



The Anglican Churches of Pictou County

**31 December 2017
Annual Report**

A.C.P.C. Annual Report 2017

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The Anglican Churches of Pictou County
Annual General Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2017

In attendance:

Chair: Reverend Darlene Jewers, Dave Harrison, Joyce Marcipont, Valda Reid, Debbie Grant, Jason Ferguson, Norm Ferguson, Stacey Ferguson, Julie Wynands, Judy Austin, Fern White, Dianne Hardy and Deborah Beck

Opening Prayer: Reverend Darlene Jewers

Elect Chair: Reverend Darlene, Dave Harrison and Fern

Secretary: Fern

Motion to Adopt the Minutes: Dianne Hardy.....2nd Jason Ferguson

Introductions: Went around the room and introduced ourselves Name and Which church

Annual Meeting Minutes: Given out at the meeting so time was given to read them over

Errors in Minutes of 2016 Meeting:

1. Reverend Darlene Jewers was the Chair of the 2016 Meeting
2. ACPC Chair Report: Property discussed is Property of Christ Church not the Diocesan.
3. Fern wants it noted that she was not the only one who did not agree with sharing the major costs of upkeep. She was speaking on behalf of the council.

Motion to have the minutes amended: Dave Harrison..... Judy Austin 2nd.

Business arising from the Minutes:

Question was asked if Spiritual Development Group meeting has been set. Not at present.

Motion to receive the reports: Dave Harrison.....Julie Wynands 2nd.

Rectors Report: No questions on report

ACPC Chair Report:

Covenant Review needs to happen. Rev Darlene to find out from the acting Arch Deacon.

Ramp on rectory- office portion of the rectory- Would need to also have accessible wash room. It was decided that Rev Darlene would use the church for her meetings and not have an office open to the public at the rectory. This will have to be confirmed by the SAF'R Church.

ACPC Statistics: No Questions

Reports adopted: Stacey Ferguson.....Fern White 2nd.

Financial Statement: Judy Austin reviewed the report: Fern White wondered if each church takes it \$5000 exemption. Dave explains that it is a split exemption, ACPC is not exempt but each church is separate depending on the % of allotment paid from Church to ACPC. Treasurer will work out the exemption for each church. Norm asked for further clarification on the exemption and Fern advised that she will email a copy of the clarification she got from Peter Fleming.

Motion to accept the Financial Statement and details: Judy Austin.....Jason Ferguson 2nd.

Budget 2017: Judy asked to have a special thank you to Stacey for her help on the budget when ever needed.

Stacey said she took the actual from the past year and added a small increase for any that would increase.

Motion to accept budget: Judy Austin.....Julie Wynands 2nd.

New Business:

Rev Darlene stated that during her last meeting with Bishop Ron, he told her he was worried that she was being stretched too thin as she is on 4 councils currently. She advised that she will not be taking any leadership roles in any of the ministerial.

Fern was disappointed with the turn out of the Wednesday night service. The services are requested by the congregation however the congregation does not show up. She is worried about how we are hoping to increase the people in the pews when the regular members are not coming.

Discussion on Easter services: each church has an Easter service, combined services on rotation Wednesday.

Reverend Darlene advised that the first 5th Sunday combined service will be at St. James April 30, 2017. She would like to work in a Chili Cook off of something of the sort to bring more members out

Norm asked what we need to do to get the Covenant Review done as it is much overdue. Revered Darlene noted again that she will find out who the acting Archdeacon is and work on getting our Covenant review done.

Julie asked about the Lay Reader Training: Reverend Darlene advised her that the training has begun. One meeting completed and will continue once holidays are completed. It is still open to anyone who wants to join. Dave remaindered that he has to sign the application before they are sent in. Reverend Darlene discussed that she would like to look at a Grief Share Program for our communities. Norm as for explanation of what it was. It is a Christina Based Grief relief for those who have experienced loss. If it is a Dr. approved program we can get funding. It would be Lay Reader lead. Lay Reader Meeting: Keith and Julie to set up another meeting for Lay Readers. Mission School has been a success and is still currently running the 1st series. Elections: CHAIR: Julie nominated Dave Harrison - Dave Accepted
VICE CHAIR: Dave nominated Dianne Hardy - Diane Accepted
TREASURER: Dave nominated Judy Austin - Judy accepted
SECERARY: Fern nominated Deborah Beck-Deborah accepted
SYNOD DELEGATE: We have 3 nominations- Jason Ferguson, Fern White & Deborah Beck-Deborah Elected to be the Alternate- so delegates are Jason Ferguson and Fern White. They will attend Synod on ACPC behalf. Reverend Darlene advised that there is ACPC funding for this expense. COUNCIL OF CHURCHES MEMBERS: Julie Dorrington & Fern White-are required to report back to ACPC. Further discussion on Synod: Noted that the elects will get an orientation package with the details of Synod and what it will be voting on. Get the pulse of the congregations to make an informed vote. One item is Canon 37 sub 23 Gambling. Fern wondered how to get the pulse of the congregation in order to know how to vote. Will wait for the orientation package and go from there.

