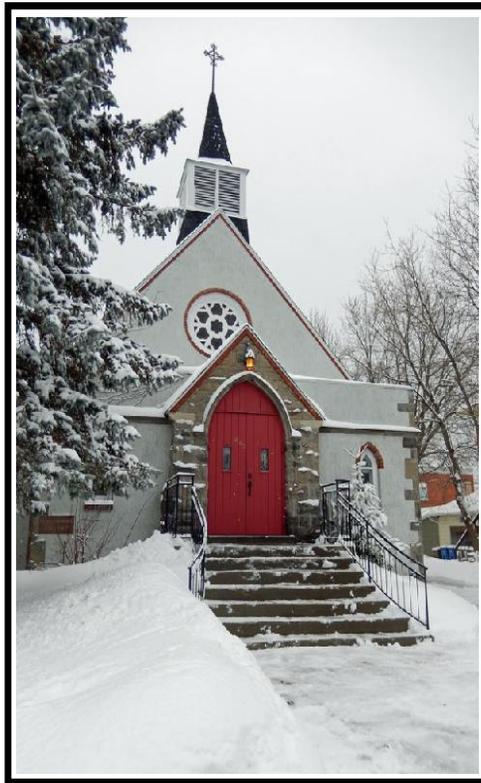


St. Simeon's Anglican Church

Annual General Vestry

February 25, 2018



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Group Reports

St. Simeon's Anglican Church

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Priests:

The Reverend Nicholas Pang - Priest in Charge

The Reverend Josée Lemoine - Associate Priest

The Reverend Jane Bell - Honourary Assistant Curate

Administration:

People's Warden	- Drummond Hall 450-562-6147
Deputy People's Warden	- Janick Tremblay-Bouchard 450-562-0409
Rector's Warden	- Susan Sioui 450-562-8451
Treasurer	- Herb Sioui
Envelope Secretary	- Grace Dubeau
Vestry Clerk	- Karen Napp
Bulletin Secretary	- Judy Evans

Groups:

Women's Fellowship	- Ann Mason
Seniors' Lunches	- Garth Morrill
Prayer Group	- Susan Sioui

Worship Service:

Organist and Choir Master	- Janis Morrill
Lay Assistants	- Rev'd Nick Pang
Altar Guild	- Margaret MacKenzie
Family Service	- Edna Hall and Rev'd Nick Pang
Hosts and Readers	- Shirley Dempster
Coffee Hour	- Donna Silverson
Web Site	- Susan Sioui

Representatives:

Cemetery Committee	- Herb Sioui
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Laurentian Regional Ministry:

Management	- Susan Sioui
Finance	- Herb Sioui

St. Simeon's Annual Vestry Meeting

February 25, 2018

Agenda

- 1. Opening Prayer**
- 2. Regrets**
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda**
- 4. Nomination of Vestry Clerk**
- 5. Minutes of Annual Vestry of January 29, 2017**
 - 5.1 Business Arising:
 - 5.1.1**
- 6. Reports**
 - 6.1 Clergy Report
 - 6.2 Laurentian Regional Ministry – see Survey Report document
 - 6.3 Rector's Warden
 - 6.4 People's Warden
- 7. Treasurer's Report**
- 8. Group Reports**
 - 8.1 Lay Assistants
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 - 8.3 Family Service
 - 8.4 Altar Guild
 - 8.5 Choir
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 - 8.8 Coffee Hour
 - 8.9 Envelope Secretary
 - 8.10 Women's Fellowship
 - 8.11 Christmas Bazaar
 - 8.12 Seniors' Lunches
 - 8.13 Website
 - 8.14 Lachute Protestant Cemetery
 - 8.15 Other
- 9. Nomination Committee Report**
 - 9.1 Appointment of Treasurer
- 10. Budget for 2018**
- 11. Other Business**
 - 11.1
- 12. Adjournment**



ST. SIMEON'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
Annual Vestry Meeting Year 2016
January 29, 2017

In attendance: The Reverend Nicholas Pang, plus those on the attached signed attendance list, making a total of 22.

