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Greetings to you all:

It has been very good to be with you this past fall, now into winter, and I look forward to the months ahead as, together, we move toward a new ministry. Regularly I meet with the Session, Worship Committee, Christian Development, and the Stewards, and I appreciate the commitment of those people to the life and work of this congregation. There are many others who don't serve on committees (yet) whose participation in, and dedication to, the life and work of Quispamsis is a blessing to all.

Soon, we will have a meeting of the Official Board to prepare for the Annual Congregational Meeting, at which time we look over the year 2008, and plan into 2009. Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte's presence in the pulpit in the first half of the year was very much appreciated. Her ministry and great sense of mission of the whole people of God was proclaimed with passion, and I am grateful to her for her support of my ministry over these months.

It is always a pleasure to share in worship each week, to spend time with the children, and to sit and listen to the choir's music presented to the glory of God. I notice that many people hang around after morning worship to chat. I get the sense of a healthy, interconnected, and supportive, community that has been here for some time, and will walk boldly into the future.

When a new ministry begins, it is as if a new page has been turned in the book of the life of the congregation. It will be a time of getting to know a new person as minister and for them to get to know you. It will be an opportunity for you to consider your involvement in the life and work here, and maybe, for some, a chance to decide when to step up and take a more active part, if you've stayed back a bit in the past.

It requires many volunteers to make a congregation like Quispamsis run on any Sunday morning, and/or throughout the week. When you consider greeters, choir members, Sunday School teachers, someone to check the building each evening, and maintenance volunteers to do painting and work of all sorts, the number soon adds up to a considerable sum. Well, the list goes on and on. Read through this report and it will give you a clearer picture

I want to thank Donna for all her work, and Pat and the choirs, (senior & youth), for their wonderful, inspirational music that is ours to enjoy each week!

I wish you God's continued blessing for the year ahead.

Sincerely,

Yours in His Service, Ron

(Rev. Dr. Ron Vincent)



BAPTISMS

Emma Frances Jane Campbell
Hayden Antonio Pasqualetto
Hilary Faith McLelland
Bridget Claire Winchester
Amelia Anne Dunlop



Weddings

Anthony Hayward James Wood and Jennifer Dawn Keirstead



FUNERALS

Barbara Ann Day
Barbara Ann Jewett Langan
Delilah “Lila” Blanche Richards
Philip Richmond Withers
Bruce Wayne Hamilton

TRANSFERS TO

Marilyn Keirstead from Portland United

TRANSFERS FROM

Alyson and John Harrity to Carleton Kirk
George Crothers to Portland United
Gregory and Lucy Lisson
Marilyn Keirstead

AL GRAHAM MEMORIAL AWARD

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

The Al Graham Award is an award of \$500.00 presented to any High School graduate student who is a member or adherent of the congregation of Quispamsis United Church.

Applications are received and reviewed by a selection committee with representatives from Session, Stewards, Christian Development and the congregation.

The successful applicant/applicants is/are announced at a Church service during late June.

Recipients to date: Krista Robertson - 1992; Jamie Backa and Shayne Graham - 1993; Sherry Vincent - 1994; Jason Hayward - 1995; Shawn Hayward - 1996; Amy Jackson - 1997; Heather Robertson - 1998; Jennifer Kiervin - 1999; Karl Grutzner - 2000; Scott Amey - 2001; Kim Kimball - 2002; Mark Grutzner - 2003; Clair Barefoot and Laura Crossman - 2004; James MacDonald and Heather Sherrard - 2005; Jamie Barefoot - 2006; Travis Young - 2007; Caleb Cummings - 2008.

ANNUAL MEETING OF QUISPAMSIS UNITED CHURCH FEB 10, 2008

In Attendance:

Don Walker	Annie Walker	Brenda Forret	Dannie Forret
Bill Whittaker	Marlene Whittaker	Marilyn Robertson	Hughena Baker
Joan Tonge	Evelyn Backa	John Backa	Patty Downey
Steve Downey	Evert Bos	Velma Bos	Barb Hill
Jane Reinhart	John Hill	Brion Crossman	Ron Vincent
Brenda Hogan	Debbie Huddleston	Graham Huddleston	Bob Crowley
Mert Cline	Mabel Cline	Carolyn Kimball	Hally Kimball
Kim Kimball	Bob Sherrard	Faye Sherrard	Pat Ballantyne
Mary Flower	Pat Vincent	Larry Watson	Nancy Watson
Linda Amey	Bruce Amey	Mike Martin	Rose Martin
Sally Allanach	Sue Bishop	Joan Delong	Karen Young
Cliff Delong			Brenda Badger

Regrets received from: Stu Baker, Alison Bos, Don Robertson, Ray and Diane Tonge.

