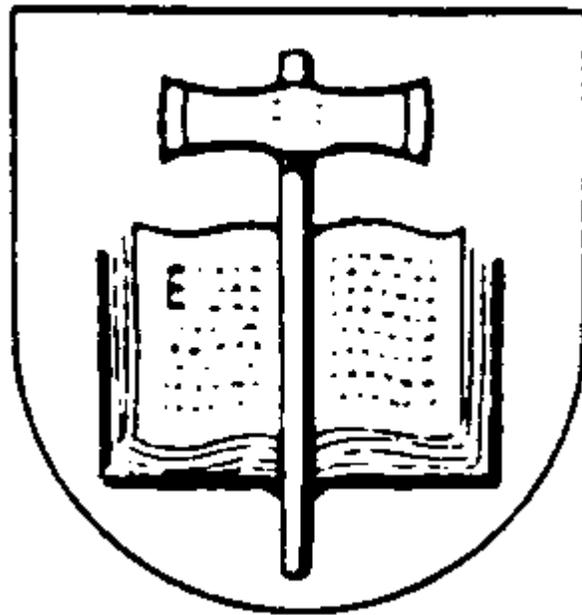


The Anglican Parish of St. Matthias



**Annual Report for 2017
To be presented at the
Annual General Meeting
Sunday, February 11th, 2018**

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AGENDA
ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION
FEBRUARY 11TH, 2018

1. OPENING PRAYER
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3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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RECTOR'S REPORT

"I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth." - John 17:15-19

These words from our scriptures come strongly to mind as I consider the year that has been, 2017 A.D. ... *Anno Domini* ... 'In the year of our Lord'. That way of referring to the era is now largely passé, being replaced by BCE (before the common era) and CE (common era) – a change that reflects a deeper cultural shift away from thinking of ourselves as collectively living in a 'Christian' culture, country, or continent, let alone world. And yet, however we refer to the 'common era', the starting point for that calendar is still that of 'A.D.': *in the year of our Lord*.

I start by noting that simply because I think it tells us something about the shifting position of the church in our culture, and about how to 'be Christian' can no longer be considered a generic category or assumption – rather, as we discussed in our Lent Books & Breakfast series, 'being Christian' goes hand-in-hand with nothing other than 'being a Disciple of Christ'. Jesus' words in the Gospel of John (see above, in case you skipped that part!) seem to speak to exactly this situation: "I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one." And so Jesus prays for us, his followers, saying: "Sanctify them in the truth." In other words, set them apart as distinct people, as holy people, but *in* the world. As part of this world, this 'common era', and yet different, distinct.

Now, you might be tempted at this point to say: You are already two paragraphs in! Get to the business part! The *report* part! Yes yes, I will. Except that the business at hand is that of the *church*, the people for whom Jesus prays that we remain in the world, while yet being sanctified and protected from the evil one. To me, this seems very much the business at hand because it has everything to do with both who we are – we are not just a 'community' of people who gather as 'St Matthias Anglican Church'; we are a community of *faith*, who travel together in the midst of this world as *Christian* people who want to follow the way of Jesus in the world, and who want to struggle together in finding out more, and living more fully as, those who, yes, live in common with others, share and build up a city, province, nation with others from all manner of walks of life and ideas, and yet who know at all times and in all places that each year is, from the perspective of

our Christian faith, *the year of our Lord*, and that that means we “travel to the beat of a different drum” (to quote The Stone Poneys).

So, looking back, how have we done? How are we doing? As you will read in these reports and as you know from week-to-week and day-to-day in the life of St Matthias, there is much that has been done and done well ‘in the year of our Lord’ 2017 at St Matthias. Last year, I wrote of St Matthias being a place of *stabilitas* – deliberate stability, of sticking to our mission as a church, of simply continuing on in what is most central to us: “Following Jesus, Serving People.”

‘Serving People’

For my part, I think we have continued to work that out in stable ways throughout the year. Particular highlights from the year include the establishment of new outreach/service initiatives such as our partnership with Edmonton Foot Care in sponsoring with REACH funds open foot care days, as well as of course becoming a community depot of the Edmonton Food Bank last June. These initiatives along with the other regular modes of outreach you will read about in the reports, together place us squarely and solidly in the work of “Serving People” as part of living our faith distinctly.

Faith Formation & Worship

In terms of faith formation and worship, we continued this year with our monthly Wednesday Supper & Service, working through our reflections on The Lord’s Prayer by year’s end, and gathering on the patio through the summer months. Thanks in particular to Stacey Buffie for her regular involvement in leading in the Service of the Word, and to Glenda Batchelor for coordinating and preparing (most of) the monthly meals.

Speaking of Stacey Buffie – Stacey, along with Dawn Ritz and Karen Poirier, took the step of taking the “Christian Foundations” course offered by the Diocese through spring and summer – this led in turn to the recommissioning of Karen, and the new commissioning of Stacey and Dawn as Lay Readers for St Matthias. Lay Readers are prepared and licensed in particular to officiate in worship services such as Morning and Evening Prayer, and to preach. Hence, we also began an experiment in which we offered 10am Morning Prayer on the Sundays of long weekends from May through September. The intent of that was to give us some diversity in worship and music, but also to give new opportunities for Lay Readers to ‘dig in’ to the full task of officiating. I am really delighted to see this increase in the involvement of these lay leaders in the life of St Matthias, as well as so appreciative of the continued faithfulness of the Altar Guild, our primary crucifer-server Kathleen Bilodeau, our Sunday School teachers led by Tracey

Ross, and the many readers, intercessors, communion assistants, greeters/sidespeople, and counters. Last but not least – the hospitality offered by all who supply food, manage kitchen supplies (Joan Ward), host Sunday Coffee, and, so importantly, the women of the ACW who offer caring hospitality at receptions for funerals and memorials. These things all enable the necessary *stabilitas* in our life of faith!

Pastoral Care is essential to a faithful life together, and in this particular “year of our Lord” we were called upon to carry many in prayer and care through times of sickness and hospitalization, and particularly in Fall, to offer care for the dying as we entered a lengthy season of funeral and memorial services every few weeks from August through December. That is taxing, particularly in the midst of regular parish events and life, but I am also grateful for the continued work of the Pastoral Care Group, now being coordinated by Sarah Urquhart, with members Kathleen Bilodeau, Joy Mani, Doris Strudwick, and Bob Urquhart. This group is a great help in carrying the presence and prayers of the people of St Matthias to those unable to be regularly present. Please keep us posted on pastoral needs! Evan and I together continue to offer a monthly service of Holy Communion at Caleb Manor Retirement Residence.

In terms of young people – though small in number, there are signs of new life here, and it continues to be important to be a place where our youngest members are welcomed, offered hospitality and teaching, and encouraged in the faith. Our Children’s Corner continues to offer a good spot for parents to be with the youngest children, and we continue to be grateful for the diligent work of Tracey Ross in coordinating the work of the Sunday School. Together, Tracey and I offered a Good Friday children’s interactive service this past year, which I anticipate continuing as an important addition to faith formation for this age group.

We did a bit of reading together this year as well. In our Lent Books & Breakfast we discussed *Being Disciples* by Rowan Williams, and in our Fall Books & Breakfast read Lauren Winner’s book *A Word to Live By*. In both cases, I think we enjoyed a fruitful, encouraging, and challenging discussion.

