

ST. ANSELM'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Forming Missional Disciples Since 1953

ANNUAL REPORT 2020





A PRAYER FOR VESTRY

Holy God, we thank you for our Parish of St. Anselm's, for its witness and ministry in your name to our neighbourhoods of UBC, the endowment lands, and West Point Grey.

Hear us as we hold up before you the business of enabling your kingdom in our midst, which will come before our annual Vestry.

We give thanks for those offering themselves in leadership, for our founders, and for all those who journey with us in this place.

Enlighten our hearts and minds, our words and actions, with the gift of your Holy Spirit, that together we may chart a course forward in your name for the transformation of all people into missional disciples of Christ.

Strengthen us with your presence and blessing, for all we do, we do to your glory, in Jesus' name. Amen

**These resources were produced on the ancestral, cultural,
traditional and unceded lands of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam)
people from time immemorial.**

CONTENTS

04

AGENDA

05

**A WORD FROM
OUR VICAR**

07

**A WORD FROM
OUR WARDENS**

09

**OUR
MINISTRIES**

Westside Anglicans
Neighbourhood Ministry | 09
Pastoral Care | 14
Intercessors Guild | 15
Communications | 16
Sanctuary Guild | 17
Prayer & Praise Bible Study | 18
New Member Ministry | 19
Music Ministry | 20
Building Committee | 21

22

**OUR
EVENTS**

Salmon BBQ | 23
Strawberry Social | 24
Pie with a Purpose | 25
Christmas Fair | 25
PWRDF | 26

24

**OUR
FINANCES**

Narrative Budget | 27
Funding God's Vision for our Life
Together | 28
Financial Plans | 29
Projected Income & Expense | 31
Report from the
Treasurer | 32



AGENDA



PRE-VESTRY FINANCIAL MEETING

Non-Voting Agenda

February 14, 2021

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and Outline of the Meeting
3. Remarks by the Treasurer
4. Budget for 2021
5. Questions and Answers
6. Adjournment



VESTRY MEETING

Voting Agenda

February 21, 2021

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome
3. Minutes of 2020 Annual Vestry Meeting
4. Reception of Reports
5. Appointment of Rector's Warden for 2021
6. Report of the Returning Officers
 - a. Nominations
 - b. Elections
 - c. Lay Administrants
7. Signing Officers
8. Budget for 2021
9. Thanks
10. Adjournment





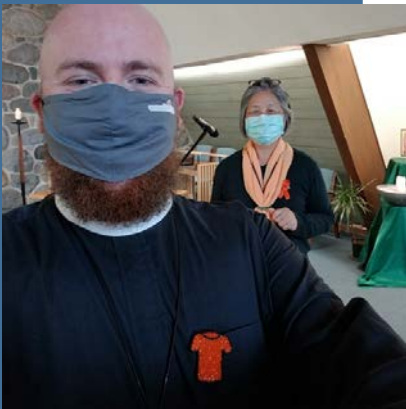
A WORD FROM OUR VICAR

Friends,

I ended my report last year with a joyful hope of looking "forward to the gifts that 2020 will provide to us as a community as we grow deeper with God in our discipleship of Christ." I stand by my words today even as much as I did in 2020. Despite the changed nature of what our lives are today and the many challenges we have faced in this last year, one thing has remained strong- our discipleship of Christ. Our story of 2020 was one of possibility, connection, and relationships, which I continue to look back in awe at.

There were many reasons for us to open 2020 with hope and excitement. We have been enjoying a continued sense of growth and excitement in the community. Worship has been growing and deepening and we've seen an increase in formation opportunities. Then March hit and we began to experience something we've never experienced before- we were isolated. We entered into what would become ten months of restrictive living and isolation. Masks replaced hugs, sanitizer for handshakes, and before we knew it, Christmas arrived. Yet despite all that happened, we remained focused on our deepening discipleship of Christ within us, that led us to continue to ask how we could serve our neighbors.

The continual question I heard from our calls and emails over the 10 months of isolation was always, "How can I help?" Often the question would catch me off guard and frequently brought me to tears in the generous spirit which it was asked. How can I help keep people connected? How can I help our homeless friends on the street? How can I pray for first responders? How can I help our American friends during this time? How can I help our neighbouring communities thrive safely? What always connected the questions was the acceptance of what was, and the knowledge that even within these limitations, there was still room for us to work together for Christ. And that's just what we did.



Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the
name of the Father and
of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

Matthew 28:19

A WORD FROM OUR VICAR



We adapted our worship, some times better than others, learning on our feet to be a visible and consistent presence of prayer and eucharist in the midst of this. We owned our baptismal identity as people of prayer in the face of what felt like the insurmountable grief of a world coming undone, offering evening prayer from the parish three times a week, which grew our discipleship. We shared our fears and stories via phone trees, keeping connected to one another during isolating times, always sharing the good news of our growing discipleship together. We explored the creeds and deepened our prayer practices last year, which continued the good growth planted deeply within each of us as disciples of Christ.



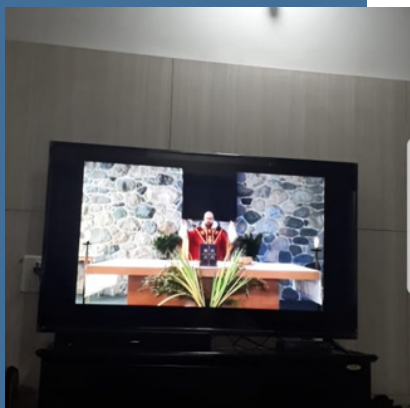
In our diocese I continue to sit on the Archbishops board for refugee assistance, Diocesan Council, and on our board for the Neighbourhood Ministry. In January I will take over the co-chair of the board after Rev. Stephens leaves to become our new bishop.

We learned a lot in 2020, about how to be, how to see, and how to grow. 2021 offers you and I the opportunity to put that learning into practice as we continue to grow into our shared discipleship of Christ, inviting everyone we meet and know to experience this transformative community you and I call home.

I cannot wait to see what gifts 2021 bring us as we continue to grow deeper with God in the discipleship of Christ together.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to be "Alex+ Vicar".

