial Report for 2011 subject to audit. **(Bob Hahn/Marilynne McNeil: Carried)**
- 7. 2012 Budget Proposal:** As distributed at the Annual Meeting on yellow paper.  
MOTION to adopt the 2012 Budget Proposal. **(Bob Hahn/Lynda Laskey: Carried)**

**8. Nominations:** Cathie Banks presented the nominations.

Part One: Continuing Appointments: Trustee Board, Life Members and Official Board elected to 2013 and 2014

Part Two: Official Board re-election to 2015, and Official Board election to 2015. Welcome to new Board members Kathleen Brennan, Trevor Johnson and Al Pauli.

Part Three: General Nominations

Part Four: Official Board Standing Committees

MOTION: That Part One, Part Two, Part Three and Part Four nominations and re-elections proceed as printed in the 2011 Annual Report. **(May McAllister/Helen Campbell: Carried)**

**9. Release of Liability Motion 2012–2103**

Paul Mullen presented this motion on behalf of the Trustees.

WHEREAS the United Church of Canada, through the London Conference and the Middlesex Presbytery, recommends that local congregations annually approve a resolution pertaining to the protection and release of the Board of Trustees in respect of the insurance amounts; and,

WHEREAS the insurance on the buildings and contents is \$7,011,097 on the property at 91 Askin St, London Ontario, and,

WHEREAS the Wesley-Knox United Church congregation approved a resolution in respect of this matter for the 2011–2012 insurance year.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the congregation of the Wesley-Knox United Church hereby:

a) Determines and directs that the insurance for the 91 Askin St. building for Insurance Policy Year being March 1, 2012 to March 1, 2013 be similar to the insurance coverage that exists for the previous insurance year as outlined in Policy MMF/1112-864, with the broker Hub International, Ltd.; and,

b) Acknowledges that the limits in such Insurance Policy may be less than the full replacement cost of the building and contents insured under the Policy; and,

c) Releases the Trustees of the Wesley–Knox congregation from any obligation to maintain insurance coverage with higher limits than that provided in the Policy, and agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Trustees of the said congregation for all claims with respect to such obligation.

November 7, 2011

MOTION: To accept the liability motion. **(Carl Hearn/Darryl Banks: Carried)**

**10. New Business**

a. Joint Search Committee. Chair Ian Hardie reported that this committee has been meeting regularly since June 2011. They developed and placed an advertisement in the United Church Observer and on the church website. Applications had been received and reviewed and either rejected or followed up with a visit to churches to see the potential candidate in his or her home church. The committee was finalizing its interview questions and expected to be interviewing two or three candidates in the next few weeks. The process of finding a new minister is very slow, but the final outcome will be worth the wait.

b. Community Support Statement: Harry MacLean proposed adoption of the following statement: Wesley-Knox United Church stands in solidarity with the nearly 700 workers at Electro-Motive Diesel who recently lost their jobs, and supports them in their efforts to secure a fair, final settlement.

MOTION: That Wesley-Knox adopt this statement and then post it on our website, and send letters to both the workers' union and Electro-Motive management. **(Harry MacLean/Dorothy Boam: Carried)**

**11. Appreciations:** Margaret Eadie expressed appreciation to Rev. Dr. David McKane and all church staff for their dedication to the life and work of Wesley-Knox. Specifically, she recognized Minister Emeritus Rev. Dr. Doug Ross, Karen Schuessler, Mary Bee Haworth, Barbara McGill, Heather Westbrook, and Sandra Alvarez-Rodriguez. A letter of appreciation on the congregation's behalf will be sent to all the staff. Also, thanks were extended to Cathie Banks for her work as Board Chair and to Linda Wilcox for taking the minutes of the Annual Meeting.

**12. Adjournment:** 1:28 pm. MOTION to adjourn the meeting. **(Bob Read/Lynda Laskey: Carried)**

**4** **13. Benediction:** Rev. Dr. David McKane

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**

2012 was a year of unprecedented growth for the Wesley-Knox Community Choir program. At this time, between the Cherub, Primary, Junior Boys, Junior Girls and Mysterium choirs, over 110 children and young people are involved. All of our choirs sang in church at various times of year, but this year our choirs also spent considerable time “on the road.” Our Primary Choir sang Christmas carols at Grandwood Retirement Home. The combined Junior choirs sang at the opening ceremonies of the Canadian Paediatric Society and opening ceremony of Run for the Cure. The Junior Boys Choir sang O Canada at the opening of a London Knights hockey game. (Junior Girls will be doing this at a London Lightning basketball game in February.) And Mysterium sang for the London L’Arche community and at the Annual L’Arche Banquet. Mysterium also took part in a very successful choir exchange with the youth choir of Richmond Hill United Church. Our choirs are making an impact in the community and beyond—and many new friends for Wesley-Knox.

Our Senior Choir continues to be one of the most committed groups in the church. This year, its annual Christmas concert with Denise Pelley and the band attracted one of its largest audiences ever—just under 600. And our Handbell Choir, under the direction of Cathie Banks, continues to thrive.

There are so many people who contribute to the music offered at Wesley-Knox. I would particularly like to thank Barb McGill who directs the Cherub and Primary choirs; Mary Bee Haworth who provides us with encouragement and administrative support; Brian Ratcliffe who accompanies our senior choir so often and so beautifully; our other volunteer musicians who add so much to our worship: Shawn Spicer on trumpet, Karen Pincombe on timpani, and Dave Semple and Kevin White on guitar; Mallory Brennan and Richard Yake, our rehearsal accompanists; M. J. Cooper who had to sew even more choir robes and stoles this year; and Neil Eadie and Kennedy Kimber-Johnson who play the organ when I must be away. My heartfelt thanks to you all.—Karen Schuessler, director of music

**SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR**

2012 was an important year for our church school. We finished 2011 with two small classes upstairs, an often-empty nursery and a small Youth Forum meeting in our parlour. But 2012 year brought steady growth and a major increase in our weekly attendance, so much so that in the fall we had to register those in the nursery and accommodate three full classes upstairs, and a thriving grade 7-8 class and our new YouthQuest group downstairs.

This year, our Sunday School focused on material from Luke and Matthew—with a brief foray into Acts—as we moved between the parables and church seasons. The 7-8 class studied the New Creed through a unique curriculum

and YouthQuest launched into new territory with a book study. Throughout the year, we were blessed with ministers who collaborated and creatively wove our Sunday School themes into Sunday morning worship, making a clear place for children and youth in our sanctuary. But it didn’t all happen in church! On a chilly Sunday morning in January, the Sunday School took a field trip to Sitting Tree School (now Arts on a Limb). And there was outreach! Through the Budding Artists project, the Sunday School raised close to \$900 for the Journey with Sudan Project.

