

Vestry Report 2023

Reporting Decisions and Activity during 2022



Returning strength of onsite ministry

While the cessation of in-person services and events was abrupt a few years ago, their return was gradual through 2022. This report is an account of what happened at St. Margaret's through the year – increasing attendance at Sunday services; more hall use by community partners; a restart of the Sunday community meal and Inuit Christmas feast; Sunday School gatherings and choir practices back on the schedule. We also have a new roof, a new tent sign—and the Rev. Aigah Attagutsiak has a new title and honour.

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Proposed Agenda, 2023 Vestry

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Minutes, 2022 Vestry

Hosted online on February 27, 2022

Chair: Catherine Keresztesi

The meeting started at 11:30; participants were muted for the opening items. The land acknowledgement was given by the Rev. Aigah Attagutsiak, in Inuktitut and English. The opening prayers were delivered by parish clergy, in Inuktitut and English.

Housekeeping

The Vestry Declaration was read: *I solemnly declare that: I am a member of this congregation of the Anglican Church of Canada; I am of the full age of sixteen years; I am a regular worshipper with this congregation; I do not intend to vote as a member of any other Vestry in the election of Churchwardens or of Members of Synod during the ensuing year; and I am a supporter of this congregation by regular contributions to its maintenance.*

Affirmed by 22 of 27 persons in attendance.

Instructions for participating in the meeting were reviewed: How to have correct names show in the Zoom gallery; how to use the Chat feature to vote; how to request to speak; what to do if two people were using the same screen.

Appointment of the Vestry Clerk

It is moved that **Jane Waterston** be appointed Vestry Clerk for this St Margaret's Vanier parish Vestry 2022. The Vestry Clerk shall be responsible for recording the minutes of this meeting and submitting them to St Margaret's Vanier corporation for approval and inclusion in the St Margaret's Vanier parish Vestry Report 2023. *Moved by: Cat Keresztesi; Seconded by: Bernie Delmaire.* Passed (22/27 votes)

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

After asking if anything in the minutes and draft agenda circulated in advance of the meeting should be added or changed and receiving no comments, the Chair presented this motion: It is moved that the minutes of the St Margaret's Vanier parish 2021 Vestry Meeting and the proposed agenda of the St Margaret's Vanier parish 2022 Vestry Meeting be approved as presented in the Vestry Report 2022. *Moved by: Cat Keresztesi; Seconded by: Bernie Delmaire.* Passed (22/27 votes)

Appointments by the Incumbent

The Reverend Colin McFarland announced he is pleased to reappoint **Gilles Vézina as Treasurer**. This will be Gilles' third year as Treasurer and his careful tracking of the finances is an asset to the community and source of confidence for the Incumbent.

He is also appointing **Catherine Keresztesi as Interim Rector's Warden**. After three years, she would like to step down but the search for a successor has not yet been found. She has agreed to continue on an interim basis to ensure the parish meets the requirement of two churchwardens. As a community, we need to find someone to step into that key role.

Election of Peoples' Warden and Deputy Warden

The results of conversations and phone calls undertaken by the Nominating Committee of Robin Dunbar, Catherine Keresztesi and Joan Marshman were presented in a series of motions.

It is moved that **Bernie Delmaire** be elected **People's Warden** for the St Margaret's Vanier parish for the period of one year.

Moved by: Cat Keresztesi; Seconded by: Robin Dunbar. Passed (22/27 votes)

It is moved that **Donna Mah** be elected **Deputy Rector's Warden** for the St Margaret's Vanier parish for the period of one year. *Moved by: Cat Keresztesi; Seconded by: Robin Dunbar. Passed (22/27 votes)*

Election of Synod Representatives

Representatives of the English-speaking congregation have come forward. There is still room for two representatives from the Inuktitut-speaking congregation who may be appointed by Parish Council before the October session of Synod.

It is moved that **Robin Dunbar** be appointed **Lay Synod Member** for the St Margaret's Vanier parish for the period of one year. *Moved by: Cat Keresztesi; Seconded by: Bernie Delmaire. Passed (22/27 votes)*

It is moved that **Donna Mah** be appointed **Alternate Lay Synod Member** for the St Margaret's Vanier parish for the period of one year. *Moved by: Cat Keresztesi; Seconded by: Bernie Delmaire. Passed (22/27 votes)*

Election of Parish Council Representatives

It is moved that the following individuals be elected to Parish Council for the St Margaret's Vanier parish for the period of one year.

Jane Gibson
Donn Hope
Jeannie Manning
Joan Marshman
Mealie Sheutiapik
Irene Tagoona
Jane Waterston

Moved by: Cat Keresztesi; Seconded by: Bernie Delmaire. Passed (22/27 votes)

Financial Report, 2021 and Auditor, 2022

Treasurer Gilles Vézina notes that actual revenue and expenses in 2021 were very close to what was budgeted a year ago. The actuals were within 1% on both sides of the ledger, once the final expenses relating to the Billingsley donation (which played out over three fiscal years) are considered separately. He is very encouraged by the budget monitoring tool being on the mark. He replied to questions about Inuit ministry, HST totals and the decline in givings from pre-pandemic years.

It is moved that the Financial Report for 2021 for the St Margaret's Vanier parish be approved as presented in the Vestry Report 2022. *Moved by: Cat Keresztesi; Seconded by: Bernie Delmaire. Passed (22/27 votes)*

It is moved that the St Margaret's Vanier parish engage Kelly Huibers McNeely chartered accountants to review our completed financial statements for 2021.

Moved by: Cat Keresztesi; Seconded by: Bernie Delmaire. Passed (22/27 votes)

Budget 2022

Bernie Delmaire reviewed the numbers and assumptions in the 2022 budget document as circulated in the Vestry Report.

It predicts revenue to be \$204,800, expenses \$260,400 and a year-end deficit of \$55,600. The main assumption is that we will be pulling out of pandemic mode during the year so the parish community and activities will be renewed.

He noted that 60% of the expenses are fixed; only the 15% in ministry expenses and 15% in operational costs can be adjusted. Corporation is convinced that this budget, with its deficit, is an accurate picture of the real costs of parish business.

There is hope that the Diocese might provide some relief again, to help mitigate the impact of the pandemic.