Next Regular Meeting March 28, 2017-St. Albans 1:30pm

Dianne Hardy motioned to adjourn meeting.....Julie 2nd

Rector's Annual Report for 2017 to ACPC

“As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.” (Luke 2:19)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As Christians, we are called to continually ponder the events in our lives and to understand what God is revealing through them. This is the time when we count the blessings we have received in the past year. We not only give thanks to God for our blessings, we must be grateful, for God is the source of all blessings. So often we focus on our present struggles while forgetting all the wonderful things we have experienced. Instead, we ought to be grounded by the memory of God's providence and faithfulness through hard times. May 2018 be a time of personal growth for us all.

God who so loved the world, came into our world, taking on human form to redeem us. And just as the Father sent His Son into the world to overcome darkness with His radiance, all of God's sons and daughters are also sent to be the light of the world. Our call is to bring God's presence to everyone, wherever we are.

But first, we need to put the old year behind us. Only as we forgive others and forgive ourselves can we have a "Happy New Year."

“This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this: Our Father in heaven,

Reveal who you are.

Set the world right;

Do what's best— as above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.

You're in charge!

You can do anything you want!

You're ablaze in beauty!

Yes. Yes. Yes.

14-15 "In prayer there is a connection between what God does and what you do. You can't get forgiveness from God, for instance, without also forgiving others. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God's part." (Matthew 6:12-15 The Message)

Thank God that because of Jesus Christ and the fact that He is reaching out to us with His love, whatever has happened to us in the past can be put behind us, an absolute must if we are to recover and go on to become all that God wants us to be in our life.

As a community we will endeavor to address challenges and shared concerns for our churches. Let us make this community a place where we can all draw strength and nourishment.

We will also be reflecting and praying about other ways to connect with the local community and serve our parishioners in the best way we can.

Prayer is key to all of this and I do ask people to keep praying as we try to discern the best ways forward. We want to preserve all that is good and open our hearts to new things to listen and tune into the needs around us. God works only by his word and through his Holy Spirit, to accomplish what he will, to bring about a desired change, in my life, and in your life, in order to meet every need, and aspiration that we have.

May God grant you the riches of his grace this Year and beyond. May you discover and enjoy his peace even in the mist of the storms. God will be with us, he will never leave us or forsake us. We can be assured of his promise, for whatsoever he has promised he is well able to carry out.

May the blessing of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with us all as we go forward in service together,
Rev. Darlene

ACPC Chair's Report 2017

This year the decision was made to hold combined services revolving around the ACPC churches on fifth Sundays. These have been fairly well attended and provide a time of joint worship and fellowship for the entire ACPC Community. We had a very well attended joint service at Caribou/Munroes Island Provincial Park in July. This was followed by a potluck dinner. It is my hope that this will become an annual event.

The Lay Readers group met a number of times this year for educational events. We have spent two evenings reviewing the BCP and BAS services of Morning Prayer, the purpose for this was to familiarize new lay readers with the leading of the worship as well as provide a review for those with experience.

ACPC continues to support Loretta Armsworthy in her discernment process.

This Fall, a retired clergy couple moved to the Pictou Area. We welcome the Sinclairs who have offered to help us out by taking occasional services. I know they were well received at St Bees' when they led the Christmas Eve service.

In February Christ Church hosted the MORE Mission School. This was the first workshop in a series of at least four that will be presented over the next few years. It was very well attended by representatives from a number of parishes in the Northumbria Region. The second MORE workshop was held at St George's on February 3, 2018.

In September, the Vital Church Maritimes Conference was held in Truro. A number of us attended and found parts of it very valuable. The next Vital Church Conference is in the planning stage, date and location will be announced shortly. There is funding available to individuals, from the Diocese, to help defray the costs of lay attendance.

Diocesan Synod was held in May. The Rev Darlene Jewers, Jason Ferguson and Fern White represented ACPC. I was also in attendance but was representing the Diocesan Lay Readers Association.

The Diocesan Lay Readers Association is well represented by members of ACPC. I am completing my second year as Chair of the Association and member of the Board of Standards, the Rev. Darlene is a clergy representative to the Board of Standards, and Deborah Beck is the Regional Representative for the Association.