Alex+
Vicar

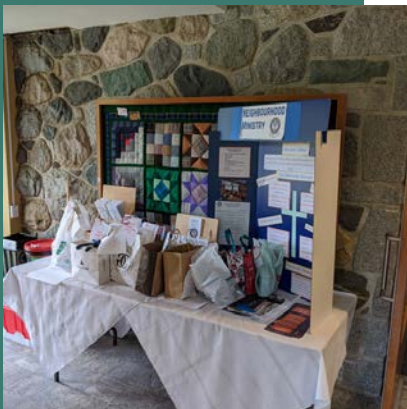




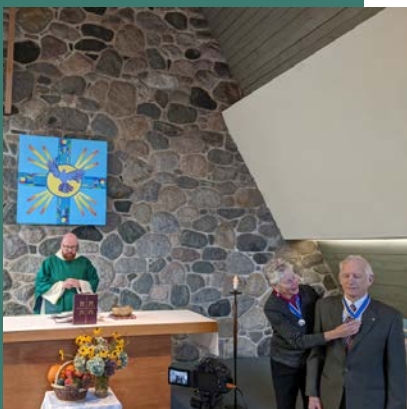
A WORD FROM OUR WARDENS



2020 was a year dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic, a new norm of social distancing and physical isolation resulting in incomprehensible fear, uncertainty and anxiety. St Anselm's did not slow down despite the uprooting of the perceived stability under normal circumstances. With God's blessed wisdom and gratefulness to communication technology, our Vicar utilized such advancements to create an alternate social gathering: a new concept of Virtual worship, spiritual learning, and fund raising events via Zoom that kept us together in spirit despite being physically apart.



St Anselm's started the first live stream Sunday worship in March as soon as the Office had announced the closure of in-person worship at church, abiding to the direction of the Provincial Health orders and policies. Then we offered live stream evening prayers to keep parishioners spiritually rooted in the summer. A pastoral care phone tree call was initiated to keep our parishioners in touch & informed. In conjunction, a virtual coffee hour after Sunday live stream service was introduced in May so that St Anselm's parishioners could stay connected. Our spiritual journey, Pilgrim and Advent teaching returned as scheduled through Zoom. A Zoom community choir lead by our music director was trialed in Oct with much success. In addition, our ever so energetic Vicar started home communion delivery on Sundays in the fall.



Unfortunately, we had to put the Early Music concert series, Spirit-us, on hold due to the physical distancing protocol. On a sad note, our Vicar had to take some time off to grieve the loss of his father in June leaving the wardens working very hard to kick start our first signature fund raising event of the year, a strawberry social during a pandemic. It was challenging especially due to the adherence to COVID safety guidelines: however, the feedback of joy and support on this first ever virtual fundraising event was well worth the effort.

A WORD FROM OUR WARDENS



Our re-Imagined Salmon BBQ & More took place in September, followed by a prelude to our Christmas Fair— a limited sale of "Pie with a Purpose" to support our Neighbourhood Ministry during the Thanksgiving season. The actual Christmas Fair allowed the leadership team to be more creative and innovative, praise be to God. The generosity and love from our parishioners and wider community was phenomenal. We'd like to give a big hand and heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who participated and for our parishioners' support that made our virtual fundraising events a reality and success. The enthusiasm and energy to continue community building have never ceased, and in the new norm of social isolation, community is needed as never before.



The highlight of the year was celebrating the investiture of Doug Chivers to the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster in October 2020. There was no fanfare, but the intimate service was one to cherish.

At time of social isolation, St Anselm's continued with the traditional Christmas carolling at the Purdy care home and extended the Christmas light to the Chaplin at VGH and St Jude care home, via an absolutely holy chaotic Zoom concert and Christmas story telling presented by St Anselm's choir and Sunday school families.



Sadly, we lost two of our long-time parishioners, Ben Lim and Elizabeth Brown, who had contributed to St Anselm's with their generous time and energy along the way. We also said goodbye to Aya, the preschool teacher, who lost her fight to cancer. A cherry blossom tree was planted in her memory to the northwest corner of the community garden.

We give thanks to God for each of you and for this parish we all call home.

Mi Ho & Naman Paul,
Rector's Warden & People's Warden

OUR MINISTRIES

WESTSIDE ANGLICAN NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY



Caring for and loving our neighbours who are homeless and vulnerable has been the focus of the West side Neighbourhood Ministry for the past 13 years. The Neighbourhood Ministry (NM) began the year with plans to continue all its programs including our Street Ministry, Mobile Care Unit (MCU), Angels Program, and special event celebrations at Dunbar Apartments. We also hoped to grow our ministry, having applied for a grant from the City of Vancouver to do so.

However, like everyone else on earth, our goals for 2020 were drastically altered by the COVID-19 pandemic. The need to serve our homeless neighbours became urgent and paramount. By the generosity and support of our parishioners we were able to maintain our momentum with very brave and committed volunteers.



2020 began with special packages made for the feast of Epiphany on the 6th of Jan. Thanks to Jane D. & Joanne V. who attended the City of Vancouver's Homeless mapping session on behalf of WANM on January 17th, giving them detailed information about the parishes involved, the area covered and the number of encounters by the outdoor teams. Thanks to both for attending this 'deeply upsetting, unsettling and almost intransigent' session which brought awareness of the plight of those in streets.

On February 26th the City of Vancouver approved a grant in the amount of \$26,600 (almost a quarter of what we applied for) to hire 'a project manager to equip volunteers for service to the homeless and vulnerable'.



In March, when the pandemic was declared, safety concerns prevented us from continuing our programs. However, we were still able to provide tax filing support for 48 of the 51 residents at Dunbar Apartments. On the 22nd of March, Vicky was able to connect with City of Vancouver's Homeless Services office, Mary Glover, and Rhona Thorton from St Phillip's. She was informed that all the surplus donations that all 4 parishes had accumulated could be dropped off at the emergency shelters opened at the Round House and Coal Harbour Community centres. Thanks to Heather and Doug who loaded up the car with food packages, clothing, rain gear, boxes full of men's underwear and socks and toiletries. The Coal Harbour centre had just opened and they had nothing to hand out. They were elated to get our donation to sustain 60 individuals at that time.

WESTSIDE ANGLICAN NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY



In May an invitation to participate in discussions and an exchange of ideas was extended to WANM, and I joined two others from other churches to collaborate with Marpole and Kerrisale (including Kitsilano) Community Meal Providers and advocates on the West Side where possible. We had once a month meetings and this resulted in being able to extend our ministry during the COVID shutdown and still be actively engaged in helping those most vulnerable, including our regular clients.

We became one of the donors at 'Kit's Cares' food outlet, with up to 30 bags of grocery donations per week. We also supported St. Augustine's Church in Marpole, where 90 -125 people were given food. We also supported the drop off centre downtown for clothing etc. In May, we dropped off 13 bags of clothing, back packs and shoes which were much appreciated. This continued until September.



On behalf of WANM, I attended monthly meetings of the Vancouver Westside Food Providers Association coordinated by Karen Giesbrecht. A huge thank you to Heather and Doug for making a collection box for food donations to be placed at the door of the church. They also were the driving force behind the collection and drop off of those items to St. John's, as well to St. Philip's weekly, or when we had enough to give. In June it became clear the we would not be opening the church till July or August, hence we continued the routine.

Pitman and Vicki Potter, officially retired from the WANM this year after 13 years of shepherding this ministry. Our original plan to have a celebration of their ministry among us had to be cancelled. We had our Annual gathering virtually. They were both thanked and lauded for their founding and leadership of this ministry at the June Zoom Annual Meeting (details can be viewed at the NM website neighbourhoodministry.com/news).