Reverend Colin asks, how can a church like ours finance a deficit like \$55,000? He believes there are six steps we need to take:

1. Increase revenues: donations, rentals, parking lot income.
2. Recruit a Stewardship Committee to follow the results of our bookkeeping and financial tracking, then propose and monitor the response.
3. Regular communications from the stewardship committee will encourage new donors, and reassure existing ones. Donation updates in concert with pledge campaigns will keep us centred in gratitude and thanksgiving.
4. Manage the budget. Corporation did this last year and will continue to do so.
5. Financial relief from the Diocese. If they are able to forgive our Fair Share payment for one month this year, as they did last year, the deficit will come down by \$13,000.
6. Once the June financials are in, check in and take action to make sure bills will be paid. If a major change of direction is required, call a Special Vestry.

Comments from the floor included: Thanks to everyone working so hard on financial and operational aspects. Registered charities might be another stream of increased revenue. Please clarify: distinction between Inuit outreach and Inuit ministry (outreach includes Christmas feast, ministry includes weekly meal); maintenance wages; rise in music ministry total (returning to pre-pandemic programming). It was noted that the Christmas feast started as a potluck, with requests to participate sent to four regions of the Arctic. Why is the roof project not included (income will come from investments, expenses are not yet approved).

Reverend Colin noted that it is the people of the parish's responsibility to raise a stewardship committee. The wardens will be here to support it.

Motion to approve budget

It is moved that the Budget for 2022 for the St Margaret's Vanier parish be approved as presented in the Vestry Report 2022. *Moved by: Cat Keresztesi; Seconded by: Bernie Delmaire. Passed (22/27 votes)*

Roof Project 2022

Bernie Delmaire explained roof repair/replacement was raised as a short term (not mid-term) concern in the Morrison Herschfield engineering study commissioned in 2017.

Corporation surveyed four roofing companies during fall and winter 2021, gaining knowledge from each and receiving their estimate. An all-parish town hall meeting was convened where information was shared with members, ideas received, and concerns raised. Two of the four companies are now preparing revised quotes, which will be carefully reviewed before one is accepted and a contract signed.

The scope of project is: remove all shingles, remove both chimneys to roof level, remove and reinstall the air conditioning unit, security lights. Install storm guard shield with new membranes, 4 new ventilators, a platform for AC unit. Inspect for mold Install new valley flashings, replace all shingles with asphalt, replace damaged gutter, check belltower roof.

Corporation is confident \$150,000 is the right ceiling for vestry to approve to withdraw from our Consolidated Trust Fund account. The account is currently \$1.4 million; the withdrawal will mean forgoing \$4000 in interest income each year.

Motion to apply for withdrawal of invested funds

In response to the need for the St Margaret's Vanier roof to be replaced in 2022, as recommended in the Building Condition Assessment Report for St Margaret's Vanier prepared by Morrison Hershfield in February 2020, and in consultation with the Property and Finance committee of the Diocese and four roofing companies, the Parish of St Margaret's Vanier authorizes Corporation to withdraw no more than \$150,000 from the Parish account in the Consolidated Trust Fund (CTF) of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

These funds are to be used exclusively for the roof replacement project. *Moved by: Bernie Delmaire; Seconded by: Cat Keresztesi. Passed (22/27 votes)*

Motion to accept Vestry Report 2022

It is moved that the St Margaret's Vanier parish Vestry Report 2022 be approved as presented. *Moved by: Cat Keresztesi; Seconded by: Bernie Delmaire. Passed (22/27 votes)*

Votes of thanks

It is moved that a vote of thanks be offered to the following individuals for their contributions to the life of the St Margaret's Vanier parish:

- Reverend Colin and Reverend Aigah, for their leadership and care for us all, especially during another challenging year of COVID
- Jane Waterston, for her contributions to SMV Corporation
- Gilles Vézina, for his continued service as our Treasurer
- Caryl Crichton, for her excellent records and service to everyone as our parish administrator
- Anthony Crichton, for his service as our cleaner
- Donn Hope, for his continued service as our groundskeeper
- Neil Forsyth and Colin Ritchie, for their continued service as our counters and depositors
- Georgina Côté-Christopher, Mireille Desmarais and co-ordinator Leslie McGillvray, for their continued service to Altar Guild
- Margaret Hilborn, for her continued service in pastoral care and connecting with parishioners in longterm care homes
- Very Rev. Roger Briggs and Rev. Deacon Christine Jannasch, for their pastoral care and support to full time clergy
- Francine Brisebois, for stepping into music leadership of our English language services
- Maureen Hutchinson, for her leadership as choir director and organist from 2017-2021 and for her willingness to continue sharing her musical gifts for Inuktitut language services
- Catherine Keresztesi, Myles McGarry and Jane McIntosh, for

sharing their musical talents as cantors

- Doug Ainslie, Robin Dunbar, Neil Forsyth, Amy Lightfoot, Judy Nelson, Colin Ritchie, Cynthia Robinson, for serving as Sunday morning greeters
- Rob Douglas, Robin Dunbar, Margaret Hilborn, Sareena Hopkins, Christine Jannasch, Donna Mah, Judy Nelson, Elaine Richards and Jane Waterston for reading scripture at Sunday services
- Rob Douglas, Robin Dunbar, Sareena Hopkins, Christine Jannasch, Asenath Kannutaq and Malcolm McEwen for leading prayers of the people at Sunday services
- Rev. Colin for playing his violin and guitar in occasional services and at special events
- Robin Dunbar, for her continued service as secretary to parish council, as Synod member, and for leadership in both nominations committee and Christmas cookie exchange
- Ida Allurut, Dora Delmaire, David Erkloo, Asenath Kannutaq and Deborah Tagornak, for their support in Reading, Praying and Translation for our Inuktitut services
- Vera Etches, Sareena Hopkins, Edward Logan and Jane Waterston, for their support to children and teens
- Catherine Keresztesi, Malcolm McEwen and Reverend Colin, for their Zoom hosting support
- Jane Gibson, Donn Hope and Joan Marshman, for their service engaging with the Vanier community and supporting our mission discernment
- Robin Dunbar, Jane Gibson, Margaret Hilborn, Colin Ritchie and Deborah Tagornak, and for their participation in the Shape of Parish Ministry consultation process
- Donna Mah, for her continued engagement with PWRDF and for her service attending Synod as an Alternate Lay member
- John Angnaluk, Rob Douglas, Leslie McGillvray, Mealia Sheutiapik and Irene Tagoona, for their willingness to stand as members of 2021 parish council

Moved by: Churchwardens. Passed

From the floor, other thanks were given to

- Catherine Keresztesi for being willing to stay as Rector's Warden until a successor is found (Rev. Colin)
- Our churchwardens for all they do for our community (Deacon Christine)
- Leslie McGillvray for persevering with Altar Guild (Dora Delmaire)
- Rev. Colin, Deborah Tagornak, Roger Briggs, Dora, for everything (Rev. Aigah).