1. **Opening of the Meeting:** Rev. Nick Pang opened the meeting with a prayer and a reading from Henri Nouwen "Bread for the Journey."
2. **Regrets:** None
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Rev. Nick moved that the agenda be approved: seconded by Jenna. All in favour. Motion carried.
4. **Election of Vestry Clerk:** Andy Mason nominated Karen Napp as Vestry Clerk. Seconded by Garth and Susan. All in favour. Motion carried.
5. **Minutes of Last Annual General Vestry Meeting:** Approval of minutes from February 2016 for Year 2015: Moved by Karen to accept; seconded by Jenna and Joan. All in favour. Motion carried.
5.1 Business arising: none

6. **Reports:**

- 6.1 Clergy Report and 6.2 Laurentian Regional Ministry:** Copy attached "Team Leader's Report 2016." Rev. Nick commented on the different points presented in his report, such as we are now in the second year of the Laurentian Regional Ministry. For the coming year, the parish profile is now on the Montreal Diocesan website and applications can no be received for an associate priest, working from Ste. Agathe. Rev. Nick expressed his thanks to all for their support in the LRM. He also thanked the many various groups within our parish who have made great efforts to keep everything running smoothly. Herb expressed that we are very pleased with Rev. Nick, and also expressed our appreciation for Rev. Nick's sermons and or his good sense of humour.
- 6.3 Rector's Warden:** Copy attached. Susan commented that there is a lot going on at St.Simeon's and presented a list of activities that have taken place over the past year and this has made a busy time for St. Simeon's, the LRM, and the community. Susan appreciates all of the help and coordination of people for these activities. Susan commented that it has been a pleasure working with Rev.Nick and Ven. Ralph, and Rev. Nick is doing a tremendous job with the 10 point parish. Susan shared with us that she has been called to form a Prayer Group at St. Simeon's. This group will gather to pray for the concerns of individuals and our community. No experience is needed. She invited all to consider being a part of this group, the first meeting to take place February 2nd, 2017. Rev. Nick expressed his pleasure in working with Susan and appreciates all her help.
- 6.4 People's Warden:** Copy attached. Drummond Hall reported that because of a donation from the estate of Audrey Morrison, new wiring in the church has been realized as well as new lighting which is now more energy efficient. Small renovations have also been completed at the Rectory. Further projects to be considered at the Rectory include new basement windows, heat pump, and new furnace. Rev. Nick thanked Drummond for all his help and support in overseeing maintenance concerns.

It was moved that reports from 6.1 to 6.4 be accepted as presented. Darren and Joan approved; all in favour.

7. **Treasurer's Report:** Copy attached. Herb presented the financial report for year 2016. For 2016 total revenues were \$62 333, expenses \$53 508, leaving an operating surplus of \$8 825. Herb reported that electrical costs at the church have gone down over the past year and we will see if that continues to be the case in the upcoming year. New lighting in the church has proven to be much more efficient. Herb noted that no withdrawal from the Anglican Balanced Fund has had to be made this year and hopefully the same scenario for the next number of years. Herb thanked Andy Mason for the verification of the financial reports. Thanks were also given to Grace in her capacity as envelope secretary. Grace thanked Herb for managing her work during her incapacity and vacation periods. Herb received and answered questions from the floor. Herb moved report be accepted as presented. Grace and Ann moved to accept; all in favour.

8. **Group Reports:**

- 8.1 **Lay Assistants:** Report attached, submitted by Joan Painter.
- 8.2 **Family Service:** Report attached. Edna reported family service is a unique ministry in this area, and she commented that this service is a team effort, with the help of interested families and congregational support.
- 8.3 **Altar Guild:** Report attached. Margaret, Edna, and Judy report all going well, and anyone interested may join in at any time.
- 8.4 **Choir:** Report attached. We are grateful to Janis for her leadership and expertise.
- 8.5 **Bulletin Secretary:** Report attached. In Judy's absence Rev Nick thanked Judy who puts in a great deal of effort with the weekly bulletin and the prayer cycle.
- 8.6 **Hosts and Readers:** Report attached by Shirley Dempster.
- 8.7 **Coffee hour:** Report attached and presented by Donna.
- 8.8 **Envelope Secretary:** Grace, our envelope secretary and PAR representative, presented her report, copy attached.
- 8.9 **Women's Fellowship:** Report attached. Ann Mason thanked all the congregation for their support and help to the projects of the Fellowship. This group now has 12 members.
- 8.10 **Christmas Bazaar:** Report attached. Susan commented on the bazaar on Pet's behalf. Again, this year, the bazaar was a successful event.
- 8.11 **Seniors' Luncheons:** Report attached. Garth commented that people love to get together for these luncheons and thanked all who help make it such a pleasant event for our community.
- 8.12 **Website:** Report attached, submitted by Susan Sioui. Susan commented that the website is running and gets lots of visitors. Susan keeps the information up to date. Sermons are online for one month. A new website is being worked on and Susan would welcome a volunteer, a co-web master, to share her knowledge with and work together on the website.
- 8.13 **Lachute Protestant Cemetery:** Report attached. Herb Sioui reported that regular maintenance work is being carried out on all necessary areas of the cemetery.

