



# St Mary Magdalene

ANGLICAN CHURCH

**Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday February 13, 2022  
2:00 PM**

**Reports and Statement of Accounts  
For  
Year Ending December 31, 2021**

**Rector  
The Reverend Val From**

**People's Warden  
Darryl Melnyk**

**Rector's Warden  
Carol McPhaden**

**Deputy People's Warden  
Caroline Olagbuji**

**Deputy Rector's Warden  
Chima Chira**

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**Agenda Annual General Meeting  
ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH  
3 St. Vital Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**Notice of Meeting**

When: Sunday, February 13, 2022, 2:00 pm

Where: ZOOM

Chairperson: Carey Isaac

1. Opening Devotion – The Rev. Val From and Nancy Aasland
2. Message from the Bishop
3. Adoption of the Agenda  
**Motion: That the Agenda be adopted as circulated.**
4. Adoption of the Minutes of February 21, 2021  
**Motion: That the Minutes of February 21, 2021 be adopted as circulated.**
5. Annual Reports for the Year ending December 31, 2021  
**Motion: That the Reports for the Year 2021 be received as presented.**
6. Financial review of the income and expenditures for 2021  
**Motion: That the 2021 financial statements be accepted as reviewed.**
7. Budget 2022  
**Motion: That the 2022 Budget be approved as presented with revenues of \$163,200 and expenditures of \$188,413.**
8. **Appointment of Financial Reviewer.**  
**Motion: That Ms. Karen Stuart be appointed to review the 2022 financial statements.**
9. Elections and Appointments
 

a. Members of vestry	f. Rector's Warden
b. People's Warden	g. Deputy Rector's Warden
c. Deputy People's Warden	
d. Synod Delegates	
e. Deputy Synod Delegates	
10. Other Business
  - a.
11. Appreciations
12. Adjournment: Closing Prayer and Sending



## The Diocese of Rupert's Land

The Right Reverend Geoffrey Woodcroft  
Bishop of Rupert's Land

*We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1, 2 and 3 Land, the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dakota, Sioux and Oji-Cree people and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality, which allows us to live, work and service God the Creator here.*

Diocese of Rupert's Land  
Address to Annual General Meetings of the Parishes and Missions

Mid-winter 2022

Friends,

Greetings in and through the One who forms and shapes us into his Body.

On this the occasion of your Annual General Meeting, I give thanks to God for your life in ministry and mission through this past year. Another extraordinary year passes, yet remain in extraordinary circumstances, loss and a sense that issues do not resolve easily in this moment. I am grateful for the generosity of our municipal, provincial and national governments in providing both monetary and human resources to institutions, ourselves included, to sustain ministries and program that benefit communities. I am glad that we, among other groups, remain important to our government as we seek to do God's mission in the fabric of Canadian culture.

Your diocesan staff work tirelessly to provide financial support and bookkeeping, information dissemination, facilitation of processes for local communities, educational opportunities, worship leadership, and ongoing aid to diocesan ministry and mission committees. We are thankful for their commitment and generosity. Your Diocesan Dean, Archdeacons and District Deans continue to provide excellence in much needed local leadership, doing this challenging work quite often while offering themselves fully to their parishes.

As individuals much unfolds in our lives, highs and lows, births and deaths, and getting older. As parishes and missions, this is more intense as we experience together the culmination of those individual happenings, plus the immensity of corporate emotional and psychological highs and lows in the Body of Christ and the world every day. The weight of decision-making, communication and pastoral care is constantly upon clergy and lay leaders, it is our desire and our joy to offer them care, time, resourcefulness and love, allowing them needed rest and recuperation.

Since our last round of Annual General Meetings, we have had many opportunities to theologically reflect how God guides the Body in and through extraordinary times. Through this reflection we see more clearly God's call for us to act for a just and healthy creation. While many of us have received booster vaccinations, millions upon millions in the world have not received their first dose. While developed nations such as ours debate to own carbon credits, the largest human migration in history is taking place, and several species of plants and animals become extinct. While the leaders of some of the wealthiest countries in the world meet to discuss trade, indigenous persons in the same countries suffer intense discrimination and injustice, as do the impoverished of the world who are rendered powerless. God is surely speaking, the Word of God is not rare, but clearly before us.

We are the Church, the Body of Christ, living not for ourselves but for God and God's creation. We who have received must live life gratuitously, the same way God lives amidst us. May our decisions be of God, and may we plan to live God's love and joy for all creation, just as God expresses love and joy for us through all of creation.

May this meeting be blessed in the Holy and undivided Trinity. Amen.

+ Geoffrey

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**MINUTES**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH**  
**3 St. Vital Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba**  
**February 21, 2021**

Chairperson: Heather Birtles

Recorder: Judy Asker

Attendance: 43, Via ZOOM - 51 Declaration of Membership forms filed with AGM Minutes.

1. Opening Devotion – The Rev. Val From and Nancy Aasland
2. Message from the Bishop  
**Motion: That a letter of thanks be sent to the Bishop by the Corporation. Roger Kingsley moved, seconded by Norma Edwards. Carried.**
3. Adoption of the Agenda  
**Motion: That the Agenda be adopted as circulated. Brian Crow moved, seconded by Tannis Webster. Carried.**
4. Adoption of the Minutes of February 23, 2020  
**Motion: That the Minutes of February 23, 2020 be adopted as circulated. Margaret Jones moved, seconded by Janet Smith. Carried.**  
 Business arising: Re item 10(a) Ron Smith suggests that Vestry consider an “Every Member visitation”. Darryl Melnyk reports that the Vestry reviewed the suggestion in early 2020 and decided that we will combine visitation of parishioners under parish visioning.
5. Annual Reports for the Year ending December 31, 2020  
**Motion: That the Reports for the Year 2020 be received as presented. Carol McPhaden moved, seconded by Tannis Webster. Carried.**
6. Financial review of the income and expenditures for 2020  
**Motion: That the 2020 financial statements be accepted as reviewed. Roger Kingsley moved, seconded by Barbara Bater. Carried.**
7. Budget 2021  
**Motion: That the 2021 Budget be approved as presented with revenues of \$155,800 and expenditures of \$180,882. Darryl Melnyk moved, seconded by Caroline Olagbuji. Carried.**
8. Appointment of Financial Reviewer  
**Motion: That Karen Stuart be appointed to review our 2021 financials. Barbara Jalibat moved, seconded by Rakhel Khan. Carried.**
9. Elections and Appointments

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| f. Members of vestry         | f. Rector's Warden        |
| g. People's Warden           | g. Deputy Rector's Warden |
| h. Deputy People's Warden    |                           |
| i. Synod Delegates           |                           |
| j. Alternate Synod Delegates |                           |

Because of the virtual format of the AGM, parishioners were asked to make any other nominations, beyond those named in the Nominations Report, 2 weeks prior to today's meeting.

Tannis Webster's name was submitted and confirmed, prior to the deadline date of February 14.

**a. Vestry nominations**

1. Barbara Jalibat (returning)
2. Carey Isaac (returning)
3. Heather Birtles
4. Shiraz Khan
5. Dawn Hillstrom
6. Ifey Echezona
7. Irene Konsmo
8. Mary Magson
9. Tannis Webster

**The Vestry nominations were accepted by acclamation.**

- b. People's Warden:** Darryl Melnyk was nominated for People's Warden.  
**Darryl Melnyk is accepted for People's Warden by acclamation.**
- c. Deputy People's Warden:** Caroline Olagbuji was nominated for Deputy People's Warden.  
**Caroline Olagbuji is accepted for Deputy People's Warden by acclamation.**
- d. Synod Delegates: The following Synod Delegates were accepted by acclamation.**
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| 1. Carol McPhaden | 2. Brian Crow | 3. Tannis Webster |
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- e. Alternate Synod Delegates: The following Alternate Synod Delegates were accepted by acclamation.**
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| 1. Barbara Jalibat | 2. Dawn Hillstrom | 3. Chima Chira |
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**Rector's Appointments**

- f. Rector's Warden:** The Rev. Val From has appointed **Carol McPhaden**.
- g. Deputy Rector's Warden:** The Rev. Val From has appointed **Chima Chira**.