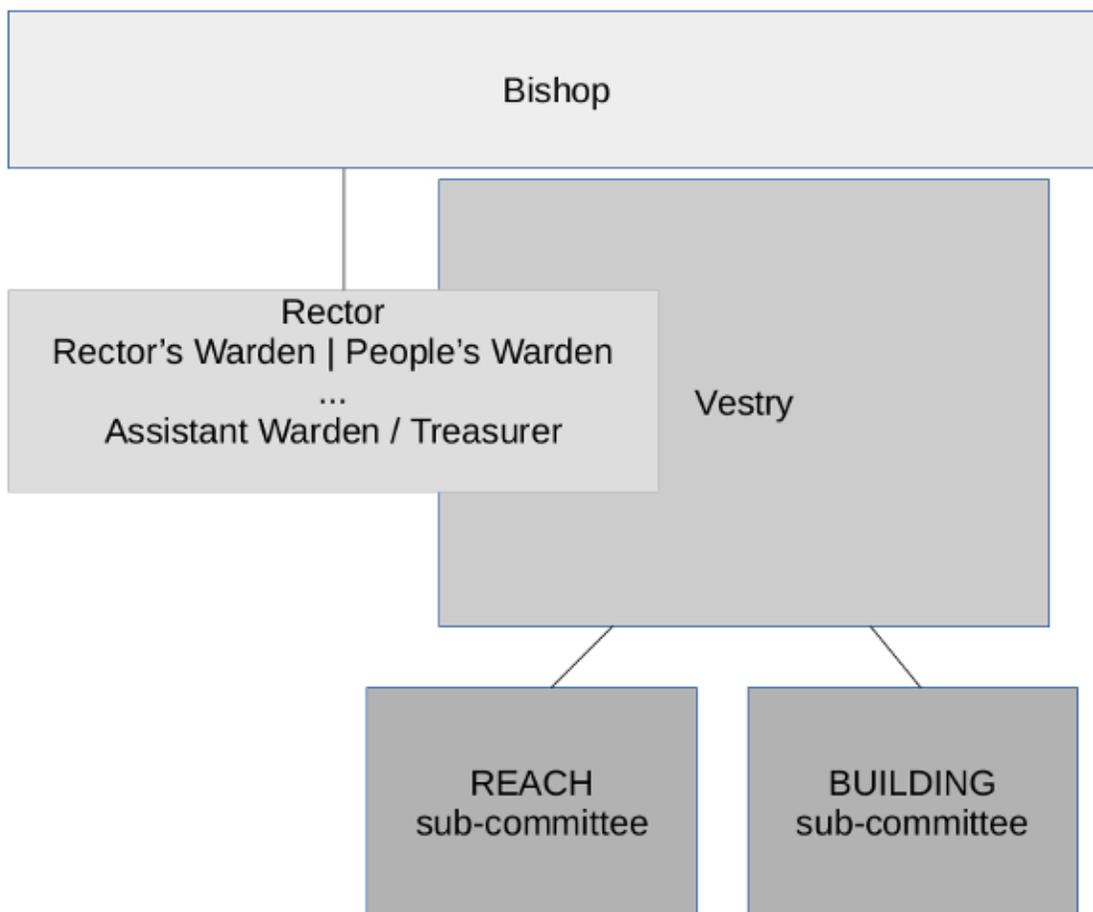
The Filipino Congregation continues to meet at 2:00pm each Sunday, with the Rev. Johnny Pooten as Priest-in-Mission, currently supported by the Diocese at 0.2 time. A proper update will be found in that report, but here my thanks to Johnny+ for his assistance with various services over the course of the year, including Caleb Manor communion, and for covering some of the morning services when I’ve been away. Johnny+ spent spring, summer, and part of fall at the summer parish of St Aidan & St Hilda as well.

Our Honorary Assistant is the Rev. Paul Bachmann. On behalf of Fr. Paul, I offer a note of update simply to say that this year has been marked by

a number of health concerns that have taken a toll on his strength and ability to be regularly present. As he has been able, Paul+ has presided at the 8:30 service, and to preside and/or preach at the 2:00 service. Together with Ann Marie, they continue to visit people from the Arctic when they are in Edmonton for medical care, continue to hold the people of St Matthias in prayer, and enjoy the odd 'cup of tea' with the people of the parish as able. Please keep Fr. Paul and Ann Marie in your prayers.

Finally, music: my thanks and appreciation to Evan Thomas as Music Director for the faithful and creative musical energy he brings to our worship lives, and for the formative leadership he offers in directing the Choir and leading the Music Collective, and inviting our young people to participate in the life of the church through music. By virtue of Evan's prayerful and thoughtful faith, and musical compositions, it has been quite wonderful to be drawn into singing new Psalm settings throughout this year!

Structures



A word about overall structures and governance. In the interest of streamlining parish decision-making processes, the past year has seen more refinement in terms of governance structures. Overall, this looks as above.

The idea of this is simple: St Matthias as an Anglican Church belongs to the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton in the Anglican Church of Canada. As a local parish, we are an extension of the ministry of the Diocesan Bishop, and under her episcopal direction. Internally, the Rector is charged with overall oversight, in conjunction with the Rector's and People's Wardens, who together comprise the Parish Corporation (legal entity), which gives particular attention to the 'business' side of the parish: financial management, building concerns, staffing, etc (and in our case benefits from having the voice of the Assistant Warden / Treasurer in these meetings, which happen normally once/month). The Corporation is responsible to the Vestry as a whole, whose members are elected from the congregation to give oversight and direction to the whole of parish life, meeting normally once/month to attend to these various matters. Functioning under the direction of Vestry are two sub-committees: one for directing REACH funding, and the other the Building group. The purpose of all of this is to maintain a governance structure that is clear and that can function well by attending to the specifics of its 'department', while also reporting back to and seeking direction from the main body for decision-making: Vestry itself. In all of this, we are guided by the Canons & Constitution of the Diocese of Edmonton:

www.edmonton.anglican.org/clergy-info/pages/policies-and-procedures

As we enter 2018, we intend to be even more deliberate about ensuring that the members of Vestry are connected to the various committees, groups, and activities in the parish so that the voices of these various aspects of parish life are being deliberately heard. On the one hand, all Vestry members are elected to be concerned about the whole of parish life; on the other hand we always seek to ensure that each distinct congregation (8:30, 10:00, 2:00) has representation, and we also want to ensure that there are Vestry members who are active in groups such as the ACW, Choir/Music Collective, and Altar Guild. We will continue to offer a Vestry report to the congregation every few months, as has been done for 2017. And I want to be sure to remind that your People's Warden (Gary Liddell) is always ready to hear concerns (and joys!) that you might have! (My thanks to Vestry and the Wardens for all the work you have done this year! *Sine qua non!*)

This year we added to the "St Matthias Name Day" in May by observing the "Parish Dedication Day" in October as well. This structure enables us to speak to the church 'state of things' structurally, financially, to revisit a bit of history, and to hear from various parishioners on something of their own background, involvement, and appreciation for this parish. I have appreciated hearing from these folks, and I know many of you have as well –

thank you to Ben Acquaye, Sharron Hostland, and Lauris Roberts for sharing this year!

Finally, I note and give thanks for the work of the staff and volunteers on the administrative side of things: First of all, this year brought a marked shift in the office configuration with the retirement of our long-time Parish Secretary Maureen Flynn after twenty-five years at the end of October. Maureen's faithful work on behalf of this parish is much appreciated, and the personal care she showed to so many is missed in the office, but continues to be appreciated in other ways as she is present in the parish regularly through the week. The farewell lunch and words shared in honour of Maureen at the end of October gave proper testimony to the faithful work she has done! Evan Thomas has continued to work diligently as Parish Hall Manager (see his report); Tracey Ross began working half-time as Office Manager in September which is most helpful; thanks to Darlene Rannells for serving in that role for the first half of the year in an interim capacity. Darlene now continues involvement in an ad hoc assistant capacity as 'office gofer' for occasional tasks and covering staff holidays. Carole Belamisca continues to volunteer as Envelope Secretary, and also handles much administration related to the parish list as well as continuing with archival/historical work on the parish records with assistance from Suzanne Ebel. The work of Treasurer Shirley Comben is essential from month-to-month, and no small task to say the least! Sharon Morgenroth has continued as coordinator of the counters/offerings schedule, and along with Shirley and myself, revisited and revised the parish 'best practices' around handling these matters, which has resulted in a helpfully streamlined process and a document called "Offering Counters Guidelines" which outlines policies and procedures. Rick Morgenroth continues to offer his expertise in reviewing the accounts each year. Thanks to all our volunteer counters, and to all of the above named people – plus the Wardens Glenda and Gary – who give a lot of attention to daily operations!

In terms of my involvement in the work of the Diocese, this year I took up the role of Coordinator of the Examining Chaplains Committee, an advisory group to the Bishop which helps with shepherding the process for potential ordinands. As Coordinator, I handle overall administrative matters and chair the bi-monthly meetings, as well as continue with the occasional interview with those exploring a call to ordained ministry.

I trust that all this work – and what all the reports in this booklet reflect – is that the work of the church is done with an eye to exactly what Jesus tells us this is all about: to be in the world, but to be distinctly defined by what is holy and what is true – in other words, by the *good news of Jesus Christ* as shaping the way we do 'all the things'. This matters deeply to who we are and

who we are becoming, because, as Jesus also prays in that passage: "As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world." We exist as part of God's mission, and we are invited over and over to hear it, to embrace, and to live it in the common era, *and* in the year of our Lord.

Respectfully Submitted by the Rev. David Tiessen

PRIEST-IN-MISSION / FILIPINO ANGLICAN CONGREGATION

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

The Filipino Congregation gratefully recognized how they have been cared and supported by the Diocese of Edmonton under the supervision of The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander and St. Matthias Anglican Church headed by The Rev. David Tiessen and the honorary assistant The Rev. Paul Bachmann. It is not just that we feel grateful, or that we express our gratitude, but we actually experience how blessed we are to have such a wonderful people and a beautiful church building for us to called family and home to practice our faith.