There are so many to thank: our dedicated, creative teachers, cookie bakers, pancake makers, actors, storytellers, musicians, mysterious donors, and webmasters. Also church committees that slip checks onto my desk or look for ways to make families that our Sunday School and Community Choir programs are attracting feel welcome and comfortable in our sanctuary. Counting conservatively, our Sunday school shows close to 90 children and youth enrolled plus a steady stream of visitors. We are blessed. It is the warmth and commitment of our whole church that is welcoming these children and their families into Wesley-Knox.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) application that the ad-hoc Duty of Care Committee completed last summer has been approved by London Police Services. The MOU allows us to complete Vulnerable Sector Screen applications onsite and send them off in batches to the records department. Our next task is to fine-tune our Children and Youth Volunteer Handbook.

We enter 2013 with no signs of slowing down! Confirmation classes are scheduled and Rev. Tracy and I will start the process with a family “meet and greet” before Sunday service on February 10. Some exciting plans are brewing for the summer—including a Vacation Bible School (VBS) on the week of July 15—and we will keep you posted. Peace to all.—Barbara McGill, Sunday School director

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

2012 was a year of pastoral change for the Wesley-Knox congregation and its Trustee Board. We welcomed our presbytery-appointed minister, Rev. Dr. David McKane, to our Board meeting in May and at our December meeting we welcomed our new settled minister, Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler. It was a delight to work with David during his short tenure and Tracy has quickly established excellent rapport with the Board. We look forward to many rewarding years under her inspirational spiritual guidance.

**Trustee Financial Issues**

2012 financial matters commenced with the Board of Trustees’ recommendation that Wesley-Knox reduce its operating deficit to zero being approved by the Official Board in January. The Trustee Board was of the opinion that, as it was, the deficit was being funded with Trustee Funds and it would be prudent, with a new



minister making his or her debut sometime in 2012, to rid the congregation of this so-called “financial albatross”.

With the global financial slowdown that began in 2008, influenced, among other things, by the financial woes of European countries, 2012 was a year during which all of us were most concerned about finances. In 2012, the Board was less optimistic about Canada’s financial position than it had been a year before. We are part of the global financial world and will almost certainly be impacted by the woes of some of its major players. The Trustee Board’s administration of the investment portfolio of Wesley-Knox United Church takes on added importance during these trying times. We do not know how the world’s economic problems may affect our investments and indeed, future congregational givings. We all are aware that London has a higher-than-average unemployment rate and that some of our contributors are among the unemployed.

In addition to providing ongoing support of the day-to-day operation of Wesley-Knox, the Board of Trustees continues to administer the church’s investment portfolio:

- As indicated in the Treasurer’s Report, a major portion of Trustee funds are held in Guaranteed Investment Certificates (GICs). The exception is \$100,000 in equities. The equity investments are all in blue-chip stock. As of December 2012, the market value of these equities was approximately \$117,400.

- For the most part, the GICs are designated for specific church expenditures such as a Manse Fund that helps to pay ministerial accommodation costs. In addition there are funds for disaster relief, special Sunday service music expenses, bussing for our seniors, and funds earmarked for Christian Education.

- The Trustee Board continues to pursue the matter of target levels for that part of our investment portfolio not designated for specific uses. This matter is presently under review by the Finance Committee. Feedback at our May meeting indicates that the Finance Committee would like to use the Investment Fund Target idea to help align our investments with the overall spiritual direction of Wesley-Knox.

### **Bequests**

We have received with thanks \$40,000 from the estate of Mary McKay. Mary was a major contributor to the Wesley-Knox family in many different ways. In her will she directed that her bequest be “... administered by the Trustees for improvements and renovations required in the church to allow for the church property to be maintained in an efficient and satisfactory manner. Trustees would be “...allowed to encroach upon the capital and income of such Fund for the aforesaid purposes.” Thus we have invested the McKay bequest in a GIC until such time as these funds are needed, to be used as directed by the late Mary McKay.

The Trustee Board has been advised that Wesley-Knox United Church has been named as a beneficiary in the will of the late Brayl Copp. The amount of the bequest is \$10,000 payable upon the death of Marjorie Lee Copp, his spouse.

### **Property**

Arising out of an insurance liability concern, the Trustee Board is working with the Property Committee to obtain quotes on installing stair railings along the south walls and at the hymnal storage areas on each side of the balcony.

### **Insurance**

The Trustee Board is presently reviewing the principal amount of the insurance on Property and Contents in light of a joint recommendation by our broker, Hub International, and the United Church of Canada that congregations insure for full replacement cost or alternatively insure to a “stated amount” using a suggested formula to determine the appropriate level of insurance, recognizing that insurance may not cover a full loss. If the latter is selected, the insured must come up with a proposed building replacement plan. Insurance costs are one of the major expenses of our church’s operations budget and every effort is being made by the Trustee Board to ensure that insurance costs are balanced with the amount of coverage.

I take this opportunity to thank all members of the Trustee Board for their many contributions to the Trustee business of 2012. Respectfully submitted,—Ross Rowe, chair

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

What an amazing 2012 at Wesley-Knox! The myriad of groups and events that fall within our committee’s work have had a fabulous year. We have offered lectures, classes, roller skating, regular and family movie nights, special worship services, all-night movies—the list goes on and on. This would not be possible without the dedication of many volunteers, both on the Christian Education Committee and throughout our church family.

Special thanks to Sunday School Director Barb McGill. Barb’s enthusiasm and sense of wonder shine through all her work with our children and youth. She has brought some exciting, fresh ideas to our program. Each week laughter and energy bubble up in our Sunday School. This year, all of this culminated in a wonderful Christmas Pageant. We are very fortunate to have her lead our Sunday School.

Re Adult Education, my continuing appreciation to Harry MacLean. Harry puts a great deal of work into offering us meaningful programs and finding us interesting speakers to enrich our faith experience. This year, he organized a speakers’ series that featured a Jewish rabbi, a Muslim activist, the dean of St. Paul’s Cathedral and a speaker from Amnesty International. I encourage everyone to participate in any programs offered through his sub-committee.

We do try to offer some “purely social” events. These give people a chance to get to know one another on a more casual basis. Building strong relationships within our Wesley-Knox family strengthens our whole community. Our Friday movie nights started out as such an adventure. Movie nights have always had an outreach component as everyone was encouraged to invite friends. But now we have the opportunity to make new friends through the computer and we are attracting a number of moviegoers through our



Wesley-Knox website. My continuing thanks to Dave Lumley who leads this busy event. He does an amazing job, coming up with new titles, printing brochures, and recruiting people to make desserts.