- 10. Other Business**
- a. Carey Isaac shared comprehensive information on the COVID19 Vaccines and vaccination hesitancy.
- 11. Appreciations**

- The Rev. Val From gave thanks for our parishioners - for their creativity and flexibility.
- The Rev. Val From expressed her appreciation for those finishing their term on Vestry: Alan Forrest, Susan Grant, Charles Olagbuji, Marlene Smith, Mary Jane Turner, and Nancy Zheng.
- Roger Kingsley gave tribute to all those submitting reports during these difficult times.
- Roger Kingsley expressed appreciation for the wonderful financial report presented.
- Raymond Nembhard gave thanks to Judy for her work with him on finances and to Darryl Melnyk for stepping in to chair the Budget Committee.
- Darryl Melnyk gave appreciation to those working on the Budget Committee: Brian Crow, Chima Chira, Rakhel Khan, The Rev. Val From, Mary Jane Turner, and Tannis Webster.
- Raymond Nembhard expressed appreciation to The Rev. Val From for doing a wonderful job at keeping us going in evening worship during these difficult times.
- Barbara Jalibat expressed her thanks to Nancy Aasland for her dedication and musicality.
- Caroline Olagbuji sends thanks to the Corporation and Vestry and all those who volunteer in the parish. You are a great group of people to work with!
- Grace Okonkwo thanked everyone for the efforts made to keep things going in the parish. God Bless all!
- Mary Jane Turner thanked Heather Birtles for chairing our unorthodox AGM, she did a great job!

12. Sending – Sung blessing by Nancy Aasland

Adjournment

**Motion: Bryan Bjerring moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:35 p.m.**

## Incumbent's Annual Report for 2021

As I sat down to write last year, I don't believe it was at all in my mind – or I would imagine any of yours - that I could very well be writing a similar report in 2022, after another year of an unfolding pandemic, with an uncertain future ahead of us.

I will admit that **it is hard for me, as I know that it is hard for all of you...** (Expert after expert underlines how important it is that we talk about the hard stuff!) We miss people whom we care about. We miss the chance to travel, even a bit, to see people or places we love in God's beautiful world. We miss sitting down for lunch or a cup of tea with friends or family. We worry about the people who struggle the most: those who are on the edge economically or with respect to their health, mental or physical. We also worry about the divisions in our society. And to be honest, although many of us have known that nothing can ever really be counted on as certain, it is very difficult to know how to proceed in this world that is so uncertain.

I believe that at some point in the last year or so, **Bishop Geoff wrote that all of our faith and our practice has been for a time such as this...** a time when we do not know where we go from here. His point was that it is now that we need the reminders which we have heard all of our lives of faith: that God is steadfast in love, that Jesus himself wandered and cared for the people around him in the midst of uncertainty and that the Spirit breathes strength and hope into us as individuals and a community when we need it the most.

So, with that need in mind, let us look once again at the themes for parish life chosen several years ago.

### Deepening and Nurturing Faith

- **Throughout the year we met regularly for worship.** Under the continued reflection of Worship Committee, **we continued to worship Sunday evenings, using the platform Zoom.** (We heard from many people that they appreciated the opportunity to connect even a little bit by seeing their fellow parishioners on the screen each week.) A few parishioners noted that they found the evening time difficult, as it overlapped with family visiting time, when that was permitted. Others thought it wise not to mess with what was working... As the year unfolded, we did note that the evening time allowed parishioners who were able only to worship online, to do so in the evening, even once the guidelines of Public Health and our Bishop permitted us to gather in the morning for in-person services.
- In January, some who were interested in gathering on-line to read a book, decided that **a light-hearted look at “God, Improv and the Art of Living” would provide a new look at faith.** Some days laughter was abundant, and conversation flowed freely...
- Early in Lent, with the permission of Bishop Geoff, **we and a number of our sister parishes also began celebrating the Eucharist on-line,** a process which many in our parish indicated they found very meaningful. The conversation around this practice gave an interesting window into the faith lives of those of you who responded to the survey Geoff requested; thank you for sharing your thoughts!
- We were **glad to celebrate Maundy Thursday with St. Bart's and St. Mark's...** plans are beginning for it to happen again this year. St. Bart's will host this year.
- Bible Study, of course, continued looking at the lectionary readings every Wednesday throughout the year, with only a week or two of break.

### Social Caring and Justice

- Early last spring, Bryan Bjerring took on the task of inviting participants to become part of a **refugee ministry committee** to complement the work that has been done so ably in recent years by Qaiser Bhatti and the ACF. Ify Echezona, Irene Puloski, Bryan Bjerring, and Qaiser Bhatti (and I) formed a group, pulling together Terms of Reference. The Committee was pleased to be able to welcome Asher Munir to Canada in October; quite soon he began working fulltime, and is now making plans to be licensed by Canadian standards.



- We marked **Black History Month** as a parish online (as we were doing everything else in February). Val sought to incorporate the stories of early Black residents of the prairies into her homilies, as well as art from other than European sources. Nancy found music composed by talented Black musicians. Val and Tannis, met weekly with the **Diocesan Committee seeking to address Anti-black Racism**; the link to this group was shared with the rest of the parish. As well, links were shared to several online events, including Black Anglicans in Canada.
- **After the graves of children were found** at the Residential School at Tk'emlups in May, and with Canada Day approaching, it seemed that we as a parish needed to do something to seek healing for ourselves, and all the residents of this land. We decided to have short **prayer services each day from the Indigenous Day of Prayer, June 21 through to July 1<sup>st</sup>**. We used historical points offered a number of years ago by the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples for reflection, as well as worship resources sourced from the ACC website section for Indigenous Day of prayer. From 10 – 25 people gathered online each day from our parish and from a couple of other congregations in the city, as we lamented injustice, and sought healing for this land on which we all live. Thanks to Nancy for her willing leadership in this time over-and-above her usual responsibilities.
- In August, some of those who were interested, began meeting monthly on-line to have a **more in-depth look at the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action**. We have discussed what the Calls would look like in this nation, and learned if progress has been made.

#### Communications

- **Thanks to each of you, who took the time** through this second pandemic year to try to **keep in contact with your friends, and fellow parishioners**. Quite a number of you have said you did so, and quite a number of you have noted to me how grateful you were to receive these calls! I am also grateful to those of you who asked questions about how things were going, how I was doing, and how others have been doing... **Your love for the parish and those associated with it, and your ongoing concern for our work in the neighbourhood and city are important as they remind us why we are here as God's people**.
- Thanks again to Therasa, who has worked to continue to keep the website up to date, and to edit Scattered Pews with her usual good humour. Thanks to Nancy and Rakhel, who have each had a hand in the Facebook site, and to Cathy, Tannis, Dawn and others who have shown interest in the possibilities our sign has for communicating with our neighbours. We received a thank you note early last fall from one of our neighbours, unconnected to the church, for the thoughtful and gracious words which we put on our sign, seeking to turn people's thoughts to each other for the good of the community.

#### Pastoral Care

- Our gratitude is also due to Barbara Bater, as chair, and the entire Pastoral Care Committee: Barbara Crow, Cheryl Lenton, Joe Darlington, and Darryl Melnyk for your faithfulness in meeting each month, and in being in regular contact with so many parishioners who are unable to be out and about...
- Thanks also to Judy, who even in these days of working remotely, has offered her kind spirit, concern and good humour to those who are in touch with the church.

#### Community Development and Goals

- Caroline Olagbuji with the help of Darryl Melnyk, followed up last year's successful **Christmas Bingo event. The goal was healing laughter, fun and community building**. A number of the winners said that being able to shout Bingo was all the prize they needed. – Their modest Tim Horton's gift card prizes have been given to people seeking a bit of food on the streets.

- **Advent evening of Carols around an outdoor Christmas tree** on December 19, as well as an abundance of mitts, hats and also gift cards for grocery stores, offered love and holiday cheer to the neighbours... One young woman stopped by with her dog, to let us know that she had heard us down the street and she so appreciated the holiday cheer we were bringing to the neighbourhood.

I recently came across **a prayer scene from the current hit movie, “Don’t Look Up.”** I watched it in a film clip, and then had the opportunity to read the prayer.

In case, like me, you haven’t had a chance to watch the movie, the plot line in a sentence, is that the people of earth realize that a giant asteroid is about to hit their beloved planet. I believe there are various ways it might unfold, but destruction is expected, either slowly or quickly.

As the world dissolves in chaos, while people wait for the asteroid to hit, one family, who say they have lived without faith, join hands to pray at what they expect to be their final dinner together. They are led by their daughter’s boyfriend.