Motion to adjourn

It is moved that the St Margaret's Vanier parish Vestry 2022 be adjourned. Thanks be to God. *Moved by: Cat Keresztesi; Seconded by: Bernie Delmaire. Passed (22/27 votes)*

Financial Report for 2022 and 2023 Budget

The review by an independent practitioner of the financial statements for the period ending on December 31, 2021 was completed in March 2022. The reviewer concluded that “Based on our review nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial position of St. Margaret’s Anglican church, as of December 31st 2021 and the results of its operation and its cash flows for the year then ended in Accordance with Canadian standards for the not-for-profit organization.”

In 2022 the non-verified results for the fiscal year show a net surplus of \$12,092. As of December 2022 the cash balance on hand was \$87,745. Nine months in 2022 were in a deficit situation and were able to be finance this by cash on hand throughout the year.

In 2022, overall revenue increased by \$58,768 or 34% from 2021. In 2022 due to very good English and Inuit offerings in November and December and support to Inuit ministry received in January 2022 for 2021 Inuit Christmas feast as well as donations received in December 2022 for the 2022 Inuit Christmas feast and gifts from registered charities. Due to 2021 being a pandemic year where all

revenues declined in 2022 revenues increased substantially in all areas from \$173,651 to \$232,129.

Expenses related to church building are being reported with the Roof project cost taken out (\$115,107). All other church building expenses well controlled at \$31K from \$56K in 2021. Ministry expenses paid through the Diocese increased by \$21,744 mainly due to now paying the Parish administrator’s salary through the diocese and an increase in ECOPS (Equalized Cost of Priestly Services). Office expenses, very well controlled, decreased by 32% from \$15,697 to \$10616.

The budget presented at Vestry in 2021 was an effective and solid tool with updates presented at each monthly Parish Council meeting and a year-to-date financial result statement also discussed and actioned if necessary.

Special thanks to our Neil Forsyth, Colin Ritchie, and Carolyn Malek for doing the weekly counting and bank deposit. Thanks also to Caryl Crichton our Parish Administrator for keeping our bookkeeping all up date and accurate. — *Bernie Delmaire*

REVENUE

Tax Received Gifts

4010 English and Inuit Offerings Received

4011 Memorial Donations

4020 Other Donations Received

TOTAL Tax Received Gifts

4100 Non Received Gifts

4110 English non-receipted

4120 Inuit non-receipted

TOTAL Non Receipted Gifts

4200 Gifts from Registered Charities

4300 Support to Inuit Ministry

4400 Other Income

4410 CTF - Interest and Dividends

4411 Bank - Interest and Cashback

4430 Parking Lot

4440 Sale of assets

4520 Hall Rentals

TOTAL Other Income

4500 Ministry Revenue

Faith House Rentals

4530 Celebrations of life/marriage/baptism

4540 Other Ministry Revenue incl Fundraisers

TOTAL Ministry Revenue

TOTAL REVENUE

	2020	2021	2022	2023 budget
4010 English and Inuit Offerings Received	99709	104756	124171	134800
4011 Memorial Donations	12234	15229	0	0
4020 Other Donations Received	3819	2485	137	100
TOTAL Tax Received Gifts	115762	122470	124308	134900
4100 Non Received Gifts				
4110 English non-receipted	1278	637	837	900
4120 Inuit non-receipted	1288	1444	4326	4600
TOTAL Non Receipted Gifts	2566	2081	5163	5500
4200 Gifts from Registered Charities	780	12302	25007	14000
4300 Support to Inuit Ministry	18724	5850	25740	17000
4400 Other Income				
4410 CTF - Interest and Dividends	40426	41179	34535	60200
4411 Bank - Interest and Cashback	199	249	3	0
4430 Parking Lot	6323	1441	1707	1600
4440 Sale of assets	20598	75	0	0
4520 Hall Rentals	2120	2370	9125	13100
TOTAL Other Income	69666	45314	45370	74900
4500 Ministry Revenue				
Faith House Rentals	0	0	0	0
4530 Celebrations of life/marriage/baptism	0	1225	1487	1400
4540 Other Ministry Revenue incl Fundraisers	268	-360	55	200
TOTAL Ministry Revenue	268	865	1542	1600
TOTAL REVENUE	207,766	188,882	227,130	247,900

EXPENSE

	2020	2021	2022	2023 budget
5010 Maintenance, Repairs Montreal Rd	34590	2 388	475	6600
5011 Maintenance - Wages		20 095	7440	6400
5012 Maintenance - Supplies		16 975	1826	1900
5020 Snow Removal	4269	3 595	3865	3900
5030 Janitorial	12665	1 670	10020	10700
5031 Janitorial - Wages		3560	0	
5032 Janitorial - Supplies		1458	1063	1000
5040 Utilities	5422	6 100	7208	8100
TOTAL The Church Building	56946	55841	31897	38600
5100 Ministry Expenses paid through Diocese				
5110 Equalization payment (ECOPS)	44196	92 232	105251	113800
5130 Insurance Premium	3628	4 878	5587	7100
5140 Fair Share	21882	27 141	28597	31400
Parish Administrator	9565	6 159	12682	13200
TOTAL Ministry Expenses paid through Diocese	79271	130410	152117	165500
5200 Ministry Expenses				
5210 Music Program (including organist)	8192	9125	15777	19800
5220 Inuit Community Outreach Program	14502	1 724	7917	12600
5230 Transportation	0	0	0	600
5240 Inuit ministry	1113	474	2256	8900
5250 Community Outreach	80	100	0	0
5260 Education and training	0	379	874	1100
5270 Other Ministry Expenses	1402	1 442	2081	2100
TOTAL Ministry Expenses	25289	13245	28905	45100
5211 Memorial Donation to CTF	0	0	0	0
5300 Office Expenses				
5310 Telephone and internet	4266	4 482	4130	3600
5320 Communications	0	0	268	1400
5330 Admin/Bookeeping	2540	4 879	0	0
5340 Professional fees (auditor)	2754	2 500	2500	5800
5350 Other office expenses	4774	6307	3416	3500
5360 Security	1299	336	300	300
TOTAL Office Expenses	15633	18504	10614	14600
5510 HST paid	3580	3626	-9382	5100
5600 Interest and bank charges	650	725	860	600
TOTAL EXPENSE	181,369	222,351	215,011	269,500
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	26,397	-33,469	12,119	-21,600