Our Youth Groups have had a spectacular 2012. We have held two coffee houses, hosted two Swell youth services, held our own Sunday service at Wesley-Knox, and supported the Sudan project, both at the Sudan concert and through a Wake-a-thon. We travelled to Worshiplude in Ottawa, to Grand Bend for a retreat, to Pearce-Williams Christian Centre for family camp, and this fall, to Camp Kee-Mo-Kee. We hosted 59 children at our annual Parents' Night Out. This year Wesley-Knox became the host site for the Presbytery Games Nights—now called Friday Fusion. To fill in our spare time we have hiked, watched movies (five in one night!), bowled, minigolfed, attended services at other places of worship, helped at Wortley Village's Halloween event—the fun went on and on. I could not keep up my energy without the help of Dave Lumley, and our new leader, Brian McKinnon. Youth Ministry is not for the faint of heart, but our trio feels that our youth give back as much as we give. It is a gift to be able to take such a busy part in their life and faith journeys.

We have tried to be intentional in looking at the United Church programming for YATS (Young Adults in Transition). This is a group of post-high school people up to age 30. In my experience, meeting once a year at Conference left quite a gap in our programming. These young adults seem to be "cast adrift" after so many things were offered for them in high school. I have gathered a group of them just recently out of high school. We are meeting for breakfast before church once a month. Newly named "The Breakfast Club", we are planning on serving coffee after church on the fifth Sundays. Rev. Tracy suggested to our committee that we send out "care packages" before the university and college exams in December. Cindy Stewart and Liz Mortlock took on this project. We have had very positive feedback, and will definitely make this an annual undertaking. As a church community, we need to be very intentional about indicating to these young adults that they still have an important place in our church life.

We have offered many other events this year including tubing, rollerskating, Pearce Williams Family Camp, barbecues, and regular and family movie nights. This really is a fun and busy committee. Now, I am stepping down as chair after having had "a grand ride." Thank you to my Wesley-Knox family for trusting me with this charge. I have enjoyed every step of the journey. We will now all help Dave Lumley as he takes over as chair.—Jane Walker, chair

#### **COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

2012 was another busy year for our Communications Committee. Projects included:

- our sixth Wesley-Knox Annual Report (previously, the Annual Report had been prepared in the church office),
- our sixth pictorial review using digital photos, a computer, and the church's digital projector,

- production of another five issues of the Kindred Spirit Connection (KSC) newsletter,

- preparation of Holy Week, Easter, Fall, Sudan Concert, Advent and Christmas newspaper ads for the London Free Press,

- creation of the new Wesley-Knox website. This was a major project that involved decision-making by the entire committee. Launched in June and now regularly updated, it appears to be quite a success.

Special thanks to John McFall who serves as church photographer, produces the annual pictorial review, and helps maintain the Wesley-Knox website. Thanks also to Neil Eadie, Linda Olson and Brian Dalton. While not official members of our committee, Neil and Linda provide invaluable service as proofreaders of the KSC and the Annual Report, and Brian as backup photographer.

I will be retiring as chair of the Communications Committee this year but will continue to contribute by helping maintain the Wesley-Knox website and by producing the KSC. John McFall will be our new chair.

I expect that the main focus for the coming year will be maintaining and adding new features to the Wesley-Knox website and the creation of a new Wesley-Knox logo and "look" for Wesley-Knox printed materials. No doubt, John McFall has several initiatives he will want to explore and we look forward to these. It promises to be another interesting year.—Harry MacLean, chair

#### **DISTRICT VISITORS COMMITTEE**

Our District Visitors Committee, and its members who actually do the visiting, encourage and maintain connections with individuals and groups within our congregation. The committee itself is made up of folks involved in many different groups and activities at Wesley-Knox. Planning and ideas come from a wide representation within the church. Committee members, sometimes with help of younger family members, also prepare trays for communion, set up the communion table in the sanctuary, and then clear it after communion service.

In the past, the committee has often reminded district visitors to pick up their lists. Perhaps a phone caller system will be put in place in 2013.—Brenda Smith, chair

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Our committee has representation from the Property, Stewardship, and Mission and Service committees, the UCW and the Board of Trustees. We met regularly throughout 2012. Many thanks to Sue Mennill for serving as the acting chair, and for having coffee and pastries on hand to welcome us at our 7:30-am meetings!

I would like to recognize Bob Ford for his many years of service on the Finance Committee, and many years of service as church Treasurer and member of the Board of Trustees. Bob resigned this year, but his unwavering commitment to the financial wellbeing of the congregation has inspired many of us. We hope to

follow in the path he has set for us.

In 2012, the operating deficit was set to zero with a lump-sum transfer from capital administered by the Board of Trustees. At time of writing, 2012 financial results are not complete, but the goal of the finance committee is to have a balanced budget. What does that mean? Essentially we would like to see the day-to-day costs of operations covered by day-to-day revenues, which largely consist of congregational givings. In recent years, we have had some success in reducing costs, but many costs such as heating, insurance, and staff are relatively fixed. The work of the Stewardship Committee is therefore tied very closely to our role. We would love to be in a position to consider how to take advantage of a budget surplus in the future! If you have any questions on how the budget works, or where our money goes, please get in touch with any member of our committee.

Bob Hahn's work as treasurer continues to be very helpful. He has worked hard to automate and improve reporting, and has brought clarity to our overall financial position. Thank you, Bob!

The Finance Committee will continue to work hard to support all of our Wesley-Knox committees in their work, and to support the mission of our church and the greater Wesley-Knox community.—Jeff Fullerton, incoming chair

#### **MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Membership Development committee was formed last May, based on guidelines set forth in the Action Plan developed by members of Wesley-Knox and approved by the Official Board. The purpose of this committee is to develop the inreach and outreach of the congregation, that is, to help the church attract new members, retain its active members, and regain members who have become inactive.

Right now, we are actively reaching out and connecting with the community that surrounds us, and with the many individuals and families who are connected to us through Sunday School, the community choirs and other groups that use our church. We started in September with our Welcome Back BBQ which happily coincided with Registration Day for Sunday School. This event was very well attended.

We are using a variety of tools including our new brochure, the Wesley-Knox website, and an e-mail database of all in the congregation who are online. We have also had two flyer distributions inviting our neighbours in Old South London to join us, not just for concerts and celebrations, but every Sunday. A third flyer distribution is planned for just before Holy Week.

We have placed new welcome books and welcome packets on tables near our front doors to give us a way to contact potential new members. The large table at the back of the sanctuary now has activity packs for children and our bookmarks are helping to publicize our events.