*Dearest Father and Almighty Creator, we ask for your grace tonight despite our pride, your forgiveness, despite our doubt. Most of all, Lord, we ask for your love to soothe us through these dark times. May we face whatever is to come in your divine will with courage and open hearts of acceptance. Amen.*

I don’t imagine that we are living towards such a disaster. (Though there may have been times this year, as indeed likely every year, when some of us have wondered.) But nonetheless, our call as God’s people is to turn to our God in humility and as much faith as we have, to turn to our neighbours, as Christ taught us, with open hearts, and to seek the wisdom and inspiration of the Spirit.

You are each gifts of God to so many, to each other and to me included... Thanks to all of you for the time and love you share with those around you. Thanks especially to Judy for your grace, organization, and good humour, to Nancy for your music and the way you share it, to Brian and Therasa who keep us humming along, to those who have served on Vestry for your insight, and Darryl, Carol, Caroline and Chima, with whom I have had the pleasure of working so closely.

Blessings to all of you, so that all of us together can seek to be one place where God’s light shines...

Val

### **Warden’s Annual Report for 2021**

While writing this report on the third Sunday after Epiphany, two voices from the morning’s worship service came to mind. The first voice was that of St. Paul who lovingly describes the Christian community as a body...every member blessed with different gifts...each of which is vital to the life of the body. The second voice was that of the Rev. Rima Nasrallah, from the Middle East Council of Churches, who encouraged us not to focus on declining numbers or other limitations but concentrate on the gifts we have been given and are called to share.

Our parish, like our wider community, has endured many limitations to keep us safe over this past year. During the early part of the year we were not able to gather in person but joined together on Zoom. In the summer, we began to gather together outside. We then returned to worshipping in our beloved sanctuary again in August and had both in-person and Zoom services until Christmas Eve when in-person gatherings were again suspended. Through it all the character and gifts of our community have shone forth much like the arrows in our parish logo. We have learned to adapt our worship and gatherings to keep safe. We have discovered new ways to be together and to still provide outreach. Our identity as a parish has deepened and become stronger.

Following Rev. Nasrallah’s suggestion, this report will focus on our gifts...to celebrate them and to give thanks. We are so grateful for the many parishioners and staff who shared their talents this past year to form us into the body of Christ. We are also thankful for the ongoing generosity of our community in their financial support of the parish.

Here are just some gifts of this past year that brought us joy:

**Worshiping together.** Whether on Zoom or in-person, we faithfully gathered together to worship. Thank you so much to Val for shepherding us through this past year. Thank you to Bryan who filled in so seamlessly when needed. Thank you to Nancy whose wonderful music lifted our spirits on countless occasions with just the right song. Thank you as well to the lay readers, readers, and intercessors. A special thanks to our children for their involvement in our worship. Your presence among us is the richest of blessings. We were also so blessed to have our Primate, Linda Nicholls, for join us for online worship in May.

**Gathering together.** We were also able to gather in smaller groups such as bible study and christian meditation. Thank you, Heather and Barbara. Thank you as well to all those involved in gathering the children together for Sunday School. Thank you to Cathy for organizing our fall garage sale under very restrictive limitations. Thank you to Carey and Debra for organizing our Christmas caroling. Thank you to Caroline for organizing our fun bingo again this year.

**Caring for each other.** Thank you to everyone who reached out to their fellow parishioners this year. Whether it was a phone call, an email, a card, a visit, a prayer or taking someone to an appointment, it was a gift. Thank you as well to those involved in our pastoral care committee, nursing home outreach and prayer partners for their ministries of caring.

**Caring for our community.** Thank you to all who contributed to our various outreach efforts this past year through contributions to: the Primates World Relief and Development Fund, the emergency food box, the Christmas hampers and the Christmas store, Wechetowin, our Community Christmas tree, the garage sale, and the organizations that received portions of our Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings. Thank you to those who helped organize these outreach efforts: Barbara and Carol, Jeannie, Carey and Debra, and to Cathy and all the garage sale volunteers.

**Caring for our resources.** Thank you to Judy, our Administrator par excellence, for not only looking after our finances, but for the many things you do behind the scenes to keep our parish running smoothly. Thank you to the two Brian's who tended to the needs of our building this past year. Thank you to Barbara and the gardening team for all their work to create such beautiful gardens. They were truly a gift to all who passed by.

**Welcoming others.** It was a joyous occasion that we could finally welcome Asher. Thank you to the Refugee Support Committee for all their work. We look forward to receiving more refugee families in the year ahead. While we were not able to host community groups in the building for much of this year, it was a joy to welcome them back this past fall and we look forward to their return. Thank you to Judy for coordinating our building hospitality.

**Sharing the good news.** Thanks to Therasa for her splendid work on our website. For many visitors, the website may be the first glimpse of our parish and it so beautifully reflects our gifts. We are also so grateful to Therasa for keeping our scattered pews connected through the newsletter.

**Serving together.** Thank you to all who served on our Vestry team this past year as we joined together to guide the affairs of the parish. Your thoughtful advice and challenging questions were gifts to us.

Interestingly, in their closing words, St. Paul and Rev. Nasrallah came to a similar conclusion. In the reading from First Corinthians, Paul ends with these words "But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way." Rima concluded her reflections on Epiphany by highlighting that the magi were called to go home a new way.

While we may not know what the year ahead will bring or what new way we may be called to travel, we know better who we are as a body and the gifts we can share with each other and the wider world we live in. More importantly we know that regardless of what circumstances we may face, our loving and gracious God is in our midst knitting us together and forming us into the body we were created to be. In knowing all these things, we are overcome with hope and excitement for what lies ahead.

Thanks be to God!

Your Wardens' - Carol, Caroline, Chima and Darryl.

## Worship Committee Report 2021

Another year of the pandemic, these are some of the reflections, decisions and highlights.

- January, committee members who wished took the opportunity to consider the possibility of celebrating Eucharist online – something Bishop Geoff had already granted permission for to several parishes. Two podcasts considering theological and practical implications were offered and the decision was made to go ahead, with education and communication for parishioners. We began early in Lent, and though we know not everyone partook, there was no negative feedback. (A survey process took place several months in, at Bishop Geoff's request. Feedback received was compiled and passed on to the Bishop.)
- Day of Prayer for Indigenous People took place in the context of the nationwide heartbreak around Residential Schools. Nancy, Val and Bryan worked on this in consultation with Amanda, making use of printed and visual resources from the National Church. Daily prayer services were offered between the National Indigenous Day of Prayer and July 1, as we sought healing and reconciliation for this land and all of its people. This was much appreciated by a good group from our parish as well as others.
- In-person worship began in mid-July, along with continued evening services on Zoom; it seemed wise to gather together, as there was already talk of another wave of Covid coming in the fall.
- We did celebrate St. Mary Magdalene Day in-person, outside on a 35 C day. (Challenges abound this year!) People were glad for the Eucharist, and the somewhat larger crowd made possible by being outside, even though the parking lot wasn't ideal!
- We celebrated Season of Creation through September, using the resources provided by the World Anglican Communion... Our favourite Eucharistic Prayer of those used was written by the Church of Southern Africa. Many thanks again to Nancy for offering her talent, and fine sense for music to enrich our worship always!
- At Harvest Thanksgiving, as usual, we were able to have a lovely display, thanks to Lois and Darryl, as well as gather in food for St. Matthew's Maryland. Thanks to all for contributing and to Barbara and Carol for delivering the needed food.
- On All Saints' Day, parishioners in -person were invited to write the names of those they wished to remember; the basket of honoured names was brought up with the offering. The next two weeks Val was away; many thanks to Bryan Bjerring who led worship (preaching once) and Wilson Akinwale who also shared the word with us. Unfortunately, after these 2 weeks, Val was sick and unable to attend in-person worship until Advent 4. (Though she did lead evening worship on Zoom. Such is life in a pandemic...)
- A festive Christmas Carolling gathering happened outside the evening of December 19, and plans for Christmas continued, until December 23, when Bishop Geoff sent a directive asking that churches consider moving to on-line worship due to rising case counts... In-person worship on Dec 24, was allowed but not recommended, so we joined (just about all) our sisters and brothers in the city in moving on-line only. Another pivot, and another pandemic Christmas. The (now on-line) Service of Lessons and Carols on Christmas 1 (December 26 this year) was much appreciated. That is two years for this, so I believe I have heard it is now a tradition!

## Refugee Sponsorship Committee

Refugee Sponsorship is regulated carefully by the Federal Government (Immigration Refugee Citizenship Canada – IRCC) and operates within strict financial and settlement requirements. The Diocese of Rupert’s Land as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) operates under these requirements. St. Mary Magdalene is Constituent Group (CC) of/under the Diocesan Agreement.