Parish Records, 2022

BAPTISMS

Liam Kisa Aliqatuqtuq, September 18

Giselle Hattie Tarralikitaaq Amitnaaq Cant, November 6

Laetitia Martha Ulluriaq Amaroalik Cant, November 6

A.J. Papatsi Laisa, July 12

Meeka Nelson, November 6

WEDDING

Laurel and Colin Harper, June 4

FUNERALS, MEMORIALS, BURIALS

Pudloo Ashoona, July 3

Raymond Bergeron, October 15

François Jean Gérard Bregha, July 22

Thelma Eunice Chong, July 12

Velma Lois Delahunt, January 6

John Philip Desmarais, June 9

Dorothy Field, June 24

Graham Clement Hildreth, October 19

Norman Mosese Mark Illingnayuk, May 10

Arthur «Pit» Romeo Lanoix, June 25

Silasie Nakashuk, July 23



Incumbent's Report, 2022

The Reverend Colin McFarland

My second year as Incumbent priest of the parish felt nearly as new as my first—so much has happened! The year began in the midst of the COVID-19 Omicron variant with Zoom Services of the Word, and ended with the largest in-person services I have ever presided in this parish—Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Throughout the past year I have seen signs of vitality and new growth among you.

In 2022 the Vestry approved capital financing for renovating the roofs of both the church and the hall. This project included the addition of new roof decks, vapour barriers, shingles, flashing, vents, the reduction/removal of two chimneys, and new exterior lighting for the parking lot. It was a major capital project and an important accomplishment! I applaud this timely investment in the church property: it addressed the advanced deterioration of the roofing systems and installed new materials that will carry this parish forward for many years. The project would not have been possible without the extraordinary commitment and hard work of Churchwarden Bernie Delmaire and the wise stewardship of parish trusts in the Consolidated Trust Fund.

The return of the Sunday Community Meal has breathed fresh energy into the parish ministry. Members of the Inuit congregation organized a team of volunteers, contract staff, and clergy to extend God's hospitality at the Eucharistic table to one another and neighbours at tables in the parish hall. The relaunch of the Sunday Community Meal has also enabled numerous other positive outcomes:

- increased the participation in 11:30am Inuktitut-language Sunday services;
- enabled a coffee hour following the 9:30am English-language Sunday services (the community meal team sets up the coffee and tea for this);
- gathered households with children and teens to participate in an inter-service parish Sunday school (parents and caregivers can rest and socialize in the upper hall while children and teens have supervised attention in the lower or upper hall);



- created a natural opportunity for neighbours to share in our fellowship (i.e., Vanier residents, travellers from the Arctic, Ward 12 Councillor Stephanie Plante, etc.).

The return of the Sunday Community Meal, including the creation of a contracted Community Host position, was made possible by the generous support of the All My Relations Circle (Healing and Reconciliation Fund) and the Anglican Foundation of Canada.

The past year also evidenced a modest but essential renewal of stewardship activity in the parish. In my June and October pastoral letters I encouraged parishioners to rest, reflect, and discern what ways each of you can commit your time to the work of discernment and decision-making in the parish; in December I addressed the congregations with an invitation to respond to parish needs through engagement with a 2023 Pledge Card. The response was strong and generous! Parishioners pledged \$96,740 in intended offerings; in addition to financial pledges, many people indicated their commitments of time and skills to support one another in being a parish ministry. The financial pledges have grounded the budgeting process in confidence; the pledges of skills and time will begin to yield fruit as the current year proceeds.

In-person participation in Sunday worship continued to grow throughout the year. I was encouraged to see the return of choral singing too, ably led by Francine Brisebois, beginning in Holy Week and culminating at Christmas. An important new service of prayer was introduced in



The hospitality team for St. Margaret's community lunches includes clockwise from bottom left: Jeni Plouffe, Bernie Delmaire, John Angnaluaq, the Rev. Colin McFarland, Mealia Sheupik and the Rev. Canon Aigah Attagutsiak.

September to mark Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Parishioners showed strong interest in discipleship activities including the Lent book study, Gospel Based Discipleship in Easter and Advent, and the introduction of shared suppers and learning in the fall. Pastoral care always plays a central role in the daily work of Jesus' ministry, for me and all parishioners. I am encouraged by the pastoral care I see happening among parishioners of St. Margaret's. For example, I saw the Christmas cookie ministry last December as evidence of your existing practices of attention, prayer, and care for one another.

Beyond Sundays, there were a variety of opportunities for community engagement I participated in throughout the year. I was pleased to volunteer for the Vanier Orange T-shirt Making day and enjoyed the Inuit Olympics at the Vanier Hub; St. Margaret's collaborated with Counselling and Family Service Ottawa to serve hot chocolate and share information about counselling services in the neighbourhood; I was honoured to be invited to witness Deborah Tagornak receive her Queen's Jubilee pin from MP Mona Fortier and to join Canon Aigah in leading a very meaningful community memorial service at Shepherds of Good Hope.

In May, the parish was delighted to learn of Bishop Parker's appointment of Aigah Attagutsiak to the canonry of St. Mary Magdalene. Furthermore, in October, the Rev. Canon Aigah was appointed and licenced as Associate Incumbent of this parish. Her installation as Canon indicates the high esteem with which Aigah is held in our diocesan church; the appointment as Associate Incumbent appropriately reflects Aigah's actual practice of ministry in this place and our

shared responsibilities as co-workers in this beautiful and diverse ministry.

As you—the parishioners of St. Margaret's—move into 2023, I feel confident in the signs of vitality and new growth I see. My invitation to all parishioners is to make the time to engage one another in conversation and prayer—to show up for one another on Sundays, in pastoral care and meals around tables in homes, in parish activities, in parish council, committees, working groups, and teams. Where are *we* going? What are *we* doing? What do *we* feel called to be? I believe the wisest and most fitting answers to these questions will emerge as you commit to learning (and re-learning) who “we” are in 2023. We are one another. We are the People of God called together at this time in this place to discover together how we are being called to grow in our ministry with Jesus.

God's peace be with you.

Colin+



Welcome, Welcome, Welcome. It is wonderful to be finally getting together after three years dealing with COVID 19.

I'm so grateful for our volunteers again in the year 2022. A big thank you to Asenath K. David, Bernie D. Dora D. Deborah T. Irene T. John A. Donn H. Karen H. Roger Briggs, Colin M. — for being the readers and greeters and being a great support for the Inuit congregation at St. Margaret's Anglican church. I'm so grateful for all of them.

We did two baptismal services at CHEO hospital, three at our church, many memorial services, funerals, plus visiting at the hospital.

We also had an Inuit Christmas Party on Boxing Day with the financial support of St. Margaret's, ITK, QIA, and Inuuqatigiit, It went very well — a big thank you to all the volunteer workers.

Bishop Shane Parker appointed me to the cathedral canonry of St. Mary Magdalene and as the Associate Incumbent of St. Margaret's parish alongside Rev. Colin.

I am grateful to have the church service in person again and the Sunday Community Meal after the service.

I look forward to working together again this year.



Churchwarden's Report

Bernie Delmaire, People's Warden

Another very busy year for the People's Warden— I want to thank all who have supported me in this challenging but rewarding position. Some areas of importance in the past year were as follows:

Building improvements

Outdoor church signage that was peeling repaired free of charge by our signage company, these were re-installed at a higher point and over the windows to prevent any further damage from snow and rain leakage.

Two flower containers for the yard purchased.

Roof project

January/February—Started getting quotes from four roofing contractors.

Zoom town hall presentation of the roofing project along with a draft of the motion and Q&A held on February 9. A Vestry motion approved in late February for CTF investment withdrawal for new church and hall roof. Maximum withdrawal was not to be more than \$150,000.

March—Roofmaster chosen as the contractor for the roof project, and a \$24,000 downpayment was made.

—Diocese approval received.

May—Project started; decision to go ahead with new sub-roof deck.



Catherine Keresztesi was Interim Rector's Warden and Bernie Delmaire was People's Warden in 2022.

—Decision to not replace the bell tower roof, which only needs painting. University Painters contracted to do the job, cost \$ 14,667.

September—Roof project completed along with painting of the bell tower and extra lighting in the parking lot. Total cost of the project \$115,107 + HST \$14,960. Grand total \$130,067.

Funds withdrawn from CTF investments were \$130,614, this is \$547 over final costs due to some unfinished front of building lighting issues to be completed in 2023.

Community outreach

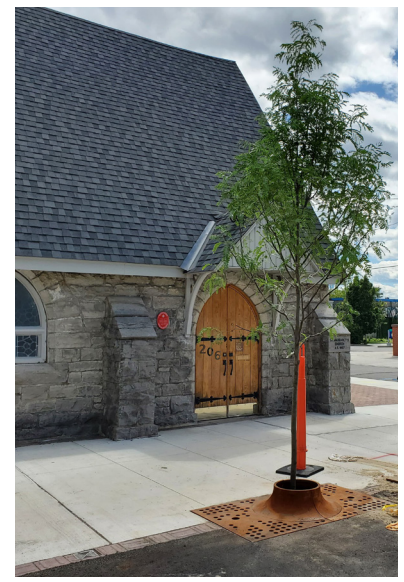
Due to pandemic restrictions for hall use and financial considerations, we did not re-start the Sunday community meal until Thanksgiving Sunday October 9th. We received

two grants for the Sunday meal program: \$10,000 from the Healing and Reconciliation Fund of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, administered by the Diocese of Ottawa's All My Relations working group (AMR), and \$5000 from the Anglican Foundation of Canada. This funding will keep the program running until September 2023 when additional sources of funding will need to be found.

A very well attended (200+) annual Inuit Christmas feast was held on December 26 at the Assumption church hall up Cody St., the first feast since 2019. Arctic char from a hunter in Arctic Bay and a caribou from a hunter in Inukjuak were



Spring clean-up, Easter 2022. New roof and new city tree (Imperial honeylocust)



bought for the feast as well as a full turkey and ham to round out a traditional Christmas dinner. Donations received from Kivalliq Inuit Association (K.I.A.), Inuqatigiit Centre, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (N.T.I.) and private donors were received to offset the cost of this event.

Hall use

The parish continued to connect with the community by providing space in our hall for group functions and meetings. Space was rented at reduced rates to several groups, as our way of showing support for their work and/or worship. In early 2022 hall use was very limited due to the pandemic, but in late spring/summer more rentals were able to happen.

Ethiopian Orthodox Congregation (weekly service and meal)—started using hall again in April for meal service.

Inuqatigiit Centre for Inuit Children, Youth and Families

Minwaashin Lodge (Indigenous women’s support centre, Vanier walk-in) provide basic personal items, food, drinks, and clothing to those in need. Continued throughout 2022 by serving at the door.

Narcotics Anonymous (weekly meeting), started again in the fall.

Tungasuvvingat Inuit (Inuit-specific urban services provider)—assorted groups

Wabano (Indigenous healthcare)

Total hall rental revenue was \$9,125 on a budget of \$3,900

and 2021 \$ 2,370. In 2022 we received overdue payments from 2021 of \$1,480. For 2023 we are adopting a revised policy and new hall rental rates.

Many thanks to Caryl Crichton for all the hard work is keeping hall rental contracts up-to-date and doing all the follow-up needed to ensure our rental program works smoothly.

Security

Security continues to challenge us at St. Margaret’s due to our location especially in the fire exit area of the parking lot. In 2022 we had the following issues.

- Three vehicles broken into by persons using electronic keys.
- A fire set in the fire exit corner. Slight damage done to painted columns. Reported to Ottawa police, resolution still outstanding.
- In the summertime, numerous parties were held on the property during weekend evenings, with slight damage done to flower gardens.

We have reported major disruptions and damages to the Ottawa police service. With the new parking lot lighting now in place, there is less nuisance activity at night.

In 2023, we will have to continue to find solutions that better protect the fire exit corner, discouraging people from gathering in this corner.



The Ethiopian Orthodox Congregation celebrates Epiphany.



The dark corner in our parking lot is now less dark. It is still a security concern, however.