**8** We want to make a solid impression in Wortley Village and soon will be looking at ways to improve how we are branding Wesley-Knox. This

will include a new logo that will be developed in cooperation with members of the Communications Committee, a logo that will be used on all our paperwork and correspondence including letterhead, brochures, the weekly service bulletin and the Kindred Spirit Connection.

Perhaps you would like to be a part of this committee's work. We always welcome new members. We meet in the chapel at 6:30 pm on the third Tuesday of each month.—Debbi Jarvis, chair

#### **MIDDLESEX PRESBYTERY**

This past year was an interesting one for Middlesex Presbytery partly because it was our presbytery's turn to host the annual London Conference meeting held in May. In addition, it was also a challenge for us at Wesley-Knox when we were asked to host the ordination service with over 400 delegates in attendance. But we put on a wonderful service that was talked about for quite a while at Presbytery meetings. Many thanks to all who made it come off perfectly. In August, the 32nd Annual General Assembly of the United Church of Canada was held in Ottawa. Many controversial subjects were discussed—not all thought suitable for the national church to concern itself with considering the problems that local congregations are facing. But the United Church has always been a little controversial, so discussions about the Palestine-Israel conflict would not surprise most of our members.

Adopted at this General Assembly: a new United Church crest that features First Nations colours and the Mohawk greeting "All my relations!" An article about this crest appeared on the Wesley-Knox website in September

In the fall, Middlesex Presbytery held a retreat to help us gain insight on how we do the business of presbytery. As in congregational life, there is never enough time to build relationships and deal with issues of stewardship of time, talent and treasure. There have been complaints that the polity of Presbytery has been unclear to most congregations, and we hope to fix that in the future with changes in our method of operation and by refining our mission statement.

Recently, Conference President Paul Browning gave us a passionate speech in which he implored us to look at what we think are the greatest treasures of the United Church of Canada. Here are a few to ponder. If anyone asks you why you go to a United Church, you can say...

- we can question and voice our concerns—which are honoured
- we are valued for who we really are—likewise our community and friendships
- we seek justice—social justice
- we have permission to imagine God in different ways
- we affirm sexuality as part of our spiritual being
- we know how to give and we acknowledge the blessings of giving

On behalf of Karlene Kimber and myself, we are pleased to represent Wesley-Knox at Middlesex Presbytery. There is still room for two more representatives to attend from this

congregation. If you think this is something that would interest you, please let either one of us know.—Debbi Jarvis, Middlesex Presbytery representative

### MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

2012 was a year of transition. In May, Sandra Alvarez-Rodriguez became an employee of Wesley-Knox. Previously she was a contract person working under Service Master. We are pleased to have Sandra join the staff. She is a very willing worker, extremely co-operative and always very pleasant.

On September 30 we said farewell to Rev. Dr. David McKane. He served as presbytery-appointed minister for fifteen months and on behalf of the congregation, I express sincere thanks for his wonderful leadership. On October 1 we welcomed our new minister, Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler. Tracy is excited to be with us and we are very pleased to welcome her.

Each member of our committee serves as a liaison to a member of the church staff. This provides an opportunity for each party to communicate with the other to discuss any matter that may be of interest. On behalf of the committee and the congregation, I express sincere thanks to our dedicated church staff, namely Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler, Rev. Dr. Douglas Ross, church administrative assistant Heather Westbrook, director of music Karen Schuessler, her assistant Mary Bee Howarth, Sunday School Director Barbara McGill and custodian Sandra Alvarez-Rodriguez for their attentiveness to their responsibilities, and for the wonderful contribution that each makes to the life and work of this great church.—Paul J. Mullen, chair

### MISSION AND SERVICE COMMITTEE

Last year at this time the Mission and Service Committee announced its goal of sending a team from Wesley-Knox to South Sudan. Perhaps this wasn't quite on par with JFK's moonshot challenge in the early 1960s, but it was a significant objective for our congregation nonetheless!

Throughout 2012 several fundraising projects were organized to help realize this dream: the electronics recycling project in April, the sale of African crafts at the Gathering on the Green in June, the silent auction in September and the walk-a-thon in October. We sold T-shirts and wrist bands throughout the year and collected pennies. Special thanks to Barb McGill and the Sunday School for the wonderful Budding Artists project and to the Senior Choir for a generous contribution. In total about \$18,000 was raised to help fund this project.

By the time this 2012 Annual Report is published, the team will have returned from South Sudan full of stories, and no doubt instilled with renewed hope and inspiration to further the work of the church. The committee would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement. We hope we've made you feel a part of the journey because that is how we truly envisioned this project. Further to that end we'll be inviting you to a special Journey with Sudan presentation within the next few weeks.

Other Mission and Service projects and activities in 2012 included:

- presenting two Sunday services at W-K: Environment Sunday on May 6 and Mission Sunday on November 18,
- encouraging contributions to the national church's Mission and Service Fund through a monthly *Minute for Mission* during worship
- sponsoring our two South Sudanese girls, Bhakita and Rebecca, so they can go to school, and
- organizing food drives at Easter and Thanksgiving in support of the London Food Bank. —Tony Haworth, chair

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

What happened in 2012? Many will know that much has been done although it is not always obvious.

Let's begin with the toilet in the photocopy room. It had a malfunction that caused serious water damage so we had to file an insurance claim. This claim included replacing the carpet in the minister's office, photocopy room, secretary's office and office hallway. It also included the repair of the water damage to the kitchen ceiling.

We had several carpeted areas professionally steam-cleaned this year: the Centennial Parlour, the back hall, the Music Director's office and the Sunday School director's office. Thanks to UCW for paying for half of the steam cleaning of the parlour and the back hall.

The Property Committee completed regular painting touch-ups throughout the building including a complete paint job of the Minister's office.

As a cooperative project of the Quilter's Guild and the Property Committee, a projection screen was installed in the Social Hall.

Many repairs were made throughout the year as well. Early 2013 will bring us new windows in the stairwell and office area. These windows will replace windows, which were installed when renovations were done in the 1960's. The new windows will be aluminum-frame, double-pane, energy-efficient windows manufactured in Canada. A second phase of this project will include capping 127 of the remaining windows frames with aluminum. This will prevent the decay of these frames and make the windows maintenance-free. Windows not included in this project are the six large stained glass windows and the five windows on the front of the church. These are already sealed.

We continue to monitor our boiler system. With luck, it should be able to survive a few more years. The lift occasionally gives us problems but Skyline knows how to keep it in order. Finally, thanks to Sandra Alvarez-Rodriguez for keeping the church in fine order.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all members of the Property Committee for being parts of a team. I would also like to extend an invitation to anyone in the congregation who would like to join us to meet with us at 6:45 pm on any fourth Thursday of the month. No previous experience is necessary and we will welcome you warmly. Come and see what Property

is all about. It might just be a challenge you've been looking for!—Chris Mortlock, chair

### **PROPERTY USE COMMITTEE**

Members are Cathie Banks (Official Board chair), Neil Eadie (congregational representative) and myself, Marg Henderson (UCW representative). We receive requests from outside groups wanting to rent our facilities and we also monitor use of the church by our own groups. Most requests come through our administrative assistant, Heather Westbrook, who is an ex-officio member of the committee. We ask everyone to book their meetings and events through her.