The WANM Board of Management was formed in December of 2020 with membership of four clergy leaders and four parish liaisons from St Anselm's, St Philips', St Helen's and St. John Shaughnessy. The purpose of the Board was to explore ways that we might carry this ministry into the future with both Pitman and Vicki retiring. We wanted to have a volunteer coordinator/manager and hence made the application to the City of Vancouver.



WESTSIDE ANGLICAN NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

In March, we received a grant of \$26,600 from Renter Services at the City of Vancouver in order to hire a program and volunteers' manager. Because of the pandemic, the hire did not take place until October, at which time the Rev'd Liz Hamel came on board as manager/clergy lead for the WANM. She reports to the WANM Board of Management.



In August, we were given permission by the Diocese to resume the Street Ministry, with several new COVID-safety protocols in place. At the same time, many of our volunteers, who are the backbone of our organization, had to step down due to the choice given to them to discern and for being mindful of their own safety. Rev Liz at the helm is actively recruiting new volunteers, which is no easy task when the church remains closed. Thankfully, the Outdoor Ministry is still able to operate with two volunteers each Saturday, offering food, clothing and, most importantly, caring and non-judgemental service to the 'neighbours they meet on the street. Unfortunately, because of a lack of available housing, we have been unable to place anyone in supportive housing for more than a year.



In September and October we were able to make our quota of packages, which was increased from 15 to 20 packages. We had laminated protocol sheets available to every member of the ministry, and we actively adhere to them.

October was, as usual, Homelessness Action Month at St Anselm's. Each week we examined our commitment and relationship with this wonderful ministry. I invited all in this ministry to share their impressions and experiences, as well as how this experience transformed them. My deep gratitude to both Marian and Peg for coming forward to record their experiences. The videos were published on our website as well as in our weekly email blast.

In December, St. Philips' graciously offered Rev'd. Liz a designated office space at no cost. We had initially offered use of shared office space to Rev Liz, but as we are now undergoing restorations, we are very thankful to St Philip's for their generosity.

WESTSIDE ANGLICAN NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY



During all of 2020 we were unable to restart the MCU or host luncheon events at the Dunbar Apartments. However, in anticipation of a full restart of our programs, we have applied for a continuation of the city grant, details of which are on the 2020/2021 WANM financial page. We continue to be in communication with the city about the need for housing and what options are being considered. We connect with other church and secular organizations in the city who offer food, clothing and care to vulnerable people. This web of connection is important as we continue to share ideas and needs.

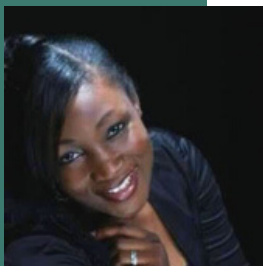
We are particularly grateful to the parishioners of St. Anselm's for their time, talent and financial support of this ministry throughout the year under constraints and protocols. Grateful thanks to each and every one who helped with our once a month packaging during the coffee hour; to those who always brought their donations of non perishable stuff; to the indoor team who took the responsibility of having packages ready and to see off the outdoor teams with bananas, oranges, boiled eggs and sandwiches once a month. To Marian, co-coordinator and member of the Indoor team; Jill , Shelagh, Millie, (who knitted 20 toques for Christmas gifts), Eyon Kim, Kin and Mi Ho, and to all who helped the Indoor team; and to Edwin, Peg, Eric, Heather and Tim of the outdoor team of St Anselm's—for their compassion and kindness I express my grateful thanks on behalf of the Parish of St Anselm's.

May God bless our ministry.

On behalf of the ministry,
Shirin Theophilus

**HOMELESSNESS
ACTION MONTH**
ST ANSELM'S ANGLICAN





CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

2020 was a year of challenges for our family ministry, as we shifted online in March and sought ways to support our families through this challenging time. Most of my focus during this year was to keep the families connected to each other, finding times to be together—when the public health orders allowed us to be—outside for play dates in the park and through phone calls. We were sad not to hold our annual Vacation Bible Camp, but given the pandemic it was just not possible.

Our Vicar Alex checked in throughout the year, and over Advent produced weekly video messages for the kids to help explain the different aspects of Advent. He invited us all to find ways to practice Advent at home, just as the church was practicing Advent too.

For Christmas Vicar Alex and I worked on gifts for the kids, which this year revolved around the image of family. We had icons of the holy family printed for each child, and Vicar Alex wrote a letter explaining how we are all part of God's family along with an invitation to pray the Lord's Prayer overnight as a witness to our belonging to that family. Alex spent Christmas morning delivering these gifts along with home communion to us all.

We continue to pray with our kids for you, and ask you to continue to pray for us as we look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

On behalf of the ministry,
Jumy Ogunsola



READERS' GUILD

The Readers' Guild normally provides lesson readers for our Sunday services and for special services as required. The past year proceeded as usual until mid-March, when St. Anselm's switched to online services. Thereafter, with restrictions on the number of people in church during online services and the need to minimize physical contacts within the congregation, lesson readings became the responsibility of the wardens. The Guild resumed duties briefly in September and October, when limited attendance at services was allowed, but the discovery of structural problems in the building and a return to more stringent COVID-related restrictions on attendance caused a return to reading by the wardens.

My thanks to those who read when we were active, and to Doug who took charge when I was away. Apologies to those whose readings had to be cancelled at short notice. We look forward to resuming duties when the pandemic has been overcome and the building repaired.

On behalf of the ministry,
Robert North

Jesus called his disciples
to him and said,
"I have compassion
for these people."

Mark 8:1-2



PASTORAL CARE

2020 was a very difficult year for those in the Pastoral visitation team because of the restrictions and protocols that prevented them from visiting those long-time parishioners who are unable to attend church due to illnesses, and some being cared for in homes and care facilities. It was also a year when we lost many whom we had been in touch with for years. As well, some of our dedicated 'visitors' had health issues themselves.

Foreseeing our unknown future, the decision was made to divide the whole parish into sections of 8 to 16 people and assign them a "Phone Pastoral Visitor". They will then be able to keep in touch with the whole congregation. Since we have had no access to the church, this enables us to be so blessed to engage in many lives week after week, have a short 'visit', and catch up on the well-being of those who are assigned to us. Thanks to all who volunteered to do this task! I am so blessed to be able to be in touch with so many whom I had not seen for the past 11 months, 'visiting them' every Thursday. During the Christmas season, gifts of poinsettias and greeting cards, and on Easter day, Easter lilies were presented to those whom we have in our list. A very special thanks to Heather and Alex for taking on this compassionate task.

We also had taken part in having services in the extended care facility, Purdy Pavilion at UBC. We were delighted to join with the United Church and bring a short service and carol singing via Zoom, which was taped and distributed to the Purdy Pavilion, VGH, and St Jude's Anglican Care Home. Thanks to Alex for extending the pastoral care to all who needed and for taking the Eucharist to homes when requested.

