

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH

Fredericton, NB

2012

ANNUAL REPORT

Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin

Rev. Ellen Beairsto

Ministers Emeriti: Rev. Vic Moriarty, Rev. Cliff Moase and Rev, Bob Jones

Organist Emeritus: Eric Tennant

Virginia Leiter - Organist

Steven Peacock - Choir Director

Marlene Phillips - Office Administrator

Randy Randall - Sexton

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MINISTER'S REPORT

I am delighted to write that we have had a very good year during 2012 at Wilmot United. Much has been accomplished on several levels and thoughtfully so.

We have had a significant change in our governance system from Official Board and Session to the Council model. This has also allowed us to create new groups such as the Faith Formation Committee, Pastoral Care & Health and the Financial Planning Working Group. We have also made hospitality an important part of our study, thinking and forward planning.

Our Transition Team continued its process of overall planning until June and then we set up an Implementation Team to manage all the details resulting from the change to the Council system. The result of their dedicated work was a very smooth change and we had the first meeting of Council in September 2012.

We had our triennial Presbytery oversight visit in the summer and that went very well indeed.

One of our outreach program enhancements is the launching of [Wednesdays@Wilmot](#). This is a Wednesday morning program where we meet with those who are in need of support and assistance. We were fortunate to have as our partner, the Community Health Clinic and one group of UNB nursing students. This was a wonderful working relationship which we hope to continue.

We took on an important partner, sharing our building space- Big Brothers Big Sisters. We are very satisfied with the way that is working out as we learn to work together as two

organizations operating within the same building.

We also were able to add a half-time minister to our staff in July 2012. Rev. Ellen Beairsto is no stranger to Wilmot United and she fitted in right away. Her responsibilities include Christian Education and Pastoral Care. Her presence has been a wonderful gift to our ministry team. Further, we celebrated Rev. Bob Jones' retirement and installed him as one of our three Ministers Emeriti.

We also had the privilege of sponsoring two nurses who are members of our congregation as they took the Parish Nursing course during 2012. Their internships, done at Wilmot, made everyone more aware of the great blessing it is to have a Parish Nurse as part of the ministry team.

The energy and passion amongst the congregation of Wilmot United is an inspiration. It shows itself in many ways; at social events such as the Corn Boil and Progressive Dinner, at fundraising events such as the Rummage Sales and the Auction, in the compassionate deeds of pastoral care quietly given, in the dedication of Committee members and the faithful discipleship and generous giving of all our church family. I can say, with complete honesty, that I feel privileged and blessed to be part of this ministry that is ours together.

Rose-Hannah Gaskin, BN, MScN, MDiv, STM

FROM OUR OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR

Annual Report time again! The weeks, months and lately I am finding the years roll by so quickly!

2012 at Wilmot has been filled with changes and improvements.

A new camera security system was installed in August and I am ever so grateful for this! It has definitely made me feel safer especially whenever I am in the building alone.

Some of the changes for me here at Wilmot were the form of government from Boards and Committees to Council - I must admit, an easy switch from my perspective. My dear friend, Bob Jones retired in June. Ellen Beirsto came on staff and I am enjoying working with her. I got a new computer over the summer and most recently Wilmot leased a new photocopier. Guess it was time I "modernized" myself and learned the technique of computer, fax and printer all being connected. Not exactly a smooth transition but one more thing I conquered - well am still adjusting to! I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Garth Caseley who has been so willing to work with me during this transition period. I couldn't have done it without you, Garth.

The Voucher Program took on a new look and new personnel. I know the folks who come here for a voucher are also very appreciative of our new format.

July was the completion of my 20 years at Wilmot. You will notice that I have a new title - Office Administrator! I guess you could say this was my anniversary/birthday present from M&P.

Fall of 2012 saw me slowly participating in some of the activities at Wilmot - attended and enjoyed so very much the Scott Woods concert, the cornboil at the Robinsons was something I always wanted to attend but just never seemed to do - it was a great night. One of these years it is going to be convenient for me to participate in the Progressive Dinner! Grandchildren do come first though!

Wilmot is such a vibrant, active community that I am truly looking forward to working with and/or drinking coffee with each one of you! Thank you to Wilmot Seniors and Quilters for including me in your fellowship times.

Thank you to my rep, Richard MacTavish, who is always only a phone call away. I appreciate your consideration of my many requests.

A special thank you goes to my "Proofreader", Peter Gough. Peter has been so willing to proof the bulletin and the Weekly Email on a consistent basis and I so appreciate it.

Marlene Phillips

STATS for 2012

BAPTISMS

1. Robert Geoffrey Breen-Harris
2. Suzanne Sheila Washburn-Pynn
3. Mallory Elyse Ehrenreich
4. Viktor Matthias Ehrenreich
5. Gwen Sydney MacTavish
6. Tegan Ross Arie Parker
7. Charlotte Catherine Beirsto
8. Emmalaya Isis Black

MARRIAGES

- 1. Jessica Thomas & Sheila Ebbett
- 2. Jean Barlow & Amanda Turnbull
- 3. Steven Brucker & Karen
van Middlesworth
- 4. Shane Dickie & Erin Dixon
- 5. Robert Powell & Cathy Dymond
- 6. Michael Stewart & Andrea Black

DEATHS

- 1. Bessie A. Johnston (M)
 - 2. Eric Tennant
 - 3. William Howe (M)
 - 4. Doreen McCormack (M)
 - 5. Charles E. West
 - 6. Helen (Jean) E. Griffiths
 - 7. Mary Jane Colwell (M)
 - 8. Clarence J. McIntosh (M)
 - 9. Wayne A. Nightingale
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OFFICIAL BOARD/CHURCH COUNCIL

At the Annual Congregational Meeting in February 2012, we agreed to explore a new organizational structure in an effort to improve communication within the congregation and better serve our mission in 2012 and beyond. The Official Board was mandated to identify a new structure and create an implementation team to support the transition to the selected structure. Members of the Implementation Team were Jeff Beairsto, Greg Black, Shirley Cleave, Craig Frame, Rose~Hannah Gaskin, Ann Kennedy, and Susan MacLeod. At its meeting in March, the Official Board accepted the recommendation from the Implementation Team that Wilmot adopt a Church Council structure. The proposed Church Council structure was approved for a 2 year pilot at a Congregational meeting held on April 22, 2012. The Implementation Team met several times over the spring, summer and fall to

identify issues and develop strategies to facilitate the move to the new structure. The inaugural meeting of the Church Council was held in September 2012 with all members of each committee invited to the celebrations.

During 2012, the Official Board and then the Church Council provided leadership for several new initiatives within the congregation.

Space

Sharing Our Space

Recognizing that our physical space is one of the assets we have for ministry, we continued the work begun in 2011 to consider how to better use our church building to support our vision. After a year of planning and exploration, a working group identified three potential partners with whom we might share our space. At the Congregational Meeting on April 22, 2012, the congregation agreed to enter into a five year partnership with Big Brothers/Big Sisters (Fredericton). It was felt that their values and goals were compatible with Wilmot’s and their programs and activities helped us live out our mission. Over the spring and summer, a contract was developed and necessary minor renovations were completed. Big Brothers/Big Sisters (Fredericton) moved in to office space in Wilmot Hall on October 1, 2012

Making our Space Safe

Following the recommendations of the Working Group on Church Security, a new security system that controls the exterior doors to the hall was installed in late summer 2012. This has resulted in an increased sense of safety and security for our staff and has not impacted the integrity of Wilmot as an open and welcoming church.

Beautifying our Sanctuary

In 2012, the congregation was able to honour the bequests that had been received to complete our choir stained glass window. The new window was dedicated during the worship service November 18, 2012.

Living out our Vision

Enhancing our Committee Structure

As part of the restructuring process, the terms of reference for all committees were reviewed to ensure there were no gaps or overlaps in the ministry of the congregation. A new committee, Faith Formation, and a new working group, Radical Hospitality were formed to support our ministry in these areas. These units have been busy establishing their identity and mandate and developing programs and activities.

Providing Ministerial Leadership

Our Joint Needs Assessment Committee had recommended that we required 1.5 ministers to provide leadership for the congregation and a Search Committee was struck to fill a half time position. The Congregational meeting on April 22, 2012 adopted the recommendation of the Search Committee that we request Woolastook Presbytery to appoint the Rev. Ellen Beairsto to fill the .5 vacancy for the period of July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013. In a few short months, Ellen has had an impact on our ministry with children and youth and provided pastoral care for many within the congregation.