As was the case with parish life generally, the pandemic affected much of the work of the Committee. However, the Terms of Reference of the Committee (Purpose, Procedures and Membership) was developed over several months and was approved by the Vestry on March 23, 2021. This was a major piece of work.

It is the responsibility of the Committee to determine that all Government requirements (e.g. finances, settlement plan) are met. In our situation this is most often handled jointly but not exclusively by the Asian Christian Fellowship, its members, and the parish. The required funds are held by the parish and disbursed according to government requirements.

One of the objectives of the Committee is to have some personal contact with arriving refugees including such things as a welcoming group, exposure to Canadian and Manitoba customs, culture and so on; befriending the newcomer as it were. It has been a disappointment that the pandemic has made it difficult to impossible to do this.

During the year we welcomed one refugee, Asher Munir, who is the brother of Abid Munir. Of course, Asher had to quarantine which made things somewhat more complicated. At the time of writing this report arrangements are underway to set up a Zoom get acquainted meeting with Asher and Committee Members.

The pandemic made it necessary to put consideration of any parish fundraising undertakings on hold.

At the time of writing there are two households whose applications have been approved by Vestry and the IRCC and who await resettlement.

- One family of six persons; parents and four dependent children
- One husband and wife

The application of another couple approved by Vestry awaits IRCC approval.

We have been made aware of several other households who seek to be resettled which may be considered depending on the spaces allotted in the future to the Diocese by the IRCC and our own capacity as a parish.

Respectfully submitted:

Bryan Bjerring for the Committee: Qaiser Bhatti, Ify Echezona, Val From, Irene Poloski

## Envelope Secretary Report – 2021

In 2021, we issued 83 giving receipts totalling \$148, 439.54

We have 35 parishioners that give through the Pre-Authorized Giving program (PAR) and we have issued 98 boxes of giving envelopes.

Submitted by Judy Asker

## Property Committee Report for 2021

### Gardening Report

Although the season was very dry, the flower beds and containers thrived and were beautiful especially the roses. Cathy Mondor donated white trellis for the climbing petunias, coleus and other annuals she had started from seed at her home. Four red Canadian Shield Roses were also donated and planted in the front bed. Two Jack Frost Brunnera were planted in the lower bed by the main doors to help fulfill our mandate to have more perennials. The annual marigolds and zinnias provided colour to the garden and bloomed all summer and fall. Van der Meer Garden Centre of Ile-des-Chenes gave us a discount on the purchase of plants. The members of the gardening team were Joe Darlington, Barbara Jalibat, Cathy Mondor, Tannis Webster and Barbara Bater. The team is looking forward to another successful gardening season in 2022 with many plans in the offing. We are always happy to have others come along to enjoy the work and joy of gardening.

Barbara Bater

### Building Maintenance

1. A shorter report this year due to reduced activity in the building resulting in less wear and tear. No capital projects were undertaken this year.
2. Brian Aminot comes by every day to ensure the building is clean and ready to receive guests – washrooms are clean, floors wiped and garbage removed. Early Sunday morning or at other quiet times Brian performs a variety of tasks such as mopping/waxing the floors, cleaning glass, vacuuming, clearing the snow from the sidewalk and emergency exit and mowing the grass. Brian washed the walls in the nave and upper and lower halls this past spring.
3. Darryl Melnyk dropped by on a regular basis to ensure the security of the building in accordance with the requirements for the parish insurance.
4. The garbage removal firm was required to repair /replace a number of bins.
5. City staff removed the large dead elm tree in the north-east corner of the property at no cost.
6. The parish shares the cost of parking lot maintenance and snow removal with the Little Saints Learning Centre on a 50/50 basis. The contract with Whiteout Snow removal was renewed for 2021/2022 at the same price as last year. This firm clears the gravel parking lot on the north side of the building on our behalf and that cost is covered in full by Tom Fulton the owner operator of the Remax agency next door to us.
7. With Alan Forrest's help the wood wall on the east side of the building was repainted.
8. Charles Olagbuji directed concrete patch repairs to the concrete foundation.
9. Manitoba Hydro replaced the natural gas piping into the church and installed a new gas meter on the outside of the building.
10. The City fire staff performed an inspection of the building. With Darryl Melnyk's assistance carbon monoxide sensors were purchased and installed; a few minor observations corrected.
11. Furnace filters were replaced monthly. The four furnaces will be 16 years old this summer. It is time to think about replacements. An option would be to install ground water heat pumps. This will require discussion with persons knowledgeable about the possibility on our property.
12. Annual and quarterly inspections were performed by authorities or contractors as required: elevator inspections by TKE Elector Corp, fire extinguisher and emergency lights by Integrity Alarms, furnaces by East Side Ventilation, mouse traps by Poulin's Pest Control.
13. A number of minor projects were completed throughout the year.

### **Special thanks**

1. Continued thanks to Brian Aminot for his attention to caretaking needs.
2. Thanks to Barbara Bater and her team for their devotion in nurturing the front and side yard flower beds. The flowers add a real “cared for” look to the property.
3. Thanks to Alan Forrest and Darryl Melnyk for their continued help with repairs.

Respectfully,  
Brian Crow

### **Sunday School Program Report 2021**

After a hiatus from March, 2020 to September, 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions, the St. Mary Magdalene Sunday School Program began meeting in person again on Sunday, October 3, 2021 to our most recent meeting of December 19, 2021, using the Seasons of the Spirit curriculum. Our registration is currently three (3) families with a total of six children and four facilitators - Barbara Bater, Rakhel Khan, Carolyn Olagbuji, and Jeannie McClory.

Unfortunately, due to renewed pandemic restrictions related to in-person gatherings, we have not yet been able to meet in 2022. We look forward to our Church community, including the Sunday School, being able to gather together again soon.

Jeannie McClory  
Sunday School Coordinator

### **Communications Report 2021**

#### **Social Media**

Throughout 2021 our website [stmarymagdalenewpg.org](http://stmarymagdalenewpg.org) was used to help keep parishioners and the general public connected to and updated with St. Mary Magdalene. It's my hope that this was successful, as was my attempt through the website to show that our parish is flexible, resourceful and optimistic in the face of all challenges.

Visits to the website were recorded and provided to Vestry on a monthly basis throughout 2021. Peak periods for visits were March - April, August - October, and December.

Our Facebook page [facebook.com/stmarymagwpg/](https://facebook.com/stmarymagwpg/) is updated regularly and has almost 250 followers.

#### **Newsletter**

Our newsletter *News for Scattered Pews* was produced and distributed 7 times in 2021. There was no summer issue, and the December issue was expanded to 4 pages from the usual 2. Each newsletter contains a message from The Rev. Val From, a summary of the month's Vestry meeting, and other information of timely interest to the parish.

Respectfully submitted by  
Therasa Hunt

### **Food Voucher Program Report 2021**

Through a community partnership with Dakota Family Foods, our Parish Food Voucher Program began in June of 2013. In 2021, we were limited by COVID19 restrictions and not able to provide direct community support though two past food voucher recipients did receive private support through a friend of the parish. We look forward to opening up the program in the near future when safety measures allow.

Program Administrator,  
Judy Asker

### **Sides Persons Report 2021**

During the first part of the year, our role changed to being readers of the Territorial Acknowledgment at the Sunday evening service on Zoom. Then when services were being held in person, we again fulfilled our role as sides persons, in a minimal way. At the end of the year, when in-person services were no longer being held, our sides persons role was set aside again.

Thanks to those who participated.

Margaret Jones  
Coordinator

### **Pastoral Care Ministry Annual Report for 2021**

The Pastoral Care Team met by zoom every five weeks during 2021. The team includes, Rev. Val From, Barbara Crow, Joe Darlington, Cheryl Lenton, Darryl Melnyk, and Barbara Bater.

We give thanks to Mary Jane Turner for her years of dedicated pastoral care ministry before her resignation from the team in March.

The purpose of the meetings is to update team members regarding need for new or continuing visits, phone calls and prayers and to coordinate services to parishioners in need. Also, visitors may drop off or bring a prayer shawl or quilt to parishioners who desire a tangible spiritual support.

As well as prayer shawls, car blankets are given as gifts for the newly baptized babies and Hope bears for toddlers. Pocket prayer shawl squares are also available to anyone who would like to have one in their backpack, purse or brief case.

Thank you to the parish knitters, crocheters, and quilters as well others whose beautiful artwork bring special comfort to those in need.