If you feel called to this ministry, please let Alex know, for this wonderful ministry extends mutual respect, love and a spiritual link alive for many.

We enter 2021 in prayer. "It is the praying heart that sanctifies the toil and skill of the hands, and toil and wisdom of the head. Prayer keeps work in line of God's will and keeps thought in line of God's Word."
—C.M. Bounds

On behalf of the ministry,
Shirin Theophilus



PRAYER MINISTRY

A report maybe submitted at vestry.



INTERCESSORS GUILD

The intercessors are volunteer parishioners who compose the Prayers of the People for each Sunday, and (in pre-Covid time) read them aloud during the Sunday service after the sermon. Currently they are read by one of our wardens, as the services are online. The prayers are usually around four to five minutes long in total, and include prayers for the church, the clergy, the world and its leaders, those suffering, those who have died, and a concluding prayer. Various renditions are offered, some preferring a short prayer in each category, emphasizing one area in particular, and others longer, but generally there is a pause of around twenty-five seconds after each prayer so that during the silences all have some time for personal prayer.

Currently we have five intercessors, which means composing the prayers once every five Sundays, and we'd be delighted to have others join us.

Please speak to Alex or me if you feel you'd like to participate. I'm grateful to Peg Gabor, Heather Friesen, Mi Ho, and Shirin Theophilus for their role in this ministry.

On behalf of the ministry,
Marian Slater

COMMUNICATIONS

In this uncertain year, St Anselm's communications with our parishioners were regular and reassuring. We tried to share the most current information possible as situations changed and evolved. We added live streaming and Zoom to our toolkit this year, further extending our reach into the community.

Technology was used in new ways to keep our community active while our building was closed to worship and other uses. YouTube, Zoom and reimagined fundraising events were quickly mastered and the results were 'more than we could ask or imagine'. Our services and fundraisers have developed with seamless integration to our website and emails, with a completely new way to order and pay.

Our weekly emails became an important delivery method for the service bulletin, music and other worship notes, and well as other parish news and information. Thank you to Mi, Kin, Heather, Alex for providing the bulletin and music weekly. We sent 60 emails to over 100 parish subscribers last year, and kept in touch with our 300 community contacts for Spirt(us). We also kept in touch with 300 facebook friends.

Our website stanselms.ca is kept up to date with the latest events and photos, and has prominent links to our YouTube online worship and a donate button.

We produced four in house booklets for ministry and reports, created with the online Canva subscription service. We also produced signage for Covid safety procedures for return to worship and for limited access due to construction.

On behalf of the ministry,
Peg Gabor



SANCTUARY GUILD



2020 has been an unprecedented year. While the year began with the regular church cycle, by March things were very different and shortly afterwards our church was closed for regular worship for several months. Even once the church was open (and then for only a few short months), the work of the Sanctuary Guild did not follow the regular patterns.

But worship did continue and the sanctuary continued to be prepared for worship every Sunday.

The work of the Sanctuary Guild would not have been possible this year without the guiding hand of Reverend Alex. The Guild is indebted to Reverend Alex for setting up and putting away the liturgical vessels and linens tirelessly for most of the year. It is due to his constant presence that our church services have flowed so well, all the while taking the necessary precautions to reduce the spread of Covid.

I would also like to thank Heather Friesen who beautifully arranged our flowers every Sunday, often from the flowers in our church's garden. I continued to wash and iron the linens. Somehow the sanctuary was always ready, and splendidly so, for Sunday worship.

I would like to thank the other members of the Guild who have helped in various ways during the year: Anne Mervyn, Peg Gabor and Naman Paul. While Shirin Theophilus is not an official member of the Guild, she has been the hand behind our flowers for many years and continued to assist in this ministry during the year.

Finally, I would like to thank those who contribute financially towards the flowers, in memory of their loved ones, past and present.

On behalf of the ministry,
Rosie Schipizky

PRAYER & PRAISE BIBLE STUDY



"In search for truth, nothing can be more encouraging than to be aware of the issues we are struggling with and to find ourselves with friends who are not only prepared to walk with us toward the answers, but who also ask further questions of us" - C. Rigma

The focus of this spiritual journey by studying the Bible along with friends was indeed a quest for truth and how the wisdom gathered may be applied by each of us in our everyday lives. This was a time to share our thoughts, witness our experiences of overcoming difficulties, share meals and sing joyfully praising God for all blessings.

Unfortunately the year 2020 was the year that marked the end of our Bible Study. Although we did begin the study by exploring women in the Bible, starting with Eve on January 20th, we had to end it on the 3rd of February due to many intervening factors. As Benjamin Lim entered his eternal rest it was very difficult for Carolyn to continue to host us in her home. We are thankful to God for enabling us to journey with Carolyn in her grief, and to support her when she needed it the most. This small group also supported Heather through the passing of her dear sister.

Preparation for the study requires significant time, and with so few people from St Anselm's attending it proved to be a challenge to continue. After much thinking and praying, Heather and I arrived at the decision that without a core group we may stop the study.

We rejoice knowing that all who attended shall continue to live in faith, and we feel so blessed that each person who attended the study all those wonderful years shall continue in singing and praising God, prayerfully uplifting others in prayers, celebrating and sharing food and sharing in the joys and sorrows of each other in their personal lives.

On behalf of the ministry,
Shirin Theophilus & Heather Friesen

You are the light
of the world.
Matthew 5:14.



NEW MEMBER MINISTRY

We began the year 2020 with joy and enthusiasm, all set to welcome newcomers as well as our parishioners, knowing that God had called us to this special ministry of being the face, hands and feet of our parish.

We begin prayerfully to receive all into this sacred place making them feel at home by greeting them and being prepared to answer all their questions. Both our Vicar Alex & Rector's warden, Mi are always at the door to make the initial contact. The newcomers are encouraged to leave their contact information before or after the service during the coffee hour. Usually Marian Slater will send a welcoming card on behalf of the parish. Many have responded with thank you notes for welcoming them to our community.

My gratitude to all ministry members: Jill Hamm, Marian Slater, Kin and Mi Ho, Heather Friesen and Pat Cowen. Both Andrew and Ruth Vivek have expressed their desire to join the team when we reopen the church.

Since COVID-19 changed the whole way of our lives, the team still keeps in touch with each other since we all are involved in many other ministries. We hope and pray that very soon the new 'normal' shall emerge and we shall be at the door with joy and smiles to greet all who enter our sanctuary from 'wherever they are in their spiritual journey.' Please speak to Alex or Shirin if you feel called to join this ministry.

"Solitude is meant to enrich the practice of community....our dreams of cooperation and sharing life together must be realized with courage and perseverance in an age characterized by independence, self sufficiency and isolation."

—Charles Ringma

On behalf of the ministry,
Shirin Theophilus

MUSIC MINISTRY



The year of 2020 was one of transition at St Anselm's. This was especially true for our music ministry. The first transition we had for music was the change in the role of music director and organist. With Tian's departure, I became her successor. And I was eager to share with all of you joy and laughter through my music.

Our year started very strong. Despite some minor setbacks, I was able to quickly adjust my musical approaches and tailor my playing to the needs of our congregation. The first big event was going to be Easter. I still remember the thrill I felt during the preparation. I was rehearsing with Alex, arranging pieces for our choir, hiring brass ensembles, and planning my organ improvisations. However, the pandemic hit right before Easter, and the wonderful visual and audio spectacles we have prepared for everyone could not be delivered as planned. This was the second turning point for our musical services.

Nonetheless, not all was lost. Under the leadership of Alex, we quickly began to stream our services online. The transition from offline to online also happened to our choral activities. Instead of having weekly gatherings in the church, we moved to Zoom and connected with each other spiritually and musically. We warmly welcome anyone who is interested to join us every Saturday! The growth in musical abilities of the Zoom sing-along members were astonishing. They have not only overcome technical difficulties to sing in tune, in time and in sync with one and another, but also performed many high-quality Christmas carols for our friends at Purdy Pavillion. I myself also adjusted my organ music when we began to stream our services. I explored the possibility of introducing solo-like improvisations with strong melodies and daring harmonies in order to draw everyone in before the start of the service. Just as we became familiar with the musical 'new normal', structural maintenance work forced us to abandon the organ and use exclusively the piano.

With only the piano at my disposal, I faced a conundrum. How do I make different verses of the same hymn sound distinct on an instrument that can produce only one timbre? I solved this issue by applying my improvisatory skills to hymn playing and getting the piano tuned. Now, using piano as the accompanying instrument has become a normal part of our services. However, this does not mean that Alex and I have abandoned our beloved organ. The instrument itself was in fact overhauled. We are sure that once everything is ready, we will welcome back the magnificent and powerful sound of the organ.

As difficult as the year 2020 was, I must say that I am extremely honoured to be part of this wonderful community. A special thanks to everyone who offered their time, talents and voices for the betterment of our music ministry! I look forward to another year of music-making with you in safety.

On behalf of the ministry,

Sam Zhai
Choir Director

BUILDING COMMITTEE



Despite Covid, Doug Chivers, David Sims and Em Vargas have continued to make repairs and improvements to the property. A note of thanks to Kin for his upgrades to the backyard, and all those who helped with keeping the property clean during this past year.

URGENT ISSUES

- The pavement, particularly at the church main entrance, must be repaired/replaced as soon as possible. (\$?)
- Trees: We need to assess the trees around the building and ensure we have weak limbs removed. It is a preschool safety issue. (\$200?)

Work done in 2020 included:

Building

- Rot in North ½ of "A" laminated beam, West End of Sanctuary: Rot discovered August 8 during roof cleaning and repair. Dr. Adebar of UBC suggested Michael Maclean, Structural Engineer, Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd. [RJC], who inspected it Aug.19. Many delays occurred: a long and fruitless hunt for original drawings and an inquiry about insurance coverage that was rejected. There was a very slow start by RJC, with McLean handing the project over to Kevin Riederer, (RJC) who, on Nov.10, agreed to work with Lee Odekirk of Mack Kirk, to design and install a proposed solution. Further delays by RJC pushed the work into 2021.

- The Trustees approved contracts with RJC (\$17,000) for design and construction oversight) and with Mack Kirk (\$91,000) for all work, including required asbestos removal and abatement and finishing the west Sanctuary wall with drywall). The Trustees also approved removal of the old boiler (\$17,000) which contained some asbestos. The safe removal was completed in early January/21. All air tests passed the clearance requirement.

Maintenance

- completed a range of projects from rezincing the roof (\$7,000); installing LED lights from 2019 (\$0); serviced the boiler (\$1,000); purchased an emergency generator (\$800); serviced the organ (\$2,400)

Grounds

- Paving: Doug and Heather repaired the pavement at the Narthex entrance with a DIY repair product (\$2000). We received a quote from Burnaby Blacktop for upgrading the parking lot and driveway, but we will leave it as is for now. The proposed repair options would cost \$7,425, \$18,982 or \$26,806.
- Gravel Parking Area: Rose Point School has jurisdiction over the gravel area east of our property. They set up pay parking so we asked them to grade it, which they did. It should be done twice a year as potholes are back. We will suggest this to Norma Rose Point School.
- Community Gardens: Repaired a few Garden Boxes in the Community Gardens, narrowing them to allow for mowing between them. (~\$200)
- Church Garden: Heather and Maren created a new flower garden, and vacated the plot in the Community Garden, which was then rented by Maren! (\$0).
- Lawn mowing: Doug and Heather have spent countless hours pushing that heavy lawnmower. Consider a battery powered self-propelled mower. We recommend an upgrade of some sort. (\$30 for gas)
- Streetlights in Parking Lot: BC Hydro will soon be cancelling power and maintenance for the 2 streetlights on our property (we pay them \$45/month for this!). We are considering solar-powered lights with battery storage. Norma Rose Point School has tentatively agreed to pay for one of the 2 lights. Commercial Lighting's option is very expensive compared with Amazon's. They claim Amazon is poor quality



BUILDING COMMITTEE



Work Planned for 2021

Some of these items have been on the list in previous years

- Rebuild the rotted "A", and associated work. Hopefully to be done by Valentine's Day. (~\$200,000)
- Replace a bit of the bottom of North wall of Sanctuary (\$500)
- Replace 3 opening windows in North wall of Sanctuary (\$750)
- Install LED rope lighting along west and north walls of church (purchased in 2018) (\$0)
- Major cleanup of Grounds (trailer rental & dumping fees (~\$100)
- Purchase new lawnmower (17" battery powered electric). (\$600)
- Investigate new parish signage for University Blvd
- General maintenance: clean roof of debris; power wash some areas; clean windows, mow and weed (\$0)
- Extend "ditch" at south end of office wing (\$0)
- Clear out/organize basement storage areas (\$0)
- Organize one or more Work Parties for some of these items (\$0)
- Purchase and install solar street light for parking lot (~\$1500?)
- Install home theatre sound system in Narthex (\$0)

Items to Investigate in 2021

- Consider a better way to care for the Memorial Garden (\$0?)
- Consider making Lexan storm windows for the preschool (\$??)
- Consider additions to the sound system that work with hearing aids [Induction loop; Bluetooth] (\$?)
- Be on the lookout for a better grand piano (Gift?)

Suggested Budget of \$4,000 for 2021
(excluding the Big Projects, of course)

On behalf of the ministry,
David Sims and Doug Chivers

OUR EVENTS

SALMON BBQ: AUGUST 15, 2020



The COVID-19 pandemic is been wreaking havoc around the globe, but God has blessed us with wisdom and patience. Do we need adjustment? Yes. Adaptability? Absolutely. Creativity is a necessity.