Rev. Nick thanked all for their reports.

A motion was made to accept these reports that have been duly received and commented on. Jenna and Andy approved acceptance of the reports. All in favour.

9. **Nomination Committee Report:** Nominations of officers were presented by the Nominating Committee consisting of Jenna Sioui and Andy Mason. Jenna moved to accept persons as nominated, seconded by Andy. All in favour. The committee nominates the following people to the various offices:

People's Warden	Drummond Hall
Deputy People's Warden	Janick Tremblay - Bouchard
Envelope Secretary	Grace Dubeau
Host Family and Readers Coordinator	Shirley Dempster
Coffee Hour Coordinator	Donna Silverson
Synod Delegate	Edna Hall
Rep. to Protestant Cemetery Comm.	Herb Sioui
Lay Committee Representative	Susan Sioui
Communications Committee	Judy Evans
Worship Committee	Edna Hall

Susan Sioui has accepted to be Rector's Warden for another year.

A motion was made to close nominations. Moved by Janick. All in favour.

9.1 Appointment of Treasurer: The Corporation appointed Herb Sioui as treasurer for 2017.

10. **Budget for 2017:** Report attached. Herb presented the new 2017 budget which was prepared by Herb, Drummond, Susan, and Rev. Nick. Herb asked for approval of the 2017 budget, seconded by Jenna. All in favour.

Rev. Nick thanked Herb for the excellent job done on the preparation and presentation of the financial reports and budget for this 2017 AGM.

11. **Other Business:** No other business.

12. **Adjournment:** The Annual General Vestry Meeting of 2017 for Year 2016 was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. by Grace. All in favour.

The Grace: Rev. Nick thanked all for coming and closed with a prayer and the Grace was said by all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Napp,

Vestry Clerk

Clergy Team Vestry Report - 2018

REPORT ON THE LAURENTIAN REGIONAL MINISTRY

2017 was a big year for the Laurentian Regional Ministry. In the summer we hit the two-year mark of our life together as a federation of churches under a local joint leadership. Two years isn't long, but it's given us the chance to see what life is like together.

Throughout that time the Management Committee of the LRM has been hard at work figuring out how best to structure the ministry. 2017, in particular, was a year of hard work putting together a number of documents. First there was the parish profile which served as the basis of the search process for a new Associate Priest. Then came the development of the survey which we used to highlight the past two years and to assess where we are and where we're headed. Finally, there was the report that compiled the results of the survey which we have submitted to the Annual Vestry Meetings across the region.

In May we were blessed to have the Rev. Josée Lemoine join the team as Associate Priest and priest in charge of the northern five parishes. Josée has brought both experience and energy in developing creative, missional ministry opportunities in the area. We were also joined in June by the Rev. Jane Bell as honorary Assistant Curate on a one-year basis. Jane was subsequently ordained as deacon and then as priest. We are also blessed by Jane's pastoral sensitivity and by her love of Word and Sacrament.

The finance committee of the LRM has kept us on track and monitored our financial situation well. They also updated the Fair Share Agreement for the first time. This will be updated on a yearly basis from this point forward.

We had a number of wonderful opportunities to gather together as a community in 2017. The joint ordination and induction in November was a highlight and all ten churches in the region were well represented. Similarly, the deanery picnic in August drew a good crowd and gave us all an opportunity to interact with Bishop Mary. The Easter Vigil liturgy in St Andrew's East and the Blue Christmas service in Morin Heights were both moving events that those who were present really engaged with.

In February 2017, the United Church and the Deanery of the Laurentians jointly organized a Messy Church training day. This event was sponsored with donations received at the 2016 deanery picnic. This was the tee shot for Messy Church ministry in the Laurentian area. On the first Saturday of December, the first joint United-Anglican Messy Church service took place at Trinity in Morin Heights and was a real success with some 20 adults and 8 children attending.