This year has been incredible for us. We have faced so many challenges and there are yet to come. It is overwhelming to realize that years ago we were confident in our future and determined about our faith to achieve what we set in our dreams. Then all of the sudden, in our journey through the year our self-confidence started to blow apart and our challenges started to began. Thanks for the words of God as always been there to encourage us; *"My Brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance."* (James 1:2-3). Challenges in our faith are indented to make us stronger as much as we are being tested.

Unexpectedly it's almost unbelievable that some members bravely succeed to hold in their arms the responsibilities to take the challenge and use their individual gifts and talents to secure all the challenges. It was not a work of one person but the dedication of many. The tasks Responsibility was usually done by a few but now it's almost everybody. Our congregation didn't run off into hopelessness to let the congregation fade away. The collective thoughts and ideas of its members keep its life burning and it continued its

own ministry and I can say it's a kind of diverse as before and was still recognized by its members. Thanks for the anonymous prayers of many and the words that turned to action by the members, we have come through a remarkable year determined to do our call as a family committed to God through his Son Jesus Christ. Therefore, we move forward with a little more wisdom and a heart that is more open to love, hope, and with a mind that welcomes more healing.

The Life of the Filipino Community

The Diocese offered 0.2 (8 hours a week) as a support in my vocation to shepherd the Filipino Congregation. The spiritual life of this community is being sustained being gathered together every Sunday at 2:00 'o'clock in the afternoon to offer thanksgiving to God. Through our evangelism and pastoral ministries, we were able to celebrate seven (7) Baptisms of this year and we do also sacramental services at homes especially during car blessings, house blessings, birthdays and anniversaries.

The Parish Membership updates

Average attendance at the 2:00 service for 2017 is 42 people. Overall membership includes 25 households totalling 54 individuals. We have six (6) visitors who are regularly attending our Sunday services. Furthermore, the membership of our congregation is "come and go", people will come in and people will move out. For this year, there were four (4) families who move out to other towns for the reason of livelihood, three (3) families move in to Red Deer and one (1) family move in to Fort McMurray. However, we have also three (3) families in two (2) households who just signed in to our census form to confirm their membership for this congregation. Most of our members are young parents with one (1) to four (4) kids in their households and some are still the "bread winners" of their families way back home. Other members are still temporary residents permits with a hope to be granted to become permanent residents here in Canada. Despite of all the considerations in challenging us to attain our dream, we are still passionate in prayer and dedication to achieve our vision, if not at least we tried our best to meet God's purpose for this congregation.

On Reaching out

The parish acknowledged the need of expanding its membership to all faithful believers not just only for the "*Igorot people*" who are immigrants here in Canada but also for everybody who is willing to be part of our community. As of now, based on our record, we have one family who is none *Igorot* and they are *tagalog* speaking and became member of the congregation. We

continue our active participation and solidarity in every occasion of Filipinos here in Edmonton as part of our evangelization.

On Finances

We remain to continue our settlement with the St. Matthias corporation on the 50/50 scheme that the offerings from the Filipino congregation are split 50/50 with half going toward the support of the Priest-in-Mission salary and half towards the general fund of St Matthias as a whole. At the year end of 2017, givings went beyond our goal of \$7,500 so for 2018 we would like to aim for \$10,000. Stewardship campaign will be initiated through preaching and Christian education during our congregational fellowship every first Sunday of the month.

Respectfully submitted by the Rev. Johnny A. Pooten, Priest-in-Mission

MUSIC DIRECTOR

"Whoever sings to God in worship prays twice." - Augustine of Hippo

I've had a couple of clear goals in mind for music ministry at St. Matthias over the last year, and I'm happy to say that the great majority of what I had planned has indeed come to pass.

I wanted to push further into the practice of canting the psalms, and I would now say that canting has become a regular, accepted, and, judging from the feedback I get about it, meaningful practice in worship. I have been very ably assisted in this regard by the Music Collective, and am grateful for that. I have journeyed a little further down the path of writing some of my own musical settings, both for psalms, hymns, and special music. A particular highlight this year was the Advent Lessons and Carols service, where the Music Collective and Choir offered a number of my own original pieces during the service.

The Choir, though small in number, continues to provide steady and capable leadership to the music in worship. Sunday morning continues to be the centre of music ministry at St. Matthias. We have continued with the practice of "seasonal choir," inviting all those who want to sing but are unable to make a commitment to the regular choir for a whole year to join us over

the seasons of Christmas and Easter, periods of about 5 weeks each. This has met with mixed success, though it must be said, when it goes well, it goes really well! We had fewer in the Christmas choir this year than I had hoped for, but the 2017 Easter Choir was more than I could have asked or imagined. Seasonal choir is a practice I think worth continuing, and I will work a little harder at approaching congregants to join us for Christmas and Easter.

The Music Collective continues to work faithfully with me twice a month and has become a vital engine for the musical life of the parish and also for my own music writing. This year I asked Val Nathanson to join us, and she has been a great addition. Thanks be to God.

It's taken me a long time to understand God's call on my life. I've danced all around church music for years, but only in the last ten have I really committed to it. Now, having done that, my passion for leading God's people in song burns in me like nothing else ever has. The call of the Gospel is the call to a risky life. I have come to realize that music is one of the primary areas of my life where I am called to take risks. I am grateful to this congregation for being willing to encourage me on that road, but as someone once said "I congratulate you and raise my expectations!" As we go forward together I will continue pushing the envelope on what is possible for us. I am very grateful for the progress we have made in the last year, and there is every reason for me to feel confident it will continue. I hope to have many more years of encouraging the growth of a confident, vital and joyous music ministry at St. Matthias.

Respectfully submitted by Evan Rokeby-Thomas, Music Director

LAY READERS

Karen Poirier: This past year I have continued to act as server, communion assistant and intercessor and was recommissioned as Lay Reader on September 17, 2018. I am extremely happy that Stacey and Dawn have joined me as Lay Readers and look forward to the coming year.

Stacey Buffie: I began taking the Layer Reader courses in May 2017 and was licensed on September 17th, 2017. I was given the opportunity to do my first

homily one week later on September 24th and my second homily on Sunday December 31st. I continue to read, lead prayers, and serve regularly at the 8:30 am service, and at 10:00 am when needed. I regularly attend and read at the Wednesday evening Supper & Service and had the chance to lead two services in Reverend David's absence. I look forward to taking a more active and meaningful role in the parish.

Dawn Ritz: On September 17, 2017, Stacey Buffie and I were commissioned as Lay Readers. In preparation for this, I attended several courses – a biblical overview, a session on preaching and one on the church's missional model – offered by the Diocese. Since my commissioning I have assisted several times at the 8:30 service as a server, and gave a Reflection at the Christmas Day service. I look forward to the opportunities I will be given to serve in the coming year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR

As with past years, the curriculum used is the Sparkhouse Lectionary. The Sparkhouse Lectionary follows the church calendar and provides a variety of resource materials for planning the lessons.

The number of children attending Sunday School continues to fluctuate each Sunday, but averages four to five per week. The children range in age from six to eleven.

The children have continued with their Gifts and Givings Jar. In December \$196.75 was given to the PrayerWorks Community Meal program at St. Faith's Anglican church, as well as \$89.65 to the PWDRF for Seeds for Change and What's in your medical kit.

Lauris Roberts continues to bless us with her knowledge and experience by teaching 1-2 times a month. Thank you Lauris!

Looking forward, it is my hope and prayer that God bless us with more children who regularly attending Sunday School. I continue to believe God has big plans for us!

Respectfully submitted by Tracey Ross – Sunday School Coordinator

Youth Sunday School

The Junior and Senior High meet twice a month for Sunday School discussion. This group generally consists of 3 students with the occasional guest attending. We are using the Prayer Book Society of Canada's teen study series as our curriculum. Topics discussed include forgiveness, prayer, the Epistles etc.

Respectfully submitted by Leanne Alstad Tiessen

PARISH HALL MANAGER

It has been a reasonably busy year in the Hall. A look back at the Hall bookings over 2017 shows over 20 private bookings (parties, etc.) as well as a number of larger public events. Our financial benchmark for 2017 Hall rentals was \$32,500, and our final numbers for the year came in at just about \$34,000. We continue to enjoy a good relationship with the broader Filipino community, who book the Hall regularly for birthday parties and fundraising events. This year the Nigerian community booked the Hall for two large private events; they were pleased with the facility and I think will be back. To our regular long-term renters (Ohtsuka Amateur Karate Association and Bill McDougall's Golf School) we have added the Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers, who are holding an EAL class out of the Hall two mornings a week. Solutions in Movement, an exercise class that runs one night a week, has also returned to us.

The Hall continues to be well maintained. This year the old blue chairs were replaced with 250 new high quality chairs and the walls were patched and painted. These kinds of upgrades are important in terms of staying competitive with other venues.