Synod Report, 2022

142nd Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa
October 20-22, 2022

For the people of St. Margaret's parish, Jeannie Manning and Jane Waterston attended the 2022 Synod — the diocesan annual meeting with all parishes and community ministries represented. They joined the Rev. Colin McFarland and the Rev. Aigah Attagutsiak at a table with representatives from St. James Manotick. Those gathered considered past issues, current challenges and future considerations for our diocese. This report on the event and decisions taken was prepared by diocesan staff.

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa has stepped away from *being* changed and chosen instead to *lead* change, Bishop Shane Parker told the 142nd meeting of Synod, which met at Christ Church Cathedral (Oct. 20) and the St. Elias Centre (Oct.21-22).

He was speaking after Synod endorsed several motions to advance work on the diocese's transformative strategic priority, the Shape of Parish Ministry project. Voting for them, Bishop Shane said in his charge to Synod on Thursday night, would "instill the life and work of our diocesan church with new purpose and direction."

Ultimately, undertaking the work involved in changing the Shape of Parish Ministry says "We want to be part of a church that is thriving," Bishop Shane said.

The Shape of Parish Ministry was announced as a strategic priority at the 140th Synod in 2020. The goal was to discern what parish ministry should look like in a changing world in order to thrive while serving God and the greater community. After two years of listening, gathering information, developing profiles of parishes, discussing ideas and sharing proposals, it's not surprising motions on the Shape of Parish Ministry's three proposals dominated much of the Synod's Friday and Saturday sessions. The proposals are:

- Shape of parish ministry: strengthening for the future;
- Lifelong formation: nurturing parish ministry; and
- Engagement with the world: new worshipping communities and contextual mission.

There were seven motions designed to provide the framework for the Shape of Parish Ministry, including clarifying parish structures, promoting consolidation and collaboration on administration and other practical ideas for relieving the organizational burdens on parishes. All passed.



Bishop Shane Parker presided over the business sessions.



Chancellor Henry Schultz, Financial Ministry Director Sanjay Grover and Director General of Community Ministries Canon PJ Hobbs delivered lively reports.



The Primate of Canada's Anglican Church, the Right Rev. Linda Nicholls (second from left), joined Bishop Shane in a lively conversation with diocesan youth.



Centre 105 in Cornwall was one of the community ministries with staff and information in the Synod hall.

The three motions under lifelong formation focused on training to build skills and on identifying and sharing resources (in particular, through diocesan “resource pods” of people with expertise in a given area), also passed.

It was the three engagement motions that stirred the most energy during the synod. Their focus is to develop new worshipping communities and contextual mission, which according to the Venerable Mark Whittall who introduced the motions, is “learning how to share the love of God in ways that are meaningful to our neighbours in 2022.”

Speaker after speaker urged people to be innovative, creative and to take risks in doing that, and others reminded us to remember the richness from which we come and to honour our traditions. Pilot projects will be developed, tried, assessed and reported on to Synod 2023. Funding will be available from the Second Century Fund (to be renamed the fFuture Fund), part of the diocese’s endowment funds.

While there was a strong focus on the future, the ongoing work of the diocese was also discussed. All of our community ministries all saw a surge in demand during the pandemic, director general of community ministries Canon Peter John Hobbs told Synod, and met that demand as best they could despite facing some major setbacks, including fires at two of our facilities, Cornerstone Housing for Women’s Booth Street residence and St. Luke’s Table. Nevertheless, Bishop Shane said that both the expertise and capacity exists for the community ministry arm of our diocese to expand as need increases.

In the third year of COVID-19, the state of our diocese’s finances and the 2023 budget were a matter of considerable interest. Sanjay Grover, director of financial ministry, reported 2021 revenue of \$7.02 million and expenditures of \$7.6 million for a deficit of \$576,000. However, that was offset by investment gains of \$469,000, bringing the deficit down to \$107,000.

Mr. Grover said upheaval in the stock market means the value of our investments has dropped about 15 per cent overall, but while “we are in it for the long haul,” he advised against parishes undertaking large capital projects at this point, when funds held by our diocese have dropped so significantly.

The Venerable Chris Dunn, chair of the Property and Finance Committee, presented the 2023 budget. Unusually, it covers only one year, because the impact reshaping our parish ministries will have makes our standard three-year budget cycle impractical. Projected spending of \$4,255,341 is up roughly \$370,000 from 2022. Revenues are up in some areas, but down in others, and the end result is a balanced budget.

The diocesan chancellor, Canon Henry Schultz, is working to bring the management of the many parish cemeteries in our diocese in line with Ontario provincial regulations.

Synod’s work was enhanced by the presence of the Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, who gave four reflections over our day and a half, mostly on the diocese’s plans and commitments but also on the national church and some issues raised by questioners.

She spoke of the important, difficult and long-term work of dismantling racism and increasing diversity in leadership of the church at all levels, and recognizing the deep vein of colonialism that is inherent in a church brought by the British to the places they colonized. All facets of the church need decolonizing, Archbishop Linda said.

She also spoke about the divide between those provinces of the Anglican church that support same-sex marriage and those that do not, and the need to listen and recognize the cultural differences that have led to those different positions. However, Archbishop Linda is concerned focus on that issue has led to us to ignore other important issues such as racism and colonialism. “Sometimes,” she said, “the Holy Spirit needs a rest. Not because it isn’t important, but because we have reached a stalemate.”

Synod heard a chorus of other important voices when the youth and young adults invited to observe commented on what they saw. One called for more focus on individual spiritual development, important for young people just learning who they are and what their faith means. Another called for “genuine inclusion” for young people (who are not, they pointed out, all alike). A third called for “equal standing, equal voice” for young people in parish and diocesan work. And one urged parishes to offer a comfortable place to practice faith (play different music, speak different languages, worship in new ways that suit people who are from outside your world), saying “I hope that in the future we continue to grow and make our church a home because it’s not only a house of God, it’s a home with God.”



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Music Ministry Report

Francine Brisebois (9:30 service)

Maureen Hutchinson (11:30 service)

Although COVID restrictions have been predominant in the past year, I am happy to report that we managed at St. Margaret's to offer weekly services and other celebrations with music and as much singing as possible. All services were offered in-person and streamed online.