Rev. Ron Vincent, serving as Pastoral Charge Supervisor, agreed to preside over the meeting and opened the meeting with a prayer at 12:30 PM. Brion Crossman accepted the position of Chairperson. John Hill and Jane Reinhart volunteered to record the minutes.

Adherent Voting Privileges: Carolyn moved that adherents be allowed to vote. Annie Walker 2nd. Carried.

Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and discussed. Bill Whittaker moved to accept the minutes as amended. Carolyn Kimball 2nd. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes. None.

Annual Committee and Group reports were reviewed. Several errors and omissions were discovered and listed below for correction.

- Session (page 6-7) It was stated that there was no outreach/worship/and memorial report. This was because there was nothing to report at this time. Carolyn noted that the secretary didn't have access to all the registers. Cliff will follow up with Donna and review her responsibilities.
- Stewards (page 8) There is no designation for disabled parking. The parking is senior. Action: This should be put in the bulletin.
- Christian Development (page 8) The wrong report was printed accidentally. This report will be redone by Brenda Forret.
- Choir Report: (page 13) A date error of 2008 to be changed to 2007
- User Groups (Page 22) Martial Arts is not Rob Doley (delete name)
- Individual Assignments (Page 24) Group committee liaison is not Calvin Keith

Bill Whittaker moved acceptance of the reports, with changes. Hally 2nd. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Brion Crossman presented the budget of \$144,000 for 2008. Larry Watson moved acceptance, Cliff Delong 2nd. Carried

New Business:

1. **Home Mission Council** – Brion reported that the City of Saint John has plans to purchase or expropriate the land and building at 68 Carleton Street. This will negatively affect the Elizabeth Frye Society, the John Howard Society, the Clothing Depot and the Presbytery meeting location.
2. **MacDonald Hall** – Bill Whittaker presented a report from Harry Dunfield on flooring options for the hall. Stewards will act on it this year.

3. **Sunday School** – Barb Hill spoke and had us participate in a group exercise to see the effect of lowering attendance and dwindling numbers of children in Sunday school. We are in crisis and Barb’s efforts are meant to bring understanding and call for help. Ron suggested bringing in Janice MacLean to talk as a first step. Hughena Baker volunteered to coordinate the nursery. Session will develop a follow-up plan for families who have left the church.
4. **Manse** – Brion circulated a hand-out listing the costs and pros and cons of owning the manse versus providing a housing allowance. The recommendation from stewards is that we sell the manse. Don Walker moved acceptance of the recommendation and that stewards proceed to initiate the sale of the manse. Mert Cline 2nd. Carried.
5. **Ken Val Suites** – Cliff reported that the land purchase is complete. Hally Kimball suggested the process to secure funds for the building project will be lengthy.
6. **Nominating Committee** – Brenda Badger reported that session and stewards have a full compliment of members, although there are no women on stewards. Brenda moved, Evert 2nd acceptance of the Nominating Committee report. Carried.
7. **The Observer** - Velma Boss volunteered to coordinate the ordering of the Observer.
8. **Library** – A copy of the Observer can be found in the library. Jane Reinhart was commended on her tremendous dedication and hard work in the library.

Ron closed the meeting with words from Rev. Linda that she is enjoying her placement with us and our support of her ministry. Rev. Vincent adjourned the meeting with a benediction at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hill

SESSION REPORT

Session is the body of the church that looks after the spiritual matters of the congregation. Currently Quispamsis United Church has 23 members of session called elders, each serving a three-year term. Members of Session are listed in the Nominating Committee Report at the back of this Annual Report. Session met on the 3rd Monday of the month except in June, July, August and December. We met 9 times in 2008, as we held two meetings in May. Rev. Dr. Ron Vincent has chaired most of our meetings with our pastoral charge supervisor, Rev. Len Mills chairing a few times. Larry Watson is our clerk of session.

At any given meeting we might discuss matters on a national, conference, presbytery or congregational level. We discuss baptisms, weddings, communion and confirmations. Several committees report to session, including Christian Development, Presbytery, Outreach and Worship and Memorial. This allows the elders to become familiar with many aspects of the church. One of the most important duties of the session is to be in contact with their assigned

families. All elders are assigned approximately a dozen families. The idea being that the elder is willing to be a contact person between the church, minister, and family. We deliver a newsletter twice a year to our families and keep in touch through those visitations, phone and speaking with them on Sunday mornings. Session also serves communion monthly, meets with the confirmands at an informal get-together and usually hosts the confirmation reception following the confirmation. Quispamsis did not have a confirmation class in 2008.

Highlights for 2008 include:

- Accepting Rev. Dr. Ron Vincent and Rev. Dr. Linda Marcott as our $\frac{3}{4}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ ministers for the year
- Annual pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday with donations given to the Outreach Fund
- Lively discussion around the Song of Faith document
- Support of Christmas families through Christmas exchange and Rothesay Fire Dept.
- Participated in the Community Chaplaincy program through Outreach
- Jane Reinhart's awesome work with the library. Check it out!
- Choir's involvement with Meals on Wheels and providing desserts
- Purchase of "More Voices United" for our choir
- Kim Kimball offering to be the Sunday Superintendent
- CD committee re-established.
- The re-establishment of the senior youth group.

We sincerely appreciate the help of so many people over the past year. Thank you to:

Pat Vincent our choir director and our choir for their awesome ministry of music.

Our secretary Donna Larooi who keeps it all straight.

Jane Reinhart for the time and effort she has put into the library.

Our Sunday School teachers and organizers, and the children who take part.

The representatives of the KV Food Basket and those who support this outreach project

The congregation's continued support of all our outreach projects

The leaders of our youth group and the children

Members of the Worship, Christian Development, Outreach and Memorial and Session committees and presbytery reps. Several people are leaving session this year as their term is completed. A sincere thank you for your time, interest and effort is extended to you from your session.

A final thank you to each and every one who calls QUC home, is extended from Session.

Last year at this time session thanked the JNAC committee for their efforts in completing the JNAC (Joint Needs Assessment) report. This year, session thanks the members of the search committee who continue to look for our next minister. Rev. Vincent and Rev. Marcotte have been very much appreciated over the past year, and we look forward to their continued leadership into 2009.

Respectfully submitted

Carolyn Kimball, secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Members: Stu Baker, Chairperson

Rowena Anderson

Bruce Phillips

Diane Tonge

Bruce Amey, Secretary

The Board of Trustees is a group appointed by the congregation to approve major changes to property of the congregation. These changes would include acquisition, disposal, lease, demolition and expansion. The Board of Trustees acts on behalf of the congregation as directed by the Official Board.

Based on a motion approved by the congregation at the 2007 Annual meeting, the Board of Trustees successfully sought approval from Saint John Presbytery to sell the manse. The proceeds of the sale are to be used to provide a housing allowance for the incoming minister.

A building lot adjacent to the existing QUC property which was purchased to potentially lease to the Ken Val United Suites Inc. was not zoned for multiple unit housing. The Board of Trustees successfully sought approval from the Town of Quispamsis for a zoning change on the property to allow for the planning to proceed on the project.

Respectfully Submitted

Stu Baker, Chairperson

Board of Trustees

COMMITTEE OF STEWARDS

The Board of Stewards is responsible for the finances and the maintenance of the church. The committee has fifteen members and meets the second Wednesday each month. Hally Kimball is the chair with Bill Whittaker as vice chair and John Hill as recording secretary. Brion Crossman is the Treasurer.

A budget of \$144,000 was proposed and passed by the congregation. As at the end of 2008 we were \$11,000 short of our objective with General Offerings being the sole cause of the short fall.

In June the manse was sold for a net value of \$152,365.51 (with interest at year end). With the proceeds invested the interest generated will be used to offset the new minister's housing allowance.

During the year more than \$15,000 was spent as the minister's office was completely renovated including a lap top computer, the bathrooms upstairs and down were redone, new flooring was installed in MacDonald Hall as well as the upstairs hall, various painting projects and a new fridge.

Routine maintenance continued around the church including upgrading the security system, installing high speed internet, upgrading the sound system, installing a wheel chair ramp, rubber feet fitted on all tables and chairs and a flat screen monitor for the secretary.

In 2009 the Board of Stewards are contemplating remodeling the stage area to also include a storage area, replacing the front stairs, remodeling the side entrance and the exterior of the church including landscaping.

The Board of Stewards would very much like to have some women sit on the committee for the variation of ideas they can bring to the table.

Respectfully submitted

Hally Kimball, chair

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT

The Christian Development Committee was renewed in early June 2008 and consists of five members, Dave Parkhill, Jill Hossack, Peter Hogan, Amanda Winchester and Lorrie DeLong. We have met on five occasions since our inaugural meeting. Our first task was to revamp the Sunday school program and prepare for a new school year in the fall. We first met with former teachers to understand the positives and negatives from the previous years program. It was felt a newer more user friendly curriculum was needed and a sub committee of the CD Committee met and selected a theme based curriculum entitled "Piece by Piece" which has been working out well to date. It was also decided to break up the Sunday school superintendent's role into a committee format with various people responsible for the various superintendent duties. This has also been a positive development to lighten the load of the coordinator's position that was graciously filled by Kim Kimball.

The Sunday school program had a successful fall term with approximately 25-30 children actively involved in the various grade levels. A heart felt thank you is extended to the many teachers and volunteers who make this ministry a success. Without their dedication and enthusiasm the program would not exist.

The CD Committee has also been discussing the possibility of requesting funding to hire a youth minister on a part time basis to help rekindle the church's youth outreach programs and offer direction and support to the Sunday School program. It is felt this is a critical component going forward to our church's youth outreach ministry and vitality. A request will be made to the Official Board prior to the congregational meeting in February.

The committee has also been overseeing to a lesser degree the adult bible study program and the senior youth group on a feedback basis only. It is hoped both these programs can be expanded or enhanced in the future. Rev Ron has also been keeping the committee informed on the progress of the confirmation class as well.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the congregation for their continued support of our committee's undertakings and direction. If anyone has any questions or concerns please feel free to contact any member of the CD Committee for more information.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Hogan
CD Committee Secretary

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee works with the minister and organist to create meaningful worship services. We determine the order of service that is followed each Sunday, we decorate to mark the different seasons of the year, and we create the schedule of communion services.

The committee concentrates on those services which mark special times in the church year. In 2008, these included brief, informal services held by Linda each evening during Holy Week, the Maundy Thursday candlelight meal, our Easter celebration, our annual recognition of graduates, a Thanksgiving service, and special Advent and Christmas celebrations. In an attempt to expand the horizons of our committee, we also organized a "Nativity Scene Show" held at coffee hour during Advent. We believe that the chance to view various crèches while enjoying fellowship enhanced the life of our congregation.

In 2008, the committee played another role. Since Peter left, it has been our job to work with Linda and Ron to create services which follow a familiar pattern ("this is the way we usually do it") while at the same time allowing these new ministers to do things their way and bring their own gifts to our worship. We are enjoying working closely with Ron, and our worship services are both lively and meaningful. In the next few months we hope to have more lay and youth involvement in Sunday worship.

As always, we are open to any suggestions, and we would welcome any new members to our committee.

Faye Sherrard

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School was lead by a small group of parents committed to continuing the Sunday School program in the 2007-2008 year after Karen Young retired as the superintendent. After realizing the need for another superintendent the duties that Karen had carried out were divided into smaller divisions with a Sunday School Coordinator as the head. Kim Kimball volunteered as the new Sunday School Coordinator.

A new curriculum, Piece by Piece, was chosen for the Sunday School and teachers were found for each class. In the transition period between Karen and Kim teachers had volunteered on a week by week basis. The children, however, said that they would prefer the same teacher each week so there are now six teachers for each of the six classes. This year the Middle School and High School classes were once again split into two, Middle School held during church and High School held afterwards.

The Sunday School was run quite well by the group of parents but there was no one person to oversee everything and some things fell through the cracks. While it does still need some work, the Sunday School is starting to come back together as a cohesive program that the kids seem to enjoy.

The kids put on a White Gift/ Christmas drama at the beginning of December and Jane Reinhart joined the younger classes downstairs one Sunday to lead the kids in song. Both events were a hit with the Sunday School kids and we hope to have more events like them in the future.

The teaching positions are full until the end of May, please consider teaching as a priority in the fall, when volunteers are needed. Many people have a gift to share with our children, and teachers will be amazed at what they can learn from the experience.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Kimball

QUISPAMSIS UNITED CHURCH CHOIRS



Our choirs have had a busy year in 2008. These faithful singers meet weekly to prepare music highlighting upcoming worship themes related to ecumenical lectionary readings.

The adult choir presented weekly anthems in 2008. As well, in April we hosted “Music for an April Evening”. A reasonably full house (always room for more) enjoyed a good commentator, Saint David’s Music Group with Ron, Ross, Chip and Shirley, Quispamsis Youth assisted by Karen Young, solos and our own 2 choirs who sang a number of secular and sacred pieces. The evening was capped with delicious refreshments hosted by United Church Women.

In December we invited choirs from Hammond River and Hampton to join us in an advent celebration “The World is Waiting”. Representatives from all 3 congregations participated in candle lighting. Each choir prepared an anthem and the combined choirs thrilled a good congregation with 3 selections. We enjoyed congregational carols and were so happy to have Ross Mouland provide descants and accompaniment with his soprano saxophone. A freewill offering provided support for Mission & Service fund Hospital Chaplaincy. We again appreciate the contribution of our UCW who served Christmas treats. They do this so willingly and graciously.

Later in December we presented a Christmas Cantata “And Glory Shone Around”. Brion and Laura Crossman again provided narration. Our efforts were well received.

Members enjoyed socializing a couple of times through the year. We want to thank Ruth and Richard Buckley for graciously hosting us in their lovely home.

I want to thank all who presented vocal and instrumental selections during or before worship throughout the year, and special thanks to Angela Murphy and Barbara Woollven who supplied when I took a break from my duties. They provided an opportunity for much needed family time.

The Children's Choir meets regularly after church on Sundays. This is a small but enthusiastic group of singers who sing at worship once a month and have enjoyed combining with the Adult Choir for Palm Sunday, Mother's Day, "Music for an April Evening", and other occasions. Thanks to Ruth Buckley who supports us with descants and also to adult choir members who help with robing and transportation. We closed our year with a special luncheon and then proceeded to Hampton where we sang, played and visited with residents at the Snow Home. Connie Downey treated the singers to wonderful cookies, which everyone enjoyed. We had some new singers join us in September and we are always glad to have more. No auditions are necessary. Just bring a joyful heart and committed spirit to lead the congregation in singing each Sunday. With your prayers and support your choir will continue to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord".

Yours in Christ's Service,

Patricia Vincent. Organist

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Our committee continues to address several outreach areas, encompassing our church community, our geographical community, and on to Saint John, as well as the northern community of Nunavit.

Our most frequent focus areas are as follows:

SHORT TERM INDIVIDUAL NEEDS FOR OUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

. From time to time we are able to help those who are in acute, short-term need, by helping with money for a prescription, hydro costs, gasoline, or, food, in conjunction with the KV Food Basket.

SAINT JOHN COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY

Saint John Community Chaplaincy is a Christian faith based agency that provides spiritual support and physical needs to those recently released from prison and those struggling with drug dependency and their families. Many who come to chaplaincy have very limited means of self-support. Area churches are encouraged to assist chaplaincy in various ways.

Quispamsis United Church continued its support this year by providing a meal once a month. We purchase, prepare, and serve meals every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Figures show we have prepared approximately 1200 good hot nutritious meals this past year. Our outreach fund helps support this very worthy cause, and the generous donations of desserts from the congregation is outstanding. Please support the outreach fund so this project and others can continue.

We have a faithful group of ladies who carry on this work, but we do need more. If you are able to organize a meal, or help out on the 2nd Monday night of any month, to help prepare a meal, or join others in lifting a meal at chaplaincy, we would love to hear from you.

COVERDALE CENTER

Our congregation continues with donations for the women of Coverdale, and some members volunteer their time with the women, on an ongoing basis.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES

This year, our church supported 7 families from our communities, coordinated through both the Christmas Exchange and the KV Fire Station.

Our congregation continues to be very supportive and quick to take responsibility for buying named gifts. We are also a large contributor to the food drive by the KV Fire Station.

UNITED CHURCH CLOTHING DEPOT

Church members drop clothing off to our collection bins at the Church, and volunteers deliver them to the Depot, throughout the year.

KV FOOD BASKET

We continue to support the Food Basket throughout the year, filling bins at the doors of the Church, and placing money donations in our offering plates. The food donations are collected by a volunteer and delivered to the Food Basket.

BABY CLOTHING FOR NUNAVIT

Project Inuvik began in the fall of 2004, when Liz Flogeras asked the congregation for donations of knitted/sewn baby clothing/blankets for babies going home from the Inuvik Regional Hospital, to outlying areas. (Liz's niece has been employed at the Inuvik Hospital.

This project has now grown to involve 2 local churches, along with the McAdam United Church, a United Methodist church in Maine, and several individuals across Canada. Donations now include fleece blankets, quilts, diaper sets, knitted hats/mittens, and more. The warm outfits and blankets are truly a warm blessing for those families heading home in such cold weather!

Fundraising through dedicated coffee hours and Sunday School projects has produced a total of \$700 in the 5 years, to help with shipping costs.

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

Once again, the cookie makers in the congregation rallied to the cause and willingly supplied trays of cookies for many of our church families who are having difficult times, as well as for our Christmas families.

We continue to ask for your prayers, and your financial and volunteer support! You have donated both in \$\$ and in volunteer hours- please continue to help us whenever you are able!

Also, we would be delighted to have new volunteers to serve on our committee!

Respectfully submitted,

Barb McBean/ Diane Tonge

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Since we have 2 girls left at home and they are both in high school and enjoy getting together with other youth, I decided to attempt to organize a few activities for a senior youth group again. We are small in number but a really great group of young people.

The 1st event we planned was to hear Craig Kielburger speak at Harbour Station on September 18th. It was a very inspirational evening and he had quite an impact on everyone. His book can be found in our church library and comes highly recommended by Bethany.

We met twice in the fall to make hot chocolate gift packs and play games. They sold fudge, United Church calendars and the gift packs at the turkey supper on November 8th. They made \$342. 75. Thank you for your support.

On November 15th, we attended the KVHS musical, Honk, with a couple of youth from Saint Paul's United Church in McAdam. It was very entertaining as always.

The activity we enjoyed the most was spending a beautiful warm fall afternoon on October 25th, maneuvering through a variety of ropes, ladders and ziplines in the treetops at Centennial Park in Moncton at TreeGo. The old folks, Mert and I, were barely able to keep up to the kids. It was very challenging but we definitely want to go again in the spring.

The Smallwoods hosted a Christmas party on December 19th. Everyone had fun eating, exchanging gifts and playing games.

Some of the activities we hope to take part in during the next few months are skiing, skating, rock climbing, a trip to PEI and maybe, if Bob Crowley has his way, ice fishing. All high school students are welcome and encouraged to attend any of our activities.

Respectfully Submitted, Karen Young

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The social committee planned only 2 activities in 2008.

We had a games night in MacDonald Hall on February 16th. About 18 people attended. There was a treasure hunt for the children. Everyone brought some food to share and had a very good time.

Connie and Archie Downey hosted a potluck supper on November 29th. I think there were about 30 people, lots of good food and lots of laughs.

Schedule for 2009:

January 31st 7pm sleigh ride at Rockwood Park

February 21st 6:30 pm takeout food and games night in MacDonald Hall

March 14th 7pm Irish coffee house

April 4th (?) Sugaring Off

May Progressive dinner

Everyone is welcome to come and bring a friend and share in fellowship with our wonderful church family.

Respectfully Submitted,

Velma Bos, Annie Walker, Janet McIntyre, Stacy Oliver, and Karen Young

AGNES ALLINGHAM UCW

The Agnes Allingham Unit of the UCW meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30pm. Our president is Lillian Rettinger, secretary is Margery Dunfield, and treasurer is Shirley Melvin. We have 15 members with an average attendance of 10.

Some of our projects this year included giving 19 prayer shawls and filling 6 shoe boxes, and we received approximately \$448.00 from Sobey's receipts and we purchased 4 tables for MacDonald Hall. We send out "thinking of you", sympathy, get well, thank you, anniversary and baptism cards.

We held 1 cookie sale and 1 general bake sale in conjunction with the spring and fall turkey suppers. Thank you to the congregation for your support of donations to the sales.

Our big social event of the year was a trip to Minto to attend lunch and a meeting with the ladies there. A very enjoyable day. We plan to invite them to our group in the spring when driving is more predictable. The Sobey's tape saver program has been cancelled, but we are still collecting stamps (used) and Campbell Soup labels.

Respectfully submitted,

Margery Dunfield, Secretary

AGNES ALLINGHAM U.C.W. FINANCIAL STATEMENT
YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 2008

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Offering	\$372.05	Cards, stamps, and postage	\$82.02
Donations	162.00	Tablecloths	7.91
Sobey's cks.	451.03	QUC Re: Outreach	250.00
Cookies and Bake Sales	611.70	Bake Sales & Cookies to church	611.70
Interest	.09	Gifts and flowers	106.86
Memorial Fund	<u>110.00</u>	Shoe Boxes	42.00
		Memorial Fund	145.00
		Yarn	23.63
		Christmas Party	9.98
		Chocolates and napkins	13.41
		Tables for basement	300.00
		Receptions	<u>36.50</u>
	\$1706.87		\$1629.01
Balance Forward	353.59	Bank Balance	621.43
Receipts	<u>1706.87</u>	O/C	<u>- 9.98</u>
Total	2060.46	Total	611.45
Expenses	<u>1629.01</u>	Memorial Fund	<u>- 180.00</u>
Balance Dec. 31/08	<u>\$ 431.45</u>	Balance Dec.31/08	<u>\$ 431.45</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Melvin (Treasurer)

SAINT JOHN PRESBYTERY REPORT

It shall be the mission of Saint John Presbytery to provide for the total ministry of the church within its bounds and to offer sympathetic and creative support to its member congregations and encouragement as they seek to fulfill the portion of that mission which is within their resources.

Saint John Presbytery meets the second Tuesday of each month except June, July and August in alternating pastoral charges throughout the presbytery. Presbytery committees meet as needed to deal with business that falls under their responsibilities. Committees of presbytery include Archives, Christian Life and Growth, Church in Action, Education and Students, Finance, Outreach Advisory/Clothing Depot, Mission Support and Pensions, Pastoral Oversight, Pastoral Relations, Property and Stewardship

Delegates to Presbytery: Evelyn Backa and Carolyn Kimball

Chair of Presbytery: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Stevenson

Highlights

Christian Life and Growth

- CL&G paid in full for 5 Intermediates and 14 youth to attend Maritime Conference. The cost was \$225.00 each.

Church in Action

- The committee provided several bulletin inserts to all the charges offering ideas where churches could help out the four agencies Presbytery continues to support, as well as global issues in which the United Church is involved.
- A questionnaire was delivered to all the charges. CiA was looking for feedback as to the quality of work it has been doing, only seven of the 20 charges responded. Quispamsis was one of the charges that did respond.
- Our website is www.saintjohnpresbytery.org. Not all committees have reported, but there is useful information on the site.

Education and Students

- Vince Galbraith was recognized as a Designated Lay Minister at Conference
- The Licensed Lay Worship Leader program produces 5 new leaders this year; they are: Bette M Ashley, Mary-Elizabeth Kennedy-Fulton, Susan King, Glenda Thorton and Linda Watson. Presbytery now has 16 Licensed Lay Worship Leaders.
- The committee asked Presbytery for suggestions and ideas around recruitment of new Designated Lay Ministry. This was the November Order of the Day. It was stated that if the steady decline of ordered ministry continues there will be a decrease of 30% - 50% in the next 5 to 10 years.
- Amanda Emimo-Mawhinney from Centenary Queen Square United has begun the discernment process.

Finance

- Finances are usually a struggle for presbytery. We are unable to give a final year end report due to the cancellation of the January meeting. The November report showed a deficit of \$-2,447 in the operating fund and a \$-7,671 deficit on the program fund. Presbytery reps are constantly reminded to encourage our treasurers to make payments in a timely manner. Quispamsis does well in this area. Presbytery's budget in 2009 is \$71,131 on the operating side and \$22,988 on the program side. The program fund continues to operate as a volunteer offering from our charges. Quispamsis's presbytery allocation for 2009 is \$5,683, an \$81 increase over last year.

Mission Support and Pension

- Centenary Queen Square Daycare Center and Coverdale Center for Women both requested a mission and support grant of \$5000.00 from Maritime Conference. The two agencies were able to receive \$4,500 each in 2008.
- \$57,000.00 was cut from Maritime Conference's Mission and Service fund in 2008, due to the lack of donations to the M&S fund.

Pastoral Oversight

- This committee carries out triennial (once every three years) visitations to the charges. It is done throughout the year with a written report submitted to the charge after the visit.

Pastoral Relations

- Rev. Judith Perry was appointed as Interim Minister at St. Paul's in Sussex from June 1st 2008 to June 30th 2009.
- Rev Mary Wannamaker will remain as Retired Supply at Andrew Donald Charge until May 31st 2009. They continue with their Joint Search work
- Rev. Bob Hussey was appointed as Retired Supply at Saint Paul's in Sussex until December 31st 2008.
- Rev. Len Mills has been appointed to St. Paul's United effective January 1 to June 30th 2009. They continue in their Joint Needs Assessment work.
- Rev. Allen Schooley's appointment to the Rothesay charge commenced September 1st 2008.
- Rev. Dr. Ron Vincent and Rev. Dr. Linda Marcotte share $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ part time ministry at Quispamsis United. As you know our own search committee is still at work.
- Rev. Debra Baker is back to full time ministry at Apohaqui/Norton/Kings Kirk.

Property

- St. Andrews's St. David's transferred property to Abbey St. Andrew.
- Portland United sold a piece of land to Newport Village Inc.
- Quispamsis United Church sold the manse to Spencer and Kathy Mawhinney
- Black River United Church was sold.
- St. Paul's United Church bought property

Maritime Conference was held in Sackville in May 2008. Rev. Ron, Evelyn and Carolyn attended. A written report of Conference was submitted to the congregation upon our return.

Respectfully submitted

Evelyn Backa and Carolyn Kimball

KEN VAL UNITED CHURCH SUITES INC.

The Board members of KVUCS have had a busy and exciting year, with many milestones reached, throughout the year. We expect this project to become a physical reality in 2009!

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2008:

- In September 2008, Quispamsis United Church approved a leasing agreement of their land to KVUCS.
- Members of KV Housing joined our Board, and have offered much expertise as we added and designed apartments for those with physical limitations.
- Our Constitution was revised to include the KV Housing group, as the added units, as well as to include Saint Andrews Kirk as one of the supporting members of KVUCS.

Environmental details included:

- A plot plan was developed;
- An environmental assessment was completed;
- A Hydro-Geo assessment followed (this included the drilling of two wells, and significant testing of both the quality and quantity of the water supply); and
- A subdivision plan was developed, approved by the Town of Quispamsis, and filed in Hampton.

Rezoning details:

- Three Board members visited immediate neighbours of our proposed building site to discuss their potential concerns;
- The Town led public hearings to further address any identified public concerns;
- Approval of the Town's Planning and Advisory Committee was received; and
- In September, after third reading Council unanimously approved our re-zoning request.

Financial details:

- A financial plan for Capital and Operational expenses was prepared;
- Financing from the province of NB was approved for both the capital grant and the rent subsidization;
- A seed funding grant and NB early capital advancement were approved;

- Mortgage Financing insurance was approved by CMHC; and
- In late December, our bank Mortgage and Construction loan financing was approved by TD Bank.

Other significant items :

- The province extended the date for funding disbursements for projects beyond the original March 31, 2009 deadline;
- Legal council was engaged to prepare the lease, the development agreement, and the subdivision and land registration details;
- Insurance was acquired, for KVUCS and its Directors;
- Our Project Manager, Patrick Sohy, of Avant Garde, was hired; and
- Negotiations with Prestige Modular Homes, for possible construction of our units, remain ongoing.

We would like your continued support for this project to help provide affordable housing for seniors and those disabled within our community.