The Wardens have made some changes to our fee structure for 2018; these are geared towards moving us in the direction of developing more long-term rental relationships, and the Vestry has begun to give further thought to the purpose and place of the Hall in our overall vision and life of the Church. This coming year I am going to focus particularly on finding daytime programming for the Hall, as this is still an area where there is a lot of room for growth. Visioning for this kind of growth involves discernment around the boundaries of church and culture, sensitivity to how we as the

church can respond to the needs of the community around us faithfully as Christians and in keeping with our vision as a church, as well as maintaining an appropriate revenue stream. I anticipate that this year will be less of a “wait and see” game and more of a proactive targeting of organizations and programs that we think might value the Hall and be interested in long-term positive relationships. I hope that the Hall can become more of a place of thriving community engagement, celebration, and witness.

Respectfully submitted by Evan Thomas

RECTOR'S WARDEN

I was very pleased to accept the position of Rector's Warden last year and was certain that it would be an interesting and rewarding journey working with David. I sincerely admire the integrity, energy and sense of humour that David brings to his position as our wonderful rector at St. Matthias.

As in previous years, the parish corporation continued to meet at least once a month to focus on and clarify issues that vestry needed to make decisions about. I am very grateful to be working with Gary Liddell and Shirley Comben. We knew that we were going into a year that would not have funds from The Friends of St. Matthias and we would therefore be tasked with spending our revenue very carefully. We continue to work hard towards making a realistic projection of contributions for the coming year and ask that you seriously consider increasing your gift to our parish home for monthly operating costs in 2018.

We have accomplished many things this year and two of the endeavours that I am most proud of are the agreement of our parish to sponsor the Khairzada family in Turkey in their attempt to join the rest of their relatives here in Edmonton, as well as the establishment of St. Matthias as a Food Bank depot. For me, this is living our mission action plan: “Following Jesus, Serving People”.

Once again, St. Matthias hosted the Diocesan Synod in September. We heard some incredible speakers, including the Venerable Richard King, Archdeacon for Mission and Discipleship, and Father Michael Lapsley from South Africa. The message from Father Michael was one of forgiveness and love - quite astounding given that as an opponent of Apartheid he was the recipient of a letter bomb and lost both hands and the sight of one eye. Richard King introduced the “Project I.D.” framework, a framework that encourages all of us to identify our particular calling and gifts and to use

them to be disciples of Jesus. Our thanks to the ACW for once again hosting the event.

There were numerous projects, repairs and events that occurred throughout the year. I am very appreciative of the many people who offer the gifts of their time and expertise. We continue to find new ways to reach out to our community and I know that over the course of 2018 we will remain mindful and supportive of those endeavours.

I am deeply grateful for the guidance and friendship that David has shown to me since my appointment. My thanks to all of you who have supported me in the position of Rector's Warden over the past year, and I look forward to serving you again throughout 2018.

Respectfully submitted by Glenda Batchelor, Rector's Warden

PEOPLE'S WARDEN

Thank you St. Matthias for allowing me to have this positive experience of being your People's Warden in 2017.

Thanks largely to the generous donation that we received last year, we have been able to move forward with some much needed maintenance and repairs on the Church building and Hall.

1. new chairs for the hall
2. plumbing repairs
3. roof
4. scuppers (heat loss and leaks in corners of the church)
5. sign refurbishment

In addition, we have continued and built upon several of our outreach projects such as: Collective kitchens, ICPM lunches at the Bissell Centre, Foot Care Clinics, and our monthly Wednesday prayer Supper & Service. September and November, we also had two successful art and faith workshops: Creating Spaces. All of these projects are open to the community at large. In 2017, we also became part of the local Food Bank family as a weekly community distribution centre. The response from you, the congregation, has been amazing. With all of our projects, I am overwhelmed by the energy and enthusiasm that greets all of our projects. Most notably, the support for our at risk community in the inner city and for the Food Bank is truly an indication of God at work in our church and our city.

Also thank you to the invisible men and women who do so much to keep our buildings and grounds clean, safe and beautiful, those who host coffee after services, those who change the lights and fix the leaks.

St Matthias hosted two major events in 2017, Diocesan Synod and the Christian-Muslim Interfaith Dialogue. Both events were well attended and our facility was excellent. Our sound system worked well and food distribution was first rate and the Hall looked great; thank you to everyone involved.

We are looking forward to 2018 as another year of growth and prosperity. We have welcomed some new members to our congregation in 2017 and hope to see many more in 2018 to help us make St Matthias an even better place for worship and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted by Gary Liddell, People's Warden

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/GROUPS/ACTIVITIES

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild works under the guidance and direction of our Rector. We perform an important function by assisting him in preparing the sanctuary for worship. We set up the Altar for the Eucharist services each Sunday and care for and maintain the sacred vessels and altar linens. We also prepare the Altar and sanctuary for Baptism, and some wedding and funeral services. For the Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas services we clean and decorate the sanctuary, and set the church banners in the Nave throughout the liturgical year.

Our small group is greatly in need of new members to perform these important duties. We are organized in teams who are responsible for the Altar for 2 weeks every 3 to 4 months. If you would be interested in joining us please feel free to talk to either Dawn or Nancy.

The Altar Guild will purchase flowers for the sanctuary, from monies donated by the congregation, for all the main Feast Days on the church year. If you wish to have a special day or occasion marked by flowers, you are welcome to purchase floral arrangements or to bring an arrangement from your own garden. Please contact the church office to arrange the details.

Many thanks to Sharon Morgenroth and Karen Poirier who continue to make the wine for Holy Communion.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Clark and Dawn Ritz

ACW

ACW started the year alive and thriving with approximately 23 active members. However, by year end we were having difficulty finding enough ladies to help at funeral receptions, the Bazaar and to assume roles in the executive.

We started off the year with a balance of \$6747.29 and ended the year with \$8197.65. This year we gave money to WIN House, On Eagles Wings, Rector's Discretionary fund, Belmead School, Thorncliffe School, Melissa Ritz (theological studies), YESS program, Wings of Providence, and we purchased some kitchen equipment that was needed.

It was decided in January that our meeting times will be at 11:30 after church which allowed more ladies to attend instead of in the evening. This worked well and we decided that we would keep the meetings after church.

We decided that we needed to have a cupboard for ACW things that we use for funerals and meetings. This proved to be quite an undertaking and Suzanne did a great job and we finally got a cupboard for ACW in the Sunday school room. Good job Suzanne!!

Our Spring event took place on April 29th 2017. We sold gift certificates to Creek Side Garden Centre and offered a brunch menu. Total profit was \$723.63

We helped out at the annual Synod meeting September 30, 2017 serving morning coffee, serving the provided lunch and afternoon coffee. We made \$1175.00. It was identified that we have a concern about the electricity in the kitchen and the fact that we need more coffee urns. Thanks to all the ladies who worked so hard!

September we had an ACW dinner at Sorrento's. Fun was had by all.

The Christmas bazaar was November 25, 2017. We made \$3421.00 selling poinsettias, lunch, bake table, New to you, and Books. The U of A Green and Gold Garden had a table to raise money for their cause.

Election of officers was scheduled for the December meeting. We were unable to fill all the positions so we decided, hopefully to keep the ACW viable, to "loosen up" the structure. Members agreed to less formality with meetings called on an ad hoc basis, no formal minutes rather "meeting notes" to name a few changes.

Bev Singh agreed to be a Co-President and we are still looking for someone to assist her. Maureen Flynn will be the note taker.

Funeral Receptions

Sadly, we helped or catered at 6 funerals this year. Responding to the availability of ladies to organize receptions, the ACW has established a 4 lady

committee: Glenda Batchelor, Dawn Ritz, Joy Mani, and Suzanne Ebel. Depending on who is available, one of these ladies will co-ordinate a reception. The full service reception has been discontinued; we will continue to offer and provide set up, serving food provided by the family, cleanup and coffee, tea and juice.

Respectfully Submitted by Cindy Bouw and Suzanne Ebel, Co-Presidents

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

This report is a summary of the numerous projects completed on and around the building during the past year and a list of planned activities for the future. While some projects are visible, a lot of the work is done by volunteers behind the scene. We express our sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to the maintenance of our building this past year. Some of these people are mentioned below in a list of this year's accomplishments.