It has been with great pleasure that I continued to offer music accompaniment to St Margaret's parish for the English services (9:30 am) in the past year. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Jane McIntosh and Catherine Keresztesi who have been helping as cantors, psalm and communion soloists on many Sundays, which so much enhances the celebrations. Besides reintroducing well-known hymns and communion settings, we managed to gather a small choral group to sing during Lent/Easter/Ascension/Pentecost/Trinity season, as well as All Saints/All Souls/Advent/Christmas season.

Special thanks for their time and efforts to: Akua B U Akan, Catherine Keresztesi, Edward Logan, James and Luke Logan-Etches. Annabella Owen, Elaine Richards-Forsyth and Jane Waterston.

Last but not least, a special word of thanks to Malcolm McEwen for his cello accompaniment, Lindsey Sikora for being a guest singer on All Souls' Sunday, and our incumbent priest and musician, the Rev. Colin McFarland for his continued support to the music ministry at SMV and his splendid instrumental performances!

Looking forward to more musical projects in the year to come.

Francine Brisebois

Musical highlights of the past year have included singing hymns at two large baptism celebrations where multiple recipients received the sacrament, and, during Advent and at the Christmas morning service, performing voluntary music with Rev. Colin playing the violin.

In selecting hymns for services, I have tried to use one "new" hymn each week, drawn from the blue Inuktitut language hymn book. In this way I have been able to expand my library of musical transcriptions, which now includes more than 200 hymns. It is always rewarding when one of the new transcriptions turns out to be well known and loved by the congregants. I hope to be able to offer my collection of hymns in sheet music form to the Inuit ministry in service to the community very soon, in a digital copy.

I am grateful to be able to provide the music for the 11:30 am Inuktitut language service.

Maureen Hutchinson



Pre-Christmas choir practice.

Altar Guild Report

Leslie McGillvray

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the joy of ministry at the altar in this church. Teach us, to be faithful and show reverence in our work.

— “Heart Whispers: Benedictine Wisdom for Today” by Elizabeth Canham



You may have noticed that from February to November we were using a different set of candlesticks on the altar. A number of the screws inside the candlesticks we regularly used were cross threaded or damaged. I sent the candle stick away to be repaired and thankfully it is now back in service. While the other candle sticks are quite lovely, they used small disposable paraffin cannisters which are pricey. Refillable cannisters, also pricey, were purchased but are messy to handle as they are small.

Not surprising, the cost of all Eucharist supplies such as wine, wafers, liquid paraffin and polishing supplies have increased over the last two years. Altar Guild continues to look for cost savings whenever possible.

Altar Guild would like to thank all those members of the congregation whose donations for memorial flowers made possible the purchase of fresh flowers used to decorate our church at Easter and Christmas.

In the past year, we maintained our roster of three Altar Guild members. Mireille Desmarais, Georgie Cote-

Christopher and Leslie McGillvray. Georgie continues to help with polishing when her health allows.

We were fortunate to have a handful of people who graciously gave of their time to help Altar Guild during the year. Special thanks to: Bernie Delmaire who pulled out boxes from storage and then put them away again; Rev. Colin for carrying candlesticks up and downstairs and hanging the banners; Jane Waterston for polishing and learning a bit about our communion set up; Edward Logan for refreshing his memory about Altar Guild tasks and helping when he could. And of course, James and Luke Logan for taking on the tasks of occasionally lighting and extinguishing altar candles.

I would also like to thank my sisters Lori Guibord and Lynne Mannion who came and helped me at Easter to put the church back together and to decorate at Christmas. All help was greatly appreciated.

Altar Guild is a year-round commitment. There are 52 Sundays in a year, for which Altar Guild members are required to set up for Eucharist, not to mention other services such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Before anyone comes into church for Eucharist, an Altar Guild member will make sure that linens are washed and ironed, liturgical colours are correct, brassware has been polished and wine and wafers are in place.

It is always beneficial to have a break from time to time to refresh your energy and creativity, so I continue to look for help where I can. If you have one day a week for a couple of weeks or if it's only sporadic, an hour here or there or on a special occasion that would be helpful. If anyone wants to ask questions before committing themselves to help or learn a bit about the mystery of how to set up for communion, please let me know. I would be pleased to answer questions.



Pastoral Care Report

Margaret Hilborn

Our pastoral care team's mandate is to minister to those in need in our parish to provide comfort, encouragement and spiritual strength.

The pastoral care team consisted of the Rev. Colin McFarland and Margaret Hilborn. During 2022, five parishioners (three living in Long Term Care homes, one living in a retirement residence and one in the Royal Ottawa Hospital) were visited either in-person monthly, or by weekly phone calls. In addition, during the summer, a mother-in-law of one of our parishioners was visited many times, including bringing her to our church service a couple of times, while the parishioner was on an extended trip. In total, 74 visits were made in 2022. These visits and phone calls were to provide support and check on their wellbeing, and to administer the Eucharist. All these visits were greatly appreciated.



Due to the lockdown imposed in 2020 pastoral care, visits to the Ottawa Hospital (General campus) had ceased and were only re-established in early November 2021. These weekly visits are now part of the Volunteer Pastoral Care/Spiritual Care Program at T.H.O. (General campus).

Weekly telephone contact with the list of current parishioners was established during January, February and April as COVID insolation prevented visiting. These calls were to determine their wellbeing, help relieve the feelings of isolation and loneliness many were feeling, and give support as necessary.

To further relieve some of the isolation felt by our "shut-ins," an initiative was undertaken during Advent where packages of cookies and chocolates made by several parishioners were packaged in the church hall and delivered to approximately 30 shut-ins and those parishioners who live alone. This endeavour was very much appreciated by the recipients.

During the year, when restrictions allowed, two of our parishioners were taken to doctor appointments on three separate occasions.

In closing, we fondly remember Dorothy Field who passed May 31, 2022.



Glorious bags of homebaked Christmas cookies were donated by volunteers then organized and readied for delivery by Joan Marshman, Leslie McGillvray, Jane Gibson and Margaret Hilborn.



Sunday School Report

Vera Etches and Edward Logan

In 2022, the time with children and youth shifted from 9:30-10:30 in the spring to 11-11:30 in the fall.

Vera Etches and Edward Logan continued to use the Mini-revolutions curriculum, which builds on one Bible reading from the church calendar cycle each week. A cartoon booklet makes the story understandable and activities extend the thinking about what the stories are telling us and how they relate to our lives. Jane Waterston has continued to contribute to supporting the children and youth, including by curating the materials in the downstairs hall.