Submitted by Barbara Bater

### **Prayer Partners Annual Report 2021**

A profound thank you to the 19 parishioners who are devoted to this ministry of prayer for anyone in need. We are divided into six teams of partners who are given a list of prayer requests that have come in. Each request is prayed for daily.

Anyone can make a prayer request. Please feel free to contact Val or Barbara Bater to have your request added to a list.

This ministry is available at any time even if our building is closed and gatherings are limited.

We are always looking for new partners to join us in this ministry. Please consider joining in 2022! Contact Darryl Melnyk at 204-275-2309 if you are interested.

With thanks, Darryl Melnyk



### **Nursing Homes Report 2021**

Nursing Home services were planned for the second Tuesday at 2:30 pm at Vista Park Lodge and for the third Thursday 10:30 am at River Park Gardens on a monthly basis. Services were held on this schedule whenever possible because of Covid 19 restrictions,

The services at River Park Gardens were very well attended and we received assistance from the nursing home staff with Marygold the Activity Coordinator controlling the screen for our hymns and assisting during Communion. It was heart-warming to see some of the residences join in singing the familiar songs.

The services at Vista Park were also well attended when permitted and the church volunteers led the congregation in singing the hymns. Some of our participation was restricted to Rev Val and two volunteers. Social distancing was observed when required.

The Reverend Val provided leadership and preached on the previous Sunday readings in a manner related to the life experiences of the residents. She also conducted the Eucharist, when permitted, for all in attendance.

We look forward to resuming these services when the pandemic comes to an end.

Joe Darlington

### **Altar Guild Report 2021**

The altar guild is a dedicated group of six parishioners who make sure that the preparations for Sunday services and other special services are completed before and after our worship. Activities include preparing the bread and wine, arranging the altar vessels, banners and linens. We usually meet several times a year to discuss upcoming liturgical seasons and special celebrations such as baptisms.

We were not active early in the year due to the suspension of in person worship services. In September we resumed our duties and continued them until the suspension of in person worship in late December.

While worship services have been limited this past year, we have kept the appropriate altar colours and banners in place. Special decorations were also put in place at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The number of guild members has significantly declined in the past few years due to retirements. We would gratefully welcome new members. If you are interested or would like more information, please call Lois or Darryl at 204-275-2309.

On behalf of the guild, Darryl Melnyk

### **Lay Readers' Annual Report 2021**

The Lay Readers of St. Mary Magdalene Parish who assist at Sunday worship as well other services throughout the year are, Carey Isaac, Lorna Jones, Shiraz Khan, Brian Crow, Caroline Olagbuji and Barbara Bater.

We met several times by zoom with Rev. Val From to discuss ministry, evaluate past services, plan for upcoming services and to support each other.

Even though this has been another very different year because Covid 19, we have done our best to fulfill our ministry both in church and by zoom.

Thank you to Charles Jr. Olagbuji for his crucifer ministry.

It is a privilege to be part of a ministry that gives glory to God and hopefully enriches all who worship at St. Mary Magdalene.

Submitted by Barbara Bater

## **Community Ministry Report 2021**

Our Parish is represented at the Community Ministry by Joe Darlington, Margaret Jones, Carol McPhaden and Barbara Bater.

The Urban Retreats Garden Tour was held virtually again in 2021 highlighting gardens from the Scotia Heights area of Winnipeg. Our parish along with many others raised \$16,000.

In September, Margaret and I attended a zoom meeting with Josh Ward, the community minister and other members of the Anglican Consortium: St. Mary, Charleswood, St. Peter and St. Paul – Fort Garry. The Nutrition Bingo program that our parish contributed to has been replaced with a language bingo for Ojibway language learners.

In October on Thanksgiving Sunday, food was collected as a special offering for the emergency food program at the ministry.

This year for the Christmas Store \$925 was collected from our parish so the ministry could purchase new toys from local inner-city businesses. Many families with children were able to enjoy Christmas with free gifts from the Store. Handmade hats, mitts, slippers and other items were also donated.

Non-perishable food items were collected for the emergency food cupboard.

Vestry donated \$594 as our consortium commitment to help with rental costs of the ministry in West End Commons. An extra \$56 was also donated.

The Community Ministry would welcome anyone who would like to volunteer at their drop-ins.

Submitted by Barbara Bater

## **Christian Meditation Report 2021**

The Christian Meditation group is part of the Canadian Christian Meditation Community and the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM).

We meet on Thursdays at 7:30pm by zoom. We begin our time with an opening prayer followed by 20 minutes of silent meditation. We continue by listening and discussing a recorded teaching from the Meditatio talk series (WCCM). We end the evening with a closing prayer.

We typically have about 7-10 people join us each week. Most participants are from our parish but we also have mediators from other parishes in Winnipeg and Brandon.

Barbara Bater and occasionally Darryl Melnyk provide leadership.

This is a quote from Fr. Laurence Freeman, director of the WCCM, "We are all beginners." Everyone is welcome.

Submitted by Barbara Bater

## **Wednesday Bible Study Group 2021**

Bible Study has been offered each week during the past year on Wednesday at 1 00pm via 'Zoom'. We have continued our pattern of using Midday Prayer from the BAS to begin, which gives us the opportunity to offer prayer for personal and parish concerns. We then share the readings appointed for the following Sunday. Currently our rector Val is giving leadership to the discussions. Please feel free to join us whenever you are able.

Submitted by Heather Birtles

## Music and Choir Report 2021

2021 was a year shaped by COVID again. And yet there were some notable highlights.

We started the year with all worship online, with music led by Nancy from home, using piano and guitar.

Holy week: a highlight of this year was a collaborative Maundy Thursday service with St Marks and St Bartholomew's. The three churches sent video clips of footwashing and the stripping of the altar, and Nancy edited them together into a collage, which was then played during the Zoom meeting.

On June 6 there was a Diocesan Service on Zoom, when we "traveled" virtually out to Pembina Hills to celebrate, to pray and to raise support for the PWRDF and the Food Grains Bank. Nancy was one of the worship leaders from around the Diocese, having made a special video of the hymn God Be With You Till We Meet Again. It featured images from St Mary Magdalene and St Peter's Anglican churches, as well as some of Diane Guilford's video footage from her brother's farm in the Pembina Hills area.

June was also when the terrible news started to emerge about unmarked graves being discovered at a number of former residential schools. As part of our response, Val and Nancy planned a series of additional short Zoom services, with readings, prayers, music and some historical events adding context to this sad news. It ran weekday afternoons between June 21 and June 30 and was well attended.

In the summer we tried to get back in-person with a couple of outdoor services. At the time congregational singing was not permitted indoors, so this seemed like a possible way forward. They weren't ideal because of the heat, and we soon decided to go back to indoor services, without congregational singing. Being back in our building was a joyful event for many of us. We soon heard that the congregation would be permitted to sing as long as we were masked and socially distanced.

For several months we were able to have morning worship in person and evening on Zoom. We were able to squeeze in an evening of outdoor carol-singing and hot chocolate – quite fun! Just days before Christmas Eve in-person services were canceled again with only a couple of days' notice, and we went back to online worship.

The last service of 2021 was our Dec 26 Lessons and Carols service, by which time we had sung nearly every carol in the whole hymnal!

By now we are so used to rapidly changing what we are doing, and many of us have mastered technologies we never imagined we would even want! I expect there will be a couple more pivots for us to navigate, but I fervently hope that we are nearing the end of this challenging circumstance.

Nancy Aasland, Music Director

## Garage Sale Report 2021

After three missed sales due to Covid 19 shutdowns, St. Mary Magdalene held a fall sale on October 1 and 2, 2021.

There was limited advertising due to the concern that the sale may need to be cancelled last minutes if Covid infections were on the rise. Fortunately, that did not happen.

Set up happened on September 25 and 26. Thank you to Alan & Theresa Livingstone, Carey Issac, Brian Crow, Chima Chura, Victor Echezona, Adoni, and John Chan for so capably moving tables and shelves into a new configuration to allow for 6 foot aisles and a one way flow of foot traffic.

Thank you to the fifty-one volunteers who worked tirelessly through the week and on sale days. Every little bit was so helpful, whether it was an hour on one day or 6 hours a day, every day. It was wonderful to see some new faces and build community after being away from each other for so long. There was a lot of laughter, serious discussions, and a great deal of fellowshiping.

Volunteers unpacked, sorted, priced, assisted on sale days by greeting shoppers, saying goodbye to shoppers, sanitizing, working as cashiers, couriers, preparing lunch, general clean-up and other various tasks. At noon on Saturday, all unsold items were repacked to be distributed to MacDonal Youth Services, Salvation Army, Flavie Laurent, and Winnipeg Humane Society. The Children's Hospital Book Mart is not accepting donations of books at this time, so the books went to Salvation Army and Flavie Laurent. A special thank you to Richard McKenzie for taking clothes, shoes, and backpacks to Macdonald Youth Services.

On sale day, doors opened at 9 am. Only 30 people were allowed into the building at a time. Two way radios were used to let the front door know how many people had left the building. There were 347 people who passed through the doors which is about half of the attendance of past years. However, the net profit was \$5,466.95.

It is recommended that a spring garage sale be held on April 29 & 30, 2022 and a fall sale happen on September 30 & October 1, 2022 pending approval of vestry and Covid 19 infection rates. It is also recommended that the protocols that were established for this sale be followed if Covid 19 is still an issue in the community.

Respectfully submitted  
Cathy Mondor, Garage Sale Coordinator

### **Christmas Hamper Program 2021**

St. Mary Magdalene continued support of the annual Hamper Program for Christmas, 2021 by following the COVID 19 recommendations of the Christmas Cheer Board (CCB) and providing **Food Cards/Vouchers** to recipients.

November inserts in Sunday morning and evening Zoom service bulletins requested cash donations by November 30/21 to support this program, with a total of approximately \$1746 received.

Previous and potential recipients were contacted to determine their current food needs. The resulting list was shared with CCB to ensure no duplication of recipients.

St. Mary Magdalene recipients included six (6) Individuals, three (3) families of 2 to 3 and one (1) family of 4 to 5. Food cards/vouchers were provided for recipients' preferred store locations, in the amounts of \$60 per individual, \$100 per family of 2 to 3, and \$125 for the family of 4 to 5. In addition, toys were purchased for children under age 14 and cans of cookies were provided for each voucher/card recipient, with a total cost of \$876.48.

(Note: CCB advised that the amounts they were providing for 2021 recipients were:

Individual: \$40; Family of 2 to 3: \$60; Family of 4 to 5: \$85; Family of 6+: \$115.

Although our church program normally tries to follow CCB Guidelines, the amounts provided to St. Mary Magdalene recipients were considerably more.)

The balance of funds contributed to the Hamper Program have been allocated to Church and other non-profit programs that provide food and assist in meeting various other community support needs.

Jeannie McClory  
Coordinator, Hamper Program

## Parish Activities Reports 2021

Over the past 2 years, we have had to restrict users of our building, at varying times, due to COVID-19 health orders. Groups were welcomed back into the building in September of 2021. A few of our past rental groups had closed their doors and ceased meeting over the months due to a variety of reasons. In late December 2021, all activities in the parish were again suspend in compliance with Diocesan and Provincial protocol.

We look forward, with anticipation, to inviting users of our building back in to the church to meet when it is deemed safe to do so. Groups meeting in the parish during Fall 2021: Brownies/Pathfinders/Guides, Cubs/Scouts/Beavers, Kindermusik, Seniors Melody Group, Southglen Fiddlers, and Vital Seniors

## User Group Reports

### Seniors Melody Group

It has been a short year for activities with the Senior Melody Group. The fall of 2020 brought a fairly abrupt end to any group gatherings of many organizations. Our group managed for the most part to stay connected by weekly zoom meetings. Because of the restrictions on group sizes even in public we were not able to gather at St Vital park until mid-July to practice by the Duck pond. We did gather there until September. As the weather cooled we were fortunate enough to be able to use some space at Glenwood Community Center until the church was able to accommodate us again. During this time of fairly normal activities we able to have several playouts at some seniors' homes and also at the Oak table. As you know we are all now back to a similar situation as last winter with the rise of the Delta and Omicron variants. Hopefully this will soon pass and we can resume more normal activities once again. I would also like to thank you for the wonderful letter of support in relation to our grant application to New Horizons for sound equipment for our group.

Sincerely,

Luc Riezebos, President, Senior Melody Group.

### Vital Seniors Annual Report

Our activities over the past two years have been overshadowed by the world's co-vid's pandemic. For safety, the church closed its doors and activities shut down. With safety regulations from the Diocese in place, the church reopened to our group in [October 2021](#).

Line dancing classes and carpet bowling were able to meet to December. Barb Hall is our dancing instructor, with Linda Jones helping her. Warren Hall has retired. Thank you to Warren for all your assistance over the years. Barb can be reached at [204.334.3559](tel:204.334.3559). Richard Smith has been running Carpet Bowling with help from the group. Thank you, bowlers. Richard can be reached at [204.452.2230](tel:204.452.2230). The book club, with help from its members, were able to meet via Zoom throughout, then in house, and now via Zoom again. Renate Dudek can be reached at [204.257.4014](tel:204.257.4014). The luncheon, bridge, Men's breakfast, and scrabble groups were unable to start.

Our last elected board members have kindly remained with a few retiring. Margaret Jones, our Bridge coordinator, has retired after many years. Thank you Margaret! Bernice Taylor, our Sunshine Co-ordinator, retired and is active in bowling. Thank you Bernice! We will be able to celebrate our retirees in safer times. Please call me if you are interested in taking up any of these positions.

Members also donated to the church's [Christmas Hampers](#) in [December 2021](#). Well done!

Our yearly membership fees remain at \$10. All activity fees have increased to cover all costs.

I would like to thank our many volunteers, volunteer coordinators, and volunteer board members for their support these last two years. A special thanks goes out to custodian Brian Aminot, instructor Barb Hall, and to our treasurer, Judy Asker.

To St. Mary Magdalene, we give thanks for their ongoing support and encouragement. We are truly grateful!

Lastly, the Board of Directors would like to thank all our membership for their continued support and to those who were able to come out to the activities. We look forward to better times.

Sincerely,

Your President, Lesley Aremu (Smith) [204.452.2230](tel:204.452.2230)

## Special Offerings Disbursements

2016	2017	2018
Habitat for Humanity Jubilee Fund GIC Can/Lutheran/Anglican Youth \$500 each Convention Sponsorship <b>\$1,500</b>	Anglican Foundation Jubilee Fund GIC Guiding and Scouting \$642 each <b>\$1,925</b>	Healthy Com. Initiatives - Criminal Camperships Record Cks Habitat for Humanity <b>\$1,735</b>
Parish Refugee Fund South Sudanese Women's Centre St. Matthews Maryland CM \$330 each <b>\$990</b>	North Point Douglas Women's Cntr Anglican Healing Fund PWRDF \$336.66 each <b>\$1,010</b>	Jubilee Fund GIC St Matthew Maryland Diocese of Jerusalem \$465/\$540/\$250 <b>\$1,250</b>
PWRDF Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg Suicide Prevention Program of the National Anglican Church's Indigenous \$528 each Ministries <b>\$1,585</b>	Canadian Food Grains Bank Parish Food Vouchers North End Family Centre Parish Operations \$300/\$880/\$880/\$580 <b>\$2,640</b>	Alpha House North Point Douglas Women's Cntr Uganda Orphans Parish Operations 450/450/450/520 <b>\$1,870</b>

2019	2020	2021
Doctors Without Borders \$500 Winnipeg Quaker \$755 Parish GIC top-up \$420 <b>\$1,675</b>	Grace & Nelly Project \$300 St Matthews-Maryland CM \$582 Parish Operations \$713 <b>\$1,595</b>	Vallarta Food Bank \$285 Anglican Grow Hope \$285 Parish Operations \$1,135 <b>\$1,705</b>
St Matthew-Maryland CM \$570 PWRDF \$642.50 1st Nations Child & Family Caring Soc. \$642.50 <b>\$1,855</b>	Survival Gardening Project \$386 Children's Rehab Foundation \$386 Parish Operations \$388 <b>\$1,160</b>	Velma's House \$350 Parish Operations \$690 <b>\$1,040</b>
Bear Clan \$334.17 St Boniface Street Lights \$334.17 St Matthew Maryland CM \$334.16 Parish Refugee Fund \$1002.50 <b>\$2,005</b>	Parish Operations <b>\$1,755</b>	Sorrento Centre \$505 1 Just City \$505 Parish Operations \$505 <b>\$1,515</b>

January 12, 2022

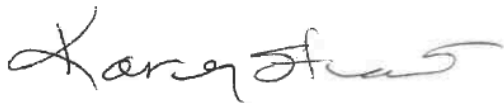
Parish of St. Mary Magdalene Church  
#3 St. Vital Road  
Winnipeg MB  
R2M 1Z2

To the Parish of St. Mary Magdalene church,

After reviewing the financial documents of the parish, I find that the statements represent a fair and accurate position of the finances of the parish for the year ending December 31,2021.

The parish uses the cash method for recording all revenue and expenses. This is in accordance with Canadian Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

Sincerely Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karyn Stas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Finance Officer Manitoba Opera

**St. Mary Magdalene  
Balance Sheet**

**January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021**

**Ledger Balance as of January 1, 2021:**

**Income:**

		15,055.74	<b>Budget YTD</b>
Open	73.00		300.00
Envelopes	134,161.84		130,000.00
Special Offerings	10,836.50		6,000.00
Building Rental	2,093.00		100.00
Functions, Weddings, Funerals	275.00		1,000.00
Miscellaneous	1,525.43		1,000.00
Memorials	250.00		100.00
Capital Projects Building	0.00		0.00
Transfers/Grants/Wage Subsidy	16,500.00		5,000.00
Endowment/WPG FND Memorial Fund	5,260.38		5,300.00
Garage Sale	5,466.95		0.00
Bank Interest /Integra Fund	7,317.77		7,000.00
Functions (in/out re: Sexton, Musician, Altar Guild)	150.00		
PWRDF (in/out)	1,230.00		
<b>Total Income:</b>		<b>185,139.87</b>	<b>155,800.00</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Payroll: Salaries & Benefits	120,532.55		120,929.00
Administration	5,218.68		5,130.00
Building & Property	26,262.17		26,848.00
Program	3,917.87		4,450.00
Diocese	21,875.04		21,875.00
PWRDF (in/out)	1,230.00		
Wedding/Funeral (in/out)	150.00		
Sexton Special (in/out)	0.00		
Special Approved Spending	5,730.50		1,650.00
<b>Total Expenses:</b>		<b>184,916.81</b>	<b>180,882.00</b>
<b>Ledger Balance:</b>		<b>15,278.80</b>	
<b>Funds held on behalf of</b>			
Asian Christian Fellowship (ACF)		9,205.50	
Munir Refugee Fund (MRF)		310.00	
<b>Account Balance:</b>		<b><u>24,794.30</u></b>	

OTHER ASSETS (not included in Balance)

**At December 31, 2021 - Integra Capital \$184,749.19**

**At December 31, 2021 - Bibi Refugee \$18,638.87**

**At December 31, 2021 - Parish Savings \$3.80**

1. GIC - \$1,020.31 - Interest Rate: 1.000% - Matures on March 3, 2022
2. GIC - \$1,018.13 - Interest Rate: 0.750% - Matures on May 24, 2022
3. GIC - \$1,017.66 - Interest Rate: 0.450% - Matures on August 16, 2022
4. GIC - \$1,022.2 - Interest Rate: 0.550% - Matures on Nov. 2, 2022
5. GIC - \$1,149.70 - Interest Rate: 0.400% - Matures on April 23, 2023
6. GIC - \$1,000.00 - Interest Rate: 1.300% - Matures on Dec 21, 2023

**Jubilee Fund GIC TOTAL - \$6,228.00**



Internal Committed Funds Accounts: Included in Ledger Balance	
Parish Food Vouchers	220.08
Refugee Sponsorship	3,141.44
<b>Total Committed Accounts</b>	<b>\$3,361.52</b>

Financial Position	
24,794.30	Account Balance
12,877.02	(AP): Internal, ACF, MRF
<b>11,917.28</b>	Available Balance If all AP Paid

**St Mary Magdalene Anglican Church**  
**INCOME & EXPENSE**  
**January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021**

	Income:	TOTALS	BUDGET	%
5	Open	73.00	300.00	24.33%
6	Envelopes	134,161.84	130,000.00	103.20%
7	Special Offerings (detailed on last page)	10,836.50	6,000.00	180.61%
8	Building Rental	2,093.00	100.00	2093.00%
9	Functions, Weddings, Funerals	275.00	1,000.00	27.50%
10	Miscellaneous (GST rebate, Calendar sales, Day by Day, Coffee, Grants)	1,525.43	1,000.00	152.54%
11	Memorials	250.00	100.00	250.00%
12	Capital Projects Building	0.00	0.00	
13	Grants/Transfers/Wage Subsidy	16,500.00	5,000.00	330.00%
14	Endowment/ WPG FND Memorial Fund	5,260.38	5,300.00	99.25%
15	Garage Sale	5,466.95	0.00	
16	Bank Interest & Integra Fund, MISC.	7,317.77	7,000.00	104.54%
17	Functions (in/out re: Sexton, Altar Guild, Music)	150.00		
18	PWRDF (Diocese in/out)	1,230.00		
19	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>185,139.87</b>	<b>155,800.00</b>	<b>118.83%</b>
	<b>Expenses:</b>			
	<b>Salaries</b>			
22	Rector Salary & Living Allowance	61,067.21	63,298.00	96.48%
23	Travel (Mileage/Parking)	295.74	250.00	118.30%
24	Pension/Benefits	18,703.10	16,940.00	110.41%
	<b>Support Staff</b>		<b>80,238.00</b>	
26	Music Director	15,114.96	15,115.00	100.00%
27	Substitute Organist	990.00	990.00	100.00%
28	Administrator/Bookkeeper	21,085.92	21,086.00	100.00%
29	Substitute Celebrant	790.00	800.00	98.75%
30	Sub. Travel (Sub, Off-site Services)	0.00	100.00	0.00%
31	Support Staff Benefits	2,485.62	2,350.00	105.77%
32	<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>120,532.55</b>	<b>120,929.00</b>	<b>99.67%</b>

	<b>Administration</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>	<b>%</b>
34	Office Supplies/Equipment	167.97	200.00	83.99%
35	Telephone/Internet/Webpage/ZOOM	3,017.72	3,040.00	99.27%
36	Postage	365.33	300.00	121.78%
37	Copier/Printing	175.64	500.00	35.13%
38	Payroll Administration Cost	240.00	240.00	100.00%
39	Special Printing/Communications	575.59	300.00	191.86%
40	Miscellaneous (PAR/CAFT Fee)	676.43	550.00	122.99%
41	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>5,218.68</b>	<b>5,130.00</b>	<b>101.73%</b>
	<b>Building/Property</b>			
43	Insurance/Taxes/Licenses/Prof. Fees	6,563.13	6,550.00	100.20%
44	Supplies	425.90	600.00	70.98%
45	Janitorial Contract	7,021.08	6,898.00	101.78%
46	Grounds/Roads	2,542.93	2,300.00	110.56%
47	Utilities	7,051.55	7,500.00	94.02%
48	Maintenance	2,657.58	3,000.00	88.59%
49	Capital Expense	0.00	0.00	
	<b>Total Building/Property</b>	<b>26,262.17</b>	<b>26,848.00</b>	<b>97.82%</b>
	<b>Program Ministries</b>			
53	Education/Training	375.00	500.00	75.00%
54	Sunday School (Training for leaders, SS curriculum)	387.27	200.00	193.64%
55	Music Ministry	541.00	550.00	98.36%
56	Outreach (parish/local, food V.,city, international, St. Mat-Mary CM, Ang Fd, Jub Fd, calendars)	152.11	1,200.00	12.68%
57	Special Functions (coffee, luncheons, AGM, Cons. Sun)	0.00	500.00	0.00%
58	Worship (Altar Guild, Special Services, special books Sound System, DayxDay)	1,037.49	800.00	129.69%
59	Youth	0.00	200.00	0.00%
60	Discretionary Rector	1,425.00	500.00	285.00%
61	<b>Total Program</b>	<b>3,917.87</b>	<b>4,450.00</b>	<b>88.04%</b>
	<b>OTHER</b>			
63	Diocese Pledge	21,875.04	21,875.00	100.00%
64	PWRDF ( in/out)	1,230.00		
65	Wedding/Funeral (in/out)	150.00		
66	Sexton Special	0.00		
67	Special Approved Spending	5,730.50	1,650.00	347.30%
68	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>184,916.81</b>	<b>180,882.00</b>	<b>102.23%</b>

	<b>2021 Detailed Rental Income:</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
	Kindermusik	270.00	
	Seniors Melody Group	120.00	
	South Glen Fiddlers	153.00	
	Vital Seniors	1070.00	
	Special Rentals	480.00	
<b>Inc. Line #8</b>	<b>TOTAL Building Rental</b>	<b>2,093.00</b>	<b>0</b>

2021 Special Offering Detail		
20.00	Initial	
\$1,710.00	Easter	
\$1,040.00	Thanksgiving	
\$1,515.00	Christmas	
\$1,746.50	Christmas Hampers	
\$925.00	Christmas Store	
\$140.00	Food Vouchers	
\$1,650.00	Rector's Discretionary	
\$2,090.00	Refugee Support, Parish	
<b>10,836.50</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Line #7 Inc.</b>

### St Mary Magdalene Budget 2022

	Actuals			Budgets			
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>INCOME:</b>							
Open	1,622	228	73	1,500	1,500	300	300
Envelopes	132,973	147,447	134,162	128,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
Special Envelope Offering (Initial, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving)	25,139	6,868	10,837	7,000	7,000	6,000	5,000
Building Rentals	10,598	2,102	2,093	10,000	10,000	100	5,000
Functions, Weddings, Funerals	493	2,020	275	2,500	1,000	1,000	500
Miscellaneous Receipts (GST rebate, Calendar sales, Day by Day, Coffee, Grants)	2,726	2,201	1,525	2,500	2,500	1,000	1,000
Memorials	0	0	250	300	100	100	100
Capital Project Building	25	75	0	0	0	0	0
Grants & Transfers	0	5,974	16,500	0	0	5,000	0
Garage Sale	12,825	220	5,467	9,000	10,000	0	7,000
Integra Fund, SCU & Bank Interest	5,293	17,923	7,318	5,300	7,900	7,000	9,000
Endowment Fund income	5,180	5,260	5,260	5,180	5,260	5,300	5,300
In/Out (PWRDF, Weddings\Funerals)	2,978	2,510	1,380	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>199,851</b>	<b>192,827</b>	<b>185,140</b>	<b>171,280</b>	<b>175,260</b>	<b>155,800</b>	<b>163,200</b>

EXPENSES:	Actuals			Budgets			
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Salaries</b>							
<b>Rector</b>							
Rector's Salary	62,280	62,064	61,067	48,500	49,470	47,298	49,086
Travel (Mileage, Parking)	616	0	296	700	700	250	700
Rector's Pension & Benefits	18,103	20,462	18,703	16,615	16,615	16,940	16,940
Living Allowance	0	0	0	15,225	15,225	16,000	16,000
<b>Support Staff</b>							
Music Director	14,731	15,055	15,115	14,731	15,055	15,115	15,659
Substitute Music Leader	550	1,320	990	990	990	990	900
Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper	20,550	21,002	21,086	20,550	21,002	21,086	21,845
Substitute Celebrant	840	150	790	1,320	1,320	800	1,110
Support Staff Benefits	2,307	2,401	2,486	2,350	2,350	2,350	2,350
Travel Allowance Other (Subs, Off-site Services)	0	0	0	100	100	100	100
<b>Payroll Total</b>	<b>119,977</b>	<b>122,454</b>	<b>120,533</b>	<b>121,081</b>	<b>122,827</b>	<b>120,929</b>	<b>124,690</b>
<b>Administration</b>							
Office Supplies/Equipment	332	111	168	400	300	200	200
Telephone, Internet	2,838	2,953	3,018	2,800	2,800	3,040	3,000
Postage	114	109	365	300	250	300	300
Photocopier	965	249	176	800	900	500	800
Payroll Cost	240	240	240	240	240	240	1,464
Communication/Special Printing/Marketing	675	532	576	700	650	300	300
Miscellaneous	599	636	676	600	550	550	600
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>5,763</b>	<b>4,830</b>	<b>5,219</b>	<b>5,840</b>	<b>5,690</b>	<b>5,130</b>	<b>6,664</b>

EXPENSES:	Actuals			Budgets			
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>Building/Property</b>							
Caretaker's Supplies	1,045	385	426	800	800	600	600
Janitorial Contract	6,720	6,870	7,021	6,720	6,870	6,898	7,272
Insurance, Licences, Taxes	5,620	5,813	6,563	5,660	5,660	6,550	7,750
Grounds/Parking Lot Snow Removal	2,381	2,359	2,543	1,670	1,670	2,300	2,700
Utilities	8,643	7,157	7,052	9,000	9,000	7,500	8,000
Maintenance	5,405	4,607	2,658	3,100	3,200	3,000	3,020
Capital Expenses	0	2,835	0	500	500	0	0
<b>Building Property Total</b>	<b>29,814</b>	<b>30,026</b>	<b>26,262</b>	<b>27,450</b>	<b>27,700</b>	<b>26,848</b>	<b>29,342</b>

<b>Program Ministries</b>									
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>		<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>		<b>2022</b>
Education/Training (Synod, Faith Horizons, bible study groups, honoraria, parish conferences)	800	0	375		1,100	1,300	500		500
Sunday School	476	48	387		500	500	200		500
Music (Licenses, choral music)	475	569	541		500	500	550		550
Outreach (Parish/local, city/national, international, e.g. St. Matthew-Maryland CM, Anglican Foundation, Jubilee Fund)	1,877	934	152		1,200	1,200	1,200		1,200
Special Functions (luncheons, AGM, picnic, Consecration Sunday, Aboriginal Sunday)	897	301	0		1,200	800	500		700
Worship (Altar Guild-Sacristy, flowers, sound systems, day x day)	1,596	1,018	1,037		1,200	1,200	800		1,000
Youth	0	0	0		200	200	200		200
Discretionary: Rector (Emergency Aid)	2,556	0	1,425		500	500	500		1,000
<b>Program Ministries Total</b>	<b>8,676</b>	<b>2,872</b>	<b>3,918</b>		<b>6,200</b>	<b>6,200</b>	<b>4,450</b>		<b>5,650</b>
<b>Diocese Pledge</b>	<b>18,755</b>	<b>22,996</b>	<b>21,875</b>		<b>18,755</b>	<b>22,996</b>	<b>21,875</b>		<b>20,400</b>

<b>Expense Summary</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>		<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>		<b>2022</b>
Payroll	119,977	122,454	120,533		121,081	122,827	120,929		124,690
Administration	5,763	4,830	5,219		5,840	5,690	5,130		6,664
Building Property	29,814	30,026	26,262		27,450	27,700	26,848		29,342
Program Ministries	8,676	2,872	3,918		6,200	6,200	4,450		5,650
Diocesan Pledge	18,755	22,996	21,875		18,755	22,996	21,875		20,400
Special Offering /Approved Spending, In/Out's	28,676	8,247	7,110.50		5500	5000	1650		1667
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>211,660</b>	<b>191,424</b>	<b>184,917</b>		<b>184,826</b>	<b>190,413</b>	<b>180,882</b>		<b>188,413</b>

<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>Actuals</b>				<b>Budgets</b>			
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>		<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>199,851</b>	<b>192,827</b>	<b>185,140</b>		<b>171,280</b>	<b>175,260</b>	<b>155,800</b>	<b>163,200</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>211,660</b>	<b>191,424</b>	<b>184,917</b>		<b>184,826</b>	<b>190,413</b>	<b>180,882</b>	<b>188,413</b>
<b>Balance (-Negative)</b>	<b>-11,809</b>	<b>1,403</b>	<b>223</b>		<b>-13,546</b>	<b>-15,153</b>	<b>-25,082</b>	<b>-25,213</b>

## **Nomination Committee Report**

### **Warden nominations**

People's Warden : Caroline Olagbuji

Deputy People's Warden:

### **Vestry nominations** (alphabetical)

1. Barbara Jalibat
2. Carey Isaac
3. Cheryl Lenton
4. Dawn Hillstrom
5. Heather Birtles
6. Ifey Echezona
7. Tannis Webster

### **Synod Delegates:**

1. Carol McPhaden
2. Brian Crow
3. Tannis Webster

### **Alternate Synod Delegates:**

1. Barbara Jalibat
2. Dawn Hillstrom
3. Chima Chira

Note: If parishioners wish to make any other nominations, beyond those named in this report, please check to ensure the person to be nominated is willing to serve. If they are willing, please submit the name to the church office and one of the members of the nominating committee as soon as possible: no later than Sunday, February 6. This will allow preparations to be made, if a vote is necessary.

### **Rector's Appointments**

Rector's Warden: Carol McPhaden

Deputy Rector's Warden: Chima Chira

Submitted by Barbara Jalibat and Carol McPhaden  
Nomination Committee