- The walls of the Parish Hall, hallways, Narthex, and part of the church Nave were patched and prepped in early 2017 by a crew coordinated by Jack Hostland. Many members of the parish made the spring painting bee very efficient as all of these areas were painted in one day. Thanks to all!
- During the summer and spring of 2017 the lawns and grounds were cared for starting with the annual spring cleanup and BBQ, with members from all three services represented (thanks to Anne d'Alquen for donating the food for supper in memory of her late husband Richard d'Alquen – Dick gave much attention to the original landscaping and grounds design around the church.) Bark donated by Sam Harding was used to top up some of the beds. The shrubs along the building and evergreens on the berm were trimmed back in the fall. Special mention to the Strudwick, Hostland and Batchelor families who led the efforts.
- The lawn tractor was repaired.
- The Church roof was re-shingled along with parapet drainage improvements and new flash capping by Vintage Roofing. Vintage also added and enlarged several downspouts from the Hall roof, extended snow guards across the Hall roof and added screens over eavestroughs to keep leaves out. While all this was going on we also found it necessary to rebuild drainage areas (scuppers) at both ends of

- the church roof where moisture buildup had deteriorated the exterior cladding. This was an unexpected additional cost of \$6,000.
- The hot water recirculation line to/from the hall side along with the water heater were replaced by BR Plumbing after repeated patch repairs to pinhole leaks in this line over a number of years.
 - 250 new chairs were purchased for the Hall. New storage arrangements were coordinated by Glenda Batchelor in the audiovisual room and beyond (ongoing).
 - New furniture was purchased for the Narthex.
 - The Hall projector was networked and audio connected to full system.
 - The exterior church sign originally donated by Bill Riley & the ACW in memory of Norma Riley, was refurbished by Dave Morris. In light of Bill Riley's recent passing, the family made a memorial donation toward this new refurbishment after work had been started. A new plaque reflecting this has been installed. The changeable letter sign below needs further work in spring of 2018.
 - A Wi-Fi compatible thermostat was installed in the Nave.
 - Several fire extinguishers and emergency light batteries were replaced.
 - Indoor and outdoor lighting is being updated and improved around the church by Jack Hostland. LED lights were installed in the Nave and elsewhere, and continue to be replaced as needed. Especially noticeable is the new LED flood light installed on the south east corner illuminating the building's cross at night.
 - A contract was initiated with Oil City Mechanical Services to maintain furnaces/AC units twice yearly.

The Maintenance Fund started the year with \$44,396 and ended with a little over \$12,000. It is anticipated that many of the costs of future capital work will be drawn from Deferred Revenue.

The Building Committee, which reports to Vestry, continues to direct building requirements at St. Matthias. The Committee has created two Building Maintenance Lists: The first being a list of recurring maintenance needs of the church and the second is a long term maintenance plan to look at capital upgrades and repairs.

Submitted by members of the Building Committee: David Morris, Glenda Batchelor, Jack Hostland, Shirley Comben and Richard Critchley

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

EDMONTON FOOD BANK Community Depot @ St Matthias

An interesting fact about the Edmonton Food bank is that it was incorporated in 1981 and was the first food bank in Canada. There are 230 agencies, churches and food depot throughout the city. Three million tons of food are distributed yearly 40% of recipients are under the age of 18. The food bank is for emergencies and as such gives enough food to last 3 days. All requests for food hampers are made to the main depot. Each request is taken on an individual basis attempting to meet personal preferences. The hampers, however, are based on donations and availability of items. Requests for hampers can be made monthly but there are always exceptions which are dealt with on a case by case basis by the depot staff.

Our aim at St. Matthias is "Following Jesus, Serving People". As we go forward we are propelled to serve and become an active part of our community and become a piece of the depot puzzle serving Edmonton citizens.

Our depot receives food boxes early Thursday afternoon. Between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. the Narthex comes alive with people arriving to pack up their hampers. We have been open as a depot for 36 weeks, served hampers to approximately 725 families and have 25 volunteers.

As winter is upon us, some volunteers are going to warmer pastures. Should volunteering be on your "to do list" now is the time to step forward! Your assistance would be greatly appreciated and you will enjoy the experience.

I am reminded that we have two hands - one for ourselves, the other to help others.

Respectfully Submitted by Maxine Morris

The **Common Threads group** is an ecumenical group with members of other neighbouring churches and of the wider surrounding community. Group members make various knitted items, with a focus on prayer shawls as well as baby blankets. These are distributed to different churches and organizations as expressions of the prayers and cares of the group members. Common Threads continues to meet on Tuesday mornings. New knitters always welcome!

Community Collective Kitchen: The Community Collective Kitchen continues to meet once a month. We usually have 4-6 cooks as well as several assistants in the kitchen, so it is a busy, crowded place! The cook pays \$4 for each person they cook for; the balance of the food costs are covered

by a donation from the Reach funds. The Collective Kitchen provides a valuable time of learning and socializing around food preparation.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Ritz and Pat Carson.

Senior's Collective Kitchen: Our group meets once a month to cook easy to prepare, nutritious meals. We usually have 3-4 cooks including new people who have joined. We all help to prepare and cook the meals. We have cooked many successful meals and only the odd one with "less than desired" outcome. Once finished, the meals are divided among participants to be taken home and put in the freezer. Participants pay four dollars and Reach Funds pay for the difference. It has been a most enjoyable experience with lots of chatting and laughter.

Respectfully submitted by Bev O'Brien and Sharron Hostland

Inner City Pastoral Ministry: St. Matthias continues to support the Inner City Pastoral Ministry's outreach programs by providing and serving lunches two times a year (Fall and Spring) to the inner city congregation of Emmanuel. The congregation of St. Matthias has always been very willing to help serve and generously prepare the sandwiches, fruit, vegetables and dessert required for those in need. This year we were pleased to welcome some new volunteers. We even had extra volunteers come and help serve the lunch in September. We partner in this ministry with Our Savior Lutheran Church. It can be a rewarding and enlightening experience and I would encourage anyone who is interested to join us for our next visit in April.

This Christmas season our congregation also contributed enough goodies and winter necessities to fill 35 Christmas gift bags for men and women that were donated to the ICPM to be distributed to those in need. There were many other extra items that were also sent along. St Matthias is a very caring and generous congregation.

Respectfully submitted by Sharron Hostland

REACH: 2017 saw the continuation of the REACH Guidance sub-committee made up of vestry members Shirley Comben and Stacey Buffie. Its purpose is to invite communication with members of the congregation regarding the use of REACH monies, investigate and bring forward to Vestry new proposals and manage approved uses in an effective manner to the end that the outreach efforts will continue long after the REACH funds cease in 2019. While the fund continued to sponsor on-going initiatives, we were pleased to add a new event this year.

- In February, May and September, St. Matthias, in partnership with Edmonton Foot Care (which is run by our own parishioner, Elizabeth

Synnott), hosted a Foot Care Clinic. This is open for anyone to book an appointment, and especially provides an affordable way for people in the surround community to benefit from this kind of needed service. The clinic operates quarterly, with appointments booked through the church office and a portion of each visit is paid from REACH funds. As this initiative continues to grow we look forward working closely with Edmonton Foot Care in the upcoming year.

- Both Collective Kitchens are a huge success thanks to the dedicated volunteers who are committed to this effort.
- REACH funds were used to offer an open invitation to both parish members and the wider community to enjoy a free community dinner just prior to our monthly Wednesday Supper & Service. Attendance has been consistent as a mid-week gathering of approximately 20 people; we do continue to seek to get the word and invitations out to the broader community. Thank you in particular to Glenda Batchelor for being the regular meal coordinator and host for these events.
- REACH funds covered the music licence for the Music Collective.
- In June, Reverend David received a proposal from Edie Liddell about leading a workshop that would focus on personal engagement through art. Two events were held in Fall 2017 (Sept and Nov), in which Edie led the group in a reflection on a biblical theme, and then guided the creative responses through art. This was enjoyed by all who attended and we hope there are more opportunities to express our faith and ourselves creatively in the future!

As we look to put this money to good use in our community, we invite and encourage the congregation to share their hopes and ideas with us.

Respectfully submitted by Stacey Buffie

ST MATTHIAS AT WORSHIP 2017

Average Sunday Attendance: 72

Easter Attendance: 144

Christmas Attendance: 151

Baptisms: 1 St Matthias; 9 Filipino Congregation

Marriages: 0 St Matthias; 0 Filipino Congregation

Funerals/Memorials: 9

EVENTS IN THE PARISH FAMILY

BAPTISMS

Logan Christopher Francis Critchley

Lorephil Aguinaldo (Filipino Service)

Myrone Zach Kis-ing (Filipino Service)

Genesis Sodaypan (Filipino Service)

Madison Balangue (Filipino Service)

Gospel Elijah Baclili (Filipino Service)

Luke Matinec (Filipino Service)

Jeremiah Matinec (Filipino Service)

Tyrell-Jun Badongen (Filipino Service)

Cyrell-Lcao Badongen (Filipino Service)

REST IN PEACE

Joan Dorothy Radmanovich

Veda Yhap

Elizabeth Rosemary Bowman

Clifford Leonard Hayko

David Foster Hinchliffe

Michael John Eagleson

George Reginald Davis

Adella Hayko

DEDICATIONS

Glass Blocks (four)

Prie-Dieu (Prayer Desk) for the Chapel of the Good Shepherd

Church Sign Refurbishment in memory of Norma & Bill Riley

VESTRY NOMINATIONS 2018

The Vestry of St Matthias meets once/month to attend to matters pertaining to parish life, from the upkeep of the building, to programming, to worship, to community life and engagement, to matters financial. Members are elected on a two-year term. Membership includes the clergy of the parish, those elected or appointed as Wardens, and those elected by the congregation as Vestry members.