As part of the SAF'R Church initiative, it is required that those of us in positions of responsibility in each of the churches have criminal record checks performed and filed with the ACPC office. There is no cost for doing this as we are a volunteer organization. They need to be completed as soon as possible.

The Covenant Review between ACPC and our Rector did occur this year, it will be reviewed again in a couple of years.

In 2017 A.C.P.C. Council continued to meet every two months, rotating around the congregations. We have been holding afternoon meetings, rather than evening meetings as most of us dislike driving at night! This practice has been working well.

We have four members of ACPC enrolled in the online Education for Ministry (EfM) course which I mentor. We, together with five other students from across Canada meet online every Sunday afternoon. One student will graduate this year, leaving room for two new students in the Fall.

The ACPC Men's Choir continues to support Clergy and Lay Readers during services at High Crest Home, High Crest Place, Ivey's Terrace and the Veteran's Wing. Some of our members are unable to attend all our events due mainly to age. We are in dire need of new recruits, we were delighted when Bill Colbourne from Christ Church joined us this past year. We are also often helped out by members of the Stellarton Male Chorus.

The past year has again been a struggle financially for most of the parishes belonging to ACPC, we did manage, however, to meet all our financial obligations.

This past Fall, the congregation of St Alban's decided that due to their declining attendance they would close. This was a very difficult decision for them to make. It was supported by the Parish Council of Christ Church and St Alban's. A motion to close the church was passed and forwarded to Archbishop Ron. The final service was held on Christmas Eve. A service of deconsecration will be held by Archbishop Ron in the near future. I urge everyone to uphold the congregation of St Alban's in your prayers.

We continue to hold a large surplus in our bank account, this is because we need to replace the roof on the rectory. As you will recall from last year's report, we were having problems finding a qualified contractor who was willing to do the work. We asked for tenders and received two from interested, qualified, companies. There was a significant difference in cost. ACPC Council decided to offer the work to Dave Marshall. Mr Marshall informed us that he would have the work done in the Spring, this changed to the Fall, then November, then December, then finally we were told he would have it done early in January if it wasn't too cold. As of the date of the writing of this report (January 20) the roof has not been done! Looking over my records, it seems we have been trying to get the roof repaired since at least 2012! It is important that whoever is hired is covered by Workers Compensation and Insurance. This qualification limits who we can hire.

At the last AGM, we discussed the need to install a ramp at the rectory to make it accessible by wheelchair. It was thought, at the time, that this was needed, however it was determined that as both Christ Church and the ACPC Office can be accessed by wheelchair, any meetings could be held in those locations if necessary. The office in the rectory is the rector's study, not an office.

I would like to thank Jason Ferguson, our Property Chair, for his hard (and frustrating) work on trying to get the roof repaired and other more minor maintenance issues at the rectory.

David Harrison

ACPC Property Committee Report 2017

So 2017 started off with a cold Rectory, where there was a noticeable difference between the upstairs and downstairs. The cause for the difference was not readily obvious and after several phone calls to Irving and some local Contractors it was determined to be an issue with settings on the digital thermostat. The thermostat was reset back to default to get rid of the zones and heating eventually went back to normal.

Next on the list was the Gutter work on the main verandah of the rectory. Mike's Gutters was called and he does want the job, but did not want to do the job before the roof work was completed ... to date this has not been completed.

Next was the roofing of the rectory, and that for job we'd gotten two bids. We got a bid from Scotia Plumbing and Property Maintenance and the other was from Dave Marshall at Marshall's roofing. The difference between the bid was substantial and was due to Marshall's not renting their staging as they own their own. That bid process was completed by about October, ending with Marshall's getting the job and that has still not been completed (after about 7 or 8 phone calls).

Next on the agenda was the bathroom on the main floor of the rectory. It was determined at an ACPC meeting that the bathroom needed to be updated. In the end, it was decided that there would be a new toilet, a new sink and a new cabinet installed in order to bring the bathroom up to date.

The last thing to have dealt with was the oil at the rectory. Leading into the New Year, the rectory ran out of oil, which shouldn't have happened at all given that the rectory is on an automatic refill. Oil was delivered promptly and the cause of this occurrence was being investigated.