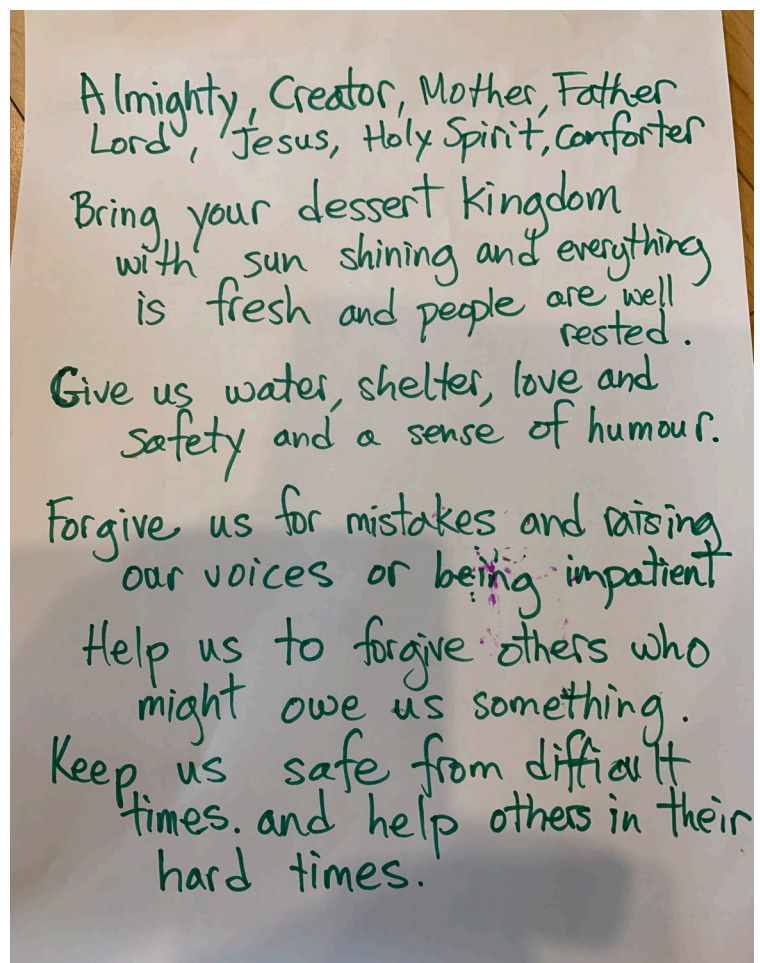
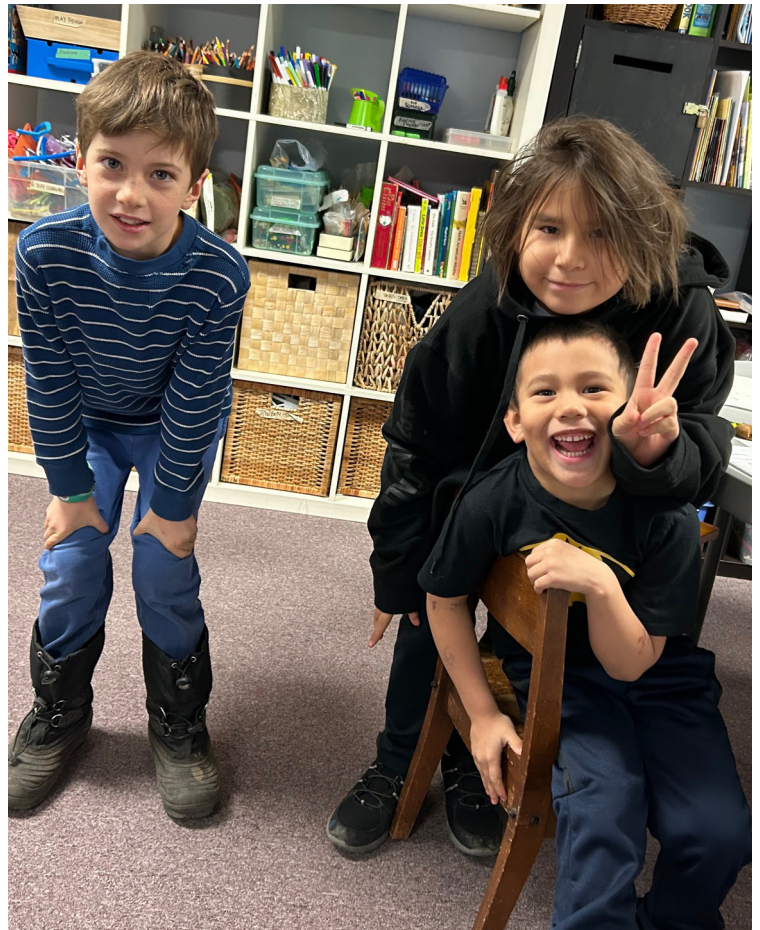
The move to an 11 am start, between services on Sundays, has meant that children and youth from both the English and Inuktitut language services have been participating together and new relationships have formed as a result. About 5 people participate any given week, including at least one person on-line much of the time. The teaching is in English and Vera, Edward and Jane are interested in input from the Inuit congregation as anyone desires.

The children and youth particularly enjoyed getting outside after the lesson to play (catch, Frisbee, soccer) in the parking lot from 11:30-12/12:30 in the summer and early fall.

The age range of children participating is between 4-12 years of age. 2023 will bring a focus on new, different ideas for engaging with older youth, perhaps about quarterly as a pilot.

Younger children tend to stay in the service with their parents leading activities in the pew and the toys and books in the downstairs hall are also used by some parents during the service times. It could be that some others would like to take turns helping parents join the worship services by trying out activities with these youngest ones in 2023.

We appreciate the chance to learn from the lessons each week and the ways the children and youth react to them.



Parish Scrapbook

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9:30 ENGLISH LANGUAGE SERVICE
 In Person and on Zoom, followed by Coffee Hour

11:00 PARISH SUNDAY SCHOOL

11:30 SUNDAY COMMUNITY MEAL

12:45 SUNDAY COMMUNITY MEAL

CHRISTMAS SEASON 2022

Saturday, December 24
 8:00 HOLY COMMUNION (English / Inuktitut)

Sunday, December 25
 10:30 am HOLY COMMUNION (English / Inuktitut)

7:30 pm CAROL SING

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