Thank you to the following Vestry members who are finishing their terms and retiring from Vestry: Stacey Buffie, Richard Critchley, David Morris.

The nominations committee presenting the nominees at AGM 2018 consists of Doug Aird and Joy Mani.

For 2018, the following members are standing for re-election: Doug Aird, Sharron Hostland, Joy Mani, Darlene Rannells, and Cecilia Sibayan for Vestry, and Shirley Combden as Assistant Warden. New nominees are listed following those who are current members:

Nominee	Mover	Second
Shirley Combden (Assistant Warden)		
Doug Aird		
Sharron Hostland		
Joy Mani		
Darlene Rannells		
Cecilia Sibayan		
Kathy Carlson		
Bonnie Woolnough		

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH 2018 BUDGET			
	BUDGET 2017	ACTUAL 2017	BUDGET 2018
INCOME			
ENVELOPES	\$ 152,500	\$ 136,974	\$ 145,000
SEASONAL/SPECIAL	500	4,135	4,000
OPEN	3,000	3,388	3,000
FLOWERS	750	1,160	1,000
RECEIPTABLE	500	1,565	1,500
MEMORIAL DONATIONS	-	10,220	-
REACH MONIES	10,000	5,608	10,000
HALL RENTAL	32,500	33,978	35,000
COFFEE JAR	1,200	1,439	1,500
OTHER MISC. INCOME	5,000	28,489	5,000
UNITED WAY REVENUE	500	360	350
FILIPINO MISSION	7,500	4,754	5,000
ACW	-	1,000	-
BUILDING BLOCK INCOME	-	1,500	-
PANCAKE SUPPER-Net	-	401	400
FRIENDS OF ST. MATTHIAS/FUNDRAISING	5,000	501	-
PLAYSCHOOL	12,750	12,750	\$ 13,250
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 231,700	\$ 248,222	\$ 225,000
EXPENSES			
CLERGY STIPEND & BENEFITS	\$ 81,098	\$ 81,387	\$ 82,452
CLERGY RETREATS/CONFERENCE	600	300	600
SUPPORT STAFF & BENEFITS	45,792	45,306	42,608
HONORARIUMS	4,000	4,185	1,000
MUSIC DIRECTOR & MUSIC SUPPLIES	12,500	12,628	20,000
TRAVEL	1,200	485	600
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,121	1,688	1,700
COPIER LEASE	1,750	1,851	1,850
TELEPHONE	3,000	2,781	2,800
SYNOD EXPENSES	300	200	-
CHILDRENS MINISTRY	500	269	250
YOUTH MINISTRY	500	58	250
ADULT EDUCATION	500	635	500
CHURCH SUPPLIES	500	982	1,000
FLOWERS	500	1,334	1,000
KITCHEN/BATHROOM SUPPLIES	2,000	2,779	2,800
UTILITIES	12,000	13,650	14,000
REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	10,000	47,053	5,000
CHURCH CLEANING	6,000	6,210	6,500
RENTAL EXPENSE	6,500	5,500	5,500
INSURANCE	4,384	4,194	5,405
APPORTIONMENT	25,956	25,956	29,448
MISC.	500	128	237
DISCRETIONARY EXPENSE	500	658	500
OUTREACH (REACH)	10,000	5,608	10,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 231,700	\$ 265,826	\$ 236,000
EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES	\$ (0)	\$ (17,604)	\$ (11,000)
Note: Capital repairs will be made from the Reserve Fund			

VESTRY PROPOSAL FOR CONSIDERATION AT AGM: ELECTRONIC (LED) SIGNS

The Vestry of St Matthias recently passed a motion to recommend to the whole parish that we draw on our "Deferred Facility Improvement Funds" for the purpose of installing LED signage on the exterior of the building, as per the details below:

Background: One of our parishioners, Bruce Simpson, who is in the electronic sign and signmaking industry, has offered to coordinate and install two electronic signs to be mounted on the front point of the building wall, facing both 62 Ave and 188 St simultaneously.

Purpose: The purpose of the signs would be to increase the visibility of the existence of St Matthias as a church, and to alert travellers to the various aspects of our collective parish life.

Costs: The signs themselves would be full-colour and capable of running HD-quality video. Cost of the signs together is approximately \$20,000. Bruce has offered to donate the installation costs (\$5000.00) and coordinate the project. Costs of maintenance thereafter would be \$500.00 per year, and ongoing electricity/month costs is estimated at \$40/month. In total, Vestry recommends that the parish dedicate up to \$15000.00 toward the purchase and installation of these signs.

Considerations: Vestry will need to consider:

- a) questions of policy on best practices regarding sign content, including whether and how best to include the events of other community and private groups using the Parish Hall;
- b) that there will need to be a dedicated individual who will oversee the design and maintain of the graphics and information to be posted on the sign on a regular basis.



INITIAL DISCUSSION: SOLAR PANEL PROJECT

Background: Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese of Edmonton, the Ven. Alan Perry, along with Bishop Jane Alexander, are encouraging parishes in the City of Edmonton to consider the feasibility of installing solar panels as a way of reducing energy costs to the parish and to contribute to greater environment sustainability (i.e., Creation Care).

This opportunity comes with a grant program encouraging non-profits/charities/churches to install solar panels as part of the electrical grid. The City of Edmonton is offering up to \$50,000 toward such panels, with the Province of Alberta offering up to an additional \$30,000.

Our current use for 2017 was 45Megawatts of electricity, at a cost of just under \$5000.00. It would behoove us to lower our usage by completing the installation of LEDs throughout the Church and Hall, but for the sake of argument, if we were to keep 45Megawatts as our target and attempt to reach a close balance of use relative to solar generating capacity, this would put us at needing \$123,750 worth of panels, to be offset by the grants totalling approximately \$80,000, leaving us with a roughly \$40,000 outlay.

Those numbers are entirely approximate! But perhaps helpful in opening a conversation about the feasibility of such a project. Additional numbers pertaining to maintenance costs, longevity of panels, etc, will need to be gathered, and a full energy audit and assessment of possibilities regarding panel placement will need to be conducted prior to a decision.

In preparation for an initial discussion about this I refer you to the attached document authored by Archdeacon Perry in order to become familiar with the proposal:

<https://www.stmatthiasedmonton.ca/nextcloud/index.php/s/RZxSF3GFF3TItjI>

Should there be more information available by the time of AGM, it will be presented during the meeting.

APPENDIX A

ST MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, February 12th, 2017

1. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting began at 11:45 a.m. The Rev. David Tiessen, Rector, welcomed everyone, opening with prayer. (BAS 676 Prayer4)

2. CIRCULATION OF CANONICAL DECLARATION

The Canonical Declaration was circulated for signature by those in attendance. Note: eligibiity to vote included in front of the book.

30 people signed the Declaration.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: That the Agenda for the Meeting be accepted as printed

Moved: Doug Aird; Seconded: Stacey Buffie. Carried

4. APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY

Darlene Rannells agreed to act as secretary for this meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF JANUARY 17TH, 2016

MOTION: That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 17th, 2016 be accepted as printed and circulated. Moved: David Batchelor, Seconded: Maureen Flynn, Carried

6. REPORTS

a. Rector

The Rev. David Tiessen expressed his appreciation to the many individuals and groups for all of their hard work and dedication this past year. Attention was drawn to the members of the congregation we have lost this past year, both in death, and also in those who have moved away. Appreciation is due to the ACW for their continued service at receptions, which is especially important in the hospitality we provide at such times. Thanks was given to Tracey Ross who stepped in to the Sunday School Coordinator role, and also to Leanne Tiessen and David and Glenda Batchelor who stepped up to help teach the young people on Sunday mornings. Although our children and youth numbers are small, it is important to have the necessary infrastructure in place to support the faith

development of young people. A special note of thanks to the new Social Committee recently established of Shirley Combden and Nancy Sinclair. This new initiative is to both bring us together as a parish as well as do some fund raiser events going forward. Special thanks was given to our outgoing wardens, John Belamisca; Rectors Warden, and Mary Johnston; Peoples Warden and also the Vestry members for all of their hard work. Also a thank you to our weekly crucifer/servers Kathleen Bilodeau and Stacey Buffie; the Altar Guild who ensure we are ready to go each and every week, our lay reader, Karen Poirier, and also the office staff for their ongoing work.

David Batchelor noted thanks to the Rev. David Tiessen for all of his hard work in the parish. Marguerite Johnson also thanked the Rev. David Tiessen for leading the weekly Wed Bible study group. Rev. David Tiessen made a note of encouragement to all to consider joining this wonderful group.

The contribution of the choir was also noted: Evan Thomas noted the dedication of both the choir and also the second music group, the Music Collective and showed his appreciation for all of their commitment and hard work.

b. Priest-in-Mission (Filipino Anglican Congregation Edmonton @ St Matthias)

The Rev. Johnny Pooten quoted Matthew 25:38, which speaks of welcoming the stranger. Rev Johnny Pooten, on behalf of The Filipino congregation thanked the parish of St. Matthias, which they call home. They are very thankful for the fellowship of the Filipino congregation and feel St. Matthias have welcomed them and feel very grateful and blessed. Although they are distinct congregation, there are many things we do in concert together and are thankful for. He also thanked Julie Alcantara and Cecille Sibayan for being connected with both congregations.

c. Building Sub-Committee

Shirley Combden commented on the formation of the building sub-committee, appointed by Vestry to report on and better address building issues. The members are Jack Hostland, David Morris, Glenda Batchelor and Shirley Combden. This was established to outline both long term maintenance plans and to help address occasional issues that arise during the course of the year. Ideas and suggestions for any areas of concern are welcomed by the sub-committee as

they want to keep on top of ongoing issues as well as managing the regular maintenance of the building.

7. APPOINTMENT OF RECTOR'S WARDEN

Thank you to John Belamisca for his service as Rector's Warden for the past two years. John sends his regrets today as he and Carole are in Mexico for a couple of months. They send greetings and prayers for the meeting.

REV. DAVID TIESSEN HEREBY APPOINTS GLENDA BATCHELOR AS RECTOR'S WARDEN FOR A TWO YEAR TERM. Glenda Batchelor accepted the appointment. Rev. David Tiessen gave thanks for and looks forward to working together this next year.

8. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vestry Nominating Committee

Thank you to Mary Johnston who finished a term of two years plus one as People's Warden.

Mary offered a summary of the Vestry Nominating Committee, noting that Gary Liddell has put his name forward to stand as People's Warden and opened the floor for further nominations.

a) People's Warden:

Nominated: Gary Liddell

Moved: Pat Carson; Seconded: Jack Hostland

b) Assistant Warden:

Nominated: Shirley Combden

Moved: Darlene Rannells; Seconded: Mary Johnston

c) Vestry:

Nominated: Stacey Buffie

Moved: Glenda Batchelor; Seconded: Doug Aird

The existing Vestry members to remain for another term as printed in the Vestry

Reception of Nominating Committee Report. Moved: Glenda Batchelor, Seconded: Doug Aird. The floor was opened up for further nominations. None.

Call for motion to close the nominations as printed. Moved: Angela Heath, Seconded: Maureen Flynn. All in favour, floor closed.

The congregation formally acclaimed the nominations of the People's Warden, Assistant Warden and Vestry Member as duly moved and seconded.

d) Synod Delegates – Synod scheduled this year for Sept. 29-30. St. Matthias host site for Saturday, September 30th.

MOTION: That the Lay Delegates/Alternates to Synod be determined from among and by the members of Vestry at its first meeting.

Moved: Jack Hostland; Seconded: Nancy Clark. Carried

9. FINANCIAL REPORT

a) Statement of 2016 Financial Position to December 31st, 2016

Shirley Combden noted that the previous year's financials were reviewed by Rick Morgenroth as appointed as Account Examiner, and indicated receipt of the Letter of Opinion of the Account Examiner that the financial statements of 2015 "present in all material respects, the financial position of the Church at December 31, 2015."

On behalf of Vestry, Shirley Combden reviewed the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2016. She noted we are in a far better financial situation than in past years. Thanks to an anonymous gift this year we were able to pay off what remained owing on the Parish Hall as well as put funds of \$275,000 in a Diocesan Trust Fund, to be held for future use with an eye to both future building maintenance needs as well as other aspects of parish life beyond regular operating costs. Vestry was also able to give back to the community by donating 2% of the total gift to other organizations and ministries. We as members of St. Matthias have a continued financial obligation to continue to cover the monthly operating costs through regular giving, and it was noted that regular envelope donations are down. It was noted that all REACH funds are restricted funds and all spending of same must be approved by Vestry. It was also noted that all ACW funds are only spent on the instruction of the ACW.

The floor was opened up for questions.

Jack Hostland asked for clarification on depreciation. Shirley answered that it is due to us being a charitable organization, not a normal corporation.

Clarification of Ladybug Playschool arrangement was made: currently in a five-year agreement, with increases to rent each year. Shirley noted the relationship has been a positive one. It was noted that the overall consensus from the congregation was that

Ladybug's presence is positive.

MOTION: to accept the DRAFT 2016 Financial Report as received:

Moved: Shirey Combden, Seconded: Ken Code. Carried

David thanked Shirley for her thorough and careful work throughout the year.

b) Proposed Operating Budget - 2016

On behalf of Vestry, Shirley Combden reviewed the proposed Operating Budget for 2017.

Some items of note:

i) increased hall rentals; ii) we didn't reach targeted givings and need to work on that for 2017; iii) Friends of St. Matthias fundraising project came to a close in 2016 so givings and occasional fundraising initiatives will be needed to cover that -- it was further noted that we don't want to constantly have to do fund raising initiatives as regular givings should be covering the operating costs. We should not rely on these fund raising efforts. Shirley made an appeal for each of us to consider and reflect on. By each of us increasing our own givings by 10%, this initiative would allow us to exceed our budget from last year. This would have a big impact. It is understood that the cost of living for individuals has gone up, however, it was further noted that the cost of living for the church has also increased and our givings have not.

The floor was opened up for further questions.

Question re: eligibility for grants for such things as volunteers for painting etc. Shirley noted that rarely grants are allowed for volunteers as an eligible expense. It was further noted that the Hall functions as a public venue and so could be eligible for grants; the church as a worship space is classified as of private interest and so not normally eligible in same way.

David Batchelor asked what our 3rd party liability is. Shirley confirmed with the insurance policy in hand that same is \$5,000,000. She also confirmed that the insurance is provided through the Diocese and paid collectively for all of the churches in the diocese.

MOTION: To adopt the 2017 operating budget as presented:

Moved: Shirley Combden, Seconded: Glenda Batchelor, Carried.

Thank you again to Shirley for guiding us.

c) Appointment of Account Examiners

MOTION: That Rick Morgenroth be appointed Account Examiner for review of the 2016 year.

Moved: Shirley Combden, Seconded: Sally Winterton, Carried

10. ACCEPTANCE OF ANNUAL REPORTS 2016

MOTION: That the Annual Reports for 2016 be accepted as printed and circulated.

Moved: Judy Code, Seconded: Stacey Buffie, Carried

11. OTHER BUSINESS

Regrets were given by: Fr. Paul Bachmann, Karen Poirier, and Gary Liddell.

The Rev. David Tiessen offered thanks to all who attended. He mentioned the upcoming St Matthias Name Day on May 14, and noted that we will gather on Sat May 13 morning for review and discussion of aspects of our life as the parish of St. Matthias.

Thank you to Darlene Rannells for the compilation of the reports for the AGM. To our coffee hosts today, Nancy Sinclair and Shirley Comben for setting up coffee for us.

12. ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting ended at 12:55 p.m.

MOTION: That the meeting be adjourned.

Moved: Maureen Flynn, Seconded: Dawn Ritz, Carried.

REV. DAVID TIESSEN CLOSED WITH PRAYER.

APPENDIX B
Statement of Financial Position to Dec 31, 2017

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2017

(Unaudited)

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
Statement of Financial Position
 December 31, 2017

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	2017	2016
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
CHEQUING ACCOUNT	\$ 31,527.67	\$ 35,871.13
MAINTENANCE FUND ACCOUNT	7,492.66	44,396.02
REACH ACCOUNT	13,021.08	9,749.54
PETTY CASH	150.00	150.00
GST RECEIVABLE	1,849.07	710.60
DIOCESE TRUST FUND	275,000.00	275,000.00
	329,040.48	365,877.29
FIXED ASSETS		
LAND	339,106.85	339,106.85
BUILDING	1,251,309.00	1,251,309.00
EQUIPMENT, FIXTURES & FURNITURE	148,472.45	148,472.45
	1,738,888.30	1,738,888.30
	\$ 2,067,928.78	\$ 2,104,765.59
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
DEFERRED REVENUE (REACH)	\$ 13,021.08	\$ 9,749.54
	13,021.08	9,749.54
TOTAL LIABILITIES	13,021.08	9,749.54
PARISH EQUITY		
PARISH EQUITY-UNRESTRICTED	1,764,217.39	1,781,376.12
DEFERRED FACILITY IMPROVEMENT (SCHEDULE 3)	282,492.66	306,892.64
ACW FUND	8,197.65	6,747.29
	2,054,907.70	2,095,016.05
	\$ 2,067,928.78	\$ 2,104,765.59

Please see accompanying notes

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
Statement of Operations - General Fund
Year ended December 31, 2017

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	2017	2016
REVENUE:		
ENVELOPES	\$ 136,829.21	\$ 148,824.55
SEASONAL/SPECIAL	4,135.00	855.00
ENVELOPE COST RECOVERY	145.00	98.00
UNITED WAY REVENUE	360.00	450.00
OPEN	3,807.83	3,348.21
RECEIPTABLE	1,565.00	1,160.00
GIFTS IN KIND	614.25	1,184.41
FLOWERS	1,160.00	965.00
MEMORIAL DONATIONS	10,220.00	1,635.00
SUNDAY SCHOOL INCOME	-	70.00
MISC. & OTHER	27,874.98	162,346.21
FILIPINO	4,754.27	5,055.10
A.C.W.	1,000.00	2,000.00
BUILDING BLOCK INCOME	1,500.00	3,520.00
COFFEE JAR	1,439.06	1,120.00
REACH	5,608.30	6,965.61
FUNCTIONS & EVENTS (Schedule 1)	42,071.47	62,182.65
	243,084.37	401,779.74
EXPENSES:		
CLERGY SALARY & BENEFITS	81,387.12	79,352.73
SUPPORT STAFF SALARY & BENEFITS	45,306.28	42,367.23
CLERGY RETREATS	300.00	660.00
HONORARIUMS	4,184.70	3,805.00
MUSICIANS	12,627.96	9,327.96
TRAVEL	485.30	610.90
OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,688.21	1,002.72
COPIER LEASE	1,850.59	1,870.91
TELEPHONE	2,781.25	2,926.67
INTEREST-CHURCH DEV TRUST	-	3,784.00
SYNOD EXPENSES	200.00	-
SUNDAY SCHOOL	269.28	523.34
ADULT EDUCATION	634.68	298.04
WORSHIP SUPPLIES	982.35	523.25
FLOWERS	1,334.10	556.75
UTILITIES	13,650.25	11,444.90
KITCHEN/BATHROOM SUPPLIES	2,779.13	2,129.15
R & M -BUILDING	47,052.70	10,039.33
CHURCH CLEANING	6,210.00	5,150.00
INSURANCE	4,193.83	4,174.61
APPORTIONMENT	25,956.00	27,492.00
OUTREACH	786.05	10,947.71
REACH (Schedule 2)	5,608.30	6,965.61
	260,268.08	225,952.81
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	-\$ 17,183.71	\$ 175,826.93

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
Statement of Operations - ACW Fund
Year ended December 31, 2017

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	2017	2016
REVENUE:		
FUNDRAISING	\$ 5,427.35	\$ 6,013.90
CATERING	3,735.00	1,172.49
DONATIONS/MISC.	310.00	94.37
	9,472.35	7,280.76
EXPENSES:		
OUTREACH	5,100.00	3,700.00
OTHER EXPENSES	45.00	47.61
FUNDRAISING COSTS	2,876.99	1,170.51
	8,021.99	4,918.12
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	\$ 1,450.36	\$ 2,362.64

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
Schedule of Functions and Events - General Fund
Year ended December 31, 2017

	Revenue	Expenses	2017 Net	2016 Net
HALL RENTAL	\$ 33,977.75	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 28,477.75	\$ 28,696.25
FUNDRAISING	1,739.00	1,238.43	500.57	20,923.07
LADYBUG PLAYSCHOOL INC.	12,750.00	-	12,750.00	12,350.02
OTHER MISC. INCOME	-	-	-	71.00
YOUTH GROUP FUNCTIONS	-	57.75	57.75	72.15
PANCAKE SUPPER REVENUE	550.25	149.35	400.90	356.46
	\$ 49,017.00	\$ 6,945.53	\$ 42,071.47	\$ 62,182.65

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
Statement of Expenditures - REACH Fund
Year ended December 31, 2017

	2017	2016
EXPENSES:		
ART & FAITH	\$ 154.17	\$ -
CHILDRENS MINISTRY	3,000.00	1,602.00
COLLECTIVE KITCHEN	940.73	1,012.74
COMMUNITY DINNER	946.96	580.57
MUSIC COLLECTIVE	366.44	3,770.30
FOOT CLINIC	200.00	-
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,608.30	\$ 6,965.61

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH
Deferred Facility Improvement Fund Potential Proposals
Year ended December 31, 2017

CAPITAL EXPENSES:	
BUILDING EXTERIOR REPAIRS, LANDSCAPING & PARKING LOT	\$ 60,000.00
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS	75,000.00
ELECTRONIC SIGNAGE	20,000.00
FURNITURE	15,000.00
FURNACES	10,000.00
HALL RENOVATIONS	25,000.00
CONTINGENCY	70,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 275,000.00

ST. MATTHIAS ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Notes to Financial Statements

Year ended December 31, 2017

Lease Commitment:

St. Matthias Anglican Church has entered into a new lease with Konica Minolta in March of 2015. Terms are \$109.93/month for 60 months.

Management controls:

The Treasurer and Bookkeeper do not handle the cash directly. Two Parishoners count the offerings and create the deposit which is brought to the bank by a volunteer each week. The reports are given to the Envelope Secretary with a copy to Treasurer.

PowerChurch Accounting Software is used by the church. The bank statements are reconciled monthly. Monthly reports are provided to Vestry for approval.



APPENDIX C
MISSION ACTION PLAN
July 2017

Mission & Vision

Our aim at St Matthias is to be a people who are "*Following Jesus, Serving People*" together as we try to follow Jesus' command to love God and love our neighbours as ourselves. As we gather to worship, pray, and encourage one another in faith and friendship week by week, we are encouraged in our common faith in Christ. As we seek to hear and to follow Christ's way in the world, we are propelled to go out in the power of God's Spirit to serve people in our various places of work, in our homes, in our communities. As a church of the Diocese of Edmonton, we share in the wider vision of our Diocese to "Proclaim the Gospel – Make Disciples – Further the Kingdom" where we have been planted.

Actions & Priorities

Faith Formation: We will be deliberate about faith formation through teaching and missional action for all age groups, from children, to youth, to adults:

- children and youth on Sundays, continue with Sparkhouse Lectionary curriculum as a means of maintaining connection for all ages across scripture lessons. Look for and encourage opportunities for young people to be involved in worship (e.g., readers, crucifer, etc) and service (e.g., Edm Food Bank Community Depot). Potential for participation in a collective youth program in the area?
- Continue to deepen awareness of liturgical year, connecting this to some events such as the Advent New Year Party.
- Continue Books & Breakfast Saturday morning series of breakfast discussion of shorter works in Christian life, spirituality, thought.

- Continue Wednesday Supper & Service, a once/month 'community dinner' followed by a Service of the Word. Aim: to reach beyond Sunday morning worship; to offer a mid-week place of connection and faith formation.
- Foster Lay Reader development

Music: using REACH funding, cultivate from within the parish a 'Music Collective' so as to

- foster the creative/musical gifts from within the congregation, for both adults and children;
- augment worship services
- deploy the 'Music Collective' in an outreach capacity via community events and surrounding seniors' centres.

Community Connections: increase the profile of St Matthias as a whole in our community through drawing connections between faith and creative culture:

- Build on events such as the free community dinner and Gospel Jam (using Reach funds).
- Build on and foster a greater sense of the Church/Parish Hall as a 'place of presence' within the wider community -- currently in initial stages is a 'music & lyrics' series, using the Parish Hall as a venue for local and other bands (rock, folk, etc) that feature culturally-engaged lyrics (this will not be outreach per se: it will be revenue-generating, complete with concession and beer sales)
- Continue with well-received work of the Collective Kitchen for the Neighbourhood and for Seniors as a place of connection and of direct practical benefit.
- Continue with the Community Depot of the Edmonton Food Bank, started in June 2017
- Launch 'Creating Space' guided sessions for 'purposeful art' as an aid to dealing with loss, cultivating courage, fostering faith. Draw on Reach funding.

- Consider: Film focus for youth and/or adults. (Requires a license to show films in public spaces)
- Consider: larger community-oriented events such as showing major sporting events in the Hall, opening concession accordingly.

Parish Identity and Support:

- Quarterly communication from Vestry members to congregation on what is 'on the burner'
- Name Day and Feast of Dedication bi-annual opportunity to take stock, talk about our identity and ideas for mission, and for the Wardens to encourage stewardship awareness for the sake of the ongoing mission and ministry of St Matthias.
- Move away from 'fundraising' model in order to meet operating budget. Continue with Hall rental as income stream, but turn toward fostering revenue streams with events 'on site' as part of return to a parish presence and as a means of raising the church's profile in relation to the surrounding communities. Emphasis on ongoing support through regular gifts & offerings.