Respectfully submitted

KenVal United Church Suites

Cliff DeLong Chairperson

Quispamsis United Church Lending Library Report 2008

Glimpsing back, Peeking ahead

This is the fifth year for the library report—long enough to record some trends. We have been averaging over 100 sign outs per year from the shelves of the library and this year is no exception. I have noted that more of the youth are using the library and teachers have been drawing it to student attention for Christian development. Please let me know when the library has been used for your event or teaching purposes.

Some of the newer resources include books by the author and motivational speaker/social justice advocate, Craig Kielburger, with his amazing story and have been continually signed out of the library. Remember borrowing is 3 weeks especially when resources are new. Four Elf-help books in a series were purchased for young children on topics of a timely and sensitive nature. The character sketching in these books make them especially appealing to children. There is a selection of engaging fiction in the library thanks to the recommendations and donations of some of the more avid readers in our midst. Books by leading authors in Christian works such as Max Lucado, Phillip Yancey, and John Ortberg are on the shelves in the library as well as a few controversial picks. A few of us really enjoy the magazines in the racks that keep us current on a wide range of topics and outlooks!

If you haven't found your way to the library, I hope you get there soon. In the new year, we plan to fund raise for one (possibly two) small winged back chairs for those who would like to stay a while in the surroundings or stop in for a conversation, maybe even discuss a new book club or share a found prayer! One book that would create a lot of discussion for a Christian response is "The Shack" newly being donated to the library. Thank you donors, you know who you are!

Things in the works for 2009 are a new presence for the library on an updated church website, the stamping of the books with QUC identification and updating the data base completed last year thanks to Brenda. With the input of the congregation or portion of, the library could have a focus and sections on the shelves could be newly created. For that reason, please complete the exercise at the end of the reports booklet. It only takes a minute so thanks in advance! ***Tear out and return it to the library!***

As a final note, a suggestion to start referring to the library by its proper name. As much as I'd like to take credit for, it's not so. It is the work of the church. This is the Quispamsis United Church lending library and it needs you -- properly named, claimed, relevant, growing, visited, creatively used, opened and closed. Don't wait for me. Everything in the library is there because of your donations, ideas, and suggestions... and for your use. It is a great place to quench a thirst or answer a call, be it a just a nudge. Simply sign in and out, donate every once in a while if you can, and enjoy one of the many great things about Quispamsis United Church--the lovely library! And remember, bird's the word! ☺

Submitted by Jane Reinhart, Acting Church Librarian 2008

When it is your desire to understand what you believe and why you believe, a library is a perfect place.

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Brenda Badger, Chair

QUISPAMSIS UNITED CHURCH USER GROUPS

SUNDAY	11:00am	CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE	PAT VINCENT	849-6376
MONDAY	7:00-8:30pm	MARITAL ARTS	DANNY KELEHER	640-2778
	2nd	SAINT JOHN CHAPLAINCY	CAROLYN KIMBALL	849-9618
TUESDAY	6:00-8:00pm	BROWNIES	MARIE WETMORE	847-9446
	7:30pm (1 st)	WORSHIP COMMITTEE	FAYE SHERRARD	849-2462
	7:30pm (3 rd)	SESSION	LARRY WATSON	849-7501
WEDNESDAY	1:30pm (2 nd & 4 th)	AGNES ALLINGHAM UCW	LILLIAN RETTINGER	849-4454
	6:00pm	BEAVERS	TOM HEATH	847-9593
	7:30pm (2 nd)	STEWARDS	HALLY KIMBALL	849-9618
	8:00-10:00pm	ADELAID BARBOUR UCW	KATYY MCINTYRE	849-2875
THURSDAY	7:00-8:30pm	ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE	PAT VINCENT	849-6376
	7:00-8:30PM	MARITAL ARTS	ROB DOLEY	847-4002
SATURDAY	1:00-3:00pm	CRAFT GROUP	CATHERINE HARVEY	849-4911
MONTHLY	7:30pm	CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT	PETER HOGAN	847-3327
MONDAY - FRIDAY	3:00-6:00pm	KIDZONE	JANIE STEWART	849-0123

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Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Badger,
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Directions: Please circle which letters below (a to z) to indicate your preference for a new book purchased or donated to the library. Also, underline a word or write in the blank space if appropriate.

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- d. Reference books (concordances, Bible dictionaries)
- e. Books on church history
- f. Handbooks, guides to Bible study/ interpretation
- g. Christian living—popular authors
- h. Books on leadership
- i. Books on specific areas of ministry
- j. Counseling
- k. Apologetics, Bible and science, creationism
- l. Christian biographies
- m. Christian classics

n. Adult Christian fiction

o. Books on families, marriage and divorce, child rearing.

p. Christian psychology

q. Christian living, focusing on men, women, teens

r. Christianity and culture/current issues

s. Cults

t. Missions, including missionary biographies

u. Books for various age groups of children and youth

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