In recognition of Rev. Bob Jones' outstanding service to Wilmot United, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Ministry and Personnel Committee to appoint the Rev. Bob Jones as minister emeritus at the end of his term. Bob was a consistent clergy presence in our congregation for 12 years, providing

exceptional pastoral care and words of wisdom laced with humour from the pulpit. He and his wife, Johanne, have also been faithful choir members. A celebration to honour Bob and formally appoint him as Minister Emeritus was held in June 2012.

In her third year at Wilmot, Rev. Rose~Hannah Gaskin has continued to provide the leadership and spiritual guidance the congregation needs as we move into a new organizational structure, seek to become a more welcoming church, and strive to live out our mission. Her commitment to the life and ministry of Wilmot is evident in all that she does: leading worship, facilitating discussions, working with committees, supporting individuals, etc.

Recognition of Other Staff

Wilmot is blessed to have two fine musicians on staff: Virginia Leiter, Organist and Steven Peacock, Choir Director. Through their gifts, they not only contribute directly to our worship services, but they also enable choir members to share their musical talents.

Marlene Phillips, our Secretary, continues to keep the office running smoothly and supports the work of the church in many ways that few people see. Randy Randall, our Sexton, makes sure that our large building is clean and is always willing to help out when asked.

Expressing our Gratitude

On Thanksgiving Sunday, Wilmot recognized several more reasons to be grateful. On that Saturday evening a fire broke out next door to the church. While the building housing the Isaac's Way restaurant was destroyed, all of the 26 tenants escaped unharmed and the church suffered only minor damage due to the heroic efforts of the City Firefighters. Isaac's Way has been a partner with us for

the Saturday Night Drop In and despite their personal loss, the owner, Jason LeJeune, made arrangements for other local restaurants to provide food to continue to support the Drop In program. We invited the firefighters to our Christmas Dinner so that we could say “thank you” in person and they gave us a cheque to support the work of the congregation. We are truly grateful for the support of others in the ministry we strive to live out.

Reviewing our Ministry

The Pastoral Relations Committee of Presbytery conducted a triennial visit at Wilmot in July 2012 to review the work and ministry of the congregation. While the attendance wasn’t large because the meeting had to be held in the summer due to some scheduling challenges, but the discussion was open and heart-warming. The visitors noted that the congregation “had undergone a period of instability, but is now finding its feet again”, “feels like family and is deeply concerned with its community” and has “something very special in Wilmot”. We appreciate the support of Presbytery.

Members of Church Council September 2012-February 2013

Shirley Cleave, Chair
Susan MacLeod, Secretary
Bob Lutes, Treasurer
Garth Caseley, Wilmot Information Team
Nancy Chase, Pastoral Care and Health
Maggie Clarke, Stewardship and Finance
Judy Coates, Outreach
Carlinda Daigle, Worship
Ann Kennedy, Faith Formation
Andy MacDonald, Ministry and Personnel
Owen Washburn, Nominations
Bob Willis, Trustees
Linda Gough, UCW

Norm Laverty, Presbytery
Elizabeth Savoie, Presbytery
Gail Wylie, Presbytery
Rose~Hannah Gaskin, Clergy
Ellen Beairsto, Clergy
Craig Frame, Implementation Team

Respectfully Submitted
Shirley Cleave, Chair
Susan MacLeod, Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees held 5 regular meetings in 2012. The Capital Maintenance Fund provides the Trustees the monies to maintain and provide upgrades to the sanctuary, Wilmot Hall and the Dr. G. M. Young Hall. Of the \$40,000 budgeted by the congregation for 2012, donations were \$38,360, 95.9% of the budgeted amount.

The Fredericton Rural Cemetery Balance Sheet for the period ending December 31, 2012 is included in this report. Our investments performed well in 2012. Please see the financial reports for more details.

The tenants of the Old Manse completed their renovations of the building in 2012. They had plans to open a restaurant on the ground floor. After several failed attempts, they decided instead to sublet the ground floor. As of December 31, 2012, no one is occupying this space. Consent of the Trustees is required to approve the sublet.

In March of 2012, Andrew McCausland visited Wilmot United Church to take the measurements for the choir memorial window. Later he provided possible designs for the window. A design committee of

Blaine Atkinson, Marjorie Atkinson, Barb Frame and Jack Oudemans selected the final design. An installation committee of Peter Gough, John Leroux, Jack Oudemans and Bob Willis looked after the other details to see the windows, panels and plaque installed. The window was installed on October 2, 2012 and was dedicated on November 18, 2012.

On October 2, 2012, Wilmot Untied Church welcomed Big Brothers, Big Sisters to our church family. They are renting 4 rooms from us in Wilmot Hall. In preparation for their arrival painting was done in one room, additional plugs were installed in 3 rooms, a new blind was put in 1 room.

On October 7, 2012, a disastrous fire destroyed Isaac's Way and the rooming house above it. The Fredericton Fire Department did a great job in saving our building. Our building received major smoke damage. The kitchen, parlour and other rooms required a thorough cleaning. The gymnasium required a complete paint job. A special thanks to Service Master for putting the building back to order.

Other projects completed in 2012 included, repairs to the sanctuary and Wilmot Hall furnaces, replacing one sink and faucet and repairing the counter in the kitchen, two CD recorders for the sound system, partial roof replacement (King St. Side) and roof and drain repairs to gym roof, expenditures to implement space sharing plan with BBBS, replace 8 CFL bulbs in gymnasium, exterior mid cycle touch-up painting, replace exterior rotten wood and replace exterior carpet at front entry of the sanctuary, terrazzo floor repair - Carleton St. entry of hall, electric latch retreat exit devices and video intercom for hall doors, replace office computer, refinish

woodwork at front of sanctuary - platform, rails, 5 tables, 2 chairs , mat for Carleton St. entry, increased lighting in the alley and a new light over the King St. Wilmot Hall entrance.

Going forward, the remainder of the lower roof of the hall roof needs replacement soon and so does the gym roof at a later date. The sprinkler system requires upgrades, a new dishwasher is required for the kitchen, a new gym floor, new flooring in Wilmot Hall, drop ceiling in 4 rooms of Wilmot Hall.

As you can see, 2012 was a busy year for the Trustees. Many more projects will need to be undertaken in 2013.

Submitted by,
Bob Willis, Chair

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Stewardship and Finance Committee (formerly the Committee of Stewards) meet the first Wednesday of the month. As always we witnessed a very busy and fruitful year.

In February, under the leadership of Wendy Topolski, we held a *Celebrate Stewardship Program* centered around a Narrative Budget. In March we reviewed the results of the Program with the "yes" responses amounting to \$7-8,000 annually.

Jeff Beairsto and Peter Curtis represented our Committee on the Expression of Interest Working Group for the sharing of space at Wilmot. Three "like-minded" groups expressed interest in the sharing of space. In June the congregation voted to have the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Fredericton and Oromocto, Inc. share space in Wilmot Hall

beginning in September.

In September we were faced with the replacement of the roof over the choir and board rooms. A drive for funds, *Raising the Roof*, was undertaken to cover \$20,000 of the costs. A *Scott Woods Concert* was held as a fund raiser in September. Our *Biennial Auction* was held on November 17th. This was followed by a *Sounds of the Season* fund raiser in November. In all, \$26,677 was realized for 2013 fund raising efforts.

A special tribute is paid to the late Dave Moore who was a valuable member of our Stewards Committee and co-chair of our auction this year. Dave always contributed deep wisdom to our committee and was a valuable support in the success of the auction.

My heartfelt thanks to the team members of the Committee, Bob Lutes (Treasurer), Jeff Beirsto, Peter Curtis, Anne Stewart, Kal Hazan, and Wendy Topolski, for sharing their wisdom and leadership. A special thank you to Rose-Hannah Gaskin for her spiritual guidance.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie Clarke, Chairperson

MINISTRY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

The M&P Committee was involved with several changes this year. On June 30, 2012 Rev. Bob Jones retired and was named Minister Emeritus. In July, we welcomed Rev. Ellen Beirsto as our part-time minister. We have been blessed over the years by the faithful service of Rev. Bob. We look forward to working with Rev. Ellen.

We had a triennial visit from members of the

Pastoral Care and Support Committee of Woolastook Presbytery in the fall and received positive feedback.

There have been a few member changes on our committee as well. Helen Creelman is taking a break from M&P and George Cross (Rev. Bob Jones' rep) is no longer involved. Thanks to both Helen and George for their support of the ministry of our church. Sue MacLeod (Rev. Ellen Beirsto's rep) and Debbie Bradbury (supervisors) are new additions to our committee.

Thanks to the members of the M&P Committee for their dedication.

Respectfully submitted,
Andy MacDonald
Richard MacTavish (co-chairs)

REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

It's been another strong year for the two music ensembles for which the Director of Music is responsible--the Wilmot Senior Choir and the Frank T. Pridham Memorial Handbell Choir--as well as for the community-based Fredericton Male Chorus, which rehearses regularly at Wilmot and participates from time to time in its musical outreach. It was the FMC's season-ending concert on May 12th, incidentally, which brought all three groups together in a successful fundraiser for Chrysalis House and Transition House.

The 36-voice Wilmot Senior Choir, a four-part (SATB) chorus, continues to be a very important part of all of our services of worship here at Wilmot. The Senior Choir performed 42 choral anthems in 2012 (and helped enormously in facilitating the congregational hymns and the worship services generally) in

a range of classical and contemporary sacred styles, and this year, thanks to new and returning choristers in the bass and soprano sections in particular, continued most gratifyingly its musical evolution. One of our projects in 2013 is to purchase new (and long overdue) choir gowns; we already have around \$1200 in our (internally-generated) choir gown fund.

The Frank T. Pridham Memorial Handbell Choir performed at 9 services of worship in 2012, in addition to several performances outside of this context, notably at St. Anne's Court and at the aforementioned Fredericton Male Chorus fundraiser. Like the Senior Choir, the 11-member Handbell Choir rehearses faithfully on Thursday nights (except during the summer) and consists of ringers drawn primarily from the Wilmot congregation but also from the wider community--the sort of musical outreach which I consider a valuable addition to the musical life of Wilmot United Church.

It continues to be a huge privilege and a great pleasure for me to collaborate with our esteemed organist Virginia Leiter; she is a rich and generous resource who is an integral part of every aspect of our music mission here. I might add that, beyond the instrumental support which Virginia and I are able to provide for worship, Wilmot was blessed in 2012 with several instrumental soloists from beyond our walls, notably Nadia Francavilla (violin), Sally Wright (flute), and John Tickner (trumpet)--all professional players whom we greatly value as colleagues.

Respectfully submitted,
Steven Peacock
Director of Music

PASTORAL CARE & HEALTH COMMITTEE

MEMBERS: Maureen Toner; Kelly Ebbett; Karen Watson; Nancy Chase; Rose-Hannah Gaskin; Ellen Beairsto; Chair, Dana Hanson.

The Committee met monthly except during the summer and Christmas season.

Highlights from the year 2012 -2013

Parish Nursing

- The Committee served as the coordinating committee for our two Parish Nurse candidates from Wilmot United who were doing their Parish Nurse Practicum.
- Both Karen Watson and Kelly Ebbett fulfilled and exceeded all academic and community-based goals.
- They had extensive interaction with our congregation, such as education sessions, blood-pressure clinics, and interaction with individuals.
- They successfully completed their course in November, 2012.
- Karen Watson has taken up a Parish Nursing position in Ontario and we wish her well in her new calling.
- At our last meeting (February, 2013), we approved a Parish Nurse pilot project for Prenatal Care of those in the community who cannot afford prenatal classes. This will be given by Kelly Ebbett.
- We see this as an ongoing Parish Nurse presence in our congregation as we contemplate a permanent Parish Nurse program in the near future.
- Kelly Ebbett will give a further report on Parish Nursing at our annual meeting.

Pastoral Care

- The committee recognized the very important role of the Reverend Bob Jones in

pastoral care in our congregation and pledged to work with him in this time of personal and congregational change.

- We welcomed the Reverend Ellen Beirsto in the fall in her role of Christian education and pastoral care engagement.

- Over a number of meetings we have explored various models of pastoral care and Ellen will be announcing an exciting new initiative which will involve herself as well as the congregation in a pastoral care network.

The committee also looks forward to continuing to work with the Reverend Ellen Beirsto and were very pleased with the extension of work with the congregation

- We would like to acknowledge the many known and unknown members of the congregation who have continued to provide pastoral care in their own individual ways. Thank you and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Respectfully submitted.

Dana Hanson

PRAYER AND HEALING MINISTRY

In the United Church healing ministry is seen primarily as the continuance of Jesus' healing ministry – concerned with restoring *“the balance and wholeness of body, mind and spirit, not only within the individual, but also with relationships, community and creation.”* (Ross Bartlett, Imprints, 2005)

At the inception of the **Prayer and Healing Ministry** at Wilmot, there were 3 separate components which eventually came together: **Prayer Circle**, **Contemplative Services** or

Services of Healing and the offering of **Healing Touch** treatments. (In the United Church of Canada, Healing Touch is called the **Healing Pathway**).

The Prayer Circle offers prayer daily for those placed on our Wilmot Prayer list. Prayer requests / intentions may be for physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual or family and relationship challenges. The number of intentions on the list at any one time varies between sixty and ninety, and come from both within and outside Wilmot Church. The Prayer Circle membership has been ten over the past year. Rev. Ellen Beirsto is the primary ministry contact. For the first half of 2012, Rev. Bob Jones was the primary ministry contact. Names or intentions may be placed on the list by contacting one of the ministry staff or by contacting Guy Vezina (455-6174) or Raday Brown (454-3001).

Services of Healing (Contemplative Services) provides a quiet space for rest and restoration through prayer, meditation, music and various dimensions of healing. At one time in the history of this ministry there were at least three contemplative services a year.

Healing Touch is an energetic healing technique which was originally developed by nurses to facilitate relaxation and healing and to ease discomfort and anxiety. When used in the context of the Christian tradition we focus on the healing presence of Christ, and then through prayer and the use of touch, Christ's healing is directed to the individual. In recent years, Karen Watson and Sue Short have been the most visible agents of this work and have offered educational opportunities to acquaint people with this avenue of healing. With the departure of Karen, we are awaiting new opportunities.

In spring of 2012, the Healing Ministries, Prayer Shawl Ministry and Nurse Practitioners participated in a time of reflection led by Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin.

Submitted by
Maureen Toner and Sue Short

**WORSHIP AND SANCTUARY
COMMITTEE**

2012 saw the first full year of the current Worship Committee members with Carlinda Daigle representing the Sanctuary Committee. 2012 was a year for putting structure and process in place to guide the members of both committees.

The Sanctuary Committee would like to thank Barb Frame and Betty Shore for their 6 plus years of dedication to the congregation at Wilmot United Church. They will be missed but are wished the best in their future endeavours.

Below is 2012 in review for the Sanctuary and Worship Committee:

Committee Study Sessions on "Five practices of fruitful congregations"

Ash Wednesday (February 22)

Stained glass Window by John Leroux
(March 25)

Palm Sunday (April 1)

Maundy Thursday (April 5)

Good Friday (April 6)

Sunrise Service (April 8)

Easter Sunday (April 8)

Earth Day (April 22)

UCW 50th anniversary (May 6)

Christian Family Sunday Service (May 13)

International Day Against Homophobia
(May 20)

Appreciation Day (May 27)

Pentecost (May 27)

United Church of Canada 87th anniversary
(June 10)

Wilmot United Church Anniversary (June 10)

Welcome Sunday (September 16)

Pet Blessing Service (September 30)

Thanksgiving & Worldwide Communion
Sunday (October 7)

Remembrance Day (November 11)

White Gift Sunday (December 2)

Hanging of the Greens (December 9)

Sunday School participation and /or choir cantata (December 16)

Christmas Eve Services – 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.
(December 24)

Christmas Eve Communion – 11 p.m.
(December 24)

Baptisms – 8; Weddings – 6 and Funerals – 4

Submitted by,
Carlinda Daigle

**WILMOT INFORMATION TEAM
(WIT)**

Wilmot Information Team is a small group of seven people whose task is to provide information about activities, groups, services and people within the faith community of Wilmot United Church; and to provide information (as appropriate) about Wilmot Church to the community at large in the Fredericton area. In 2012 we met formally as a committee six times, with numerous additional informal gatherings.

The congregational newsletter, *Words from Wilmot*, was published and distributed three times in 2012: April, September and November. Additional publications included posters and flyers for specific events and activities, and Welcome Kits for newcomers to the congregation, especially valuable as

introductory material in the Fall. Newspaper advertising on a regular weekly basis, as well as special advertising for seasonal activities (Christmas, Easter, Anniversary Sunday, etc.) is also managed by one of the members of WIT. One of the bulletin boards in the church is updated regularly with timely newspaper clippings about Wilmoters.

The church's web site continues to be a widely used part of Wilmot's information outreach: in 2012 it had registered nearly 10,000 visitors. Information about PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) and "Canada Helps" was added in 2012, making it easy for people anywhere in the world to make financial donations to Wilmot Church. The podcast continues to share parts of our worship services for those who choose to listen. The whole web site received a new look mid-year in 2012.

Wilmot Information Team arranged in 2012 for the congregation's membership in "Tech Soup", a Canadian organization that makes computer software available to us at significantly reduced prices. One of our members submitted a photo of our church's interior for the 2013 United Church calendar, which was chosen for the month of October.

Wilmot Information Team continues to offer assistance in purchasing audio-visual equipment and computer hardware and software for the congregation's use, as well as to offer technical assistance to groups and individuals as needed in operating audio-visual equipment owned by the church.

Submitted by
Garth Caseley, Chair

Members of the WIT committee:
Nancy Bauer, secretary, writer and advertising
Rev. Ellen Beirsto, Ministry Personnel
Lucille Caseley, writer and editor of *Words from Wilmot*
Kathie Goggin, writer and alternate representative to Church Council
Jack Oudemans, photographer
Rick Patterson, publisher of *Words from Wilmot*

WILMOT SENIORS

We welcome any Senior to our meetings and outings. It was another successful and enjoyable year for our group in 2012! Over the last year, we met 16 times and our average attendance for meetings was 20 and for outings was 43. Our total attendance in 2012 was 354.

In addition to a games or Bingo day every month, we enjoyed several outings and guest speakers. This year five guest speakers included Carol Anne Daigle and Lenard Velensky who showed pictures and spoke of their various travels on and African Safari and to see polar bears, and Monarch butterflies; Beth and Monica speaking all about their Tuesday morning programme to distribute vouchers and provide assistance to those needing our help ; story teller extraordinaire, Rod Campbell; our Parish Nurses, Kelly Ebbett and Karen Watson; and Rod Campbell once again allowing us to explore our personalities with the Myers Briggs Type Indicator. We also enjoyed a musical quiz with John Beyea and our mid-winter pot luck lunch. In September, we held another pot luck lunch which we were pleased to share with our ministers. After our lunch we learned all about an ancient instrument called the Shofar, courtesy of Arlene Johnston. Three outings were also a

part of our year's activities. In June we took part in a Mystery Tour to Gagetown NB and enjoyed a lunch catered by the UCW there followed by a tour of the Old Court Courthouse. From Gagetown we travelled to Grand Lake for tea and refreshments at the summer home of Helen Dykeman and Gabe Gibson with entertainment by Neil Orchard and friends. In October we traveled to the Mactaquac Lodge for lunch. Our Christmas dinner was held at Aggies and was followed by a carol sing led by Ian Stewart and Stephen Peacock. At this gathering our 48 members brought gifts to be given to the Men's Shelter in Fredericton. We also made financial donations to the church this year (\$100) from the offering collected each week and sponsored a bulletin in honour of our members who passed away this year.

Many thanks to our ministers, to Marlene and Randy, and to all of you who made the year a great one. We are a group of Seniors, married or single, who like to spend a couple of hours, usually twice a month with other Seniors, to talk, laugh, visit and enjoy a nice cup of hot tea and a light lunch before we head for home. If anyone is interested in joining us, just watch the bulletin or drop in any time the 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoons between September and June. You'll be very welcome. It's a nice way to meet other seniors who like to call Wilmot Church their home!

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Breen

QUILTERS/MORNING OUT

Every Wednesday the Wilmot Quilters/Morning-Out group meets in the Wilmot Parlour around 9:00 am. We work at various projects, the main one being quilting.

Most often we have two quilts on the frames and have had as many as fifteen quilters working at a time. Some of our friends come to work on their personal projects, or, simply come to enjoy friendship and a cup of tea and yummy treats. We have celebrated birthdays, have had soup lunches, and, have enjoyed both a Summer and Christmas Luncheon hosted by our members.

We are continuing the tradition of arranging quilting/sewing workshops. This year we are piecing and quilting at least two quilts from blocks that have been donated and making up a special Christmas Wall Hanging Kit-- hopefully for sale in November. We welcome those members who wish to teach new techniques, and, we love our "show and tell" times when we get to admire creations made from personal fabric stashes.

Members have earned funds from quilting the quilts; but also, have personally made and donated quilts and other sewing projects for sale. Funds are also raised from free-will donations from those who attend. With our fundraising efforts we have been able to donate to the Wilmot Roof Fund, The Salvation Army, The Red Cross, and the Buy-a-Night Campaign. Beyond this we prepared and wrapped candles for the Christmas Eve Service, bought supplies to complete quilting projects, and purchased a fireplace for the Fireside Room. Our accounting is done by the UCW Treasurer, but the funds are managed by The Morning Out/Quilters' group.

Please know that you are welcome to join us any Wednesday.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Stewart

WILMOT OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Several ongoing activities happen over the year under the auspices of the Outreach Committee. These are varied in time, duration, focus/goals, and people involved. Each activity/ project has come about to address a need or social justice issue in our community, country, or world. We aim to provide educational content and learning as well as action. The Outreach Committee consists of about 6-8 people who meet monthly (1st Wed. of the month) to review ongoing activities and deal with any new business, projects, or issues that arise.

Wilmot Community members are essential to the success of our endeavors. You can be involved in one or several Outreach activities as your time, interest, and skills allow.

Although all the activities are important that Outreach supports, a few noteworthy accomplishments over the 2012 year are:

Wilmot Outreach continues to support the "Access to Justice" Special thanks to Gail Wylie & Norm Laverty who continue to champion this issue.

In fall of 2012, the Access to Justice Working Group formulated a renewed focus for our work in 2012-2013. The focus is based on: outcomes of the February 2012 Forum held at Wilmot; a meeting in summer 2012 with an expert on 'Legal Problems of Everyday Life'; and consultations this fall with Access to Justice Coalition member organizations in New Brunswick. We formulated the concept of a 'Total Care Justice System', which deals with broad access, not just getting into court. We have asked for a meeting with the NB Law Society to explore where common ground

might be found to improve access to justice for those who cannot afford a lawyer. Lastly, we will be documenting problems of access experienced by the poor – e.g., barriers to accessing benefits. This initiative is being augmented by a project with two UNB pro bono law students, Gwenyth Stadig and Keith Walkinshaw, who are comparing benefit legislation, to the regulations and the policies used to administer the benefits, in order to better understand apparent barriers. In November 2012, the Working Group also made submissions to the NB government on the proposed regulations for the return of the Small Claims Court, supported by Access to Justice since 2009.

Fair Trade product sales are steady with Breagh MacDonald Rahn & mother Gayle managing this social enterprise. They have increased the variety of products which are bought with the Debbie McIntosh fund & profits returned to this fund. This fund is paying for the coffee served on Sundays. 'Breaking the Silence' brand is our 'choice' Wilmot coffee supporting a coffee co-op in Guatemala.

Norm Laverty & Drop-In Coordinators organized an overnight August excursion for the Drop-In participants to Camp Woolastook. The Drop-In Food donations have continued since Isaac's Way Fire through the generosity of 6 restaurants in town. Jason Lejeune owner of Isaac's Way demonstrated his commitment to Wilmot's Drop In by organizing and coordinating this. We expressed our gratitude to Jason & his staff as well as the Firefighters by inviting them to our Christmas Dinner as our guests.