The Mickael family finally arrived in Montreal in May 2017. The 3-member Syrian family grew to a 4-member family while in Lebanon awaiting permission to immigrate to Canada. They have settled well in our society and started to study the French language which will help them find jobs. Issa, who started kindergarten in September, is already tri-lingual, speaking Arabic, English and French. Elia, who was born less than a year ago, is walking and searching cupboards, keeping his parents Ghadeer and Darin on their toes. They are adjusting so well to life here that between Christmas and New Year, when Canadians thought it was too cold to ski, the Mickael family was among the few people skiing at Vallée Bleue near Ste-Agathe, making the news on the CBC!

MINISTRY IN THE NORTH (Josée)

I joined the LRM clergy team and parishes on May 1st, 2017.

At the regional picnic in August, Trinity Church, Morin Heights received a grant from the deanery to start a new youth ministry program. Monthly meetings started in October. They are meant for young people age 6 and older (including teens) of all denominations or having no religious background. The leaders teach Christian values based on the Marks of Mission they will use all their life. A secondary 2 class from Ste-Agathe Academy visited Holy Trinity in November. I introduced them to the history and architecture of the church, and to the purpose and role of the church in the community.

Ecumenical services were held with the Legion in Arundel, with the Rev. Jane Bell, and in Morin Heights, where I was involved. I am hoping to organize and participate in more ecumenical activities in the coming year.

Many successful fundraising activities took place this year, including the BBQ and the Strawberry Social at Trinity in Morin Heights, suppers at St-Francis in St-Sauveur and Grace in Arundel, the annual picnic in Kilkenny, and Christmas bazaars or teas at four churches. Thanks to the many organizers, volunteers, and those attending, these events are helping our churches continue their ministry in the area!

The congregation in Morin Heights has continued its breakfast program, providing breakfast twice a week to children at the local elementary school. The congregation in Morin Heights also distributed Christmas baskets to families in need. Food and necessities were collected for various organizations by all congregations.

MINISTRY IN THE SOUTH (Nick)

Ministry in the south of the LRM continues to carry on well with some really innovative and impactful ministries. In the Fall we celebrated the prayer shawl ministry and the incredible work that they've done over the past decade to provide care and comfort for those in need through some beautiful knitting and crocheting. The Lachute prayer group is another excellent example of powerful ministry that has seen a movement of the Holy Spirit in its midst. It has been running for a year now and is continuing strong. The HTC concert series in Lakefield has also been an incredible force galvanizing the community of Gore. Christmas Eve services went well across the board with two community dinners held in Lakefield and Lachute.

In 2017 we started to regularize our pattern of holding joint parish Bible Studies in Lent and Advent. This has proven to be a good pattern meeting alternately in Lachute and Louisa with a simple dinner. Sessions have been well attended and everyone participating has been quite engaged.

The Lachute Family Service committee has put in a lot of work and come up with another successful year of ministry with the children and families of the area. The pageant was an especially exciting event this year with 75 people present! For at least the fourth year in a row we also had a visit in the Fall from a class at the École Polyvalent Lavigne to learn about the history of Protestantism.

The Argenteuil Ministerial was active throughout the year with the regular Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, World Day of Prayer, and Good Friday services. We have also continued providing worship at the Residence and a team has been continuing at the Pavillon as well. Last winter the United Church in Lachute organized a wonderful evening visit from Imam Musabbir Alam and his team from PEACE Initiatives Canada.

Special Congratulations this year to Mr. Hugh Mitchell who was awarded the 2017 Bishop's Award at a Sunday liturgy in Lakefield in the Fall.

We wish you all great blessings in the year ahead as we continue to labour for the sake of the Kingdom of God in this world.

Respectfully Submitted,



The Rev. Nicholas Pang
Team Leader



The Rev. Josée Lemoine
Associate Priest

Rector's Warden Report

Let me begin by stating how thankful I am to have the opportunity to serve St. Simeon's as Rector's warden over the past year. 2017 has proved to be another busy and exciting year in our Parish and there is so much to be grateful for.

I am most thankful for the people who make up this family. It is a warm and comfortable feeling to be together on Sunday mornings. It is exciting to watch people grow in their faith and in their humanity. It is heart-warming to witness the compassion and care that this family shows for one other. It is humbling to discover the work that is done behind the scenes, whether by visiting and helping others, or by doing tasks that need to be done on our properties or by taking the necessary time to keep our financial records in order. It is encouraging to see the dedication of those who are involved with the ministry of this parish: the Family service team, the prayer group, the lay leadership and let us not forget the contribution made by our choir and organist. So many other things happen in the background of our weekly services and I appreciate all that they do: the altar guild, the bulletin secretary, vestry members, and the coordinators. We are indeed blessed.

