

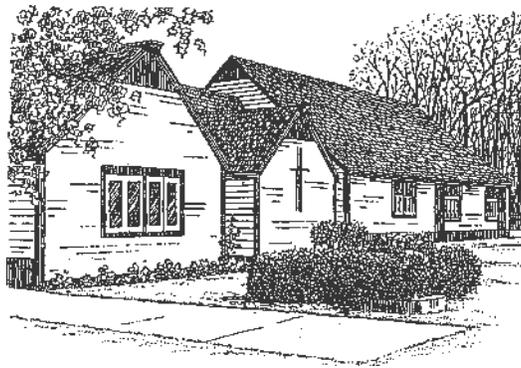
# Church of The Apostles

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# **Church of The Apostles**

## **Ninth Annual Meeting**

### **Agenda**

**January 25, 2015**

1:00 PM Annual Meeting called to order

- I. Opening Prayers and Necrology
- II. Treasurer Bob Bickerstaff - Financial Reports for 2014 & 2015 Budget
- III. Diakonate Report: Deacon Kathy Kettle
- IV. Elder Report: Elder Rob Geoffrey
- V. Superintendent Mark R. Galloway

Ninth Annual Meeting Adjournment

Tenth Annual Meeting – Sunday, January 24, 2016

# Church of The Apostles

## Eighth Annual Meeting

Minutes taken on January 26, 2014

The eighth annual meeting of Church of The Apostles (COA) was called to order at 1:08PM by Superintendent Mark Galloway.

Sixty-five members of COA were present.

Deacon *Emerita* Cathy Morgan opened the meeting in prayer; Superintendent Galloway read the Necrology.

Canterbury Mission Society (CMS) Chairwoman Elizabeth Sexton opened the CMS Annual Meeting to run concurrently with the COA meeting.

**Treasurer Bob Bickerstaff** gave the financial report for COA. 2013 was a challenging year for the church financially. There was concern in the latter half of the year that we may end it in the red. But with conservative spending, the decision to not make additional principal payments on our mortgage and an end-of-year influx of money, COA ended 2013 with a surplus of \$8,911.84. An offering was received by Faith Nursery School (FNS) and contributions were received in late 2013 which were in lieu of pledge offerings which would have been given during 2014. He brought to our attention that with the addition of FNS to our campus, new bookkeeping and financial challenges arose but that with prayer, dedication and communication, these challenges were being worked out in a manner satisfactory to both the church and the school. FNS is a separate entity from the church. The school makes monthly offerings to COA which in turn uses those funds to cover additional expenses incurred by the church because the school is here. He thanked Erin Mead, our Church Administrator and Financial Secretary, for the day-to-day bookkeeping and the Counters who weekly dedicate their time to the ministry of tallying the offerings made by the members of COA. Details of the financial report are in the Annual Report and Bob welcomes questions from the members of COA anytime.

**Canterbury Mission Society Chairwoman Beth Sexton and Treasurer Don Pillsbury** reported on CMS's activities during 2013 and its financial status. The mission of CMS is to seed new projects that will help spread the Gospel. In 2013 those projects were the Tent Meetings held over the Labor Day Weekend and a 10-week presentation of the Alpha Course which took place in the fall. The Tent Meetings were a large and highly successful endeavor and plans are underway for a repeat gathering in 2014. The Alpha Course was also very successful and plans are being made to present this course again, this time in conjunction with Riverpoint Advent

Christian Church, beginning at a date to be determined in 2014. From a financial perspective, CMS still has funds to work with but they are dwindling! When the cash-on-hand gets to the \$1,500 mark [currently at \$2,634.28 as of 12/31/13], a fundraiser will be planned to provide for more seeds for God's work. Beth's term as chair has come to an end and as such, Ed Farrell has been elected as the new Chair and Sue Clarke has joined the Board as a Director. Beth was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, a proclamation read by Ed thanking her for all her assistance and leadership during her term as Chairwoman – "Well done thou good and faithful servant!" and received a warm and grateful round of applause from members of CMS/COA.

**Christian Education Director Linda Jones** presented an informative and entertaining video made recently with some Sunday School children participating in a game of Jeopardy a la COA, starring Doug Stomberg as Alex Trebek!

Meeting Chair Superintendent Galloway announced that all reports from the church staff and ministries chairs have been accepted as submitted. He strongly encouraged everyone to read these reports in the days ahead. They are extremely informative and he thanked the staff and chairs for the amazing work that is being done here at COA.

**Archdeacon Bill Sexton** then presented a review of the Diakonate's work during 2013.

- Outreach – Deacon Kathy Kettle is currently on her 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary trip to Haiti and so can't be with us today. But her "local" outreach group here at COA has been very busy and successful. She wraps up her report on Page 16 as follows: "There are many people that joyfully answer the call to service and it is a pleasure to work with you. As we move forward into 2014, I pray that we continue this wonderful opportunity of serving Him in His Kingdom knowing 'that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose' [Romans 8:28]."
- Stewardship – Deacon Deb Adams in her first year as our Stewardship Deacon has focused on publicizing the numerous ministries available at COA as well as the Galatians 6:10 project and organizing the testimonies leading up to Stewardship Sunday. "As we seek to live out our church's mission, 'to obey, follow and bear witness to Jesus Christ', it is commonplace to encounter branches from the Vine at Church of The Apostles, be it day or evening, during the week, or on a weekend. There are many amongst us who are eager to share their time, talent and treasure to the glory of Christ. One can't help but notice the willingness and eagerness by which our saints seek to praise our Lord as they live out stewardship in their daily lives."
- Evangelism – Deacon Tom Bourn has been very involved in ministries in the community including the Arctic Mission and the Clothes Closet at Riverpoint together with leading a successful Men's Bible Study here at COA regularly attended by a double-digit number of men. "If there is a theme throughout this report, it is that all of these missions were done in the company with, and support of, other Christians. Because of their faith, however strong or weak, Christians all shared it with Jesus Christ. Without Him, nothing would have been done. The other theme is that all the people who attended these functions were invited into a Church or Church setting by Christians. Somewhere and sometime, a Christian or Christians evangelized to draw people to Christ."

- Building & Grounds – Deacon Harry Sacchetti has been very diligent in keeping our property in excellent condition. The Galatians 6:10 Project and Faith Nursery School’s arrival at COA are two ongoing and time-consuming missions. “Deborah Adams and I have been the COA representatives on the Galatians 6:10 Committee. Now that the generator is in place, Galatians has now set its sights on updating the kitchen with the installation of a gas stove and hood and other updates as needed. To date \$5,000 has been donated towards the kitchen project which is expected to cost between \$18 and \$20,000. This year Faith Nursery School joined us in ministry and brought both blessings and challenges. The largest project this past year was getting the church building ready to house the FNS which moved into the education wing this past September.”
- Congregational Care – In addition to sharing his life, faith and the Eucharist with members of COA who are shut-ins or in the hospital and leading the discussion at the monthly Men’s Breakfast, Archdeacon Bill Sexton lead the Diakonate in a study of Weekly Worship Attendance. They concluded that there is no trend or major problems other than some member’s desire to attend worship services on a less regular basis. “So in light of this reality, I would like to quote the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews 10:23-25 ‘Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.’”

In conclusion, Archdeacon Sexton commended his fellow deacons on their dedication, wisdom and support.

**Elder Chad Tvenstrup** opened his presentation with prayer and shared with the people present that he was humbled and honored to speak on behalf of the eldership – Mark, Rob and himself. His talk revolved around three questions:

- Where have we been in 2013?
- Where are we going in 2014?
- Who is with us all the time?

In 2013 we have seen new members arrive; have welcomed Faith Nursery School to our footprint; have developed a fellowship with Goffstown Congregational Church in NH through the 4Cs; hosted a successful Tent Meeting Revival; developed the Galatians 6:10 Project and have developed a closer bond with churches surrounding COA. To God be the glory! We thank Him for the love and support of our spouses, families and congregants. We are thankful for our Church Council and the extraordinary Office Staff. There are so many things to thank God for.

In 2014 we will continue to ask for and focus upon Christ’s return. Living in Christ is such a blessing – He has given us everything we need. Our hope will be in God’s mercy and we will continue to call upon the Lord to show and lead us during the year. There is lots to look forward to in 2014 and we will continue to bear witness to Him and remember that Christ is our only hope.

Who is with us all the time? Emmanuel. God. Jesus. He was with us when we separated from the Episcopal Church. He was with us when we planted Church of The Apostles. He was with us when our superintendent was diagnosed with a rare disease and when he got in a car accident that forced him to take six months off. God has been with us all the time and for that we are thankful and obedient slaves.

**Superintendent Mark Galloway** addressed the challenges and changes that are facing us. Our job is not to be everyone's best buddies but rather to do what God wants us to do. Truth may set us free but may not always be to our liking! We must renew each other. There are concerns:

- Attendance at services has dropped over the last year plus, particularly at the Saturday 5PM service; many are part-time attendees.
- Demographics – the Greatest Generation will soon be gone; Baby Boomers are now becoming the senior members; new folks coming to COA are in the 35 to 50 age bracket and younger folks are not attending.
- We must pay attention to people who have graduated from our Sunday School and help them to stay.

Anticipated changes in 2014:

- Mark has recently met with two young people and will work with them on a ministry to attract and keep the 20-somethings coming to church.
- The Saturday 5PM service will be phased out by year's end. It is our hope that people who attend this service will transition to the Sunday services and by doing so become more involved in the Body of Christ. A letter will be going out to the body on this subject.
- A Holy Table will be set up in the sanctuary to be used for daily services – a sort of chapel within.
- Work continues on creating a Book of Common Prayer and it is hoped it will be ready for publication in 2015.

Mark then opened the meeting to a short Question & Answer segment on these anticipated changes. Several members posed questions and opinions.

Mark then continued his report with a presentation of a new Article X to the COA By-Laws entitled "Ecclesiastical Dignitary: Lady of Prayer and Counsel". Copies of the proposed Article were passed out to members present. Discussion was begun on this new Office by Lady Nina and Mark prior to her death and has continued since with him, Deacon Kettle and Deacon *Emerita* Morgan. This position would be separate from the Elders and not a voting member of the Church Council, though would be encouraged to attend Council meetings. It would be a member of the Church Staff. Mark encouraged everyone to read the proposed Article. Acceptance of it will require a change to the COA By-Laws and the plan is to include this in 2015 with the adoption of the new Book of Common Prayer.

The 4C's Annual Meeting will be coming to Rhode Island this year {July 21 – 24}. The leadership will be here on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> to worship with us.