With all odds stacked against us, while everything was being shut down, we faced a situation where we had to think out of the box. Re-imagining events and executing them in a safe way for all was the key. This year's Re-Imagined Salmon BBQ and Beyond was the epitome of team building, coordination and execution. Sure, it was experimental but the outcome was a fun-filled event.



From planning and preparation to setting up logistics; from abiding by the COVID protocols to the pick up and delivery; and on to the finale, enjoying the meals in the comfort of our own homes—this was the witness of God's power working in us despite this challenging time that seemed to take the toll on our spiritual & mental health and psychosocial well being. Looking at all the mask-covered cheerful faces and enthusiasm made every effort we put in worth it!

Praise be to God, we sincerely thank the team—planners, coordinators, bakers, chefs, packers & delivery drivers—for their enthusiasm and energy to make this re-imagined event a reality! The generosity of our community was out-pouring, and thoroughly enjoyed by the team packaging and distributing the goodies, as well as those enjoying the meals in the comfort of their home. We might have been physically apart from each other, but we were together in spirit and virtually shared the same meal. Special thanks to the St Anselm's community for their support for this new concept of event. Until next time, we pray for strength for smooth transition to a new norm post-pandemic.



PS: Don't forget to mark your calendars as soon as the dates are announced for the events in 2021! We wish this year brings Hope, Peace and Joy for all of us.

The Wardens & Vicar
Event Coordinators

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL: JUNE 27, 2020



Under the leadership of our Vicar, with God's help, and with committed communication, committed team work, and a commitment to having fun, we kicked off this year's fair with a blast.

A new banner really worked to catch the eyes of passers-by, both pedestrians and drivers. We introduced new pricing and a table layout with a central cashier to attend to our guests' questions. We also had a greeter team roaming about to welcome people and help orientate them to the sale.

We were blessed to have students from UBC Faculty of Language working with us in the café. They were amazing! Despite the cold and wet weather, we were grateful to see the cheerful spirits of our patrons and guests, their enthusiasm for our gift ideas, poinsettias and holly, homemade baking, and especially the satisfaction on their faces after enjoying a scrumptious lunch and good company at the Yuletide Café.

We did more than raise \$2,041—we built community.

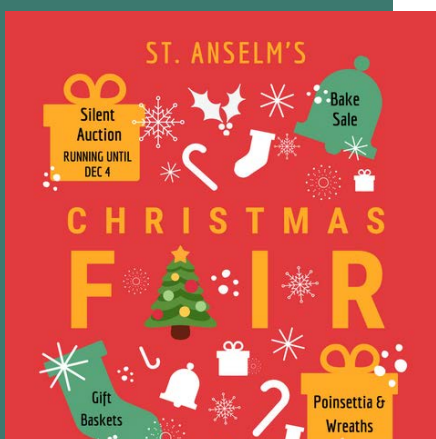
Mi Ho & Heather Friesen
Event Coordinators





PIE WITH A PURPOSE: OCTOBER 10, 2020

This thanksgiving, our leadership thought of a wonderful way to engage the wider community in our outreach ministries while indulging our sweet tooth. Almost two dozen pumpkin pies were baked with love by our Vicar Alex and sold to support our ministries. A flyer accompanied each pie to help people share information about how their donation went to support something greater.



CHRISTMAS FAIR: DECEMBER 5, 2020

Under shared leadership, our vicar, wardens and Heather came together to reimagine this year's Christmas Fair due to Covid-19 restrictions. While it wasn't the same, it was still just as much fun and our customers were impressed and thrilled by what they saw and bought.

The whole sale was online this year, with a custom sales catalogue produced by our Vicar to help drive sales. We focused on baking, gifts, and our traditional poinsettias this year, and saw many items selling out quickly. The whole sale was posted online via Eventbrite, and our Vicar did the back office work of confirming orders and managing the sales desk ahead of the sale. A team of socially distant elves packaged all the items ahead of the sale and prepared everyone's order. It was a lot of work, but also a lot of fun as we tried something new.

The silent auction was one of the many traditional events that went online this year. We are so thankful for the generosity of parish members who offered their articles for fundraising. The auction process was streamlined through a web platform Galabid, where people placed their bids. The person with the winning bid was contacted about collecting the article from the church. We had about 20 items to choose from, ranging from a delicious meal to be cooked by Shirin for PWRDF fundraising to porcelain dishes to Golf for 4 at the University Golf Club.

Altogether it was a fun experience. We did more than raise \$2,077, we built community.

Mi Ho, Naman Paul, & Heather Friesen
Event Coordinators

St. Anselm's Vestry Report- 2



PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT (PWRDF) SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 22, 2020

On Reign of Christ Sunday, while the whole world was under the scourge of COVID-19 pandemic, we were on the cusp of the season of Advent. We were made to ponder and examine our lives in the light of Christ as to how we might live as true witnesses to Christ's love for the world.

Supporting Primate's World Relief & Development Fund by our prayers and generous giving is one way we can do this. Our Parish of St Anselm's has reached out over the years, helping with numerous crises and emergency situations all over the world, and with the development and rebuilding of cities and villages. Yes, we are recreating new and joyful realities all over the world by engaging in this work.

Through PWRDF's All Mothers and Children Count program, we became partners in helping programs in Rwanda, Mozambique, Tanzania and Burundi. The sudden onset of COVID-19 pandemic brought fear that all the good work would be lost if we just left the project, but the Government of Canada has awarded PWRDF a \$1.98-million grant to extend the work of the AMCC partners. The funds will support these vulnerable communities through the COVID-19 crisis. The grant included a 6:1 match for a total project budget of approximately \$2.3 million.

As usual, at St Anselm's our service for the Reign of Christ Sunday included a presentation on the work of PWRDF. Intercessory prayers focusing on the victims and families of the COVID-19 all over the world, for all who work tirelessly to fight this pandemic and care for the afflicted, and for all mothers, newborns and children of the world. Two skits, one with doctors readying supplies to send by drone to villages in Rwanda, and one about an afflicted mother from Burundi were written, performed, recorded and posted to the church web site. Thanks to actors Edwin, Thuy, Doug and Heather who proved to be great actors!

Fundraising for PWRDF was a real challenge with our church still closed. People were invited to pay forward for an Indian night. We also offered an Indian Dinner for two in our church auction. We raised \$ 885.00 to go to PWRDF to the Mother & infant & child project working for COVID prevention in four African countries, which will be matched 6:1.

Dr. Martin Luther King's speech in 1969 said that we are called to play good Samaritan in life's roadside which is only an initial act. He said , "One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on the life's highway..." Let us join forces with PWRDF as Canadians , as disciples of Jesus Christ, to provide a way to uphold justice and peace and respect the dignity of every human being in parts of the world's most vulnerable and impoverished places. Thank you for your continued support & generosity.