ACPC Statistics 2017

	Marriages	Baptisms	Burials
St. Bees'	0	1	6
Christ Church	0	3	9
St. James'	0	0	4
St. Alban's	1	2	0

Anglican Churches of Pictou County
Financial Statement Ending December 31, 2017

Opening Balance December 31, 2016		\$24,227.79
Receipts		
Total Revenue	\$94,146.17	
Expenditures		
Total Expenses	<u>\$95,024.95</u>	<u>\$(878.78)</u>
		<u>\$23,349.01</u>
Closing Balance December 31, 2017		\$23,349.01
<u>Bank Reconciliation</u>		
Bank Balance December 31, 2017	\$28,779.53	
O/S Cheques December 31, 2017	<u>\$5,430.52</u>	
Cheque Book Balance December 31, 2017	\$23,349.01	
O/S Cheques:		
454	\$50.87	
1331	\$5,086.86	
1332	\$192.79	
<u>1333</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>	
	<u>\$5,430.52</u>	

Submitted by: Judy Austin
Prepared by: Meredith Sheehan
Audited by: Gerry Mercer (in progress)

2017 Anglican Churches of Pictou County Detailed Report of Receipts & Expenditures

<u>Receipts:</u>	<u>Actual 2017</u>
Christ Church	29,719.91
St. James	32,642.43
St. Bees'	24,022.44
St. Alban's	715.00
HST Rebate	1,660.93
Memorials	0.00
Repayment from other churches/persons	1,428.53
Miscellaneous	158.20
Miscellaneous	3,799.00
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	94,146.17

EXPENDITURES

CHRIST CHURCH RECTORY

Fuel	3,446.13
Power	933.04
Water	429.56
Phone	-
Maintenance	173.65
Capital Maintenance Projects	-
Taxes	2,360.54
Insurance	1,089.64
Shaw Direct	193.48
Miscellaneous	0.00
Total Rectory Expenses	8,626.04

OFFICE AND GENERAL ACPC EXPENSES

Stipend	41,645.45
Pension Admin Fee	698.34
Mileage	6321.74
Office Manager Wages & Benefits	18,412.30
Phone - Cells	1,208.11
Phone - Office	2,668.51
Office Insurance	10.00
Office Supplies	302.77
Church Service Supplies	2,532.36
Postage	288.19
The News	496.52
Photocopier Service Agreement	2,945.22
Photocopier Lease	1,536.36
Office equipment purchase/repair	-
Copyright Licensing	313.60
Web Site	225.26

Youth Group	0.00
Pictou County Council of Churches	50.00
Northumbria Regional Council	0.00
EFM Program	240.70
CAPP Program	0.00
Other Conferences/programs	1,473.27
Gifts	450.00
Outreach donations	0.00
Bank Service Fees	335.80
Miscellaneous	4,105.39
Miscellaneous	139.02
Miscellaneous	<u>0.00</u>
sub total	<u>86,398.91</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	95,024.95

submitted by: Judy Austin

Prepared by: Meredith Sheehan

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Budget 2018

INCOME

Monthly balance brought forward	23,000.00
Christ Church	35,664.00
St. James'	32,244.00
St. Bees'	24,564.00
St. Alban's	0.00
HST	1,500.00
Memorials	0.00
Repayment for other churches	0.00
Miscellaneous item	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	93,972.00

EXPENDITURES

Fuel	3,600.00
Power	1,320.00
Water	429.56
Maintenance	504.00
Capital Maintenance Projects	17,500.00
Taxes	2,400.00
Insurance	1,300.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
Miscellaneous item	0.00
Total	27,053.56

OFFICE AND GENERAL ACPC

EXPENSES

Stipend	45,111.62
Pension admin fee	25.41
Mileage	6,200.00
Office Manager Wages & Benefits	19,536.00
Phone - cells	1,408.00
Phone - Office	2,880.00
ACPC Office insurance	10.00
Office Supplies	1,200.00
Church Service Supplies	600.00
Postage	408.00
The News	780.00
Photocopier service agreement	2,544.00
Photocopier Lease	1,536.36
Office equipment purchase/repair	300.00
Copyright Licensing	350.00
Web Site	240.00
Pictou Co. Council of Churches	25.00
Northumbria Regional Council	25.00
EFM Program	0.00
CAPP Conferences	600.00
Other conferences	1,000.00
Gifts	500.00

Discretionary Fund	300.00
Bank Service Fees	420.00
Occasional Services	1,200.00
Miscellaneous items	500.00
Miscellaneous items	0.00
Miscellaneous items	<u>0.00</u>
Total	88,399.39
TOTAL EXPENSES	115,4258.95
TOTAL MONTHLY NET INCOME	1,5190.05

Council Nominations 2018
(elected at the annual meeting)

Chair:

Vice Chair

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Synod Delegates

Pictou County Council of Churches Members: