

The Annual Report for 2013

Beacon Unitarian Church
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AGM April 27, 2014

held at
Sapperton Hall
318 Keary Street
New Westminster, BC

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Beacon Unitarian Church

Annual General Meeting

April 27, 2014, 12:00pm

319 Keary Street, New Westminster, BC

- Call to order
- Chalice Lighting
- Reading of Meeting Guidelines
- Appointment of Parliamentarian
- Approval of Agenda
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- Recognition of 2013-2014 Board Members
- Adjournment

BEACON UNITARIAN CHURCH

Meeting Guidelines for Discussion and Being in Relationship

Recommended for all Beacon meetings

SHOW EACH OTHER RESPECT

1. Honour the diversity of opinion in the group
2. Honour the differing abilities and disabilities in the group
3. Listen until the other person is finished. Give people the space to finish their own thoughts.
4. Avoid put-downs, blaming or labeling. People have the right to be wrong or to make mistakes.

COMMUNICATE FOR UNDERSTANDING

1. Use “I” statements. “I think...I feel...I need.” Own your own feelings and opinions. Speak your own thoughts. Let others speak for themselves.
2. Describe the behaviour you are reacting to.
3. Check out assumptions. Ask for clarification. Do this for both ideas and feelings.
4. Bring your good will. Hear the content through your heart.

PARTICIPATE WITH TRUST AND COMMITMENT

1. Ask for what you want or need.
2. If you are a talker, limit your own contributions so that you can make space for others; invite others to speak.
3. Hang in there when the going gets tough. With trust you will be able to hear each other and come to resolution.
4. Avoid negotiating with threats.

(Developed at Community Building Worship, Sat, Sept. 17, 1994)

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Beacon Unitarian Church
Held at 318 Keary Street, New Westminster, on April 28, 2013. Thirty-five members attended.

Sue Sparlin, President, conducted the meeting. Meeting was called to order at 12 noon. There were brief prefatory remarks regarding meeting guidelines. Sue announced that the gavel and decorative box had been stolen from her custody.

Audrey Taylor was acclaimed as Parliamentarian for the meeting.

Moved by Anita Hagen, seconded by Joan Morris, to approve the meeting agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Ivy Hubbard, seconded by Renée Spakowsky, to approve the previous AGM minutes. Motion carried.

The President presented her report, drawing particular attention to the planned ordination of Debra Thorne in the fall of 2013.

The balance of the reports were presented and comments and requests for clarification were provided by Renée Spakowsky, Jane Shoemaker, Anita Hagen, John Hagen and Peggy Lunderville.

The Financial Report for 2012 was presented by the Treasurer. Bareld Nieuwenhuis, our Financial Reviewer, commented on the accuracy of the liabilities portion of the Financial Statements in that it did not show accrued liability for pledges deposited in 2012 for the 2013 year.

Moved by Anita Hagen, seconded by Jean Donaldson, a motion to receive all the reports submitted to the AGM, including the Financial Report. Motion carried.

Bareld Nieuwenhuis was appointed Financial Reviewer for the church for 2013.

The two nominees for the 2013 recipient of the Sharing the Plate funds Communities Embracing Restorative Action and Amnesty International Local 176 were presented. By a vote of 31 to 4, CERA was declared the recipient.

Moved by Jean Donaldson, seconded by Marylke Nieuwenhuis, to acclaim Marilyn Medén as the new Lay Chaplain for Beacon Unitarian Church.

Audrey Taylor presented the report of the Nominating Committee. The slate for this year's Board of Trustees is Sue Sparlin, returning as President for the second year of her second and last term, Peggy Lunderville returning as Vice President for the second year of a two year term, Audrey Taylor for a one year term as Treasurer, Kirstin Shaw for a two year term as Secretary, and Jane Shoemaker, Rob Warner,

Nancy Rupert for two year terms as Trustees. It was noted that Kirstin Shaw will be acting Secretary until she meets the membership requirements, having joined recently, and will take on the role of Secretary when she meets the length of membership requirement later in the summer.

Moved by Ivy Hubbard and seconded by Donna Hamilton, a motion to accept the slate of candidates. Motion carried.

Tom Poiker is leaving the Nominating Committee having completed his three year term. The Committee presented Joan Morris to replace him. There being no other nominations from the floor, it was moved, seconded and carried that Joan Morris be on the Nominating Committee for a three year term. The current Committee now consists of Marilyn Medén, Joan Morris and Anita Hagen.

There were brief remarks presented by the President thanking outgoing Trustees for their service.

Moved by Peggy Lunderville, seconded by Rob Warner, a motion to adjourn at 1:15. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Allegra Sloman
Secretary
May 12, 2013

Beacon Unitarian Church
Annual General Meeting, April 2014
Reports to the Board

Minister's Report

2013 was an amazing year of change and celebration for Beacon, and what a wonderful year it was! Without the commitment and dedicated work from every member and friend of Beacon we would not be looking back on this year with such satisfaction and pride. Of course there are plans and projects for the future, but let us take a moment to pause and give thanks for all that we have done to strengthen and celebrate the Beacon community.

It seemed that with my arrival in 2012 I have only known Beacon to be planning one huge celebration after another. Beacon may be a small congregation but she knows how to dream BIG! The Thirtieth Anniversary month was spectacular from start to finish. From the first weekend workshop and service by Rev. Latham to the last dinner and show (written with panache by Don Hauka) that saw over a hundred friends and members enjoying each other's company. My personal highlight this past year was the tremendous Ordination so generously hosted by this congregation. I have a very special thank-you to the organizing committee of David Hamilton, John Hagen, Marykle Niewenhuis, Donna Hamilton, Nancy Rupert and Joan Morris. Beacon was looking her finest and sounding her sweetest on October 6th 2013, and the greater Unitarian community noticed!

This year I introduced the concept of 'theme based ministry' to the Worship Services Committee and they ran with it. Each month the four Sunday Services were focused on changing themes: such as Foundations, Sustainability, Hope, Boundaries, Art and Spirituality, Justice and Change, and Theology at the Movies. These themes were then picked up as the sharing topics of the Chalice Circles so that Beacon members had the opportunity to have deeper personal explorations into the topics. I offer my heartfelt thanks for the great leadership shown by the Chalice Circle Facilitators, Marilyn Meden, Laura Redmond, Heather Brown, Sue Sparlin and Audrey Taylor.

I have been working with the Board and the major committees to strengthen communication systems and policy. The Board began the fall with a morning workshop led by Anita Hagen, and in the afternoon I facilitated a workshop for Beacon's Leadership. We looked at church through the lens of being an 'emotional system', and then we played with communication styles. Our leadership has been consciously practicing 'direct' communication, where by each person takes responsibility for

their triggers and speaks to the source person respectfully and directly. We all know that a healthy community is a place where communication isn't triangulated! (And if you want to know more about this ask a Board member.)

Where there was once no committee at all, there is now a Music Committee that consists of David and Donna Hamilton, Marylke Niewenhuis, Joan Morris and Charlene Dubrule (Choir Director). There have been changes in other committees. The Care and Connecting Committee decided it made much more sense to separate into two committees. The Care part of this group has yet to reform as it is still looking for a chairperson to help with organizing, but the work of sending cards, flowers and the Caring Quilt continues, thanks to Naomi Kerr and Renee Spakowsky. There is work ahead for the Connection committee, and a Communications committee.

In the fall a group of four Beaconites and I attended a wonderfully informative workshop on Stewardship, sponsored by the Canadian Unitarian Council. Out of this workshop came many ideas on how we could be better stewards of Beacon's future. Some of the ideas will include the creation of a Stewardship Committee that will function year round and include the minister, and a robust process of gratitude for our generous pledgers.

The youth group has continued to meet twice a month with a dual emphasis on social action projects and games nights. Unfortunately the youth Coordinator, Nadine Shinkaruk, soon after starting in the position was seriously injured in a car accident. Fortunately I have been able to step in when needed. And spending time with the youth is still the highlight of my month.

The Vision/Mission Team has been hard at work since October planning the process. We were regaled with four humorous skits enticing our participation in the process. There was an all-congregational workshop in March where Beacon's core values and action works were whittled down. This was followed by a series of Dessert Dialogues where participants explored the meaning of their core values and action words, and then attempted writing their own version of a Vision statement. The first draft of the Vision statement was presented to the congregation in early April, then the Team went back to refine their wording and the final Vision Statement will be revealed in May. Very big thanks go to the Team: Hannah Brown, Jean Donaldson, Audrey Thomas, and David Hamilton.

I would like to thank Sue Sparlin for her fantastic job as Beacon's Board President. Sue and I have worked closely together this past year to ensure that the institutional part of Beacon was well cared for. Sue is a font of information and an incredible 'details person'. She has shown me and taught me a great deal. Sue takes her role very seriously for guiding and nurturing this new minister.

In closing I ask that we take a moment to remember that in the past year many members of the Beacon community have been faced with health and family challenges, and losses. Each story shared with me I hold in my heart. I will end my report by holding up the contributions, over many

years, of Bareld Niewenhuis and Ralph Greer. Both men carried significant leadership roles at Beacon and we grieve their deaths. Their presence among us will be greatly missed.

Thank-you for the opportunity to serve you,
Warmly,
Rev. Debra Thorne

President's Report

What a wonderful year we had together! We produced a wonderful full month celebrating 30 years of Beacon's existence. We welcomed hundreds of guests from far and near. We connected with old friends and met new ones. We hosted a workshop with Rev. Robert Latham that included participants from all Lower Mainland Churches and some from Vancouver Island and inspired us to begin to review our Mission and Vision.

We ordained Rev. Debra Thorne and hosted a fabulous celebration of her ministry. As a legacy gift of that ordination we changed the look and feel of our Sunday Service meeting room with gorgeous screens and special lighting and a one-of-a-kind hanging for the front of the hall.

We had several congregational discussions as we participated in the Active Democracy process of the Canadian Unitarian Council, deciding on our collective will for votes at the AGM in Calgary on seven separate resolutions. We sent two delegates to the CUC AGM to represent us and learn from the workshops there.

We hired a new Choir Director and a new Youth Coordinator and a new Bookkeeper and a new co-Director of Religious Education.

I completed my six years as Lay Chaplain, and Marilyn Meden was affirmed as the new Lay Chaplain for Beacon.

We said farewell to Gary and Elva Atha who moved to the Kootenays and thanked them for their gift to us of the projector. We honoured the extraordinary long-time volunteer contribution of Donna and David Hamilton to the life of our church. And we grieved together the sudden and unexpected loss of Bareld Neiuwenhuis in the summer.

We reorganized some committees and created some new ones.

We attended workshops and started Chalice Circles and had congregational dinners.

We pledged our time and our talent and our treasure to Beacon and approved a balanced budget for 2014. We reorganized the way our accounts were reported to make it easier for the various committees to track their own budgets starting in 2014.

The Board learned how to do a Ministerial Evaluation as part of our support for Rev. Debra Thorne's growth as a minister. The Board made set up an account at Edward Jones so our members could make donations through direct transfers of investments.

We had another successful Sasamat Family Camp and supported the Food Bank. We were present at the New Westminster Pride Festival in August. We gave a generous donation to the Pacific Assistance Dogs and welcomed CERA as our new Share the Plate Recipient.

Whew! I'm tired already just remembering all that we have done in 2013.

We did it together. We supported one another. We stepped up when something was wanted and needed. And we are going strong.

Sometimes we get so focused on the work to be done right now, that we miss celebrating our collective accomplishments. Let us do that now.

Yeah, Beacon. Well done, thou good and faithful servants.

Sue Sparlin
President, Board of Trustees
Beacon Unitarian Church

Treasurer's Report

I assumed the Treasurer's position at our AGM for 2012, in April of 2013. It has been an interesting and educational year, to say the least. Allegra Sloman turned the bookkeeping over to me in May, and she, Bareld Nieuwenhuis, Financial Reviewer, and I were able to meet with her and the bookkeeper at that time. However, also at that time, the bookkeeper resigned! I feel very fortunate that Bareld and I were able to meet several times to discuss the bookkeeping system and to hire Glen McDermid as our new bookkeeper.

In consultation with Sue Sparlin, Board President, I devised a new format for budgeting and Glen has used that format to create a new financial report that will allow us to tell committees more precisely how they are doing with their revenues and expenditures on a month-to-month basis for 2014.

The year-end financial statements are included in your AGM reports package. Although we did end the year with a slight deficit, that deficit was only half of the budgeted deficit. It speaks well of the Board and Committees that spending was kept in check. And we thank the congregation for their generosity in exceeding the budgeted donation revenue! The Board was pleased to present you with a balanced budget for 2014 and we will continue to rely on the generosity of the congregation and the spending restraint of the committees to keep to our budget!

With Bareld's passing, Beacon was in need of a new Financial Reviewer. No one in the congregation was able to step in to take this position, so Nick Cheng, of Edward Jones Investments, agreed to take on this volunteer position for the 2013 year and was appointed by the Board of Directors. His report is included in your AGM reports.

We are now in need of a Financial Reviewer for 2014. Since again, we have no one from the congregation who has stepped forward to provide this volunteer service, I would ask that the membership consider the following motion:

“Moved that the Board of Directors be given the authority to search for and appoint a Financial Reviewer for the 2014 year for Beacon Unitarian Church.”

Respectfully submitted by Audrey Taylor, Treasurer
March 2014

Connections and Membership Committee Report

The year began with The Connecting and Caring Committee, which in October 2010 became an amalgamation of two previously separate committees. This was due to the resignation of one key member and the need to pool resources. This continued, with work parties, increased responsibilities for visits and phoning during the year 2011-2012 when we were without a minister. A new Beacon directory was published in June 2013, with clearer criteria for the listing of members and adherents.