We do look closely at rental requests. We try to maintain our church home and perhaps generate some revenue to cover heat and hydro costs while staying within our insurance guidelines and providing a place to worship. In 2012, our church was very busy, hosting many weddings, funerals, meetings, rehearsals, concerts, meals and other gatherings. Our property has been well used and appreciated by many.—Margaret Henderson, chair

### **SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS KETTLE DRIVE**

High fives all around! Once again, Wesley-Knoxers cheerfully signed up to greet the public at our Salvation Army Christmas Kettle! Our sixty-two volunteers included veteran volunteers, families and friends who all joined to share the Christmas cheer. Some even offered to take double shifts!

This year, our assigned location was changed to the Metro store on Wellington Road. We will endeavor to make this new location our permanent site.

In follow-up calls, several volunteers expressed their joy at being able to participate. Some shared special anecdotes about things that happened on their shifts. This made it a heart-warming experience for the co-ordinator!

This year, our efforts yielded \$4995.56. This is a major form of community outreach for Wesley-Knox. We look forward to both familiar and first-time participants in SACK 2013.—Richard Yake, SACK coordinator

### **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the congregation, the Stewardship Committee would like to thank everyone for their contributions of time, talent and finances in support of the mission of Wesley-Knox during 2012. The gifts and contributions of each person make a significant difference as to what we are able to accomplish as a congregation.

This year Stewardship began a promotion of Legacy Gifts with an April 15 lunch-and-learn session facilitated by Heather McLean, Financial Development Officer of the United Church. The fifteen participants learned of the several ways to make legacy gifts to Wesley-Knox and/or the United Church of Canada. The promotion continued monthly throughout the year with inserts in Sunday bulletins highlighting various kinds of legacy gifts.

In the fall we conducted the annual stewardship

program that led up to October 28 Dedication Sunday. This year we developed and ran a campaign called "The Gift of the Magi". Through a succession of weekly stories during Children's Time, the focus of the campaign was on both the personal and financial gifts we possess and are able to offer to the work of our church. We would like to thank Barb McGill for her work with the Sunday School in preparation for the Children's Time messages each week. Also, thank-you to Jessie and Adam Read, and Karen Pincombe for their parts in presenting Children's Time.

On Dedication Sunday over 300 people participated in worship which was greatly enhanced by the musical talents of the children's choirs, Mysterium and the senior choir. Thank-you to Rev. Tracy, Karen, and Barb for making this such an exciting worship experience. After the service over 250 attended the Celebration Coffee House to join in a time of fellowship.

Dedication Sunday is about many facets of stewardship but its really significant purpose is to give everyone in the congregation an opportunity to make their Estimate of Givings for the following year. This year, we also asked everyone to write on a piece of ribbon what their gifts were and made this part of the dedication liturgy.

This year there was an increase in the number of households estimating their 2013 financial contributions: 51% (106) of the currently contributing households. Also, 12 additional households indicated their desire to become contributors. And the chain of ribbons was long enough to stretch across the chancel three times!

Another priority of the committee has been to encourage greater use of Pre-authorized Remittance (PAR) for making monthly contributions. Wesley-Knox is seeing a growth in the number of households using PAR. Seventeen indicated on their Estimate of Givings that they would like to start using PAR in 2013 which means that over 30% of the contributing households are now making their contributions in this way. If you are considering using PAR, please contact Heather in the office.

I would like to thank committee members Kathleen Brennan, Freda Evans, Donna Goldhawk and Trevor Johnson for their stewardship in contributing their creative ideas and commitment to the work of this committee during the past year, and to thank Rev. Dr. David McKane and Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler for their thoughtful guidance as we pursued our work.—Marilynne McNeil, chair

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Wesley Wheels continues to do a wonderful job and riders are very appreciative of this service. Each Sunday, the Mornington bus brings in about ten riders, and the Cherryhill bus about sixteen. This year, many people took advantage of the Christmas Eve bus.

There will be a 1:30-pm delayed pickup for the February 3 Annual General Meeting. Everyone using Wesley-Wheels is asked to contribute weekly. Please mark your envelopes "Transportation Fund".—Muriel Parkes, chair



## UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

What an honour to be UCW president as United Church Women celebrated their 50th Anniversary. Wesley-Knox UCW members honoured their 50-year people at their 2012 January Annual Meeting by presenting them with coffee mugs bearing their names: June Clark, Verna Ewer, Ruby George, Jean Hay, Enid Horner, Marjorie McLarty, Gwen Miners, Muriel Parkes, Dorothy Parnell, Helen Ross, Ruth Rushton and Sadie Whitfield.

The January meeting was the first of many exciting events throughout the year:

- April 13: Rejoice, Reflect and Release Women's Retreat. Dinner was followed by a program facilitated by Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler, Linda Wilcox and Cindy Stewart.

- April 26: 1:30-pm Community Friendship Tea in the parlour. Richard Yake played piano and everyone sang. Pie and refreshments followed. A wonderful afternoon!

- May 5: Garage Sale organized by Sue Mennill was a great success. Proceeds will go towards tables and chairs for the Social Hall.

- May 7: The Spirit of Spring Fashion Show. What a hit! The show was fun and a great success. Many thanks to Westmount Mall vendors and all who donated door prizes.

- November 3: Harvest to Holiday Festival. All units were very busy September and October preparing for this festival. We had a great day for the festival with many vendors, lots of baked goods and a good crowd of people from the Old South area. It was very successful. Thanks to all who participated.

- November 24: We arranged the bus trip to the One-of-a-Kind Craft Show in Toronto. One of our young members, Katie Walker, was invited as a new artist to the show. It was a great day!

We also delivered Easter Lilies and Christmas Poinsettias to our Community Friendship members.

I am happy to announce we have a new group of women starting their own unit under the guidance of Jane Walker. These young women will be meeting occasionally for breakfast and have offered to serve coffee on months with five Sundays. Welcome ladies! We are very excited to have you join us. Once again, UCW has four units!