Elaine Kenyon & Rita Roach plus crew did a huge job organizing & soliciting support from

all of Wilmot members who made the Holiday season special for 31 families (newcomers to Fredericton) by providing gifts and grocery gift cards from Superstore and Victory. St Andrew's Presbyterian assisted by providing & delivering the gifts for 4 of the 31 families. This is a partnership with MCAF.

'Wednesdays at Wilmot' is the new name for our street outreach program coordinated this year by Rita Roach and Beth Paynter and volunteers. This program is growing in services offered through the help of nursing students, PfY outreach workers and other community services.

Wilmot continues our membership in CAGH (Community Action Group on Homelessness)

Donations totaling \$2600 were provided to a variety of community service organizations and social justice activities.

In November we had an after church presentation & video with guest Freddy Wanbango Mwenengabo increasing our awareness regarding the conflict in the Democratic Republic of Congo. We continue to support Freddy's work with East and Central African Association for Indigenous Rights (ECAAIR) - fundraising supports victims of the war, especially raped women and children; presentations and letter writing maintains advocacy and awareness-raising for the victims.

We welcome your participation at any time. Feel free to contact the outgoing Outreach chair- Judy Coates judycoates@rogers.com 454-5631 or the following Committee members &/or specific program coordinators:

Outreach Committee Members continuing into 2013 will be:

Chris Colwell, Elaine Kenyon, Gail Wylie, Beth Paynter, Terri Maclean, Norm Laverty, Gayle MacDonald and Breagh MacDonald-Rahn, Melva Curtis, Rita Roach, Lynn MacKinnon; Judy Coates – past chair & Council Rep.

Other Activities not mentioned above include:

Soup Lunch Fellowship/ fundraiser
Community Kitchen Teams of volunteers
Interchurch Refugee Committee
Saturday Night Drop-In volunteer teams
Representative attends "Greater Together" gathering of various church reps.
Education on social justice

Submitted by,
Judy Coates

CUBA TWINNING COMMITTEE

Historic Background

Since 2006, Wilmot United Church has had a twinning relationship with the Protestant Seminary of Theology ("Seminario Evangélico de Teología") in Matanzas, Cuba. This relationship has been in accordance with the guidelines of the General Council Office of the United Church. The formal terms are set out in a written agreement of a 3 year duration. It has been renewed once.

The living dimension of the twinning relationship has included visits to, and from, the Seminary. They have varied in length from a few days, to three months, and even to a year. Wilmot has participated in the Seminary's activities. Visitors from the Seminary have participated in Wilmot's activities. As well, we have planned and carried out some activities together. This relationship has created a new excitement

about the church for both youth and the still youthful. The Cubans have appreciated our encouragement.

Originally, Wilmot saw the twinning relationship with the Seminary as a practical exploration of some of the scholarly views of John Dominic Crossan. These views looked at the “Kingdom” envisaged and lived by Jesus, within the “matrix” of the Roman Empire. This practical exploration continues. However, with more knowledge about the Seminary, we have been attracted by the mission of the Seminary to train ministers and lay people to serve their communities. We have experienced the practicalities of this mission not only by being involved in Cuba but also by having practitioners of this mission working side by side with us in Canada.

Current Activities

1) Visit by Moraima González

In the past year, we have welcomed Moraima González, who had meetings with us in Fredericton and was one of the main resources at the mission fair in Moncton, organized by the Mission Education Working Group of the Church in Action Committee of Maritime Conference of the United Church. Three Wilmoters were part of this Working Group.

2) Bolivia, Cuba

The Cuba Twinning Committee of Wilmot United Church has also been working with Canaan Baptist Church in Bolivia, Cuba, concerning the development of a centre for disabled persons. A married team of graduates of the Seminary resurrected the dream of a resident of Bolivia for the centre. This centre serves disabled persons and volunteers regionally and nationally with training and exchanges. It also serves the

families of disabled persons locally. There has been an exchange of E-mails between Bolivia and Fredericton. Our Committee as struggled with the situation, wanting to see that the centre be realized, but without creating a dependency of the community on Wilmot. Wilmot over the last 2 years had helped to facilitate the development with about \$900. However, the project required \$5,000. These discussions were a real learning experience for the Wilmot Committee. The committee decided to ask Monica Coll, who was going to Cuba anyway, to explore the situation on a face to face basis. Representatives from Bolivia came to Matanzas for these meetings. The Seminary contributed room and board for the participants. Monica carried with her \$1000 from Wilmot with authority to hand it to the representatives from Bolivia, if she discerned that it was appropriate to do so. Monica was more than impressed with the planning. She handed the money over to the astounded representatives. On return to Fredericton, she recommended that we continue the relationship with the Bolivia project.

3) Trip to Cuba

Since then, the Committee has been planning a visit to Cuba that will go to Bolivia (“end of the road, then turn left”), Ciego de Ávila, Cuatro Esquinas, Matanzas, and Havana. The activities will include visits to projects and service institutions, as well as discussions with church and civil activists.

4) Support for the Seminary

Although the Wilmot committee is passionate about the community projects in Cuba, it remains dedicated to supporting the Seminary, whose resources must come from outside the country, since the neither church members nor government have resources to give it. The United Church supports the seminary nationally through the Cuba Council

of churches. Wilmot supports the Seminary on a small basis, with \$250 per visitor, over cost. Also, the Seminary recognizes Wilmot's support through its enthusiasm in all the collaboration.

Suggestions from the Congregation

The Twinning Committee is anxious to receive suggestions from the congregation for themes to be cultivated in the future: Christian education, youth, music and worship, recreation and dance, economics and civic involvement, services to seniors, literature and writing, renewal, etc.

Submitted by,
Norman Laverty

**BIBLE CONVERSATIONS
(Lectionary Group)**

Meets Sunday mornings weekly 9:30-10:30 am in the Board Room. We use the lectionary readings of the day as the center of our conversations, which are usually the Biblical lessons read in church. These often serve as the subject of the sermon as well. So our conversations often function as a warm-up for the worship service. We try to do "deep background" on the readings of the day, their origin, intent, original meaning, and how they speak today. We connect these stories with our own experience as much as possible, either starting with the stories and exploring our own interpretations, or starting with our own experience and relating it to the scriptures. Sometimes it all fits together and sometimes it doesn't. Attended by six or eight people on a morning, beginners or old hands, young or old. No right or wrong answers, only thoughtful opinions generously expressed. Starts with where we are and goes from there.

The "lectionary" is an ecumenical way

of organizing weekly reading of The Story over a period of three years so as to get the "get the picture". It is used by most major Christian denominations world- wide. We meet 36-40 times a year so the result is a cumulative awareness of the Bible and how it connects to life which is hard to find anywhere else.

Submitted by
Don MacDougall

WILMOT SEEKERS GROUP

The Wilmot Seekers are a group of curious people who are constantly looking for clearer and broader ways of knowing about God, understanding the human journey, and comprehending the world, and hopefully how it all relates together enough for us to make some sense of it. Generally we use a current book to help us with that adventure.

This church year it has been: The Power of Parable: How Fiction By Jesus Became Fiction About Jesus by John Dominic Crossan. Crossan breaks parables up into four categories as recorded by the Biblical writers: some function as riddles; others by giving examples of how one should behave (usually in the writer's opinion, not Jesus'); still others function as challenge parables (more likely Jesus' style); and finally "attack parables", judgmental stories usually not by Jesus but still instructive enough to make it into the Bible. 10 or 12 people usually meeting 3rd Thursdays 4:00-5:30 discussing several chapters at a time. Great fun.

Submitted by,
Don MacDougall

WILMOT UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Thirty-eight members of the Wilmot U.C.W. for 2012 met every second Monday in the parlour, with the exception of January, February and March when we met at noon. Programs of each meeting included devotions, business and a light lunch prepared and served with members who also took turns with the program. Special programs were held at Easter, Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day and Christmas. Our June meeting was held with a "dinner out" at Jack and Andy's on Prospect Street and the December meeting was a pot luck.

Programs for 2012 was a Foodless Food Sale in February, Bring and Buy in March, Thank Offering in April, September meeting program was "Least Coin", Laurie Drain was guest speaker for the Remembrance program in November and White Gift/Mitten Tree in December.