In October 2013, with consulting minister Debra Thorne assisting, the existing Connecting and Caring Committee was dissolved. It was agreed to become two separate committees again, The Care and Concerns Committee under the leadership of the minister, and The Connections and Membership Committee with continuing chair, Jean Donaldson.

An ad hoc committee to address channels and principles of communications was formed. The purpose was to clarify the roles and responsibilities of major communicators (Tom Poiker re the e-tree, Donna Hamilton re newsletter circulation, Jean Donaldson re the phone tree), the target recipients for each purpose, and selective, accurate lists for each. The formal position of Archivist

(Jane Shoemaker) required a job description, which was created with the assistance of Nancy Rupert, Board member, and is a freestanding position. A key responsibility will be the maintenance of a master list / database of each person in the congregation, requiring regular communication with Connections and Membership.

In September 2013 the annual report of Beacon's membership numbers to the CUC showed count was 68. There are no members under the age of 35. During the calendar year we have lost one member through death and two because of relocation. We have gained one new member.

The Connections and Membership Committee has functioned without formal meetings since September, but its duties have proceeded with direct communication as necessary. The members, David Hamilton, Susan Tarras and Jean Donaldson have produced name tags, welcomed newcomers via e-mail, forwarded information for the database, maintained directory, wallet card and bookmark supplies, but have found it necessary to place a low priority on brochure production. Instead, two committee members (David Hamilton and Jean Donaldson) have made priority contributions to Beacon's Vision/Mission Team throughout the year. This will continue until the end of the church year.

The Committee is short on personal resources and would benefit from one or two additional members.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Donaldson, Chair
23 March 2014

Religious Education Committee Report

RE Committee members for 2013/2014 year are Co-Directors Laura Redmond and Amber Strocel, treasurer Susan Tarras and Board Liaison Rob Warner. We have met most months, with Amber and Laura alternating as meeting chair. Debra Thorne has attended most meetings.

This is Amber's first year co-directing the RE program.

There are 6 children registered in the RE program.

Unlike the past several years, this year we combined all the children, aged 3-12 in one class. We chose to use theatre arts as the medium for teaching this year, as theatre arts requires a high level of engagement from the students, and offers the opportunity to perform in front of a supportive and encouraging audience (i.e., it's fun!). The movement and voice work required of the students has resulted in lively and energetic classes. After a bit of rehearsal, the class performs the 'playlet' for the adult congregation in the "story for all ages" segment of the service.

In the fall of 2013 our playlets dealt with the theme of Unitarian identity. The spring 2014 focus is on emotional literacy, and working with our emotions in a productive manner. Our playlets explore moral values and spiritual themes from a variety of cultures and faiths.

Intergenerational Services: The annual Beacon Christmas pageant, called “Three Miraculous Births—The Births of Buddha, Confucius, and Jesus”, was directed by Laura and Amber. All the RE children were involved in the production. In addition, the format of the play required a high degree of audience participation, which the members seemed to enjoy and appreciate. An intergenerational service was held January 5th, called *A Compost Communion*, which offered children and adults alike the opportunity to get up from their chairs, move and be creative. First, Debra led a “spiral community dance” and later on, audience members had the chance to paint or draw memories from 2013 and share one with a neighbour. An intergenerational service is planned for April based on the story *The Lorax*, by Dr. Seuss. An additional intergenerational event in which the Sunday school children will have an opportunity to be involved is the Beacon spring choir concert.

Extra curricular events: The annual Night Tree Party was held at the home of Karen Greenland. It was combined with making the advent wreath, led by Peggy Lunderville. Attendance was slightly better this year.

Social Responsibility Project: The RE program sold Multi-faith calendars and raised \$125. On March 2nd, three Beacon teens visited our class to talk about the social justice work the youth group has been doing. They discussed how they’ve handed out socks and lunches in Vancouver’s Downtown East Side and how they created Christmas stockings for couch-surfing youth of the tri-cities. Then they shared some of the initiatives they’re investigating—organizations such as the World Wildlife Fund, Covenant House, and Pets of the Homeless—and how they were raising money with a bake sale. The RE children agreed to donate the proceeds from our calendar sales, \$125, to the youth’s social justice work. Kiva loans from the 2011/12 year that had been repaid were re-loaned to new applicants.

Youth Group: The youth group has five members this year. A youth group coordinator, Nadine Shinkaruk, was hired in September to take over from Debra as the youth group leader. Unfortunately, Nadine was injured in a car accident in October 2013, and due to complications with recovery, Debra has needed to fill in for Nadine on several occasions. The group has been meeting approximately twice a month on Friday evenings at various Beacon members’ homes. The group made a trip to a corn maze in October. See the above section, Social Justice, for a description of the social justice outreach activities the youth group has engaged in this year.

We would like to thank the larger Beacon community for their support and interest in the RE program.

Submitted on behalf of the RE Committee by Laura Redmond and Amber Strocel.

Music Committee Report

This is the first report from this brand-new committee, which is now overseeing musical activities at Beacon. In the past, although musical activities took place, they were handled informally, with no set procedure and no clear lines of communication or responsibility.

At Debra's request, a small team of Beacon choir members and musicians started work in March 2013 on documenting the existing procedures for handling music at Beacon, and designing a more organized and understandable system for the future. This team comprised Marylke Nieuwenhuis, Joan Morris, Sue Sparlin, Marnie Jennings, Donna Hamilton, Debra Thorne, and David Hamilton.

The team – which adopted the interim name of “music ministry” at its November 2013 meeting – became the Music Committee in early 2014. The members of the committee are now Marylke Nieuwenhuis, Joan Morris, Nancy Rupert, Donna Hamilton, Debra Thorne, the choir director, Charlene Dubrule, and David Hamilton.

The fledgling committee has assumed responsibility for running musical activities at Beacon, including the provision of music at Sunday services, memorial services, congregational dinners and other special events, organization of the next choir concert (May 4, 2014), and support for the new choir director's professional development program.

The committee has also taken responsibility for the music budget, which has now consolidated a number of music-related items (including the former choir fund) which were previously kept in separate accounts.

This has been a year of learning as we put the new practices and procedures into place, with the intent of continuing to provide a quality musical experience for the congregation.

Submitted by David Hamilton

Sasamat Committee Report

The Unitarian Church Camp at Sasamat took place during the first weekend of June 2013. The children's program was divided into two parts, with younger campers being led by Dan Coghlan,

DRE at South Fraser, and the older children being led by Morgan Reid, DRE at UCV. Although the children's program was well attended in the morning, attendance in the afternoon session was low. Registered campers were all ages and came from all four Lower Mainland churches. There was cooperation among the campers to make the camp go smoothly, for example, sharing the setup and clean up of the dining room, and volunteers to lead songs and lead graces.

Highlights included a wonderful choral workshop with Kathryn Nicholson (conductor of the Vancouver Gospel Choir), boating, swimming, ropes activity, climbing wall and high ropes course, walking trails, worship service, campfire sing-alongs, and a no-talent show.

The "No-Talent" show was emceed by Ross Harvey, and included diverse and entertaining acts performed by the campers. The Sunday service was led by Debra Thorne who told a descriptive story about little mouse, who was transformed into an eagle.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Redmond and Peggy Lunderville

Lay Chaplaincy Report

This AGM marks one year of me serving as your Lay Chaplain. I have performed one memorial service, and three weddings. It has amazed me how well one gets to know people in a very short time when involved in such important life events. It is wonderful how open they are and how eager to prepare a plan that reflects their feelings and beliefs, then extremely rewarding to engage the participants and guests in the resulting ceremony.

An unexpected joy was to officiate at the wedding of my son's partner's sister. It connected the two families in a wonderful and timely way. Without the Lay Chaplaincy training I received I could not have done this.

Laura Redmond has added a heading on the website that prompts readers to go to a page that describes the ceremonies we may perform. Previously it has been difficult to discern from Beacon's website if we could perform ceremonies; in fact, I laughed with a couple planning a wedding for this July about how they had to search the Newsletter to find this information. I think the increased visibility will be a great help.

As a result of encouragement and sharing from Sue, as well as the training I had last year, I have felt very able to plan and execute three weddings and a memorial.

Thank you for the great privilege of serving as your Lay Chaplain.

Sincerely
Marilyn Medên

Annual Report for February 2013 Birthday Celebrations

We all celebrated Beacon's 30th Anniversary last February in a big way! Events were held all month, including circle dinners, a very successful workshop and service led by Beacon's founding minister, Rev. Robert Latham, and finally a wonderful birthday dinner.

It all started sometime the previous summer, when the Worship Committee began brainstorming about how Beacon could celebrate 30 years. "Blue sky" brainstorming -- as Debra loves to put it-- resulted in some amazing ideas. These ideas inspired many members of the congregation to find creative and wonderful ways of making the celebration a success. By the end, pretty much all of the congregation took part in the celebrations.

The month began with reviving Circle Dinners, where members gathered in homes for potluck dinners to socialize and reminisce.

During February the Sunday services celebrated our history, with stories from members, Rev. Debra's sermon focused on "growing up", and a special guest sermon from Rev. Robert Latham.

Rev. Latham also led a workshop: "How to Grow Whether you Want to or Not". Participants from 5 other congregations in the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island attended in an enthusiastic gathering of 60 people. This workshop paved the way for Beacon to begin its own Mission/ Vision process in 2014.

Finally, on Feb. 23rd, a huge congregational dinner (100 attendees) was held with entertainment, guests and many former members celebrating our 30 years of history. Three former Beacon ministers attended -- Rev. Harold Rosen, Rev. Ev Morris, and Rev. Katie Stein Sather. Articles and photos from the archives decorated the tables, and a slide show of old photos played throughout the evening. The traditional entertainment included many Beaconites singing and playing their instruments, including of course, the Good Times Band. The highlight of the evening was the quirky, clever play based on the remarkable book: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the UUVerse, written by Don Hauka and performed by the Carry the Flame Players.

Beacon has a beautiful record of the 30th Anniversary in the special edition of the Beacon newsletter, with stories and photos of founding members, past presidents, and even the special birthday cake, a beautiful flaming chalice created by the Beacon Youth. All in all, the 30th Anniversary birthday month is a memory to cherish!

Submitted by Joan Morris

Nominating Committee Report

The Beacon By-Laws call for four (4) Officer & Four (4), Five (5) or Six (6) Trustee positions.

Officers may serve for up to 4 years: 2 terms of 2 years in a position, except for the Treasurer (who can serve an indeterminate number of years) Trustees may serve for up to 4 years and must then have a break of 1 year before serving again.

The Nominating Committee proposes these candidates as members of the Beacon Board of trustees for the years May 2014 to April 2015

Officers of the Executive of the Board, each for a two-year term, listed alphabetically.

:See note below

	Terry McComas	
	Nancy Rupert	
	Audrey Taylor	
	Carol Woodworth	
Trustees	Jane Shoemaker	2 nd year of first 2 year term
	Rob Warner	2 nd year of first 2 year term
	Peggy Lunderville	1 st year of first 2 year term

:After consultation and a joint meeting with the Nominating Committee and Consulting Minister, Rev. Thorne, the four officer nominees have agreed to test a model of collaborative leadership as they undertake the Duties of Officers, as defined in the Beacon By-Laws and all other tasks of leadership, legal and financial responsibilities. As the Executive of the Board of Trustees they will determine how they carry out their work, including assigning the role of Treasurer to Audrey Taylor, and delegating and sharing other officer responsibilities.

The Nominating Committee endorses and recommends this model of executive officer leadership for the next church year.

The Nominating Committee consists of 3 elected Members-at-Large and 1 appointed Board Member. Members-at-large serve a 3-year term. Anita Hagen has completed her 3rd year and the Nominating Committee nominates Marylike Nieuwenhuis to join Marilyn Meden and Joan Morris on the committee.

The Nominating Committee wishes to extend our sincere and warm thanks to Anita for her work on the committee for the past 3 years.

Submitted by the Nominating Committee (Anita Hagen, Marilyn Meden and Joan Morris).

Coquitlam Food Bank Report

In late May, we will mark the 10^h anniversary of the Coquitlam food bank and Beacon's role in providing volunteers to ensure the flow of food to community members in need of this help. Our efforts have provided a great service to so many across our community. Over the past 12 months, the Beacon Crew has helped to distribute approximately 2500 hampers; on a weekly basis, we continue to provide 85 to 120 hampers – while some of these hampers go to individuals, the majority go to families. This year we also distributed 196 Christmas hampers from the Coquitlam depot location.

Many thanks to Ivy, John, Anita, Dennis, Laura, Jane and Sandy for their continued participation. We are joined by non-church members (Margaret, Cacilda, Kin, Allison, Sean, Masood, David, Taisha and Tabi) who have become part of our food bank family. This year we have been so fortunate to receive weekly help from students attending CAFE and the Goal program. Their youthfulness, energy and sincere willingness to offer others help has been wonderful to experience. Despite this joy, we still carry a deep sadness over the loss of Bareld and Ralph.

Each food bank day leaves the volunteers physically tired but with a deep sense of satisfaction. This is an opportunity to provide direct service and an opportunity to act with compassion and understanding – a perfect way to live our Principles.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy

Beacon Unitarian Church
Balance Sheet As at 12/31/2013

ASSET

CURRENT ASSETS

Petty Cash	250.00
Petty Cash-RE	200.00
Westminster Credit Union - Share	5.01
VanCity Credit Union - Share	0.00
Westminster - Chequing	45,917.66
Westminster Savings (US acct)	0.00
Westminster Savings - Building Fund	184,133.52
Westminster Savings - Operational	11,061.37
VanCity CU Term Deposit	0.00
TOTAL CASH & BANK ACCOUNTS	<u>241,567.56</u>

OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

Accrued Interest	0.00
Pre-Paid Rent (old)	0.00
Pre-Paid Choir Rental	231.53
Damage & Key Deposits	320.00
Total Pre-paid Expenses	<u>551.53</u>
GST/HST Receivable - Federal	154.85
HST Receivable - Provincial	52.38
GST Receivable - (RFG 2008)	160.05
GST/HST Total Receivable	<u>367.28</u>
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Deposits in Transit	1,145.40
Employee Payroll Advances	0.00
TOTAL OTHER CURRENT ASSETS	<u>2,064.21</u>

FIXED ASSETS

Computer Eqpt	1,294.57
Piano	0.00
Accum Deprec - Comp Eqpt	<u>(1,294.57)</u>
FIXED ASSETS LESS DEPRECIATION	<u>0.00</u>

TOTAL ASSET

243,631.77

LIABILITY

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	0.00
RRSP Payable	117.61
CUC Payable	0.00
Prepaid Pledges	11,780.00

CPP Payable	0.00
Accrued Liabilities	108.52
EI Payable	0.27
Federal Income Tax Payable	0.00
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>12,006.40</u>

TOTAL LIABILITY 12,006.40

EQUITY

FUNDS

Building Fund	184,203.52
Minister's Discretionary Fund	811.85
Religious Education Projects	0.00
BC Regions Ad Campaign - SOF Grant	4,281.00
Sasamat Fund	3,079.91
Choir Fund	740.69
Piano Fund	2.10
Conference Fund	578.84
Homeless Christmas Stocking Fund	163.10
Ministerial Search/Settlement Fund	0.00
Ministerial Ordination Fund	(56.41)
Share-the-Plate Fund	1,204.45
C.U.C. Fund	0.00
Disaster Relief fund	0.00
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>195,009.05</u>

UNCOMMITTED EQUITY

Uncommitted Equity - Start of Year	39,381.31
Less Transfers to Committed Funds	<u>(500.70)</u>
Net Retained Uncommitted Equity	38,880.61
Surplus (Deficit) - Current Year	<u>(2,264.29)</u>
TOTAL UNCOMMITTED EQUITY	<u>36,616.32</u>

TOTAL EQUITY 231,625.37

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 243,631.77

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Beacon Unitarian Church
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
for the month ending December 31st, 2013

	Current Month	YTD	Budget	Variance
REVENUE				
Donations				
Pledges	\$ 4,372	\$ 66,687	\$ 64,105	\$ 2,582
Special Donations	70	202	1,800	(1,598)
Open Collection	321	2,109	1,600	509
Religious Education	312	370	-	370
	<u>5,074</u>	<u>69,367</u>	<u>67,505</u>	<u>1,862</u>
Events and Activities				
Choir Concerts		712	500	212
Lay Chaplaincy	60	240	180	60
Coffee Hour Proceeds	61	651	-	651
Hymnbook/Literature Sales	-	353	-	353
Congregational Dinners	-	125	500	(375)
Fundraising	96	693	800	(107)
Coffee Bean Fundraising Income	-	-	250	(250)
30th Birthday	-	1,939	1,500	439
	<u>217</u>	<u>4,713</u>	<u>3,730</u>	<u>983</u>
Other				
Interest Earnings	- 1,879	73	300	(227)
Miscellaneous Income	-	242	50	192
	<u>- 1,879</u>	<u>316</u>	<u>350</u>	<u>- 34</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	3,413	74,396	71,585	2,811

	Current Month	YTD	Budget	Variance
EXPENDITURES				
Programs				
Religious Education	\$ 206	\$ 505	\$ 1,200	\$ 695
Worship Services	- 450	637	3,000	2,364
Worship Services - Guest Musicians	-	100	250	150
Worship Services - Aesthetics	41	145	-	(145)
Worship Services - Sound Tech	330	2,420	2,000	(420)
Membership	-	166	200	34
Connecting and Caring	88	188	200	12
Lay Chaplaincy Expense	-	60	150	90
Social Responsibility	-	-	100	100
Music & Choir Expenses	-	933	350	(583)
Fundraising Expenses	163	163	-	(163)
Leadership and Training	-	-	500	500
	<u>378</u>	<u>5,317</u>	<u>7,950</u>	<u>2,633</u>

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Communications

Advertising	-	34	200	166
Newsletter	-	-	100	100
	-	34	300	266

Denominational Affairs

CUC Member Fees	-	6,603	6,491	(112)
Conferences	-	222	800	578
	-	6,825	7,291	466

Administration

Minister - Salary & Housing Allowance	2,160	24,740	24,740	(0)
Minister - Benefits	503	5,294	3,980	(1,314)
Minister - Prof. and Travel Expenses	425	4,456	5,000	544
RE Director Fees	600	6,000	6,000	\$ -
Choir Director Fees	175	5,875	6,000	125
Youth Coordinator	150	824	1,000	176
WCB assessment	109	109	150	41
Office Supplies & Expenses	402	1,107	1,000	(107)
Website Expense	-	357	500	143
Rent - Sapperton Hall	1,080	8,858	7,660	(1,198)
Accounting/Bookkeeping Fees	150	2,031	1,800	(231)
Bank Charges	2	39	120	81
Telephone and Internet Charges	-	614	-	(614)
Insurance	-	1,050	1,050	-
Piano Tuning	-	100	100	-
Sundry	-	602	100	(502)
Computer Supplies & Software	-	369	500	131
30th Birthday	-	2,060	1,700	(360)
	5,755	64,485	61,400	- 3,085

TOTAL EXPENSE

6,132	76,660	76,941	281
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NET INCOME

\$ (2,720)	\$ (2,265)	\$ (5,356)	\$ 3,091
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N. Nick Cheng
Financial Advisor

Edward Jones

March 5, 2014

To: The Board of Directors
The Beacon Unitarian Church
552a Clarke road
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Coquitlam BC V3J 0A3

Dear Sirs/Madams

I have reviewed the Church's 2013 Financial Statements, the Balance Sheet and the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures. I have discussed the Church's financials with the Treasurer and the accountant in person, by phone, or through email. In addition, I have reviewed the pertinent supporting financial documents. Based on the information provided and to the best of my knowledge, I find the Church's financial statements are consistent and fairly represented, and they are satisfactory to the reviewer.

Sincerely yours,



Nick Cheng

SHARE THE PLATE NOMINEES FOR 2014-2015

Beacon Unitarian Church

Members will be asked to vote for one of the following at the AGM on April 27:

- **New View Society**
- **RivershedBC**
- **Wildlife Rescue Association of BC**

NEW VIEW SOCIETY, Port Coquitlam (1st principle and 2nd principle)

The New View Society was established in the Tri-Cities in August 1973 to cope with the de-institutionalization of patients from Riverview Psychiatric Hospital. Many previous patients were now living in the community, and needed social, recreational and work programs to assist them with community integration. New View Society was formed to meet that need.

Our vision is to promote recovery in a friendly, safe and supportive environment for individuals affected by mental illness in the Tri-Cities.

New View recognizes the essential worth, dignity and capability of every person with a mental illness, and supports them to achieve their potential. Each person is valued for who they are, not who they could be.

The New View Society provides services for persons affected by mental illness, including:

- ◆ persons living with a mental illness and/or addiction, including people whose work is impacted by their mental health;
- ◆ youth transitioning into adulthood with mental illness;
- ◆ adults and seniors with mental illness going through major changes or dislocation;
- ◆ families impacted by mental illness, and
- ◆ local employers and community groups and agencies interested in learning about mental illness.

New View Society provides subsidized accommodation and support. In addition, the newly opened Iris House offers a Young Adult Housing program for adults aged 19-35 with a primary mental health diagnosis who have experienced challenges in maintaining housing.

The New View Clubhouse is a cooperative community designed to create a healthy environment where individuals recovering from mental illness can achieve the confidence and skills necessary to reach personal goals.

RIVERSHED BC, Port Moody BC (7th principle)

Rivershed BC is a non-profit organization whose chief activity is education, awareness and stewardship of our riversheds. Our mission is: to protect, conserve and restore the health of BC riversheds in this generation.

Our Guiding Values:

- We are a part of the natural environment which sustains all life.
- Individuals can make a difference and we encourage them to be leaders in their communities.
- We value collaboration and partnerships with other groups and individuals who share our concerns and believe in our mission.
- We value the wisdom and experience of the First Nation peoples.
- We value scientific research.
- We value the transformational impact of experiential learning.
- We live in hope that we can protect, conserve and restore our riversheds back to health.

WILDLIFE RESCUE ASSOCIATION OF BC, Burnaby, BC (7th principle)

The Wildlife Rescue Association of BC provides leadership in medically treating and rehabilitating wildlife and in promoting the welfare of wild animals in the urban environment, through community outreach and education.

Our vision is to continually improve the welfare of urban wildlife.

Our care facility, the Care Centre on the south shore of Burnaby Lake, needs food and medical supplies and other items to help care for the 4,000-plus animals brought here every year from across the Lower Mainland, the rest of BC and further afield.

Metro Vancouver is developing rapidly and animals living in the urban environment face many challenges such as busy roads, loss of habitat, pollution, pet predation, poisoning, unsecured garbage and direct human cruelty.

With a team of professional wildlife rehabilitators and an army of volunteers we are able to provide temporary refuge to a diverse range of animals. Once the animals in care are healthy and ready to live in the wild, they are released back to their natural habitat.

Our public education and outreach includes a wildlife helpline, the EarthFest community festival, year-round nature camps, and hundreds of presentations and displays throughout the Lower Mainland.