But let me give a special shout out to Drummond Hall who has been our People's Warden for several years and is now stepping down for a well-deserved rest. Drummond is not only practical, but he is also reliable. When he says he will look after a project – he does. We have made a good working team and I will miss his leadership and his sensible approach to everything. Fortunately for us, he is not leaving St. Simeon's and I am sure that his expertise will be called upon many times in the future. Thank you so much Drummond for your support and for your generous spirit.

As Drummond leaves this post, I welcome the opportunity to work with Janick Tremblay-Bouchard, who will bring his strengths and insights to the corporation and to the vestry.

Rev'd Nick continues to be a blessing to us in the entire area of Laurentian Regional Ministry. Although he has ten churches to minister to, he manages to be available to this congregation as a compassionate pastor and a wise and dynamic leader. It has been an honour to work with you Nick. Through your encouragement and through all of your challenges, you are making better people of all of us.

The ministry team for the LRM has been augmented this year with the addition of two talented women: the Rev'd Josée Lemoine has been named Associate Priest and priest in charge of the five northern parishes; and Rev'd Jane Bell is a new Honourary Assistant Curate working part time in our territory. Both women bring their special gifts to their ministry and we appreciate and support all of their efforts.

It is my hope that in the year to come, we will continue to be open to new opportunities that will enrich our relationship with our creator. Help us Lord to be examples of your peace, your strength, and your grace that we might become beacons of light to this community and to the wider world.

With much love,

Susan Sioui,

Rector's Warden 2017

People's Warden Report

Once again, it has been a honour to serve the congregation of St. Simeon's as People's Warden.

We continue to be blessed with the leadership of Rev'd. Nick Pang, and this year we welcomed Rev'd Josée Lemoine and Rev'd Jane Bell to the Laurentian Regional Ministry team. All have contributed greatly to the life of St. Simeon's.

A huge thank you goes to Susan Sioui for all the energy, knowledge and time she willingly gives to St. Simeon's both as Rector's Warden and representative to the Management Committee of the Laurentian Regional Ministry.

Fortunately, St. Simeon's is an active church. We have weekly services through the shared leadership of the current incumbents, retired priests and lay assistants. Many of the activities organized by St. Simeon's are outreach events that serve the wider community; the Pancake Supper, Lenten Bible Study, Seniors' Lunches, Soup Luncheons, and the Bazaar. The Family Service emphasizes the Foodbank project. A sincere thank you to all the volunteers who willingly give of their time and talents to make these activities a great success.

It takes the contribution of many people for the church to function smoothly. In addition to those already mentioned, thanks to

- The Altar Guild for all their work and especially the decorating
- Janis Morrill and the choir for providing music each Sunday
- Judy Evans as Bulletin Secretary
- Shirley Dempster for organizing Hosts and Readers
- Donna Silverson for organizing the Coffee Hours
- Herb Sioui who efficiently carries out the duties as Treasurer
- Grace Dubeau for recording the offering
- The Women's Fellowship for organizing many activities
- Karen Napp and her team for tending the flower beds
- Jimmy MacDonald who is custodian of our building
- and any others who have given in numerous way

In addition to the regular maintenance of both the church building and the rectory, the church lighting project was completed. At the rectory, a new kitchen exhaust fan was installed. The bathroom renovations are in process.

2018 projects for church maintenance include replacing the kitchen fan and installing a new kitchen window and renewing the outside notice board.

Long term plans for the rectory include replacing the oil tank, painting, installing a new electrical panel, and replacing the basement windows.

Long term plans for the church include updating the stairway entrance, replacing the ceiling fans, updating the choir room, and installing lighting over the new Memorial Board. I am leaving the congregation in very good hands of the new People's Warden, Janick Tremblay-Bouchard.

Respectfully submitted,

Drummond Hall

People's Warden

Lay Assistants

Simeon's Anglican Church has five members who volunteer to serve as Lay Assistants at Morning Prayer and Holy Communion services – Edna Hall, Susan Sioui, Janick Tremblay-Bouchard, Richard Pink, and Joan Painter. The duties undertaken by the lay assistants have expanded to include opportunities for leading the occasional Morning Prayer service and being more involved in the Laurentian Regional Ministry. Challenges have been met with a willingness to expand the traditional duties of a lay assistant with guidance from Reverend Nick Pang.