Mark concluded his presentation by thanking the congregation for its patience with him during the past year and for helping him celebrate his 10 years with the Body of Christ here on Fairview Avenue. He thanked his family for their love and support and the Church Staff, Council, Ministry Leaders, Deacons and fellow Elders for their marvelous work in God's name.

There being no other business to come before the meeting, a motion was made by Linda Greco and seconded by Don Pillsbury to close the meeting at 3:20PM.

Elder Geoffrey closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan M. Clarke

Clerk of the Church Council of Church of The Apostles

# **SACRAMENTS & PASTORAL ACTS FOR 2014**

## **REGISTER OF THE RITE OF BAPTISM**

No Baptisms in the year 2014

## **REGISTER OF THE COMPLETION OF HOLY EUCHARIST INSTRUCTION**

Aaron Anderson  
Zachary Kanaczet

## **REGISTER OF THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION/REAFFIRMATION**

Justin Jeffrey Stomberg  
Lisa Ann Gibbs  
John Phillip Gibbs II  
Emily Anna Gibbs  
Olivia Mary Gibbs  
Sandra St. Denis  
John Machado  
Donna Pinheiro  
Gerald Pinheiro

## **REGISTER OF THE RITE OF MARRIAGE**

No Marriages in the year 2014

## **REGISTER OF THE RITE OF BURIAL**

Warner E. Dauphinee  
Owen R. Brewer  
Evelyn Pinheiro  
Gwendolyn Audrey Murphy  
Louis Charles Doeg Jr.

## **Annual Report of the Superintendent**

*“God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”*

*(1 Corinthians 1:9)*

I believe that the days we live in are a very exciting time to be part of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. In our life in Christ, we are called to always be joyful and filled with hope. Here at the Evangelical Anglican Church of The Apostles, Coventry, Rhode Island, God continues to call us to be the Church in ways that are both new and old. Indeed, God has blessed us with strengths for ministry that we are both discovering and re-discovering together.

As a Congregation, our future is not settled. It is open. For a living church the future is always open. So we ask, and continue to ask, what might God be calling us to be and to do? This is not a bad thing. We are always a work in progress. And though it can be a little unsettling to be always a little unsettled, God reminds us to live in Faith and not let our fears and anxiety take the field (Philippians 4:6). We are not alone in this ministry. We are journeying with our living and “faithful” Triune God (1 Corinthians 1:9).

During the 2014 Christmas Eve service, I was pleased to see dozens of visitors accompanying the saints to worship. Many family and friends of our members traveled great distances, endured traffic jams and overcrowded airports because they wanted to be with family for Christmas. Why? We do these things because we know our presence matters to our parents, siblings and friends...and we love them. Our presence is a sign to each other of the gift and importance of family in our lives.

The real presence of Christ to our Congregation occurs every Sunday. We attend the Lord’s Supper Sabbath by Sabbath in response to a commitment of love to Jesus, not just to fulfill an obligation. The Holy Eucharist is Jesus’ greatest gift of himself to us and the fulfillment of his promise to be with us until the end of time (Matthew 28:20). If family is important (and it surely is), then our life in Christ and the Sacrament of Holy Communion (the ultimate gift that allows us to partake by Faith of the full divinity of Christ) must be even more important. I find the words of the Bishop of Rome Emeritus (Benedict XVI) quite helpful, “the Church’s faith is essentially a Eucharistic faith. Christ does not give a ‘thing,’ he gives himself.”

In the local Congregation of believers, that which is “the household [and]...the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of truth” (1 Timothy 3:15), we need to help each other know the Father and, through divine grace, to be embraced by him both here and in heaven. Our faithfulness to the Sunday Sabbath, to prayer and moral decency preaches far more eloquently to the world than does the sermon of any presbyter or bishop. Our explanation to others of our love for Jesus, why we attend Sunday worship, and why formation in the Faith and participation in Christian education are important, can be the greatest gift you give to any member of your family or any friend. Again, our brother Benedict XVI, says it perfectly, “God is thirsty for the love of every one of us.”

## **A dynamic relationship of ongoing conversation with God**

The reports that follow in this booklet speak to how our whole Congregation has responded to the gift of Faith. Indeed, as a church we have developed new and significant ministries that offer God's love and the presence of Christ to the world. Mission and Outreach efforts have brought together many of our established ministries. Through trained lay and ordained ministers, we are more effective in our helping others in need. Recently, we have developed a ministry to young adults; and sometime in the near future it is my hope that the Holy Spirit will lead us in establishing a ministry for those who are single. As you read these reports, showing all the ministries serving the Father in this church, keep in mind that these are the ways that all of us give a human face to the love of God incarnate in Jesus Christ.

In reflecting on the past fiscal year, I am ever thankful for this Congregation's continued commitment to biblical stewardship and the accomplishments we achieve through the generosity of prayer, time, talent, and the witness of faithful disciples. We have all been blessed in many different ways, but we have a continuing mission to build up and care for God's people as we face the challenges that lie ahead.

God has been faithful and gracious and for that I am profoundly grateful. If I were to pick a theme that has marked my year, it would be Prayer and Faith. This has been a year in which I have seen myself, as your Bishop, challenged to grow most particularly in the two areas of personal discipleship and pastoral leadership. The Father has helped me see how much I have lacked in these areas in the past, and also see the fruit of what can happen when I am more diligent and faithful and trusting him in these areas in the present.

In 2014 I had experiences which renewed my sensitivity to God's grace in my life, and the purpose to which he has called me as a presbyter and bishop. There was, in a deep sense, a re-connection with my passion to do what I do, and do it in the power of the Holy Spirit and not in my own power. That, in turn, led to a resurgence of the importance of prayer in my life. Prayer is not just the recitation of my requests, but a dynamic relationship of ongoing conversation with God in which I am listening to him and then responding in Faith and obedience, so that I more and more may resemble Jesus when he said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise" (John 5:19).

I also believe that the focus on prayer this year (especially at the Wednesday evening service) has been the most important area of growth for us as a church, for it is the key to everything that we do. It is through prayer that we will discern what the Father is doing so we can do it with him. It is through prayer that we will do what we do, not through our efforts alone, but by the power of God at work in us. It is through prayer that we will discover the heart of the Father and experience the fullness of life and relationship with him – as individual believers with a personal relationship with God and as a church that is Christ's Body and God's representation of the Kingdom of God on earth. It is through prayer that the will of the Father will be accomplished through us. It all begins and is sustained through prayer.

2014 was a year in which I have embraced in a deeper and more complete way just who I am as a presbyter and bishop – and who we are as a church. That is, to be comfortable with my particular mix of gifts and strengths, as well as my limitations and weakness. In my imperfection – I am still the person whom God made me to be and the one he has put here in this church for this time and for the people here now...and for the people whom the Father is drawing and calling to this place but have not yet arrived. Indeed, one of the great blessings is to see how God has been gathering a people here and bringing such a wonderful mix of gifts and strengths and passions that have been critical pieces in the unfolding of God’s plan for this Congregation. We are who we are here at Church of The Apostles, committed Evangelical Anglican Christians, and my job is to help us be the people that God wants us to be – not some aberration patterned after other churches and other forms that don’t fit the unique calling of our Congregation in the Pawtuxet Valley, in Rhode Island and beyond.

### **Poised, postured, and prepared**

What God has done in 2014 in our midst is as remarkable as it was unpredictable. The Divine One has shown himself to also be the Sovereign One and the Wise One – to him be the glory! These events have served as capstones, celebrations, and moments of growth within us as disciples of the King. They are indications that God is indeed visiting us and strengthening us to better minister in his Name.

The Father is giving us a clear vision of his heart for the people of Rhode Island. God wants to use us to reach deep into the hearts of those who live in our state. He desires to reclaim lost lives and is seeking a people who are willing to give themselves to his call: for the Father has a plan that “can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine” (Ephesians 3:20). Jesus has infinite confidence in his Church (Matthew 16:18) and, thus, we are to make ourselves available to be an agent of his grace to those he so desires to reclaim. The Father is sharpening our focus, honing our skills, and getting us ready in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We must understand – there is a difference between having a plan and actually being prepared. It is God who makes the plans and prepares hearts to receive his Gospel. We, his Church, are responsible to be poised, postured, and prepared to move when and where he instructs. Far too many churches get caught flat footed when the harvest becomes ripe. Such churches have perhaps become efficient at business as usual, but the Holy Spirit’s interruption catches them unaware. The Father needs and wants his Church to be agile and responsive. There is a day coming when hearts of Rhode Islanders will be acutely sensitive to Christ and revival. We desperately want to be one of the churches that the Father can count on to share his saving message in his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today, I want to acknowledge the presence and the strong witness and Outreach ministry provided by Church of The Apostles deep into the Pawtuxet Valley and beyond. I am often moved by strangers who, upon learning that I serve as Bishop here, talk about the many good works that our Congregation does in the community. Often, we see these merely as daily, weekly or monthly activities while others see them as a valuable witness to the love of God. It is ever important that we continue to look into the eyes of strangers and converse with them; offer and

provide a healing presence in our listening, in our concern, in our prayers and in the sustenance we give.

One of my favorite prayers found in our Anglican service of Evening Prayer is this:

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, sooth the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Of all our Common Prayers, this one most often reminds me that even as I ask these things of God, they are what I am called to do. This calling is not a special anointing, but defines (in part) what it means to be the Body of Christ. We do these things and care for those around us because it is who we are. We pray, and then we act on our prayer. Then, we pray again.

### **Loving God manifests itself in devotion, service, compassion, loyalty, and joy**

In recent years I have encountered hundreds of members of churches (both Protestant and Catholic) in Rhode Island (and their pastors) that bemoan their losses and begrudge the community for no longer “coming” to their church. I want to scream! Rather than wail over such losses, why not go to the lost?

Having received un-biblical training for many generations now, most all mainstream churches in our nation still expect people to come to them rather than the “royal priesthood” of believers (1 Peter 2:9), we who “are ambassadors for Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:20), to go into the neighborhood and the wider-world, taking the Gospel to the lost. Seeking the lost is the mission of the Church. The Divine expectation is for us to take the Gospel to the “all nations” (Matthew 28:19). Unfortunately, seeking the lost has not been the true resolve of the Church in the United States for far too long. And living the Gospel in tangible and Christ-like ways has not always been the hallmark of the institution (both Protestant and Catholic) either. Showing Jesus’ love too often did (and does) get lost on Christians. Many become more focused on buildings, dogma, image, programs, maintaining the status-quo, getting one’s way, being comfortable, etc., etc., etc. The result is that less people know Christ in America today than ever before.

National statistics reveal this failure of the Church in indisputable ways. Within the last ten years the percentage of Americans who claim a relationship with Jesus has plummeted at a meteoric rate. In fact, among people under thirty years of age, only 4% claim to know Christ and have a personal relationship with him. At the same time, however, the number of people who say they are “spiritual” and seeking the “divine” has increased. This is a massive shift and it emphatically indicates that the Church has lost touch with the culture at a most fundamental level.

Here at Church of The Apostles, we can join the ranks of those who bemoan the lack of interest that Rhode Islanders have in the living God (I promise you this is not going to happen!), or we can choose to live in such a manner that Rhode Island’s populace will have to once again take notice of God’s grace. You see, I am convinced that even though people have lost interest in the

Church they have not lost interest in Jesus. But it is only after they see God's power at work within us that they will want to hear Christ's Gospel from us.

So what are we supposed to do? Do we need another new flashy evangelism program? Do we need to revamp our Sunday School? Do we need to build a gymnasium? Do we need a still better discipleship ministry? Do we need to "market ourselves better"? Should we shakeup up the music program? Must we teach even clearer doctrine? Do we need to upgrade our technology again? Do we need to offer yet more classes?

No. The answer to all of these questions is NO! Each of the above can be a nice tool but the answer to reaching the lost is simple: God's love. First and foremost we must return to a love-based relationship with Jesus Christ. As in any relationship where love is rekindled, loving God manifests itself in devotion, service, compassion, loyalty, and joy. Confessing our indifference and inviting the refreshing presence of the Holy Spirit is the first step in authenticity. Until then one is only playing church and has no reason to expect empowerment.

### **God sees dead people**

Evangelism is about far more than opening the doors of a building. It begins when we go outside our walls and into the community. When I stand at the door at the end of worship and greet you in the Name of the Lord, I do so in order to encourage you as you "go forth to shine the light of Christ in all the world. Alleluia. Alleluia." When we take serious the Gospel, we are inviting the world to think about the sacred in the midst of one's daily "secular" routine, to encounter the Divine in the middle of one's day, in the middle of one's week. We are inviting the lost to ponder time and eternity.

When I walk into Dunkin Donuts and the server (upon occasion seeing my clerical dress) asks me if I am "a priest," I have the opportunity to invite that person to enter into a conversation about where they are now, where they came from, and how their life now might be a place where they can experience the love of God. I cite this example in order to invite you to think about the encounters you have each day, how your daily routine might be a place where your friends, acquaintances, and co-workers might experience the love and grace of God.

Last year, an ever-faithful member of our church told me about a conversation that he'd recently had with a co-worker. He was asked, "You are a different type of guy, you've got it together, you go to church don't you?" He answered: "Yes I do!" No doubt some of you could share similar stories. On the other hand, however (like the vast majority of Americans), many of you could probably say that your co-workers and your friends have no idea that you are a Christian and that you go to church on a regular basis. Now there are several reasons for the latter. One is that there is a massive portion of our culture for which Christianity is absolutely meaningless. They have no clue why anyone might go to church. Thus, in context, it can (admittedly) be a challenge to know what to say, how to talk about the Christian Faith, when we're not sure how it will be received or whether we'll be understood. Brothers and sisters, let us sincerely work together in 2015 on becoming more open to talking about our Faith, more open to asking the hard questions, and inviting others to explore those questions with us.

This commitment is what the evangelical Anglican theologian Mark Greene, a champion for mission in ordinary life, calls “fruitfulness on the frontlines” and “making a difference where you are” in life. As Greene’s long time mentor, the late great Reverend Dr. John Stott (1921-2011), said, “One of the major reasons why people reject the Gospel today is not because they perceive it to be false but because they perceive it to be trivial.”

Turning to God in dependence and obedience creates an avenue for the Father to love the Pawtuxet Valley and greater Rhode Island through us. “God’s love,” Saint Paul tells us, “has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit” (Romans 5:5) resulting in a demeanor and behavior which God can use to quicken (make alive) those around us. Beloved, that is our reason for existence! The Father sees dead people. God sees dead people that he can make alive through Jesus Christ! And he wants to start with us and carry it on through us.

The Father is indeed strengthening the Church of The Apostles to be an agent of grace and change in Rhode Island. Over the eight plus years of our existence, our Congregation has aggressively and strategically implemented the structure and ministry changes that we believe the Lord has orchestrated. We have (and continue) to create a structure that allows Spirit-filled ministry to be initiated and executed without undue delay. We seek to celebrate the ministry efforts of the Body of Christ, especially those that take place at times other than traditional and in places other than typical. Beloved, the year 2015 will see us continue to do more than make behind-the-scenes changes (as important as they may be). This year already shows potential for reaping a rich harvest for the Kingdom. Why? Because God sees dead people whom he alone can make live again!

But the Father’s desire and design for the Church does not stop at mere effective evangelism. God wants us to help one another mature and produce righteous fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). The Father wants his children to influence one another and spur one another towards growth and good works. That requires community – real community. Such a vision for the Church of The Apostles must include this place continuing to be a destination where people can come and be coached and cultivated towards maturity.

Are you closer to Jesus than you were last year? Are you more like Christ than you were twelve months ago? Have you been instrumental in helping others become more like Jesus? Have you allowed yourself to be challenged to discover and engage in the life mission God has for you? This is the task of the Church! This is what we are all called to do. Anything less is folly and distraction. The Father sees dead people. They are everywhere. He wants to make them new creations in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17) so they can experience the joy of life to the “full” (John 15:11). That is what we are all about here at the Church of The Apostles – being an agent of God’s grace, his ambassadors of the Good News in Christ Jesus. And it starts with you and me.

I believe there exists deep within each of our hearts today a cry to God. That cry includes at least two questions: What does the Father want to do in and through my life this year for the furtherance of his Kingdom? And, what does God want to do in and through our church this year in order to better share the Gospel with a lost world?

The year 2015 cannot and shall not be business as usual. God has plans and we will be receptive; we will be responsive. On the day of this Annual Meeting in 2016 let it be said of us that we will have shown significant advances in our lives and in the lives of others: all by God's grace and for his glory!

### **This particular pasture of God's Kingdom**

Beloved, I want to end this report by expressing my love for all of you. I am honored to be an under-shepherd of Christ's flock at the Church of The Apostles. Serving with you in "the work of ministry" (Ephesians 4:12) is a joy and I look forward to the further deepening of relationships that time, trials, and continued shared service will surely bring.

Finally, I want to publicly express my devotion and commitment to the call of Jesus Christ. I seek to faithfully share the Word of God and administer the holy Sacraments with you without apology, but with "genuine" love (Romans 12:9).

Thank you for being a part of this church...a participant in the life of the Body of Christ...a sheep of the flock in this particular pasture of God's Kingdom. Thank you for allowing me to be your Bishop and encouraging me in all the many ways you do, large and small. If the Lord Jesus tarries in his return, may we joyfully continue to share in "partnership" (Philippians 1:5) in the mission of the Gospel.

The Reverend Mark R. Galloway

## Elder Robert J. Geoffrey

*“God gave us not a timid disposition, but by the power imparted to us by the Holy Spirit he has inspired us with unselfish love and a sound mind.”*  
(2 Timothy 1:7)

Greetings, beloved of God. As Ranking Elder, it is incumbent upon me to share in the oversight of the Congregation’s spiritual welfare, and in the context of my annual report administer my perspective of the challenges we have faced in the past year, attesting to their blessing and looking forward with joyful anticipation of God’s plan for the next.

I thank God that we have His Word, especially in times of trial and uncertainty which seem to come with greater frequency and vigor as the years pass. Gone are the days in which a Christian worldview is respected or given the benefit of the doubt; in my lifetime I have seen the progression from ambivalence to marginalization to rejection of biblical culture. I thank God that we have His Word to exhort and encourage, to comfort and console, and most importantly I will submit, to correct and edify us, to keep us focused upon our mission, and to keep our eyes on Christ.

The Apostle Paul uses the words above as he encourages Timothy to “Fan into flame” (v. 6) the gift of ministry that God has given him. Paul’s is a message for all Christians, both leaders and the Baptized alike; notice the inclusive “us” that he uses after he has addresses Timothy personally. With pastoral flair, Paul puts himself in the trenches, alongside his protégé while maintaining his Apostolic Authority; and in so doing he includes all who labor with him for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, not only Timothy, but the Church, and ultimately you and I.

Paul’s “I’s” and “we’s” blur together as no accident; he puts Timothy (and us) in the same boat with himself with the assumption that all work together for a common goal; and the mission, the common goal, he delineates in succeeding verses, it is: “A testimony about our Lord... who saved us and called us to a holy calling... which he gave us in Christ Jesus... which has been manifested in the same Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through his Good News” (v. 8-10).

It is clear, it’s all about our testimony, our witness. All ministry springs from it; all ministry must support it. In fact, there is no such thing as ministry (ministry demonstrates the giving of oneself) that is lacking witness for Christ. But where “life and immortality are brought to light” (v. 10) there is the Church in all her glory! What an honor and blessing it is to “Guard the deposit entrusted to us” (v. 12). This is why the Apostle urges Timothy (us) to “Fan into flame the gift of ministry”. So then, the measure of our ministry is in our faithfulness to our witness.

In the key verse above, God’s Word proves that ministry is given us as a gift and we have stewardship over it; this is what is meant by “Guard the deposit entrusted”. Also, it is clear that He has sent us the tools that allow us to be faithful to our duty; Paul calls it a “dynamic power”, not in a momentary dose, but a living and active indwelling of His Spirit by which we are continually invigorated – if we are willing to accept it.

So if ministry is all about witness, and if God has given us the gift of ministry as well as its attendant means, what then shall stand in our way as we go forward? The Apostle is right on- he calls it a “timid disposition”. He has obviously seen it stand in the way of hearty Christian testimony again and again, and it is endemic; timidity infects both leadership and the Baptized. Why? Because we lack faith that

God has indeed given us; the charge and the power! We let our fallen nature talk to us like the little devil on our shoulder (he actually resides in our heart, but the graphic is helpful). This is why Paul says flatly: “We were not given a timid disposition”, at least not by God.

My friends, I have heard so many say that the Spirit is moving at Church of The Apostles, and yes, I believe it is true; and it is particularly exciting when I hear it from visitors. There are many concrete indicators of this:

The realization of the New Testament concept of “The Priesthood of Believers” has rightly empowered so many of us to an active participation of the Great Commission. Bible study, once thought of as the purview of clergy, has been given new life through the work of lay people. The temporal needs of many are met by an army of unsung caregivers and lifelong relationships are formed as a result. Denominational boundaries continue to dissolve as we embrace those from other traditions as “The Church”. Joy fills my heart when I see someone step into a new role in the assembly, for this means that hearts are being changed. All these things, and many I may not have mentioned, give credence to the proclamation: “The Spirit is moving”.

So there can be no doubt that the gift of ministry has been bestowed upon us by God; there has been a long and consistent history of evidence of both His offer and our acceptance. I believe that he has blessed us in measure with our faithfulness. Please don’t misunderstand; it is not that I think we have earned merit in any way, since we are at best unworthy servants who, when we do what is asked, deserve no accolade, for we are just doing what we owe to the Master (Luke 17:10). But God is loving, merciful and gracious; out of love he knows what is best for us, in mercy he has covered our sins and through grace he will provide our every need (Psalm 103:8). So as a loving Father, he patiently waits for our maturing and then as we grow, he adds more. As we grow in Christ, the Father gives us more of Christ to do (Matthew 25:29).

God blesses those who bless him, and the fertile, “plowed-up heart” (as Lady Nina would say) brings forth abundant fruit for His Kingdom. So I ask, if we are so blessed, why can’t we be more blessed? If we are filled with the joys of Communion and community, why are we not “standing-room-only” on a Sunday? Why do our ranks not swell as on Pentecost (Acts 2)? May I submit that, though we have been given the charge and the means, we still don’t have faith that God will do great things through us? Could it be that we worry about the cost? Maybe, then, we have a “timid disposition”.

Paul exhorts: “God has not bestowed upon us a timid disposition”. So Timothy, so Rob, so all you who call yourself by the name of Christ, “Fan into flame the gift of God!” It is assumed that The Apostle is addressing people of faith, those whom have been called by God as witnesses for Christ; and they have not been called to a smoldering faith but to a ministry that is on fire, bringing light and consuming darkness.

What are we to do as we go forth into a new year? How do we fan the flames in our hearts and kindle hope in the lost; and how do we battle our timid disposition? As Saint Paul reminded Timothy: “By the power imparted to us by the Holy Spirit he has inspired us with unselfish love and a sound mind.” I believe this to be the formula for the faithful discharge of our duties as ambassadors for the Gospel.

I have already established that we have been given the power, and that through our fidelity that power becomes useful. What remains is for us to identify the tools, take them up and use them properly. The tools, beloved are “unselfish love (Gk: agape) and a sound mind (Gk: sophronismos)”: love for others that does not consider the cost of witness, working through discipline and self-control.

We all know what agape is, at least intellectually; but if you are like me, you tend to try to fit it into your comfort zone. What I mean is that we tend to think we have agape when what we have done is reserved something for ourselves, having counted the cost of agape and timidly retreated.

When we separate everyday life from ministry we start down a slippery slope. We start off (hopefully) on a Sunday, when we have had Communion with each other and our Lord; being lifted up by His Word and rejuvenated by the Sacrament. Soon, sometimes immediately (if not concurrently), our temporal affairs take over and we become distracted or in some way diverted from our witness. The sign on the door reads “Embassy closed, be back at ...” We have allowed ourselves to be tricked; an ambassador for Christ never goes off duty! It is not “my ministry is part of my life”, but “my life is one of ministry” (Colossians 3:17). This way, every moment of our lives can become steeped in the Gospel and there is no longer a distinction between witness and daily life (Romans 14:8).

I admit I can turn my witness on and off like the switch brings light or darkness to the room; and the legacy I leave for this skill shall bring me scant reward in the Last Day. So you and I, beloved, are no different than Timothy, we’re in need of a reminder: agape is love that doesn’t count the cost of loving. Let us, you and I, make a pact for 2015. Let’s pray for each other regularly so that, at that moment when the world calls for witness, and we are tempted to consider what our thoughts, words or deeds might cost us, that we may disregard ourselves and stand firm for Christ (Ephesians 6:13).

Now we look at the flip side of the same coin. The other essential tool for effective witness is a “sound mind”, rendered “self-control” in the English Standard Version. Paul is pointing to a fully informed mind that is not only cognizant of the gravity of the message of the Gospel, but prayerfully disciplined for the rigors of sustained mission. You who are parents know that you can never (or shouldn’t ever) turn off being a parent. In another arena, most of us derive so much of our identities from our vocation that we never turn it off either. We struggle with these important tasks and somehow rise to the occasion nonetheless and fulfill our duties. This takes discipline and a “sound mind”.

Sustained effort for any cause, especially a vital one, can be daunting. Often the loftier the goal the greater the struggle. And what charge is more urgent or sorely needed than the reconciliation of a lost soul with its Creator? It must follow that such an endeavor would be most demanding of body, mind and spirit.

It is understandable in a worldly sense that we should then prioritize and allot our energies in such or so way, “putting out the fires” of daily life. What if I said, paraphrasing the words of The Apostle, that life in Christ was about setting fires rather than putting them out? He says that we were given a gift to use the incendiary power of the Holy Spirit to turn challenge into victory- even amongst the mundane.

Proper thinking and the practice of holiness is the only way we can, in our days, turn challenge into opportunity, confrontation into amity and loss into gain, being “inspired (breathed into) with unselfish love and a sound mind.”

Can you see the inextricable link between love and a sound mind? They are the two sides of the same coin. They are like the hammer head and the hammer handle. Mastery of the twin tools of unselfish love and a sound mind make the difference between a smoldering faith and a conflagrant witness.

What amazes me is the unequivocal assurance that God has given these things to all whom he has chosen as his ministers! This is my final point, and I footnote the Word of God according to Saint Paul. God has not given us a spirit of fear. He has given us power, not of this world, not to be underestimated. This is a real thing, you can rely upon it, for through this power you will be able to do more than you ever expected (Hebrews 13:20).

But first you must believe, and you must have faith (which means trust), then the power will be unleashed in the world through your faithful effort, if indeed, your heart is pure. But alas, you need not be perfect, waiting for the moment when you are worthy, because the power is not yours, it is from God himself (Isaiah 40:29). What a comforting thought; that you need not worry about the outcome, for it is according to his will! Instead, all you must do is to be diligent in your pursuit of the knowledge of your King, and then to present him to the world as best you can, in your own way. He will take care of the rest.

So how is it that Church of The Apostles is alive with the Spirit and well in the world, considering the challenges we faced throughout the past year? What will bring us the victory in the new year despite inevitable obstacles? The answer is the same since the time of Abraham; God will honor the covenant. His plan was proven in the Life and Death of the Messiah, Jesus. Every victory comes out of his; and he has given us the power through faith (1 John 5:4).

“God has given us not a timid disposition, but by the power imparted to us by the Holy Spirit, he has inspired us with unselfish love and a sound mind.” The question is not of the access to power, nor is it the want of the proper tools, for these are the promises of God. What the Church needs today is what our Lord has asked for since we were created- faith! And our best understanding of “faith” is the word trust.

Do we trust God? Do we trust him enough to believe that through our faithfulness His will shall be done? We acknowledge that our justification before the Father comes by his gracious gift through our faith in his promise; should we not then agree that our witness as well comes by his gracious gift, and it too is contingent upon our trust in His oath?

Let us then conquer the new year by the power given from on high, accepting God’s call to holiness, loving others, even the lost, for the sake of the Good News of Jesus Christ without consideration of personal cost, being sober-minded in the world and alert! Will you make that pact with me? Let’s pray for each other in communion with all the saints, that we may prove ourselves sufficient ambassadors of the Kingdom; let us pray for an increase of faith, that we, being made holy, will no longer be timid, but bold. All glory to God! Amen.

The Reverend Robert J. Geoffrey

## **Elder Mark Tellier**

### “WILL YOU LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE?”

When we look back on the past year I'm sure we can all recall times of pain, disappointment, fear, cruelty, greed, sense of abandonment, betrayal, and rejection. The year of our Lord 2014 has been a very challenging and difficult 12 months. But in this gloomy obscurity a clear light has always overpowered the darkness and I believe that we as a Congregation, as a royal priesthood of believers, emerged from a sin-steeped year into a new beautiful chapter of our journey.

We have all faced many obstacles over the past year that may have seemed insurmountable at times, but it is in faith with courage and conviction that we have emerged with a new boldness going into this new liturgical year. Even our mistakes and sins cannot separate us from the love of our Creator, thanks to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There have been many situations that have emerged beyond our control, but I am convinced that we have never forgotten the sovereignty of God! I celebrate daily the peace that we have in times of such calamity, we will always be unique and loved! No matter what! I am so very grateful that we have not strayed from the wonderful plans that God has in store for this church body. Standing firm in His word will lead us down the right path!

As we move forward I challenge you daily to ponder the following questions and dig deep within yourselves for the answers.....Are you willing to reduce yourself down to simply you? Are you determined enough to cast aside the cares of what your friends and acquaintances think of you, and more importantly all that you think of yourself? Are you willing and determined to hand over your simple stripped down self to God? Are you willing to lay down your life to do the work God has planned for you?

There is no denying that we are pursued by Jesus! This is why we have all been individually led here to Church of The Apostles, we have been rescued to some extent. But we have been called to love each other and to work in concert for the glory of God! God does not expect this Congregation to be a one person show, as one would fail under the strain of it all, rather He has given us the gifts to mentor others who can assist the body of Christ as a whole. We must always remember that God's intention was never to weary us in our calling, rather to brighten the sparkle in our eyes and the spring in our steps so that we may realize our spiritual gifts.

Laying down our lives is a difficult thing to do, and thank God it is! We must always remember that salvation is easy for us because it cost God so much. But it is time for us to empty ourselves, to lay down our lives for God and for our brethren, even though it is contrary to our human nature to do so. In the end all that lies in us apart from the grace of God will measure up to a speck of sand on a seemingly endless beach!

May we move forward with our eyes fixed on Jesus, laying down our lives for Him!

“For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.” (Romans 8:18)

Your Servant in Christ,

Elder Mark Tellier

## Congregational Care Minister

Once again we have experienced a busy year. Just to name a few activities:

- Ministry Fair/Dinner – I counted 33 different ministry titles.
- Alpha – the second time we've hosted this 12 week program. Thanks to Judy Robinson and her team.
- Galatians 6:10 Project – equipping our facility as an emergency shelter. Fund raisers to help finance this project included lawn concerts and dinners.
- Tent Meeting – held over the Labor Day Weekend. Outreach to our community.
- Numerous Bible studies for men and women.
- Host of the 4C's conference at the Crown Plaza. Thanks to Harry and his volunteers.

I could go on and on with the list but you get the idea. Busy is good as long as busy-ness has as its definition, praising God and laboring in the field to produce a harvest for Our Lord.

Beginning in September of 2008, men from our Congregation and from many other churches have come together once a month to break bread, fellowship and discuss issues that we men struggle with. It's 90 minutes devoted to sharing our life experiences, faith and diving into The Word. At the December breakfast one of the men asked, "Why can't we do this more often"? Good question!

I want to thank my brother in Christ Dave Swann for sharing his many gifts with us. Of particular note is Dave's and my partnership as we visit shut-ins, those in the hospital and in nursing homes. Dave and I bring the Eucharist to approximately twelve members of our church each month. "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!" (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10).

I've said it before and I'll continue to say it (why not), I am so blessed to be a member of our family here at Church of The Apostles. I thank you for allowing me to be your Archdeacon and Congregational Care Minister.

Finally, I'd like to thank my fellow deacons for their dedication and service to our Congregation and to the community. Many of the ministries that we are involved in go beyond our walls and effect individuals and organizations in the surrounding area. Thanks be to God.

God Bless You,

Bill Sexton

Congregational Care Minister

## Servant Evangelism Minister

“And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone round them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.’ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, ‘Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!’ When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that happened, which the Lord has made known to us.’ And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.” (Luke 2: 8-20)

Consider then these shepherds watching their sheep in the field. Here were shepherds who had heard about the coming of a Savior, by many prophets, up to that night when they heard the angel declare the arrival of the long expected Savior in their midst. Would not we, as Christians today, want to proclaim to all that Christ is with us? These shepherds became the first evangelists on that night.

Through the year I worked with members of Riverpoint Advent Christian Church at their Clothes Closet, held most Tuesday afternoons. It was an opportunity to pray for, and talk with, many of the visitors who visited the Church to search for clothing for themselves and their families.

On assigned Wednesday afternoons, throughout most of the year, members of Church of The Apostles worked together with members of Phenix Baptist Church, and other area Churches, serving meals to people of the community as they had need at The Shepherd’s Table.

During the year, many men of our Church attended Men’s Bible Study on Tuesday evenings. Among subjects studied were Paul’s letter to the Romans. In the autumn, the men studied Joseph, Overcoming Life’s Challenges. To close the year, videos compiled into Your Move Is presentations by Andy Stanley, a pastor who founded North Point Ministries, a worldwide Christian organization, were viewed and discussed by the men.

Thomas Bourn

Servant Evangelism Minister

## Outreach Minister

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him,  
who have been called according to his purpose.”*

(Romans 8:28)

As I reflect back over 2014, I must say: Thank God that he is in control! We said good bye to our brother Chad and his family as they left for Florida. We know that their light will shine brightly in the sunshine state and that God will use them for his glory. Although they will be missed, I thank God for our time with them and that we are all members of the same family. This past year our brother Mark Tellier answered God’s call to the Eldership. I would like to praise God for bringing this man (and also his family) into our flock. Mark and Jessica exemplify the next generation that will be leading the church and I look forward to see the plans that God has for them. Our friend and brother Harry Sacchetti decided it was time to step down from the Diakonate. Harry displayed and I know will continue to live out the definition of a Deacon (servant of God). It has been my pleasure to serve with Harry and I am sure we will continue to work together for the good of the Kingdom. We also saw two godly women installed to the position of Ecclesiastical Dignitary. Lady Linda Greco and Lady Sue Pillsbury will carry on in the course set by our sister Lady Nina. Leading our Congregation in prayer and counseling the women of the Congregation, these two women answered God’s calling to a role that is much needed in today’s church (Titus 2:3).

Within the Diakonate each Deacon has carved out their duties with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We recognize that our job description is defined clearly by two great edicts by God. We carry out the Great Commission-to make disciples-with the Great Commandment at heart. By participating and leading studies of Scripture and ministering to the needs of this Congregation and people beyond the doors of our building, we attempt to fulfill our calling by reflecting the love of Christ in all that we do.

In my specific role as Outreach Minister I have been refocusing my duties as I no longer oversee the different ministries of the Congregation (which now fall under the umbrella of the Mission Board). I find myself taking a more Barnabas –like role; seeking out and assisting people in the Congregation (and others) in their temporal needs and encouraging people to pursue and know God through his Holy Word. Another responsibility that I have is to oversee the Outreach Discretionary fund. Thirty-five Percent of our total Outreach fund is designated to the Outreach Discretionary Account. It is the responsibility of the Outreach Deacon to manage this money as the needs arise. My assurance is in knowing that if needs arise, God will provide. If you look at the financial report that is provided in this booklet you will see that a wide variety of needs are met. Financial assistance is given to individuals, families, organizations, churches and other ministries that God has made us aware of. Collaborating with the Superintendent, we aim to be good stewards of the finances but also recognize that money is not always the answer to the problem.

God has equipped each one of us with the gifts we need to do his work and I thank you for your commitment and love of the Gospel message. It gives me great joy ministering with you not only at Church of The Apostle but to our neighbors beyond the doors of our building. It has been my pleasure to serve the saints at Church of The Apostles and if it is in God’s plan I hope to continue as a servant to this Congregation. In closing, I will finish this report as I started recognizing ...we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose (Romans 8:28).

To God be the Glory,  
Kathy Kettle  
Outreach Minister

## **Stewardship Diaconal Minister**

*“But to all who did receive him, believed in his name, he gave the right to be children of God.”*

(John 1:12)

2014 has been a very interesting year! The Lord had plans for us this year that were not as we had planned, but as he had planned. I know I sometimes forget who is in charge. We sadly said goodbye to the Tvenstrups as God called them to Florida. Though we all miss them, thankfully we all have the opportunity to correspond with them, to keep in touch and see how the Lord is working through them in their new dwelling place. We also sadly said goodbye to Harry Sacchetti as Building and Grounds Diaconal Minister as he stepped down after a five year calling. Thank you, Harry, for all your hard work and commitment during these past five years. We really appreciate all that you have done. We were blessed with the calling of Sue Pillsbury and Linda Greco as Ecclesiastical Dignitaries. It is exciting to see these women of prayer grow in their faith as they ease into their new positions. They are a welcome addition to shepherd the flock of women in prayer and counsel. We look forward to what the new year will bring for them. We were then blessed to see Mark Tellier be appointed as an Elder of our Congregation, set apart, with the laying on of hands. We thank him for saying YES to God calling him. The powerful sermons he has already given show us how God is at work in him. God always has a plan! “But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).

Throughout this time of transition, our individual commitment to building up the body of Christ continues to press on toward our goal of salvation through Jesus Christ. Praise God for all that happens through the work of the Holy Spirit in each of you. Your commitment to Jesus Christ is so evident in your participation in the many aspects of church life. Thank you to all who give of your time, talent and treasure regularly throughout the year by participating in and/or supporting the various ministries the Lord has blessed us with. Thank you to all who participated in the creation of the Our Stewardship Booklet, sharing your thoughts in writing on how your faith in Jesus Christ affects your stewardship, and thanks to those who gave oral testimony to how the Lord is working in your life.

Additionally, outside of a specific ministry, there are many of you who visit with church members who may be ailing, or are in need of a bit of good cheer; living out the epitome of Galatians 6:10. “As we have opportunity, let do good to everyone, especially to those who are of the household of God.” What a blessing to receive a visit from someone from Church when you are not well. Thanks to all who have taken an interest in that.

The Mission Board hosted a special banquet in November to highlight opportunities to live out a lively faith, opportunities for the Holy Spirit to work in and through you. Those who attended were surprised to see the abundance of opportunities. If anyone was not able to attend that evening, there is a booklet forthcoming that will highlight each ministry and who to contact for further information. This booklet will be helpful to new members as well as a reference guide for anyone who might want to try out a new ministry.

“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to be children of God” (John 1:12). Being called a child a God sounds amazing, who wouldn’t want that! However, to all who seek to be children of God, it is not without cost. If you have received Jesus the Christ as your Lord and Savior, and believe in his name, it is natural that you would want other people who are dear to you to have the right to be children of God.

“You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Since we have received the Holy Spirit through baptism, we are called to be witnesses far and wide. To the end of the earth could be someone as close as a neighbor if he/she doesn’t know Jesus Christ. It could mean reaching out to a family member, a coworker, a friend. It could mean reaching out long distance. It definitely means reaching out to someone! As we grow in our faith, and place our trust completely in the Lord, we seek to live out Acts 1:8. Jesus seeks our hearts, and as we want to give him our hearts more and more, our love for him can’t help but spill out into how we present ourselves to and how we interact with the secular world.

“This is the day the LORD has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24). If you really believe the Lord has made each day, and you are joyful, reach out and tell someone! Share the Good News!

God’s Peace,  
Deacon Deb Adams

## Buildings and Grounds

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.” (Luke 6:46-49)

The New Year began as we continued with many small projects around the church building. At this time every room in the building has been painted and updates/ minor repairs have been completed. Jim Quinn, our Property Maintenance Technician, is always eager to work on new projects and keep busy beautifying the church property.

There were several major projects accomplished in and outside of the building during the past year. They include building a new shed to expand storage space. This was accomplished with many work parties over several months. Many thanks to John Adams for leading this project and to all those who volunteered to help. The new shed will provide ample room for the outside equipment and for storage of tables and Health and Wellness supplies. Additionally, repairs were made to the sidewalks to make them safer and the parking lot was sealed and restriped.

Another project started and currently in progress, is replacing the lights in the church, narthex, hallway and church hall with energy efficient lights. These will increase the amount of light and reduce cost energy costs. The bulbs in the hallway and Narthex have already been replaced.

A major project completed this past year was the kitchen updates. These were made possible through the donations from the Church and the Galatians 6:10 Project. Galatians involves several churches in the Pawtuxet Valley. This was a three month project that took many facets to complete - it was like putting a puzzle together. In September when the project was completed, it was rewarding to see everything come together. Many thanks to Jim Quinn, Rob Geoffrey, John Adams, Steve Moore, and Mike Edwards and the others who helped in this project. Most of the work was done by outside vendors and cost over \$20,000.

Deborah Adams and I have been the Church of The Apostles representatives on the Galatians 6:10 Committee, I no longer serve. Now that the generator and kitchen is in place, Galatians has now set its sights on supplies and air mattresses.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Jim Quinn and Mike Edwards for their work and dedication throughout the last year. Their efforts, which may go unnoticed at times, are crucial to the upkeep, progress of and cleanliness of our church. Jim continues as the “techie” with various technology-related installations throughout the building. Mike Edwards sees to it that our place of worship is clean both inside and out (i.e., snow removal, etc.). Thank you both for your hard work and dedication to the body of Christ.

I express my thanks and gratitude to Erin Mead and Barbara Bickerstaff for their help and support in the office throughout the year. The countless hours and great energy they put into their work are a testimony of their God-given talents.

I would like to thank the members of the Building Committee for their dedication. Thank you to John Adams, Erin Mead, Gloria Berlanga, Jim Quinn, Bob Singleton, Donna Tyler, Roy Green, and Steve Moore for their membership, support, and work over the last year to keep our church property in great shape.

To my wife, Dianne, I extend my love and appreciation for her support and encouragement and for everything we share in this life and in the one to come.

As you may know, I resigned as deacon in the fall. It was the correct decision for me and as the Lord leads me in His will each day, I am awed by the opportunities he blesses me with. I extend my congratulations to Doug Stomberg as he takes over the property duties and pledge my support and any help he may need. Please pray for him and his family.

Praise God for all He has given us! I am honored, humbled, and grateful to have served you these last five years as you entrusted me in the position of Buildings and Grounds Diaconal Minister. May He be glorified by all that we do in His Holy Name.

Sincerely,  
Harry E. Sacchetti

## Church Administrator

*“For I know the plans I have for you, “declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

(Jeremiah 29:11)

Many times throughout our lives we question God’s intentions for us. It is usually when situations occur that are not in our own plans. An article written by the Rev. Ron Hamilton states, ‘We are working to develop a culture of peacemaking and reconciliation because we see how damaging broken relationships can be to the advancement of the kingdom of God. All of this has led us to prioritize “life on life” time together when we spend time getting to know each other better, praying for each other and encouraging each other. The idea of having a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ is central to our theology. This is what God desires and this kind of relationship dramatically changes our lives. In a similar way, God desires that we live “life on life” with each other, reflecting the relational priority of His work“.

Prioritizing our lives according to God’s plan for us will help us spread his Word to others. Here at Church of The Apostles there are many different ministries that allow talents to come forward and encourage growth for ourselves and others. Along with helping others our own personal relationship with God will continue to grow. This is what is in his plan for all of us, to have a personal spiritual relationship with our Savior.

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.” (Romans 8:28)

I am thankful for the people who God has brought into my life to help spread the good news of Jesus’ redemption. Thank you to the hard working people who help out as office volunteers. They share their gifts and talents with us throughout the year to help spread the Good News. I greatly appreciate Barbara Bickerstaff’s help with many questions I come across throughout the year. Editing the annual report is a tedious task and I am grateful for her help. To Bob Bickerstaff for his dedication as Treasurer in all day to day financial duties. For Linda Jones who sends birthday cards to each and every member of the Congregation, thank you for your thoughtfulness. Your assistance with day to day office tasks is a marvelous help. To Pastor Mark thank you for your support as I continue to learn and grow in my position of Church Administrator. Harry Sacchetti’s assistance in many projects, events and property questions has been an amazing help during the year. Thank you to Mike Edwards who is always willing to lend a helping hand. Also to Jim Quinn who owns the longest job title, thank you for your assistance in various projects around the building.

Your Servant in Christ

Erin Mead

Church Administrator and Financial Secretary

## Communications Officer

*“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”*  
(John 1:5)

During this Season of Epiphany, the Season of Light, the above Scripture verse has been running through my mind. This passage from John’s Gospel is traditionally read on the First Sunday after Christmas. One of the Morning Prayer Canticles that we pray during the Epiphany Season is from the prophet Isaiah and again light is the dominate theme: “Arise, shine for your light has come...” (Isaiah 60:1). Matthew’s Gospel tells us that wise men from the east followed a star, a light, all the way to Bethlehem. “We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him” (Matthew 2:2). Upon finding the child with his mother, Jesus, the Light of the World, was made known to these pagan worshipers to be a King for all people. All of these references and many more, point to the Light of Christ, the incarnate Word, the light that shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

In our Christian ministry we are called to shine forth this same Light in word and deed to both the pagan and believing world around us and I am honored to work alongside the ministers (both lay and ordained) of this Congregation in shining the Light. Church Notes continues to thrive as a conduit of “the work of ministry” (Ephesians 4:12) from all corners of our Congregation. Published eleven times annually, it is the primary platform for the Diaconate. This group never lacks for either words or deeds and I always look forward to their monthly activities and their reflective articles on their faith in and journey with Christ.

Our work on the long awaited Common Prayer Book for use at Church of The Apostles continues in the compiling and editing phases. Thanks to the meticulous work of Debby Glynn, we completed an edit of the first draft. This year we published The Daily Office, a trial use prayer book containing the services of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, The Great Litany and other daily devotions and prayers. This book is used each weekday at Morning Prayer, at Wednesday Evening Prayer and on other occasions. A second publication from the our new prayer book is the Evangelical Anglican Catechism (a mere 40 pages!) which is currently being used as part of our Christian Education curriculum.

The project of creating the lectionary readings inserts used each week in the Sunday Liturgies and on Holy Days is ongoing. They are about two-thirds complete. The readings are based on a three-year liturgical cycle. In the past, these inserts were available for purchase. Due to changes by the supply house, they are no longer available for the traditional lectionary cycle.

As always, much of the production work that comes out of this office is accomplished through the efforts of many hands. Thank you to all those who help out with the sorting, folding, stapling, stuffing and sticking. A special to thank you to Susan Farrell who volunteers each week to assemble the Sunday Liturgy booklets and any other tasks I hand her!

Barbara Bickerstaff  
Communications Officer

## Christian Education

*“Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today, and forever.”*  
(Hebrews 13:8)

Our rooms seem to change every year. Walls torn down to prepare space for a nursery school, cement platforms created for safe guarding playground equipment, tablecloths draped over toys so our kids won't be distracted from their lessons (isn't that right Marcus and Jason?), no peanut butter brought into the rooms, and I could go on and on...

Now that Faith Nursery School has closed due to low enrollment, the rooms are now toy-less and roomy: sad in some ways, good in some ways, too. Now our Sunday School classes aren't cut short to dismantle the chairs and tables to ready the rooms for Monday. Also our Men's and Women's Bible classes, Alpha, Galatians, and Youth Groups have easy access to these classrooms.

I'm sure in 2015 something else will change- yet I can guarantee one thing will not: The Seeds are being planted here. God's Words will continue to be taught by our most faithful, dedicated teaching staff:

Little Lights: Scarlett St. Martin, Rebecca Craig  
Followers: Donna Stomberg, Beth Sexton, Alison Geoffrey  
Ambassadors: Doug Stomberg, Linda Jones  
Workers: Roger Hall, Matt Felice  
Disciples: Superintendent Mark, Elders Rob and Mark, Barbara Miller

Many thanks to this staff for their love and devotion to this ministry.

Many thanks go out to Bev Brown, Sue Pillsbury, Donna Tyler and Joan Clark for their gifts of beautiful prayer shawls, pillows or bed coverlets knitted for our graduates. Bev started this project several years ago to remind our teens that our prayers and love are always with them. Bev is also known for giving us cards and stickers for our youth to use. A thank you to our “yard sale pro”, John Trafford for the donation of boxes of crayons and pencils.

If you haven't seen our latest edition of what goes on in these classes, please seek one out. “Seeds” was created by Kerri McMahan and several classes who completed assignments on what they've learned this year. When you look closely on the last page you'll notice the seeds planted have turned into a large tree filled with our graduates faces. They're all involved, filled with the Holy Spirit. Taking mission trips, visiting Crossroads, organizing the backpack project, organizing the Operation Christmas Child project, teaching in our classrooms and look – someone is even giving a sermon!! What role is God playing in their lives!

I thank God for the blessings He's given us and pray He will give us strength, wisdom and courage for us to spread His word in this very unstable world.

So even though the physical building has undergone changes... We know *“The grass withers, the flower fades, But the Word of our God stands forever”* (Isaiah 40:8).

Blessings to you  
Linda Jones

## Health and Wellness



The mission of the Health & Wellness Ministry is to promote positive lifestyles by supporting members of the Congregation in caring for their spiritual, physical, emotional, and social needs. The Health and Wellness Ministry works to assist the Congregation in recognizing the role of good health and wellness in their ability to be useful in the service of the Lord. We attempt to offer tools to promote a healthy lifestyle in accordance with God's plan for every individual. Our bodies are God's gift and we nourish them with food, work relationships, prayer, Bible study and worship. We are integrated beings, so our body, mind and spirit must work together if we are to be the "whole" person designed by God. This combination of inner and outer wellness is essential to our fulfilling our role to be effective in ministry.

Over the past year the Health & Wellness Ministry continued to provide monthly articles in the Church Notes. Topics included healing from abortion, a healthy spirit, weight loss, healthy nutrition, guilt-free living, informed consumers, enjoyable workouts, a biblical view of anger, and the freedom of forgiveness.

Some of the activities that were offered in 2014 included: Heart & Soul program (wellness is not an event but a lifestyle); Italian Fiesta dinner to benefit the CCCC Women's Ministry; annual flu clinic (which set a record of over 100 shots); and "+ Fit" classes offered by Kristina Fitzgerald that include morning prayer, devotional, and a physical (walking, jogging, stretching, etc.) component.

As we move forward in 2015 our goal is to continue to provide the tools and support to help members live healthier lifestyles in body, mind and spirit. We will continue to write monthly articles that reflect a diversity of relevant health related topics to address the "wholistic" needs of God's people. Some events planned for 2015 include the 4th annual Italian Fiesta (February 9<sup>th</sup> - Save the date!) to support women in ministry, another wellness initiative, and a first aid and CPR course.

We realize there is a need for education and support as we try to live out Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians. "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). "Knowing that you are the temple of God and that the spirit of God dwells in you" (1 Corinthians 3:16), the members of the Health and Wellness Ministry are committed to helping the Congregation become the best possible stewards of the bodies God has entrusted to us. It is our privilege to serve you.

Sharon Galloway, RN, MSN  
Health & Wellness Ministry

## **Organist and Music Director**

First, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have assisted in the Music Ministry here at the Church of The Apostles. From soloists to instrumentalists, from choir members to behind the scene assistants, you have been important in promoting the Word of God through the medium of music.

Shyanne Slinko and I have continued to provide organ music at the 8:00 A.M. Sunday Service on an alternating basis. We all continue to enjoy our instrumentalists, Sara Oliveira and Harrison Smiley, at the 10:30 A.M. Sunday Service. The Men's Chorus, under the direction of Ed Farrell, has provided inspiring music at numerous services and events. We would welcome the addition of others, both young and old to either of these groups.

The Praise Band keeps expanding under the direction of Sharon Galloway and Sara Oliveira. The Congregation is hearing and learning new music from their great renditions. I also thank the Praise Band for playing the whole Sunday Services when I am away.

Although the Handbell Choir does not have enough ringers to play our full three octaves of bells, we hope that you have enjoyed the solo work being presented by several of our accomplished ringers. It is hoped that others, with or without ringing experience, will join this group. The music can be adapted to various levels of expertise. We also have available a set of Children's Bells for our younger young people.

This past summer Spirit and Youth was formed under the direction of Deborah Adams and Scarlett St. Martin. This group consists of both vocalists and instrumentalists from our Sunday School. We look forward to a great future with them as they continue to present their music to the Glory of God.

This year our Christmas Pageant changed its name to "Celebrate the Season". It also changed from a Sunday School venue to an adult presentation. Many thanks to the many members of our Congregation who participated. As we prepared for this event, it became obvious to me that we have numerous actors and actresses here at the Church of The Apostles. Before the year 2015 is over, I would like to test your "Hollywood" talents again.

One question that has been asked several times is "since we have a Men's Chorus, why don't we have a women's choral group?" In the near future you will be hearing from Deborah Adams or me as we attempt to answer that question.

In closing, again many thanks to all who have participated in the Music Ministry. You have truly made "A Joyful Noise Unto the Lord" (Psalm 98:4).

Respectfully submitted,  
Marianne H. Salisbury  
Organist & Music Director

## Sacristy Minister

We REMEMBER,  
We CELEBRATE,  
We BELIEVE!

Like every year the Altar Guild starts off the year by putting away the Christmas nativity, tree, wreaths and plants. After celebrating the arrival of our Lord and the celebration of the Lord's Baptism in Epiphany we slow down for a few weeks before we embrace our Lenten season.

It was in The Epiphany season that Superintendent Mark invited the Altar Guild, Deacons and Elders to a breakfast on Saturday, February 22, 2014. That morning was a time of fellowship and education and of course good food. Superintendent Mark shared with us valuable information on the purpose of various Altar Guild duties. He also shared with us why we don't perform certain Altar Guild duties that we have done in the past. Plans for a new altar and the plans for our existing front altar had also been discussed. This tutorial was a big help to all the Altar Guild members and we were grateful for our Superintendent's time and guidance.

One of the changes was the removal of the six candles on the back altar. We now only use the two big candles on the front Table. When our new Table arrived our existing altar was moved to the place our piano was and is now called the Chapel Altar. The Chapel Altar has two candles that are used at the Wednesday Noon Worship Service. The Tabernacle door was refaced and now has a plain look to it. The back altar had extended sides to the shelf and those were removed to make the shelf look smaller. A new stand, Advent Wreath and Christ The King Candle was also purchased this year. Our Sanctuary Candle is now hung higher so that the eyes of those who come to worship will see the cross.

The most powerful change for me was our new Holy Table and the inscription that was so beautifully inscribed into the wood: "Do This in Remembrance of Me". In both Luke 22 and in 1 Corinthians 11 we read this powerful message Jesus shared with the Apostles at the Last Supper. "And he took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them saying, 'This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.'" (1 Corinthians 11: 24-26). Here at the Church of The Apostles we hear the Word of God, we come to the Holy Table with confessed hearts ready to receive the sacrament of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our hearts of faith have been inscribed with the hope of His mercy and His Love. We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

The ladies that serve on the Altar Guild are dedicated and honestly they make me look good. Assistant Paulette Donovan is my right hand and Barbara Bourn and her Flower Guild Team work hard to make the most beautiful flower arrangements for our altar. The Altar Guild Team Leaders Jane Venditto, Barbara Bickerstaff and Susan Farrell lead their teams of ladies to set up our altar for our worship services. The ladies who take home our church linen to wash, dry and iron are Paulette Donovan, Marcia Mallette, Susan Farrell and Barbara Bickerstaff. Debbie Adams, Beverly Brown, Mary Jane Burroughs, Claudette Donnelly, Sharon Geoffrey, Linda Grausgruber, Linda Jones, Kathy Kettle, Cheryl Lewis, and Beth Sexton help their team leaders on a rotating schedule. And I must not forget the little ones, Aiden and Kyleigh Felice who help their grandmother Linda Jones. Their service and help to one another is a gift from God and it is in His Glory the work of this ministry is accomplished.

Barbara Battey  
Sacristy Minister

## Mission Board

**Mission Statement: The Mission Board is dedicated to promoting and assisting ministries which propagate the spread of the Word of God.**

The Mission Board was formed in the spring of 2014 to be a promoting and aiding umbrella system for the various ministries at Church Of The Apostles.

It was our pleasure to provide monetary assistance to volunteers for one of our Mission Trips to Haiti and another to Honduras. The follow up reports showed how life-changing these ventures are, both for the people being ministered to and the people who are doing the ministering.

Our next undertaking was a dinner to advertise the various ministries which are centered at the church. We came to realize the evangelistic value of each of these ministries whether they interacted with one or two people or a few hundred at a time. When an opportunity to do God's work and spread His message is in front of you, you should not pass it up.

The ministries highlighted were: Alpha, Altar Guild, Building and Grounds, CD/Sound System, Counters, Crossroads, Financial Counseling, Flower Guild, Food Donations, Galatians 6:10, Handbell Choir, Health and Wellness, Holy Couples, Instrumental Groups, Intercessory Prayer, Kitchen, Lay Visitation, Loaves and Fishes, Men's Bible Study, Men's Breakfast, Men's Chorus, Mission Board, Office Volunteers, Pocket Prayer Shawl, Shepherd's Table, Short Term Mission Trips, Spirit and Youth, Sunday Brunch, Sunday School, Tent Meeting, Ushering, Women's Bible Study, Worship Services, and Youth Group.

These ministries are all done to give Glory to God in the Highest. A number of them are performed behind the scene (so to speak) but all are needed.

Mission Board:

Ed Farrell, Chair  
Cheryl Lewis  
Deacon Deb Adams  
Dianne Sacchetti  
Deacon Kathy Kettle  
Marcia Camp  
Steve Ronci

*Our Mission is to  
Obey, Follow and Bear Witness to Jesus Christ*

**2014**

**Ministries**

Acolytes	Missions Board
Adult Education	Office Volunteers
Alpha	Pocket Prayer Shawl
Altar Guild	Shepherd's Table
Blood Drives	Short Term Mission Trips
Buildings & Grounds Committee	Spirit and Truth
CD/ Sound System	Spirit and Youth
Counters	Sunday Bruch
Crossroads Ministry	Sunday School
Financial Counseling	Tent Meeting
Flower Guild	Ushering
Food Donation	Women's Bible Study
Galatians 6:10	Worship Services
Hand Bell Choir	Youth Group
Health & Wellness Ministry	
Holy Couples	
Instrumental Groups	
Intercessions Prayer Group	
Kitchen Ministry	
Lay Readers	
Lay Visitation Ministry	
Loaves & Fishes Ministry	
Men's Breakfast	
Men's Bible Study	
Men's Choir	

## Treasurer's Report

God is good! Although our income in 2014 was less than anticipated, we ended the year with a surplus, even after transferring an extra \$10,000.00 into our savings funds. The operating income for 2014 was \$344,898.81, and the operating expenses totaled \$355,926.90, which included year-end transfers of \$5,000.00 into our Capital Reserve Savings Fund and \$5,000.00 into our New Ministries Savings Fund. Since we also received expense reimbursements of \$3,445.86 and had a carry-over surplus of \$8,911.84 from 2013, there was a surplus of \$1,329.61 in the General Fund as of December 31st, and that amount has been carried forward into 2015. Thank you for your faithful giving, and praise God for his faithfulness!

The Operating Budget for 2015 anticipates total budget income of \$337,200.00 and total budget expenditures of \$337,081.00. The Church Council approved this budget on November 20, 2014, accepting without change a budget proposal prepared by a Finance Committee consisting of Superintendent Mark Galloway, Elder Rob Geoffrey, Archdeacon Bill Sexton, Deacon Tom Bourn, Treasurer Bob Bickerstaff, Financial Secretary Erin Mead, and Active Members Barbara Miller and Steve Moore. This is a very conservative budget in that the income projections are lower than the actual income received in 2014, recognizing that several families have left our Congregation in recent months. Although spending will also have to be conservative in 2015, the Church Council has decided that it is time to begin compensating our Elders for all the work they do, and so the budget includes modest payroll stipends for Elder Rob Geoffrey and Elder Mark Tellier. To help fund those stipends, our Superintendent has voluntarily taken a substantial pay cut, and the remainder of the amount needed for the stipends will be taken from our New Ministries Savings Fund.

I want to express my appreciation to Erin Mead, our Church Administrator and Financial Secretary, for her work in managing the day-to-day finances of Church of The Apostles. Among her many duties, Erin is the our bookkeeper and financial records custodian, and she diligently maintains our financial records so that I have the information I need in order to report the status of the church's finances to the Church Council and the Congregation. Thank you Erin!

I would also like to thank our Sunday counters, especially our lead counter Sue Clarke. Our other counters during 2014 were Barbara Battey, Beverly Brown, Joan Clarke, Linda Greco, Lynne Habershaw, Barbara Miller, Sue Pillsbury, Linda Quinn, and Jane Venditto. Many thanks to all our counters for their dedication to this important ministry!

The following pages contain a detailed look at our finances for 2014 plus the 2015 budget. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time with questions, comments, or concerns about the finances or financial reports of our Congregation.