Shirin Theophilus,
Parish Representative for PWRDF

St. Anselm's Yearly Report - 2

2021

**NARRATIVE
BUDGET**



St. Anselm's
ANGELICAN CHURCH

OUR FINANCES

**TO FUND GOD'S
MISSION IN OUR
NEIGHBOURHOOD**

FUNDING GOD'S VISION FOR OUR LIFE TOGETHER

God has given us gifts to steward the ministry of the Gospel in this neighbourhood for the last 68 years. Part of funding the ministry is making our own commitment with our gifts of time, talent, and money to the development of what God is calling us to do here. Together, we are to 'go and make disciples of all people, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.' Our ministry is one of engagement, developing relationships with our community, and deepening of faith, for the sake of God's kingdom.

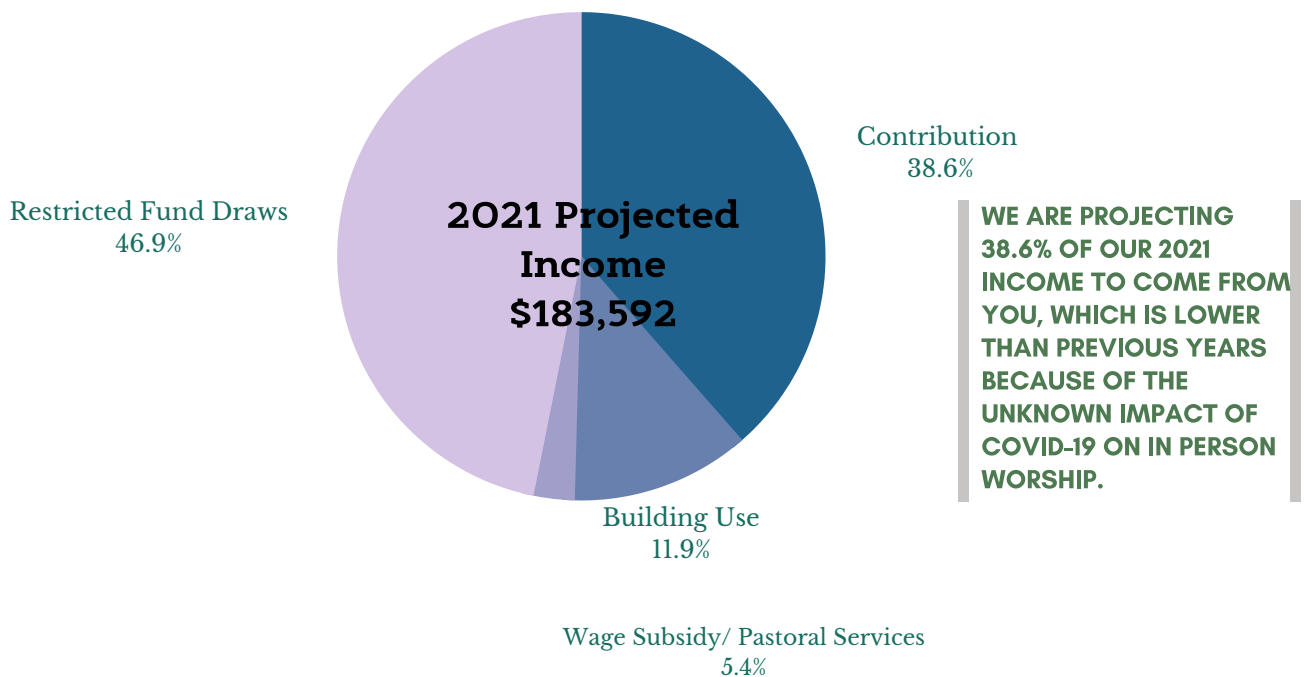


2021 MINISTRY FINANCE GOALS

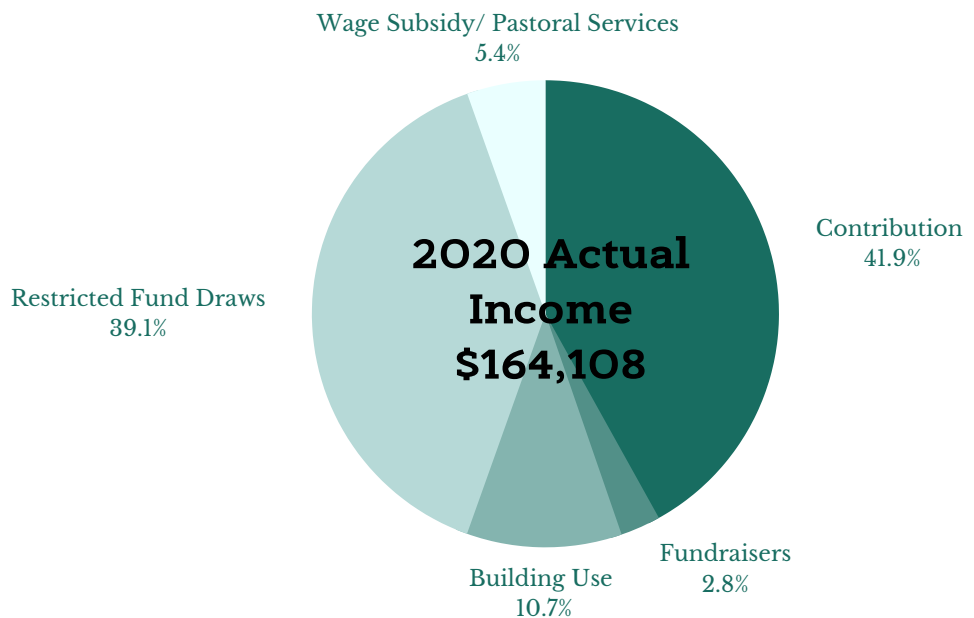
- **Strengthening our Stewardship**
- **Growing our Community**
- **Decreasing our Dependence on Restricted Funds**
- **Expanding Outreach**
- **Deepening Relationships**

2021 FINANCIAL PLANS

FUNDING OUR MINISTRY IN 2021



OUR INCOME STAYED RELATIVELY STABLE WHILE OUR EXPENSES DECREASED OVERALL DUE TO COVID-19 RELIEF FROM THE DIOCESE AND BEING CLOSED FOR MOST OF 2020 DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS.



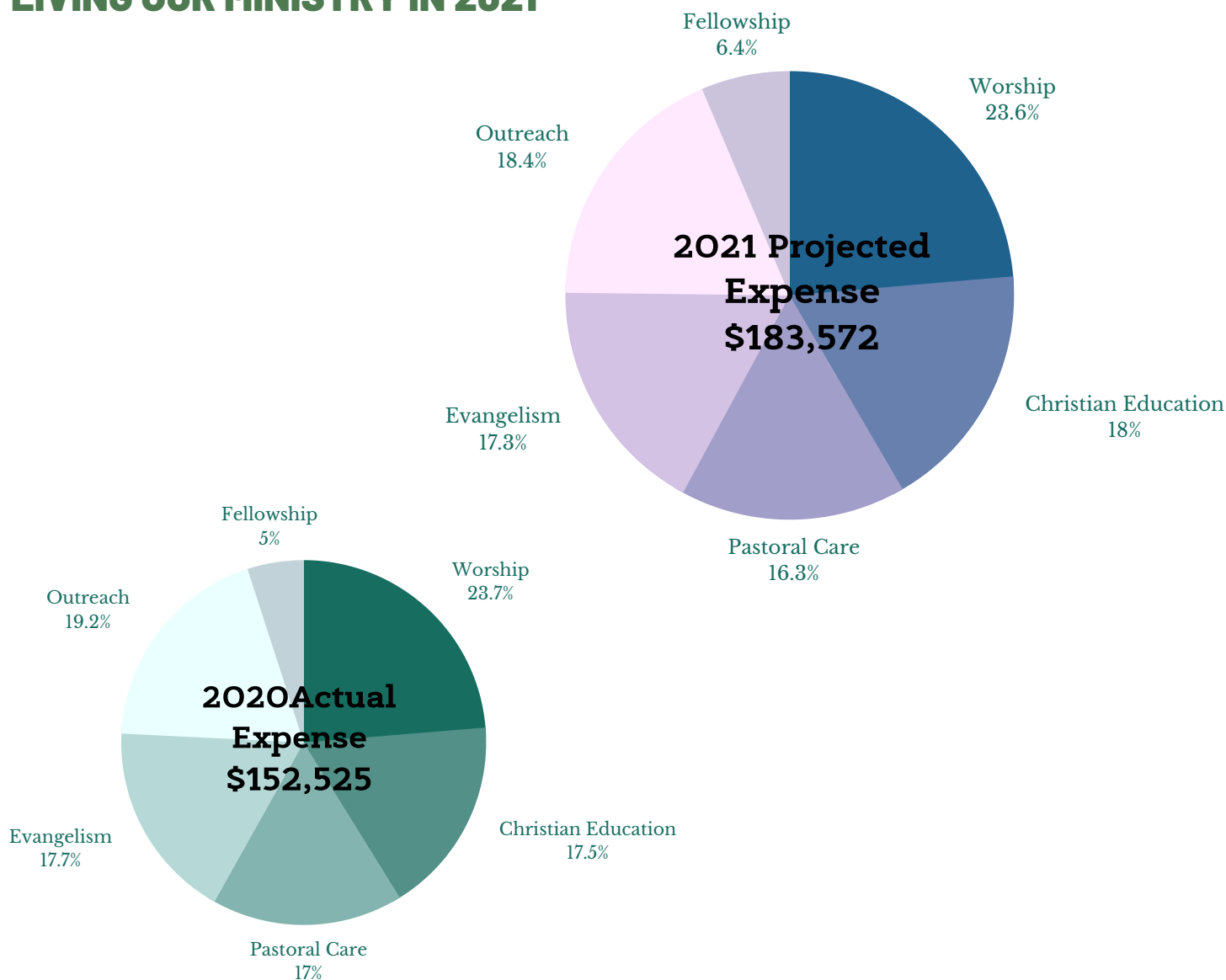
The way we fund our ministry is directly correlated to our participation in what God has called us to do together. The ministry we share is a mutually transformative one, which deepens our relationship with God and neighbour, while helping others experience the transformation we experience as well.

BUILDING AND DEEPENING RELATIONSHIPS IS ONE OF THE HALLMARKS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

Our parish has been gifted with an abundant endowment, from the sale of our rectory as well as from our founders and parishioner bequests. These resources carry with them withdrawal restrictions, which means we cannot use the core amount for current operations; we rely on the interest, which is not guaranteed. This interest income helps us provide for our ministry today, while providing for the generations to come.

2021 FINANCIAL PLANS

LIVING OUR MINISTRY IN 2021



The way we live our ministry over these areas is a direct response to the ministry we share in Christ. Our expenses are spread over these six areas to help remind us that we do not have a bill to pay here—rather, we have a ministry. We believe that God is in the details, which means that our vicar's salary, diocesan assessment, and other expenses are part of how we live out our ministry—because they give us the tools we need to thrive in God's mission in this parish.

OUR FINANCES ARE NOT JUST NUMBERS, THEY ARE PEOPLE. OVER 8,000 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME ENABLES OUR MINISTRY. WHICH REPRESENTS AN ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT OF \$168,000 *

*based on a \$21 living wage

Our joy, found in community, brings us into closer proximity with God in our everyday. Together we support ministries like the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry, PWRDF, Urban Aboriginal Ministries, and the VGH Chaplaincy. This important work of supporting the call of God to make disciples of all nations relies deeply on the gifts and abilities of people like you.

PROJECTED INCOME/EXPENSE FOR 2021 AND ASSETS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2020

A DEEPER DIVE INTO OUR COMMITMENT TO GOD'S MISSION.

ST. ANSELM'S ANGLICAN CHURCH Projected Income and Expense Sheet 2021

INCOME

Contribution	71,000
Fundraiser	5,000
Building Rentals	20,592
Restricted Fund Draws	87,000

Total Income **183,592**

Projected Surplus **20**

EXPENSES

Payroll/ Diocese	143,600
Administration	4,550
Building and Grounds	24,772
Outreach/ Ministry	5,600
Training	1,300
Worship	3,750

Total Expense **183,572**

Temporarily Restricted Funds As of December 31, 2020

Temporarily Restricted Funds	Year End Fund Value	Restricted Amount	Available Amount
Capital Renovations	81,073	1,676	79,397
Bank Term Deposits	57,855	57,855	0
Parish Fund	116,951	116,951	116,951
Projected Draw from Parish Fund			-85,000
Projected Draw from Bank Term Deposit Interest			-1,000
Draw from Capital Renovations to Capital Expenses			-19,397
Draw from Capital Renovations for Capital Repairs			-60,000
Total	255,879	176,482	
Total Income for Ministry Expansion			30,951

Permanently Restricted Funds As of December 31, 2020

Permanently Restricted Funds	Year End Fund Value	Restricted Amount	Available Amount
Rectory Fund	1,473,040	1,448,624	24,417
Rectory Inflation Fund	77,235	77,235	0
Parish Endowment Fund	330,318	218,579	111,739
Projected Draw from Endowment Fund for Training			-1,000
Transfer from Rectory Fund to Rectory Inflation Fund			-15,000
Transfer from Rectory Fund to Capital Renovations			-9,000
Draw from Endowment for Capital Repairs			-73,000
Total	1,880,593	1,744,438	
Investment Income for use according to bylaws			38,156

2020

**REPORT
FROM THE
TREASURER**



St. Anselm's
ANGELICAN CHURCH

OUR FINANCES

**LOOKING BACK
AT THE YEAR
THAT WAS**



St. Anselm's
ANGELICAN CHURCH

Forming Missional Disciples Since 1953

5210 University Blvd, Vancouver, BC, V6T 2H5
604-224-1410 | office@stanselms.ca