The lay assistants will continue to make our Morning Prayer and Communion services an integral part of our community service. We would welcome participation from those in our Church who would like to be part of a unique way to serve St. Simeon's Church by increasing knowledge and becoming a lay assistant.

We thank all who have contributed as lay assistants in ensuring our services are varied and interesting and pray for a year ahead that has challenges that can be met and a vibrant community in which to develop and share our faith.

Respectfully,

Joan Painter

Prayer Group

St. Simeon's is blessed with a dedicated group of pray-ers who have been meeting weekly in our church to offer prayers for both our church and for the many health concerns in our area. We believe that Prayer is an important and essential ministry to our congregation and to our community.

Intercessory prayer is significant but that is not the only thing we do as a group. Over the past year, we have taken some of our prayer time to explore different approaches to prayer. These moments have not only guided our time together, but we are all learning new tools that we can then bring into our personal prayer lives. One of these tools is a prayer journal that we update each week and we can then look back on our lists and give thanks for all of those answered prayers.

The Prayer group meets in St. Simeon's every Thursday morning at 9:30 am. Any one is welcome to join us, but I would ask that you speak with me if you are feeling that this is something you would like to do.

I want to thank Rev'd Nick for his ongoing support to this group and I thank each member for their dedication and their willingness to share in this ministry

In her book *"The Flowering of the Soul"* Lucinda Vardey writes, "Prayer is consciously and attentively giving and receiving grace. It is God who moves us to pray and who gives us the grace to do what we are called to do." Thanks be to God

Susan Sioui

Family Service

In St. Simeon's, we are blessed in many ways. The Family Service is one of these blessings. The second Sunday of the month is a time for the whole St. Simeon's family to come together to worship in a non-traditional format. Each service focuses on a theme and incorporates a Bible reading, a lesson based on the reading, song, prayer and a related activity. At Thanksgiving and Easter, the children participate in a traditional worship service. The Christmas Pageant is a highlight of our year as we celebrate Christmas through the presentation of the Nativity story in which, congregation members of all ages participate. A Family style Christmas Eve service is also offered.

There are many people who give of their time to facilitate this service. First, we are blessed with the leadership of Rev. Nick Pang. Secondly, we are blessed with the Lay Team of Gordon McPhee, Rolanda Murphy, Jenna Sioui, Susan Sioui, Ann Mason and Edna Hall who lead the regular services. Thirdly, we are blessed to have very talented musicians, Gordon McPhee and Janis Morrill. And lastly, we are truly blessed to have the wonderful families who place an importance on the Christian faith and a whole congregation that embraces each and every one. Thank you to all who help in the services.

Please uphold this ministry in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Family Service Team,

Edna Hall

Altar Guild Report

Membership of the Altar Guild remains at three, Edna Hall, Judy Evans and myself. Because Edna and Judy are involved with many other church groups, their dedication to the Altar Guild is truly appreciated.

Thanks to Karen Noble, Andy Mason, Richard and Lynda Pink and Ron Tilsley for their assistance with the Christmas decorating this year and to Grace Dubeau at Thanksgiving.

We are attempting to reduce the costs of flowers where possible, as with a smaller arrangement of poinsettias for December 2017 and use of smaller vase arrangements on the altar. We will continue to be thrifty where possible because some altar vestments will need replacement in the near future.

A reminder -- Altar Guild members would appreciate receiving requests for memorial flowers at least 2 weeks before the date required for their placement in church.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret MacKenzie

Choir Report

Our excellent choir continues to lead the music in the worship at St. Simeon's. We are so fortunate to have this group of talented, dedicated men and women who sing so beautifully in Praise and Thanksgiving almost every Sunday.

We were sad to say goodbye to Therese on Christmas Eve, when she sang her last solo before retiring from the choir. She has been a valued member for so many years and will be sorely missed. However, she promises to sing in the congregation, so we haven't lost her entirely! Thanks be to God!

Sincere thanks to the congregation for your on-going support and encouragement.