My term as UCW President will soon come to an end. I am turning over the position to Lynda Laskey. I know Lynda is excited to get to know you and work with you in your projects. It has been a great pleasure working with you these past three years. Thank you for your support and encouragement. You are an amazing group of women and I am proud to be a Wesley-Knox UCW member.—Mary Anne van de Vooren, UCW president

## WESLEY-KNOX MEN

Once a month throughout 2012, Wesley-Knox Men (note the new name) met for breakfast at Family Circle Restaurant with an average attendance of about ten. Twice during the year—on the first Sunday in May and the first Sunday in December—we invited guests to join us.

On the second Saturday of each month, our group prepared community breakfasts, usually serving about one hundred people. As the number of guests continued to increase, we responded accordingly. We did take a break in July and August and expect to do the same this year.

Also during 2012, we served coffee after the service on the first Sunday (and sometimes fifth Sunday) of each month, prepared and served the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Easter Sunday Sunrise Breakfast and October Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner. All were successful.

We extend our appreciation to all of the men and women who help with setting up, shopping, cooking and serving so cheerfully and efficiently for the Community Breakfast Program. Proceeds from the Pancake Supper (about \$700) and Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner (about \$800) were added to the Community Breakfast Fund. We also received generous donations from individuals and groups within our church and community. This support is greatly appreciated.

This year our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held from 5 pm to 6:30 pm on Tuesday, February 12. We look forward to serving you then. Thank you again for all your enthusiasm and support.—Neil Eadie, chair

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee has had another successful year of providing support to the Minister and to the Director of Music at Wesley-Knox United Church. The result has been Sunday after Sunday of dynamic and meaningful worship for our members and the many guests who visit our church.

This fall, the church successfully made the transition from our presbytery-appointed minister, Rev. David McKane, to our new settled minister, Rev. Tracy Crick-Butler. During this year of change, the outstanding quality of our church services was maintained with the congregation enjoying the many traditions we have become accustomed to, plus getting to experience some new and interesting services including having the L'Arche community join us and lead a service of song and Christian message.

There are many highlights throughout the year but the Advent and Christmas season is always amazing. Our church attracts so many non-members to its concerts and services at that time of year. We keep purchasing more candles for our Christmas Eve candlelight services but we still run out! This is a wonderful problem to have and we will stock up again for next year.

Wesley-Knox United Church is growing as a family gathering place for people of all ages. Our message and outreach initiatives are inspiring many to join us for worship and fellowship on Sundays. We look forward to another year of building on our successes by mixing the traditional with the new. Come out and experience worship with us. You won't be disappointed.

Our committee is always looking for new members—and volunteers. If you would like to help, please contact us. We meet in the Chapel at 6:30 pm on the first Thursday of every month.—Sandra Fox, chair

**PART ONE: NEW AND CONTINUING APPOINTMENTS**

**TRUSTEE BOARD**

Darryl Banks	Trevor Brooks	Robert Ford	Bob Hahn	Carl Hearn
Lynda Laskey	Doug McCabe	Paul Mullen	Elizabeth Phoenix	Betty Read
Ross Rowe, chair	John Rushton	Doug Scott	Alec Whitfield	

**LIFE MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL BOARD**

Trevor Brooks	McEwan Bryce	June Clark	Neil Eadie	Verna Ewer
Robert Ford	Virginia Ford	Jean Hay	Carl Hearn	Marion Hearn
Bernie Jackson	Dora McNeil	Sue Mennill	Gwen Miners	Paul Mullen
Betty Read	Robert Read	Ross Rowe	John Rushton	Ruth Rushton
Aileen Symington	Orwell Thornton	Wilson Thornton	Alec Whitfield	Sadie Whitfield

**OFFICIAL BOARD TO BE ELECTED\* OR RE-ELECTED TO 2016**

Heather Bedford*	Eileen Cook	Jeff Fullerton*	Cathy Grasby	Bob Hahn
Ian Hardie*	Debbi Jarvis	Karlene Kimber*	Lynda Laskey*	David Lumley
Harry MacLean	May McAllister	Doug McCabe	John McFall*	Marilynne McNeil
Ron Olson	Helen Ross	Paul Stewart		

**OFFICIAL BOARD ELECTED EARLIER TO 2015**

Cathie Banks	Kathleen Brennan	Michael Cottam	Trevor Johnson	Jessie Lanteigne
Ted Leitch	Al Pauli	Mary-Janet Ross	Sandy Sershall	Brenda Smith
Cindy Stewart	Linda Wilcox			

**OFFICIAL BOARD ELECTED EARLIER TO 2014**

Lois Down	Margaret Eadie	Sandra Fox	Tony Haworth	Margaret Henderson
Barbara McGill	Chris Mortlock	Glen Pearson	Elizabeth Phoenix	Craig Read
Jane Roy	Jane Walker	Chris Webb	Andrew White	

**PART TWO: GENERAL NOMINATIONS**

Chair of Council and the Official Board: Cathie Banks

Vice-chair of Council and the Official Board: vacant

Secretary of Wesley-Knox Official Board: Linda Wilcox

Secretary of Wesley-Knox Council: Neil Eadie

Treasurer: Bob Hahn

Sacrament Secretary: Doug McCabe

Archivist: Ted Leitch

Presbytery Representatives: Karlene Kimber and Debbi Jarvis



### PART THREE: OFFICIAL BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES

Note: The Minister is an ex-officio member of all committees except Ministry and Personnel. The Music Director is an ex-officio member of the Worship Committee. The Sunday School Director is an ex-officio member of the Christian Education Committee. The Church Administrative Assistant is an ex-officio member of both the District Visitors and the Property Use committees.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Samantha Brennan	David Lumley, chair	Elizabeth Mortlock	Helen Ross	Mary-Janet Ross
Cindy Stewart	Jane Walker			

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Trevor Johnson	Brenda Lausanne	Debra Coates-Lediet	John McFall, chair	Harry MacLean
Robert Read	Mary Anne van de Vooren			

#### DISTRICT VISITORS

Heather Bedford, vice chair		Kathleen Brennan	Gail Bright	Neil Eadie
Doug McCabe	Shirley McConnell	Robert Reid	Rev. Douglas Ross	John Rushton
Ruth Rushton	Helen Starling	Sandy Sershall	Brenda Smith, chair	

#### FINANCE

Jeff Fullerton, chair	Bob Hahn	Sheila LeClair	Ted Leitch	Marilynne McNeil
Sue Mennill	Paul Mullen	Al Pauli	Ron Olson	

#### MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Kathleen Brennan	Debbi Jarvis, chair	Trevor Johnson	Harry MacLean	Sue Mennill
Jane Walker				

#### MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL

David Cooper	Margaret Eadie	Freda Evans	Ian Hardie, chair	Cindy Milne-Wren
Craig Read				

#### MISSION AND SERVICE

Jacob Baynham	Sheila Carson	Mary-Bee Haworth	Tony Haworth, chair	Sheila LeClair
Tara LeClair	Margaret Logan	Glen Pearson	Karen Pincombe	Brian Ratcliffe
Jessie Read	Jane Roy	Susan Smith		

#### PROPERTY

Tom Brown	Neil Eadie	Susan Smith	Catherine Flood	Chris Mortlock, chair
Paul Mullen	Ron Olson	Paul Stewart	Jason Taylor	Andrew White

#### PROPERTY USE

Cathie Banks	Neil Eadie	Marg Henderson, chair		
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#### STEWARDSHIP

Kathleen Brennan	Donna Goldhawk	Trevor Johnson	Marilynne McNeil, chair	
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#### TRANSPORTATION

Muriel Parkes, chair	Lynda Laskey	Jim Neville	Sharon Neville	
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#### WORSHIP

Eileen Cook	Jane Fenwick	Sandra Fox, chair	Nancy Hardie	Harry MacLean
Chris Mortlock	Jason Taylor			

# Wesley Knox United Church

## Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus - Operating Fund Year ended December 31, 2012

	Budget 2012	2012	2011
		\$	\$
<b>Receipts</b>			
Local church:			
Givings	220,500	222,032	217,853
Rental income	4,000	3,956	3,353
Transportation	4,000	7,976	6,320
Other income	<u>2,000</u>	<u>6,230</u>	<u>2,810</u>
	<b>230,500</b>	<b>240,194</b>	<b>230,336</b>
Special purposes:			
Sudan Fund	-	12,860	120
Memorial	-	503	505
Community Breakfast	-	2,371	1,477
Out of the Cold	-	2,001	2,026
Budding Artists	-	2,338	-
Loonties for Lent	-	1,092	-
Sundry	-	1,105	90
Hand bell choir	-	<u>123</u>	<u>510</u>
	-	<b>22,393</b>	<b>4,728</b>
Mission and Service	30,000	30,128	29,131
Capital Improvement	-	<u>18,069</u>	<u>16,974</u>
	<b>260,500</b>	<b>310,784</b>	<b>281,169</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Ministry and personnel	184,122	174,520	171,092
Worship and service	29,550	29,900	29,014
Property	34,500	21,346	31,530
Education and outreach	8,465	8,946	6,909
Utilities and office	43,000	33,670	37,118
Special purposes	-	22,393	4,727
Mission and Service	30,000	30,128	29,131
Capital Improvement	-	<u>18,069</u>	<u>16,974</u>
	<b>329,637</b>	<b>338,972</b>	<b>326,495</b>
	<b>(69,137)</b>	<b>(28,188)</b>	<b>(45,326)</b>
<b>Deficiency prior to transfers from Trustee Fund</b>			
<b>Transfers from Trustee Fund:</b>			
Interest	15,000	15,776	15,917
Minister remuneration	6,876	6,876	6,708
Estate of H Kennedy	7,000	-	7,000
Transportation	<u>11,000</u>	<u>5,776</u>	<u>8,937</u>
	<b>39,876</b>	<b>28,428</b>	<b>38,562</b>
	<b>(29,261)</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>(6,764)</b>
<b>Surplus (deficiency) for the year</b>			
Accumulated deficit, beginning of year		-	(102,772)
Transfer from Trustee Fund		-	<u>109,536</u>
		<u>240</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Accumulated surplus, end of year</b>			

# Wesley Knox United Church

## Financial Statements December 31, 2011

## Wesley Knox United Church

### Schedule of Disbursements - Operating Fund Year ended December 31, 2012

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
<b>Ministry and personnel</b>		
Ministry	69,407	74,273
Music	30,662	30,413
Office	24,982	25,138
Sunday School	8,050	7,607
Maintenance	10,933	-
Benefits	19,371	22,322
Presbytery	11,115	11,339
	<u>174,520</u>	<u>171,092</u>
<b>Worship and service</b>		
Music services	4,000	4,000
Worship committee	10,575	8,266
Organ repairs	658	292
Piano tuning	915	905
Transportation	13,752	15,257
Sundry	-	294
	<u>29,900</u>	<u>29,014</u>
<b>Property</b>		
Custodial services	6,627	21,975
Custodial supplies	2,278	2,022
Maintenance and repairs	12,441	7,533
	<u>21,346</u>	<u>31,530</u>
<b>Education and outreach committees</b>		
Christian education	3,151	2,284
Mission and services	896	420
Communications	3,752	3,371
District visitors	298	211
Stewardship	849	623
	<u>8,946</u>	<u>6,909</u>
<b>Office and utilities</b>		
Heat, light and water	14,014	16,693
Insurance	9,649	8,821
Municipal taxes	505	-
Printing and advertising	5,834	5,336
Supplies and postage	1,032	156
Telephone	1,882	1,947
Interest on debt	-	3,248
Bank charges	754	917
	<u>33,670</u>	<u>37,118</u>

## Wesley Knox United Church

### Statement of Financial Position - Operating Fund December 31, 2012

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash	66,391	7,092
Due from Trustee Fund	8,590	32,060
GST/HST recoverable	7,690	8,753
Prepaid expenses	-	11,115
	<u>82,671</u>	<u>59,020</u>
<b>Restricted investments (Note 1)</b>	-	7,500
	<u>82,671</u>	<u>66,520</u>
<b>Liabilities and Accumulated Surplus</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	4,132	3,905
Benevolent fund	1,000	1,000
Choir funds (Note 2)	20,092	17,076
Special purpose funds (Note 3)	36,605	28,206
	<u>61,829</u>	<u>50,187</u>
<b>Capital improvement fund (Note 4)</b>	20,602	16,333
<b>Accumulated surplus</b>	240	-
	<u>82,671</u>	<u>66,520</u>

## Wesley Knox United Church

### Statement of Financial Position - Trustee Fund December 31, 2012

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
<b>Assets under care of Trustees</b>		
<b>Investments</b>		
TD Canada Trust	111,380	111,379
RBC Dominion Securities	<u>918,379</u>	<u>900,675</u>
	<b>1,029,759</b>	<b>1,012,054</b>
<b>Property and furnishings</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<b><u>1,029,760</u></b>	<b><u>1,012,055</u></b>
<b>Funds under care of Trustees</b>		
<b>Trustee funds</b>		
Heritage	501,284	496,813
Manse	321,892	321,892
General	<u>84,480</u>	<u>49,506</u>
	<b>907,656</b>	<b>868,211</b>
<b>Property and furnishings</b>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	<b>8,590</b>	<b>32,060</b>
<b>Due to Operating Fund</b>		
<b>Endowments</b>		
Mission and Service	10,958	10,958
Music program	50,000	50,000
Disaster Relief	<u>52,555</u>	<u>50,825</u>
	<b><u>113,513</u></b>	<b><u>111,783</u></b>
	<b><u>1,029,760</u></b>	<b><u>1,012,055</u></b>

## Wesley Knox United Church

### Schedule of Trustee Funds Year ended December 31, 2012

	Heritage	Manse	General	Total
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>Balance, beginning of year</b>	496,813	321,892	49,506	868,211
<b>Revenue</b>				
Memorial donations	503	-	-	503
McKay Foundation	-	-	40,000	40,000
Investment income	<u>13,059</u>	<u>10,611</u>	<u>5,165</u>	<u>28,835</u>
	<b>13,562</b>	<b>10,611</b>	<b>45,165</b>	<b>69,338</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Benevolent fund	-	-	465	465
Laurie O'Leary	-	-	1,000	1,000
Operating fund - Minister	-	-	6,876	6,876
Operating fund - Sunday bus	-	-	5,776	5,776
Operating fund - interest	-	10,611	5,165	15,776
Transfer to General Fund	<u>9,091</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,091)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<b>9,091</b>	<b>10,611</b>	<b>10,191</b>	<b>29,893</b>
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<u>501,284</u>	<u>321,892</u>	<u>84,480</u>	<u>907,656</u>
<b>General Fund</b>				
<b>Allocated</b>				
Centennial Fund - Transportation			30,504	
Kennedy Estate - Sunday School			13,976	
McKay Foundation			<u>40,000</u>	
			<b>84,480</b>	
<b>Unallocated</b>			<u>-</u>	
			<b>84,480</b>	

# Wesley Knox United Church

## Notes to Financial Statements Year ended December 31, 2012

### 1. Restricted investments

Restricted investments are comprised of GICs with various interest rates and maturity dates held at TD Canada Trust as follows:

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Music	-	2,500
Choir	-	5,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>7,500</u>

### 2. Choir funds

	General	Gowns	Total
	\$	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	10,076	7,000	17,076
Interest	465	-	465
Christmas Concert	2,224	-	2,224
Turkey dinner	2,544	-	2,544
To operating fund to reduce deficit	(739)	-	(739)
To Sudan Fund	(739)	-	(739)
Purchase tympani drums	(739)	-	(739)
Transfer to Gowns Fund	(2,000)	2,000	-
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b><u>11,092</u></b>	<b><u>9,000</u></b>	<b><u>20,092</u></b>

### 3. Special purpose funds

Special purpose funds are funds that have been received from the congregation for purposes other than general operating expenses. Year end balances, net of disbursements, are as follows:

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Budding Artists	450	-
Brooks Estate	7,500	7,500
McKay Foundation	2,699	1,589
Organ	9,208	8,768
Music	3,057	2,758
Hand bell choir	1,861	1,402
Community Breakfast	2,243	1,574
Out of the Cold	5,206	4,002
Sundry	835	-
Sudan	<u>3,546</u>	<u>613</u>
	<b><u>36,605</u></b>	<b><u>28,206</u></b>

### 4. Capital Improvement Fund

	2012	2011
	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	16,333	15,290
Contributions from congregation - general	18,069	17,819
	<u>34,402</u>	<u>33,109</u>
Expenditures:		
Windows	8,968	-
Tree removal	2,704	-
Eavestroughs	-	14,419
Building	2,128	-
Boiler service	-	2,357
	<u>13,800</u>	<u>16,776</u>
<b>Balance, end of year</b>	<b><u>20,602</u></b>	<b><u>16,333</u></b>

**WESLEY-KNOX UNITED CHURCH WOMEN**  
GENERAL FUND  
YEAR-TO-DATE REPORT - Dec. 31, 2012

Assets at beginning of year	10,858.33
Bank Balance	<u>0.00</u>
Investments	10,858.3
Receipts	
Unit Returns	12,283.11
Harvest Holiday	3,356.20
Receptions	465.93
Donations	21.31
Miscellaneous Income	0.00
Calendar Sales	120.84
G.I.C & Bank Interest	356.41
G.S.T. Rebate	<u>0.00</u>
	16,603.80
Disbursements	
Operating Expenses	2,707.81
Congregational Purposes	2,283.94
Community Project Donations	2,500.00
United Church Donations	1,650.00
International Project Donations	569.00
Miscellaneous Donations	200.00
M&S Objective	4,000.00
	13,841.75
Receipts Net of Disbursements	2,762.0
Transfer to Reserve Fund	0.00
Assets at end of year	
Bank Balance	7,620.38
Investments	<u>5,000.00</u>
	13,620.3

**WESLEY KNOX 2012 SENIOR CHOIR DUES ACCOUNT**

Bank balance, December 31, 2011	\$899.13
Dues for 2012	\$680.00
Total	\$1579.13
Disbursements	\$547.78
Bank balance, December 31, 2012	\$1032.35

Disbursements were for cards, gifts and donations made in memory of choir family members who passed away in 2012, the autumn choir retreat, and money transferred to the church's Senior Choir Fund which is separate from this account.—Helen Campbell, choir treasurer

**WESLEY-KNOX UNITED CHURCH WOMEN**  
RESERVE FUND  
YEAR-TO-DATE REPORT - Dec. 31, 2012

Assets at beginning of year	3,083.48
Bank Balance	<u>16,562.80</u>
Investments	19,653.2
Receipts	
G.I.C & Bank Interest	523.03
Fundraising - Tables & Chairs	290.05
Out of the Cold	<u>0.00</u>
	2,813.08
Disbursements	
Miscellaneous	100.00
Out of the Cold	<u>100.00</u>
	1,100.00
Receipts Net of Disbursements	1,713.0
Transfer from General Fund	0.00
Assets at end of year	
Bank Balance	4,796.56
Investments	<u>16,562.80</u>
	21,366.3

**MEMORIAL FUND**  
YEAR-TO-DATE REPORT - Dec. 31, 2012

Assets at beginning of year	348.45
Bank Balance	<u>2,142.45</u>
Investments	
Receipts	
Donations	0.00
GIC & Bank Interest	71.28
Disbursements	<u>71.28</u>
	0.00
Receipts Net of Disbursements	71.28
Assets at end of year	
Bank Balance	416.73
Investments	<u>2,145.45</u>
	2,562.1

**IVAH GRAY FUND**  
YEAR-TO-DATE REPORT - Dec. 31, 2012

Assets at beginning of year	528.53
Bank Balance	<u>7,800.00</u>
Investments	
Receipts	
GIC & Bank Interest & Misc Income	342.50
Disbursements	<u>150.00</u>
	150.00
Receipts Net of Disbursements	192.50
Assets at end of year	
Bank Balance	721.03
Investments	<u>7,800.00</u>
	8,521.0