Several members attended the Inter-church Council World Day of Prayer 2012 held at Wilmot in March. The UCW provided the reception in the afternoon of March 4th. Nancy Gilbert, and Jeannette Hall have served at our representatives and reported to us on the activities of the Council. Lucille Caseley serves on the Executive of the Council. The UCW 50th Anniversary Rally was held at Harvey United on April 28th with the theme, "Moving into the Future" and was attend by several UCW members. The UCW celebrated the 50th Anniversary of UCW at Wilmot on May 6th. Our members served as ushers and greeters. A cake was provided for coffee and conversation. Lucille Caseley made a beautiful banner that now hangs in the parlor. Irene Forbes spoke at the service.

In February, UCW provided coffee and lunch for the Access for Justice program at Wilmot. In June the UCW provided lunch of soup and sandwiches for a meeting of the area United Church ministers. Along with the various catering projects and three funeral receptions, the U.C.W.'s major fund raisers for the year included the Foodless Food sale in February, Spring Rummage Sale in April, Fall Rummage Sale in October, Bake Sale in October and Pie Sale in November.

The U.C.W. contributed \$2,500 to the Raising of the Roof project. Kitchen renovations included a new sink and taps and counter top in the area around the sink. We also donated emergency lights for the parlour and the Carleton Street entry for a total of \$5,673 over and above the \$2,500 donated to the general funds of the church.

Our sincere and heartfelt thanks is expressed to all who volunteer of their time and talents to make our fund raisers a success. With the generous support of the congregation we were able to support the Mission and Service Fund, General Church Funds, Christmas hampers project and the Community Kitchen.

Cards were sent out to members of the Wilmot family who were ill, shut-in, or just needed to know we were thinking of them. We made our annual visits delivering Christmas bags to 47 of our Wilmot shut-ins.

We encourage and welcome women to come and join in our fellowship and fun as we move forward into 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Clarke,
Secretary.

UCW Financial report
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THE FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

The Faith Formation Committee is a new committee of our Church Council formed as a result of the new governance model. The committee has assumed much of the faith and spiritual development role of our former Session. The committee " is committed to the development, encouragement, oversight and, when called upon, the delivery of faith formation programs fostering fellowship and engaging the spirit of the Wilmot Community:" This is our mission statement.

As a new committee our intent is to get to know the programs that fall under our broad umbrella to determine our role in the support and co-ordination of these initiatives. As a starting point, the representative of the Cuba Committee has already been in attendance informing us of the varying activities the Cuba Committee is undertaking. Fellowship has been a primary focus in the early stages of our committee work, as we have helped co-ordinate the fall corn boil, the progressive dinner, and a Winter Warm-Up happening in March.

We have our vision set on future programs which will unfold gradually as we become familiar with our mandate.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Kennedy
Co-Chair of the Faith Formation Committee

THE FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKING GROUP

This five-person working group, empowered by the Council, is made up primarily of members of Trustees and Stewardship & Finance Committee.

Its mandate is to discuss aspects of Wilmot’s financial affairs, especially where the responsibilities of these two Committees overlap.

Recommendations would be made to either or both Committees. This allows Council to have a comprehensive picture of Wilmot’s finances- cash and investments as well as our operating and capital expenses .

Since the fall of 2012, we have discussed the Terms of Reference, drafted a 5-year financial plan and reviewed the existing document on a Planned Gift Fund.

Our next task will focus on recent bequests and financial gifts. We hope to develop and to recommend a process for making use of these.

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**WILMOT UNITED CHURCH
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
February 26, 2012**

The Wilmot United Church Annual General meeting was held on Sunday, February 26, 2012 in the gymnasium. The meeting was a continuing celebration of all that has happened over the last year and all that we continue to do for our own community and the greater community.

Present: Beth Arsenault, Pauline Athey, Marjorie Atkinson, Nancy Bauer, Jeff Beirsto, Peggy Brodie, Stefanie Boucher-Bouchard, Hazel Brewer, Claire Buck, Ron Buck, Tony Burnett, Twila Buttimer, Lois Champion, Maggie Clarke, Shirley Cleave, Judy Coates, Helen Creelman, Kathleen Cruttenden, Edie Colson, Ted Colson, Peter Curtis, Helen Dykeman, Kelly Ebbett, Barb Frame, Craig Frame, Joyce Gallagher, Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Gabe Gibson, Nancy Gilbert, Linda Gough, Peter Gough, Dana Hanson, Carolyn Holyoke, Wilma Hunter, Bert Jarvis, Jeanette Jarvis, Elisabeth Jefferson, Lynda Johnston, Ann Kennedy, Blair Kennedy, Elaine Kenyon, Bob Lutes, Gayle MacDonald, Don MacDougall, Lois MacDougall, Janet MacLeod, Susan MacLeod, Cliff Moase, Joyce Moase, David Moore, Valerie Moore, Thelma Murdock, Derek Ness, Betty Nicholson, Jim Nicholson, Flemming Nielsen, Lorie Nielsen, Doris Peters, Drake Phillips, Lacey Phillips, Florence Potts, Garnet Randall, Ruth Randall, Margaret Routledge, Elizabeth Savoie, Carol Sheen, Norm Sheen, Ellen Sherren, Gil Todd, Maureen Toner, Wendy Topolski, Dot Vaughan, Ron Vaughan, Mary Anne van Oostwaard, Heather Weldon, Bob Willis, Krista Wong, Gail Wylie, Carol Young and Gordon Young.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin began the meeting with an opening prayer.

Opening Motions:

Appointment of Chair: Motion: Maggie Clarke moved that Shirley Cleave act as chair of the meeting. Seconded by Ian Stewart. Carried.

Appointment of Secretary: Motion: Ann Kennedy moved that Susan MacLeod act as secretary for the meeting. Seconded by Elaine Kenyon. Carried.

Permission for Adherents to vote on temporal matters.

Motion: Elizabeth Savoie moved for permission of adherents to vote on temporal matters. Seconded by Tony Burnett. Carried.

Approval of Agenda: Motion: Tony Burnett moved for the approval of the Agenda. Seconded by Gayle MacDonald. Carried.

Approval of the Minutes (February 20, 2011) : Motion: Greg Black moved that the minutes of the February 20, 2011 Annual General Meeting be accepted. Seconded by Craig Frame. Carried.

Celebrating 2011

Approval of the Annual Report: Motion: Moved by Nancy Gilbert and seconded by Gil Todd that the committee reports in the Annual Report be received for information. Carried.

Remembrance for those members who passed away in 2011.

Acceptance of Auditor's Review: Mary Anne van Oostwaard of Daye Kelly & Associates was present to give a review of the finances of Wilmot United Church for 2011. The review is a statement of the financial operations of Wilmot United Church. On behalf the congregation, Shirley Cleave thanked Mary Anne for the preparation of the report.

Motion: Greg Black moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Seconded by Jeff Beirsto. Carried.

Review of Financial Picture: Bob Lutes reviewed that while we had budgeted for a surplus of \$11 800, the year ended with a surplus of \$43 000 as a result of many successful fund-raising projects. Givings and investments were down in 2011. At this time our investment income is increasing. Our manse income is still low but we are building up equity and expect to be receiving rental income from the manse within a couple of years. Our level of employment expenses was reduced in 2011 and the cash flow situation has improved dramatically.

Recognition of Service for those completing their terms: Owen Washburn shared the names of those completing their terms on various church committees and thanked them for their efforts and dedication to the work of this congregation.

Recognition of Staff: Lois MacDougall named and expressed appreciation to the staff members at Wilmot. She recognized the level of commitment each demonstrated in the performance of their responsibilities. Lois noted the high level of leadership being given by Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin as she continually challenges us to learn and grow. Rev. Bob Jones has supported us through his pastoral visitation and also by participating in worship. Our Sunday services are enriched by the ministry of music provided by Virginia Leiter, our Organist, and Steven Peacock, our choir and handbell choir director. Marlene Phillips, our church secretary, and Randy Randall, our Sexton, have been hugely involved in every detail of the life and work of the congregation.

Enabling Our Mission in 2012

a) Stewardship Program- Wendy Topolski thanked the members of the Stewards for their efforts in the recent Stewardship program. In January the congregation was presented with a narrative budget to illustrate how we spend our money for ministry. Wendy encouraged us to consider moving up a step in our givings to support the many areas of our mission and ministry.

b) Appointment Committee for Half-time position – Elaine Kenyon presented an update of the work of this committee which was established by the Official Board to fill a 0.5 Ministry position at Wilmot. The members of the committee- Bob Breen, Jilliana Eagles, Elaine Kenyon and Richard MacTavish have met and have approved a posting of the position. This position is now on the Maritime Conference and Wilmot United Church websites. March 16 has been set as the deadline for applications. After that date, the committee will review applications, interview applicants and make a recommendation to the congregation.

c) Pastoral Care and Health – Kelly Ebbett shared that she and Karen Watson, the Parish Nurses at Wilmot, have set up their office and will soon be involved in the congregation. One focus will be to consider the overall wellness of the Wilmot congregation.

d) Physical Space as an Asset -Jeff Beairsto reported that the search by the Stewards for a suitable partner to share our physical space has progressed well. Serious interest has been shown by one party within the city. It was moved by Jeff and seconded by Gail Wylie that the Stewards continue their consultations on this matter, returning to the congregation when a decision must be made. Carried. Concerns regarding security, insurance, sharing the Sunday School space, additional custodial care, mission compatibility and parking availability were discussed.

e) Planned Givings – Bob Willis reported that the Board of Trustees has reviewed the Planned Givings Fund Policy which was passed in February 2004, and has decided that the provisions for the fund are still acceptable. Therefore, no changes are recommended at this time. A separate account for Designated Funds has been opened. Wilmot United Church is now able to receive Mutual Funds and shares for which the donor will receive a Capital Gains Exemption designation. Also, the Stewards will be hosting an information session on this topic in the near future at which a financial planner will be present for further clarification.

f) Transition Team Initiatives- Ann Kennedy identified the members of the Transition Team which was formed in July 2011 to assist Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin in guiding the Wilmot congregation through a period of change and renewal. The group acts only in an advisory capacity and provides a historical perspective for the minister. Various initiatives undertaken by the Transition Team were shared as examples of their role. Members of the Transition Team are Jeff Beairsto, Shirley Cleave, Craig Frame, Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Ann Kennedy and Susan MacLeod.

Ann thanked Rev. R-H Gaskin for her inspiration and leadership in challenging us to learn and grow.

g) United Church Presence in Fredericton – Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin shared a vision of Wilmot United Church acting as a catalyst in Fredericton, joining in conversation and in programs where several churches could work together to fulfil their missions better. Her goal of looking for other congregations to partner with us to accomplish more was supported by those attending this meeting.

h) Review of Organizational Structure- Craig Frame presented a model of a Church Council organization which would support the achievement of our church's mission while allowing volunteers to focus on their interests rather than having so many meetings to attend. A diagram of the council structure was presented.

It was moved by Craig and seconded by Maggie Clarke that the Steering Committee and the Transition Team meet to explore alternate organizational structures that might better serve our mission in 2012 and beyond. The intent is to identify a structure to pilot for a couple of years beginning in the fall. Carried.

Report of Nominating Committee – Owen Washburn presented this report and noted the formation of a new committee- Pastoral Care and Health. It was moved by Owen and seconded by Elisabeth Jefferson that the Youth Group Advisory Committee be added to the list of committees within the church. The members of this committee are Andrea Black, Greg Black, Anne Colpitts and Guy Vezina. Carried.

Owen then moved that the report of the Nominating Committee be accepted as amended. Seconded by Dana Hanson. Carried.

Budget for 2012- Bob Lutes spoke to this budget. Envelope givings are down this year, but the financial market is stronger, and the budget presents a very small deficit. A contingency fund has been established to allow us to deal with unforeseen circumstances with greater confidence. Bob feels that this is a very achievable budget.

It was moved by Maggie Clarke and seconded by Marjorie Atkinson that the budget as proposed for 2012 be accepted. Carried.

Explanation of Trust Funds – Bob Lutes explained that we have recovered the funds lost when the markets fell in 2008 and noted that the contingency line in the budget will be built up over the years to ensure that we can respond to any requested draw on designated funds. A working group has been established to make arrangements for the choir window to be installed by this fall through designated bequest funds.

Mission & Service Funds for 2012 - Maggie Clarke moved that our 2012 target for congregational givings to the Mission & Service Fund be \$60,000. Seconded by Greg Black. Carried.

Capital Maintenance Budget for 2012 - Bob Willis moved that our target from envelope and PAR givings for the Capital Maintenance Budget for 2012 be \$40,000. Seconded by Ron Vaughan. Carried.

Appointment of Auditors - It was moved by Maggie Clarke and seconded by Blair Kennedy that the financial unofficial audit be Daye and Kelly. Carried.

Thanks were expressed to Maggie Clarke and Bob Lutes for their serious commitment to budget matters for Wilmot. Also thanks were expressed to the Outreach Committee for organizing a delicious soup luncheon today and to Flemming Nielsen for managing the sound system for today's meeting.

Maggie Clarke moved that the 2011 Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan MacLeod, Secretary

Wimot UCW Treasurer's Report Dec.31, 2012

Balance on Hand January 1, 2012 \$10,183.22

Receipts:

Monthly Offering	2085.10	
Thank Offerings	191.00	
Annual Fundraising Projects	9840.75	
Unit Fundraising	3834.40	
Donations	303.65	
White Gift	135.00	
Least coin	39.25	
Bank Interest	<u>1.49</u>	
		\$16,430.64

Disbursements:

Mission & Service	2500.00	
Wilmot Church-General	2500.00	
Wilmot Church-Capital	4768.45	
Fredericton Community Kitchen	600.00	
Unit Help Project	400.00	
Fundraising Expenses	1207.08	
Sundry	748.79	
Transition House	200.00	
Wilmot Church Christmas Hampers	200.00	
Christmas Expense	278.87	
Transfer to Scholarship-M. McConnell	25.00	
WICC-Least Coin	<u>39.25</u>	
		-\$13,467.44

Balance on Hand Dec.31, 2012 \$13,146.42

Held in Reserve for Quilters \$1,022.29

Bank Balance Dec.31, 2012 \$14,168.71

Helen Young Memorial Scholarship Fund

Balance on Hand January 1, 2012 \$827.34

Bank Interest \$0.06

Memorial Transfer-Margaret McConnell \$25.00

Balance on Hand Dec.31, 2012 \$852.40

Held in GICs \$13,000.00

Respectfully Submitted;

Brenda Cameron/Treasurer

Fredericton Rural Cemetery

P.O. Box 383, Station A

Fredericton , N.B.

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Submitted to Cemetery Chairman

Ron Vaughan

Year End Report for 2012

Internments from April 16th, 2012 to Nov. 30th, 2012

	Full	Crem	Babies	Sub Total
McAdams	8	14	0	22
Bishops	8	8	0	16
Yorks	5	7		12
Families & Out of Town	0	12	0	12
Totals +Grand Total	<u>21</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>62</u>

These totals tell us that we are at 66% cremations for this year(2012), this putting us at the highest rate of cremations we have seen yet. Our total is down from previous years, even last year(67). We are not the only cemetery in this situation, Hermitage Cemetery was at right around 70% mid autumn and Forest Cemetery ended at 80% cremations.

(Late 80's, early 90's, we were averaging around 93 burials a year, going as high as 108 one year. The decline for us has been happening over the past few years. We all know the deaths in our city are not declining, but the population is not handling it in the traditional way anymore . More and more are choosing to be cremated, but with this option, "Urns" are becoming ornaments to be placed on the coffee table and mantel. Some are choosing to be spread over their favorite body of water or scattered with the wind. This leaves all the cemeteries with a lost income. How to battle this, I do not know. One option, is to give the public more options. With this in mind.)

This paragraph was in last years report, things have not changed a whole lot. We have not started selling Niches from the new Columbarium as of yet, trying to sell off the original as much as possible. I do believe we should start this year though, giving the public more options. We need a new graph done up for the new Columbarium , same as Don Manzer did for the original with what information you would like to see on it.

I think we should add another granite bench to the NE side. We received a Granite Bench from

the monument company when we initially bought, free of charge. It was installed on the SW side of the columbarium. If another Bench was added, this would give the same solace on both viewing sides, making both sides with the same appealing factors.

We have found in last few years the public are unaware that we still have lots for sale or any other options. Their comment usually is “ Oh I thought you were all full”, I experienced that recently when a woman called about getting 3 lots for her family as her father is in the Palliative Care Unit, not expected to live past 2 weeks.

The Oromocto Pioneers Cemetery doesn't seem to have this problem & they have 6 new Columbariums, but they advertise on a regular basis. We did put up a sign on the office building last year stating what we have, people are surprised when they see it. I thought you were all full! This is just to let you know what we are experiencing.

This year we were able to level and straighten 95 more monuments. This is an on going effort to keep them level, but by straightening them they are becoming more appealing , they are looking less like an obstacle course, especially in the old cemetery. This is also a yearly function, with roughly 4000 monuments to take care of, and more coming every year. This was also mentioned in last years report.

We also removed 26 trees, shrubs, that were over grown or threatening the foundations of monuments.

Summer Student

This summer we had a student, same as last summer, but a different student with different results. This student did not work out as well as previous years, we actually had to let them go mid season. He was in charge of keeping the grass short around the monuments by using a grass trimmer(whipper snipper). He also mowed when the need arose, plus he worked along side of Doug, top soiling and doing general maintenance , trimming trees, picking up garbage etc., same as years pass. But this year we had to supervise more often, he could not seem to think for himself, from one task to another.

Winter Closure

Even though we are not doing actual internments, business does continue. Bills for funeral homes when requested and receipts . As of right now we are down from last year in deaths involving us for spring burials. Checking the mail box on a regular basis for work orders, bills, cheques and correspondence. The paying of water & sewage bills from the city. Filling out summary sheets for deposits when cheques are received and looking after the deposits. Looking into general inquiries for customers, sometimes selling lots to families just losing a loved one, preparing for spring burial. This is happening more this year for some reason. Preparing reports for meetings, revising maps as needed with the help of Jack Oudeman.

Returning phone calls when needed.

Wishes and Wants for 2013

(We would like to move our supply of topsoil in the extension cemetery from the river bank to the fore front of Center Road Drive. This will eliminate a few graves at the end of the Center drive but we will gain at least double that at the river bank. Also with doing this we could mow more closely to the topsoil supply keeping the tall grass down. It would be more presentable to the public at this location. This would also be more accessible to the trucks bringing us the topsoil. This would involve pouring a concrete footing course to hold our concrete barriers to reduce spill over.) This was in last years report, although approval was given this did not get accomplished. I am going to use my forms from home to save us buying more material, my forms will be available the last of April, first of May.

“We seem to have more trouble each year with traffic in the cemeteries, speed and driving on the grass which is driving over graves, which in a lot of cases, is driving over freshly seeded lots. We think signs with a limit(15km?) and stating, “don’t drive on the grass” plus “no planting of shrubs” might help. At the very least, we could use them as a written rule they couldn’t argue with. We would need several (5) small signs for each cemetery(10 in total)”. This was in last years report. These signs were purchased and installed in the late summer.

“Also the sign that we have over building is deteriorating , it probably should be replaced in the near future”. This was also in last years report. This sign was also redone , a definite improvement!

“A sign between us and the Hermitage Cemetery would also prove to be beneficial. People stopping us from work to ask questions about the Catholic Cemetery(Hermitage Cemetery) is now an ongoing daily ritual. We think a sign defining the line between the two cemeteries, along with the cedar trees that we are planting will help deter this’. This was in last years report and was also accomplished. This has made a significant difference.

We are still working on a more definite line between us and the Hermitage Cemetery with cedar trees.

We are also planning on planting cedar trees along the new Cremation row in the lower cemetery. This is to add a more welcoming setting to the public. When asked they do like this idea, dividing up the lots every 10 or so. I know this sounds strange after we just removed so many trees, but this time we plant them(not the public) where they will not interfere with day to day functions of the cemetery.

We do not need new large equipment this year, maybe a new whipper snipper. Of course things happen but right now we are good. We do have a problem with deposits coming right up. T.D. Canada Trust no longer issues Deposit books, we will have to go onto the internet and print off deposit slips. I was able to scrounge a couple of books last year from the Halifax office but they will soon be gone. We at the cemetery have no computer, no printer and no access to the internet. Also the maps that we revise are being done off of Jack’s computer at home and his program. We then have them printed at Kwick Kopy off of a CD. This is a concern coming right up.

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**Fredericton Rural Cemetery #12526770-Balance Sheet
For The Period Ending December 31, 2012**

Assets

Cash

Investment account	\$13,971.84
Petty Cash Account	\$450.16
Payroll Account	<u>\$2036.48</u>
Cash total	\$16,458.48

Investments	\$810,354.41
Total	<u>\$826,812.89</u>

Statement of Operation

Revenue –

Sales and Service	\$50,241.24
Investment Income	<u>\$33,445.05</u>
Total	\$83,686.29

Expenditures-

Salaries	\$81,508.00
Purchases	\$19,861.55

HST-

Collected	\$6,587.26
Paid	\$2,334.56

Total	\$105,622.25
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NOTE:

- (1) All numbers used above for Sales of Service, HST were obtained from the quarterly HST reports.
- (2) All numbers used above for the assets and investment income were obtained from quarterly statements generated for the account.

2012 Envelope Givings Report

Interval	Local				M & S				Capital				Total Givings							
	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
1-99	35	35	35	49	57	39	45	46	58	60	32	36	37	51	53	31	27	22	36	39
100-199	17	25	28	24	33	31	27	26	32	43	28	25	28	28	32	20	19	28	28	24
200-299	20	17	23	26	25	15	22	24	28	24	25	23	28	30	9	9	15	21	16	17
300-399	17	15	20	15	19	14	9	14	13	13	13	11	15	11	10	10	11	12	15	14
400-599	24	29	27	34	39	14	16	15	19	19	15	17	18	21	19	19	26	19	30	36
600-799	26	26	27	31	33	8	7	9	8	9	8	6	5	7	5	23	20	31	22	28
800-999	20	18	22	23	21	4	2	3	4	4	2	1	4	4	17	17	15	10	16	24
1000-1499	33	38	35	35	31	6	10	9	8	8	4	4	4	4	36	36	39	40	49	40
1500-1999	14	10	15	14	13	2	1	1	1	1	4	1	4	0	25	25	25	26	30	30
2000-2499	10	11	12	15	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	22	23	28	17	15
2500-2999	10	9	6	6	7	2	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	14	14	12	3	14	10
3000-3499	2	3	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	2	9	10	8
3500-3999	2	2	3	1	3	3	2	2	4	4	2	1	4	4	2	2	5	11	3	4
4000-4499	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	2	2	4	1	2	2
4500-4999	3	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	4	4	2	2	3	4
5000-5999	2	2	2	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	3	3	4	6
6000-6999	2	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	6
7000-7999	2	3	3	3	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3	3	2
8000+	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	2	3
No of Envs	236	243	263	282	300	138	143	151	175	184	128	125	140	152	160	252	257	277	301	306
Total	225067	222495	236499	244006	238572	57098	55129	57696	59810	63638	38360	36678	40481	40838	40715	381547	370843	413307	394657	394031
Ave/Env	954	916	899	855	795	414	386	382	342	346	300	293	289	269	254	1514	1443	1492	1311	1288

Percentage Increase 2012/2011

	Local	M & S	Capital	Total	Envs	PAR	Number	Local	M & S	Capital	Total
Total	1.2	3.6	4.6	2.9 %	Envs	PAR	173	\$809	\$372	\$252	\$1,333
Average/env	4.2	7.3	2.1	4.9 %	PAR	78	\$1,270	\$494	\$395	\$1,917	

Envelope Givings compared to the PAR method of giving

	Local	M & S	Capital	Total
Total	173	\$809	\$372	\$252
Average/env	78	\$1,270	\$494	\$395

Total givings include donations to all church accounts. In 2012, there were 27 such accounts to which \$412,389 was given.

Visitors (those who are identified and can receive tax receipts) brought \$13351 to our church in 2012

The table is a summary of donations received by those who have numbered set of envelopes and by those giving by PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance.)

Thank-you to all the tellers and teller organizer Peggy Brodie for their extraordinary effort each Sunday in tallying our givings and to Marlene Phillips for her patience and energy that goes into keeping the envelope tracking system up-to-date.

respectively submitted

Graham Allen