Janis

Choirmaster

Bulletin Secretary

The Year (2017) of the Bulletin Secretary in Numbers

- 1 schedule quarterly - to help with services, readings, officiants
- 1 BAS to provide correct Proper, prayers for the week
- 1 Common Praise – to verify hymn numbers
- 1 internet connection to locate Diocese prayers for the church
- 30+ Holy Eucharist Bulletins
- 10 (approximate) Morning Prayer Bulletins
- A few Special Services Bulletins - Christ Church, Lessons and Carols, etc.
- Twice a year – Memorial Flowers List
- Frequently – Update Sick and Shut in lists
- A couple – ink cartridges
- Much Satisfaction – in locating suitable weekly graphic and meditation.

These jobs are all done, not alone, but with the assistance of many. Towards the end of each week a draft copy is sent to the clergy and assistants for their scrutiny. Corrections and changes are frequently suggested, and the final copy is printed on Saturday.

The cons of this work are: paper cuts, misfeeds in the copier, typos

The plus: a finished product which hopefully steers all through the Sunday service.

Special thanks to: Nick, Josée, Jane, Edna, Susan, Joan, Richard and Janick for their editing skills.

Thank you to Janis for providing the hymns weekly.

Thank you to those who provide info for Announcements.

Thank you to Susan for giving me a break once a month when she does the Family Service bulletin.

Thank you to Shirley Dempster for providing a list of Hosts and Readers for every bulletin.

A very special thank you to Edna who steps in whenever I am unable to do the bulletin and she then does it seamlessly.

Judy Evans

Bulletin Secretary

Hosts and Readers

Those early birds who greet you at Church each Sunday are our Hosts. Their many duties culminate in collecting the offering, they are dependable and cheerful. HURRAH FOR OUR HOSTS!

Many thanks, too, to Bob and Joan Dixon whose resignation from Hosting was a sad blow. We will miss them. HURRAH FOR BOB AND JOAN!

We are fortunate indeed to have such skillful Readers for our First Lesson each Sunday. Their careful reading helps us to understand the message of the Lesson. HURRAH for the Readers!

Respectfully,

Shirley Dempster

Hosts and Readers

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour is going well due to everyone taking their turn.

I would like to take this time to thank each and everyone for their support in taking their turn serving coffee and delicious snacks. Thank You

Donna Silverson

Coffee Hour Coordinator

Envelope Secretary/Par Representative

Again, this year, thank you for your support of our Church!

The November News letter contained a special "My Christmas Offering" envelope which was used by 18 parishioners, some who have moved away but still support St. Simeon's.

The Preauthorized contribution (PAC) is always available. It is an easy way to contribute regularly; it also contributes when preparing the yearly budget. You are able to increase, decrease or cancel this service anytime. It is free, saves paper! You can contact me to sign up or to have further information.

Peace in Christ,

Grace Dubeau

Envelope secretary and PAR Rep.

Women's Fellowship Report

The members of the Women's Fellowship enjoy friendship, support, gratifying discussions and projects as they volunteer their time and skills for others.

In 2017 we organized several activities.

-**A Valentine's Day Tea** at the Rotary was appreciated by 34 guests. This annual event is always well-attended.

-**A potluck dinner** was provided after a talented performance by "The Folk Group from Kingston."

-**2 Funeral receptions** were convened by Fellowship members.

-**Mother's Day** carnations were presented by The Fellowship to all the ladies in the congregation on May 14.

-**At the Soup Luncheon fundraiser** on Oct. 20, homemade soup and desserts were served to 50 people.

-**A Congregational Bazaar** on Nov. 11 was organized by the Fellowship with valued assistance by other church members. All money raised went to St. Simeon's Church.

It is with sincere appreciation that we thank all those who help us accomplish our goals.

Outside of supporting St. Simeon's Church, donations were made to Citadelle in Lachute, Tyndale St. George's and Doctors Without Borders.

We would be pleased to welcome new members. We usually meet at 12:30 PM on the first Thursday of most months. Please call me if you are interested.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Mason

President, Women's Fellowship

2017 Financial Report of the Women's Fellowship

Bank Balance at January 1, 2017 **+50,98\$**

RECEIPTS:

Funeral receptions	850,00	
Soup Luncheon	401,00	
	1 251,00\$	+1 251,00\$

DISBURSEMENTS:

Valentine Day Tea	52,45	
Pot Luck Supper	28,16	
Mother's Day Flowers	55,20	
Soup Luncheon advertising	11,50	
Coffee Hour Supplies	85,80	
Discretionary Fund	267,92	
*Donations	600,00	
	1 101,03\$	-1 101,03\$

Bank Balance at December 31, 2017 **200,95\$**
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*Donations -	Tyndale – St. George's	200,00
	La Citad'Elle Lachute	200,00
	Doctors without Borders	200,00
		600,00\$

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Napp, Treasurer

Congregational Christmas Bazaar

Another bazaar has come and gone with 2017 being somewhat different. Some tables were smaller. The tearoom was slightly expanded, and as usual, and expected, we had a magnificent bake table. It often amazes me as to where all the baking comes from! Thank you. Also thank you to our wonderful young waitresses who do such a great job. Everything you see at the bazaar is due to the hard work and dedication of everyone involved. Our thanks to each person who donated in so many ways. I have to say here that when I make my phone calls I am met with nothing but cooperation, even from the couple of people who agreed to make 5 loaves of sandwiches!

The bazaar is a congregation event which has been fun and a great success over the years and I might add over generations. The Bazaar has always been there as we remember it. However, for the coming years if we wish this to continue there will need to be some changes. We need more people under the age of 65 and 80 to be involved.

As a congregational event, everything is donated, and all proceeds go to the support of your church. Your bazaar needs younger people. men and women. New people have new ideas. Give it a thought.

A sincere thank you to all.

Pet Farmer

Bazaar Convenor 2017

Seniors' Lunches

Again, this year two Seniors' Lunches were held at St. Simeon's Church, a ham dinner in April and a Christmas turkey dinner in December. The luncheons continue to be an ecumenical activity, organized and produced by members from several local churches and enjoyed by 70 or more seniors from the community. Although not primarily a fund-raising activity, proceeds generally exceed expenses and as a result the organizing committee is able to allocate funds to a number of community groups.

Specifically, for 2017, donations were made to:

LES Breakfast Fund	\$250	St. Simeon's Church	\$1000
Centre D'Entraide de Lachute	\$200	La Citad'elle de Lachute	\$200
Lachute Regional Residence Foundation	\$200	Local Family Support	\$200

In addition to those accomplished volunteers who prepared and served the meals, we also appreciated the entertainment provided at the April luncheon by Mountain Steam. Their music and humour are a perfect conclusion to any luncheon or dinner. Janis Morrill lead us in the joyous singing of Christmas Carols at the Christmas dinner, making a fine contribution to our festive season.

Since its inception approximately 20 years ago, Garth Morrill has been the co-ordinator of this project as well as, with Janis, the principle organizer of the Christmas dinners. Garth has indicated that beginning this year he will be retiring from the role as co-ordinator. The Seniors' Lunch owes its longevity and success to both Garth and Janis. Their loyalty, effort and guidance in this ministry are greatly appreciated. Thankfully both have agreed to continue to support this event.

Ann and Andy Mason

Web Site

The Parish of Lachute (St. Simeon's) has maintained a Website since 2011. www.parihoflachute.ca

Although it has undergone many transformations over the years, this past year has been the most significant and I hope that people are finding it to be informative, current and user friendly.

Some things to look for:

- * The front-page slide show is often changed to reflect the most recent events.
- * Rev'd Nick has faithfully sent his sermons each week and they remain posted for a period of four weeks. Come back regularly to read his words.
- * The calendar gives information about everything that is going on in the church.
- * You can easily link up to several Church websites and also to both the Family Service and the LRM Facebook pages.
- * There are several articles about how to donate to St. Simeon's.

I encourage you to visit our site and give me your feedback and any suggestions. A website is always changing and evolving. Keeping it current and interesting is important. I welcome your suggestions - and please don't be shy to send me a written article that you would like to see included.

Susan Sioui,

Web Master

Lachute Protestant Cemetery

2017 has been a transition year with the death of long time Secretary-Treasurer Rexford Griffith and the resignation of 2 members. Presently the Board is operating without a President or a Vice-President. Cathy Deacon is now the acting Secretary Treasurer until the next board meeting

There were no major projects undertaken in 2017.

The ground maintenance was contracted to Heather Brown.

The present Board members are as follows:

C. Berry; R. Duncan; C. Deacon; R. McOuat;
D. McRae; K. Gordon; H. Sioui; J. Wilson

The Board has agreed to actively recruit new members to act as directors of the Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,

Herb Sioui,

Representative for St. Simeon's

Something Good is Happening Here !!

*Glory to God,
whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.*



*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all
forever more.*

Amen