Your servant in Christ,  
Bob Bickerstaff  
Treasurer

**Financial Summary Report**  
**January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

<b>Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2014</b>		<b>\$136,140.31</b>
Checking Account Balance	\$32,825.58	
Savings Account Balance	<u>\$103,314.73</u>	
Total	\$136,140.31	
Balance of Designated Funds in Checking Account	\$23,913.74	
Balance of Designated Funds in Savings Account	\$103,314.73	
General Fund Balance (in Checking Account)	<u>\$8,911.84</u>	
Total	\$136,140.31	
<b>Receipts</b>		
General Fund Offerings & Donations	\$344,898.81	
General Fund Reimbursements	\$3,445.86	
Savings Account Interest	\$331.98	
Designated Fund Income/Receipts	<u>\$48,724.98</u>	
Total		\$397,401.63
<b>Disbursements</b>		
General Fund/Operating Expenses	\$355,926.90	
Operating Expenses Transferred to Designated Funds	(\$48,489.90)	
Designated Fund Expenses/Disbursements	<u>\$90,622.85</u>	
Total		<u>(\$398,059.85)</u>
<b>Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2014</b>		<b>\$135,482.09</b>
Checking Account Balance	\$27,493.47	
Savings Account Balance	<u>\$107,988.62</u>	
Total	\$135,482.09	
Balance of Designated Funds in Checking Account	\$26,163.86	
Balance of Designated Funds in Savings Account	\$107,988.62	
General Fund Balance (in Checking Account)	<u>\$1,329.61</u>	
Total	\$135,482.09	
<b>Indebtedness</b>		
Mortgage Loan from Centreville Bank (6/1/2010)		\$586,000.00
Principal Balance as of January 1, 2014		\$501,113.47
Payments during 2014: \$36,682.32		
Applied to Interest	\$23,518.76	
Applied to Principal	<u>\$13,163.56</u>	
Total	\$36,682.32	
Principal Balance as of December 31, 2014		\$487,949.91

**Checking Account Report**  
**January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

**Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2014** **\$32,825.58**

**General Fund/Operating Income**

Weekly Offerings & Pledges	\$320,103.55
Loose Offerings	\$3,133.88
Initial Offerings	\$356.00
Birthday Offerings	\$387.00
Ash Wednesday Offerings	\$816.00
Maundy Thursday Offerings	\$874.00
Good Friday Offerings	\$1,040.00
Lenten Offerings	\$547.00
Easter Offerings	\$1,610.00
Thanksgiving Offerings	\$1,037.00
Advent Offerings	\$855.00
Christmas Offerings	\$4,105.00
Special Offerings	\$3,382.00
Youth Offerings	\$357.38
Group Donations	<u>\$6,295.00</u>
Total	\$344,898.81

**Reimbursements to General Fund/Operating Expenses**

For Ministerial/Conference Expenses	\$2,075.00
For Christian Education Expenses	\$110.00
For Fellowship Expenses	\$1,090.58
For Administrative & Office Expenses	<u>\$170.28</u>
Total	\$3,445.86

**Income/Receipts for Designated Funds**

See Fund Balances Report for Details \$48,724.98

**Transfers in from Savings Account**

For New Ministries Fund \$9,000.00

**Total Receipts into Checking Account** **\$406,069.65**

**General Fund/Operating Expenses**

Outreach (Transferred to Designated Fund) *	\$34,489.90
Capital Reserve Savings (Transferred to Designated Fund) *	\$9,000.00
New Ministries Savings (Transferred to Designated Fund) *	\$5,000.00
Superintendent's Salary, Housing, & Pension	\$93,795.00
Church Administrator's Salary & Pension	\$21,736.00
Communications Officer's Salary & Pension	\$22,217.00
Property Maintenance Technician's Salary	\$14,313.00

## Checking Account Report (Continued)

### General Fund/Operating Expenses (Continued)

Organist's Salary	\$10,412.00
Assistant Organist's Salary	\$4,925.00
Sexton's Salary	\$7,917.00
Payroll Taxes	\$6,237.08
Superintendent's Business Expenses	\$1,918.81
Leadership Continuing Education	\$757.00
Ministerial/Conference Expenses (See Note 1)	\$13,563.50
Worship Supplies	\$691.25
Music Ministry	\$771.69
Christian Education (See Note 2)	\$3,516.99
Youth Ministry	\$602.72
Fellowship (See Note 3)	\$6,523.00
Administrative & Office Expenses (See Note 4)	\$13,488.87
Postage	\$2,252.75
Telephone & Internet Service	\$1,832.20
Property Expenses	\$16,317.91
Snow & Ice Removal	\$3,001.67
Gas (Heat, Hot Water, Etc.)	\$7,188.94
Electric	\$6,351.30
Mortgage	\$36,682.32
Insurance	<u>\$10,424.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$355,926.90
* Total Transferred into Designated Funds	<u>(\$48,489.90)</u>
Expenses Disbursed from Checking Account	\$307,437.00

### Disbursements from Designated Funds

See Fund Balances Report for Details \$90,622.85

### Transfers out to Savings Account

From School Savings Fund \$13,341.91

### Total Disbursements from Checking Account

**(\$411,401.76)**

### Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2014

**\$27,493.47**

#### Notes to Checking Account Report:

- 1 The Ministerial/Conference Expenses line item was partially funded by reimbursements of \$2,075.00.
- 2 The Christian Education line item was partially funded by reimbursements of \$110.00.
- 3 The Fellowship line item was partially funded by reimbursements of \$1,090.58.
- 4 The Administrative & Office Expenses line item was partially funded by reimbursements & rebates of \$170.28.

**Savings Account Report**  
**January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

<b>Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2014</b>		<b>\$103,314.73</b>
Balance in Money Market Deposit Account	\$43,314.73	
Balance in Certificate of Deposit Account	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	
Total	\$103,314.73	
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance	\$24,474.94	
New Ministries Savings Fund Balance	\$73,779.28	
School Savings Fund Balance	\$0.00	
Altar Guild Fund Balance	\$1,202.95	
Memorial Fund Balance	\$2,775.01	
Ann Livsey Fund Balance	<u>\$1,082.55</u>	
Total	\$103,314.73	
<b>Interest Income</b>		
Applied to Capital Reserve Savings Fund	\$75.66	
Applied to New Ministries Savings Fund	\$215.88	
Applied to School Savings Fund	\$24.81	
Applied to Altar Guild Fund	\$3.32	
Applied to Memorial Fund	\$8.99	
Applied to Ann Livsey Fund	<u>\$3.32</u>	
Total		\$331.98
<b>Transfers in from Checking Account</b>		
For School Savings Fund	<u>\$13,341.91</u>	
Total		\$13,341.91
<b>Transfers out to Checking Account</b>		
From New Ministries Fund	<u>\$9,000.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$9,000.00)</u>
<b>Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2014</b>		<b>\$107,988.62</b>
Balance in Money Market Deposit Account	\$47,988.62	
Balance in Certificate of Deposit Account	<u>\$60,000.00</u>	
Total	\$107,988.62	
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance	\$24,550.60	
New Ministries Savings Fund Balance	\$64,995.16	
School Savings Fund Balance	\$13,366.72	
Altar Guild Fund Balance	\$1,206.27	
Memorial Fund Balance	\$2,784.00	
Ann Livsey Fund Balance	<u>\$1,085.87</u>	
Total	\$107,988.62	

Note: The Ann Livsey Fund was created by a bequest and can only be used for the maintenance and repair of the church's stained glass windows.

**Fund Balances in Checking Account**  
**January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>Balance 1/1/2014</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>Balance 12/31/2014</b>
Outreach Fund *	<u>\$3,759.26</u>	\$0.00	<u>\$33,647.89</u>	
Transfers from General Fund		<u>\$34,489.90</u>		
Outreach Fund Totals	\$3,759.26	\$34,489.90	\$33,647.89	\$4,601.27
Capital Reserve Savings Fund *	<u>\$5,472.40</u>	\$66.00	<u>\$8,120.98</u>	
Transfers from General Fund		<u>\$9,000.00</u>		
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Totals	\$5,472.40	\$9,066.00	\$8,120.98	\$6,417.42
New Ministries Savings Fund *	<u>\$0.00</u>	\$1,000.00	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	
Transfers from General Fund		\$5,000.00		
Transfers from Savings Account		<u>\$9,000.00</u>		
New Ministries Savings Fund Totals	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
School Savings Fund	<u>\$4,000.00</u>	<u>\$9,341.91</u>	\$0.00	
Transfers to Savings Account			<u>\$13,341.91</u>	
School Savings Fund Totals	\$4,000.00	\$9,341.91	\$13,341.91	\$0.00
Missions Fund *	\$0.00	\$7,301.90	\$3,098.93	\$4,202.97
Altar Guild Fund *	\$1,777.05	\$1,965.00	\$2,865.11	\$876.94
Memorial Fund *	\$1,594.31	\$475.00	\$368.28	\$1,701.03
Superintendent's Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$1,758.00	\$1,608.00	\$150.00
Youth Group Fund *	\$1,469.26	\$934.10	\$747.01	\$1,656.35
Designated Offerings Fund *	\$5,400.69	\$6,294.16	\$8,399.75	\$3,295.10
Miscellaneous Fund *	<u>\$440.77</u>	<u>\$19,588.91</u>	<u>\$21,766.90</u>	<u>(\$1,737.22)</u>
Totals for Designated Funds	\$23,913.74	\$106,214.88	\$103,964.76	\$26,163.86
Transfers from General Fund		(\$48,489.90)		
Transfers from Savings		<u>(\$9,000.00)</u>		
Transfers to Savings			<u>(\$13,341.91)</u>	
Totals Excluding Transfers		\$48,724.98	\$90,622.85	
General Fund	<u>\$8,911.84</u>			
Income & Reimbursements		<u>\$348,344.67</u>		
Expenses Paid Out			\$307,437.00	
Transfers to Designated Funds			<u>\$48,489.90</u>	
General Fund Totals	<u>\$8,911.84</u>	\$348,344.67	\$355,926.90	<u>\$1,329.61</u>
Checking Account Balances	\$32,825.58			\$27,493.47

\* See Separate Report

**Outreach Fund Report**  
**January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

**Outreach Fund Balance as of January 1, 2014** **\$3,759.26**

**Receipts**

Monthly Transfers from General Fund Outreach Line Item	\$34,489.90	
Total		\$34,489.90

**Disbursements**

Conservative Congregational Christian Conference	\$14,000.00	
Outreach Discretionary Account *	\$12,734.81	
Superintendent's Discretionary Account **	\$5,458.08	
Haiti Orphan Support	\$1,000.00	
Congregational Church of Goffstown	\$400.00	
Individual & Family Assistance	\$55.00	
Total		<u>(\$33,647.89)</u>

**Outreach Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014** **\$4,601.27**

\* Thirty five (35) percent of each month's Outreach Fund income is transferred (after the first of the next month) to the Outreach Discretionary Account, to be administered by the Outreach Deacon at her discretion. See separate financial report.

\*\* Fifteen (15) percent of each month's Outreach Fund income is transferred (after the first of the next month) to the Superintendent's Discretionary Account, to be administered by the Superintendent at his discretion. See separate financial report.

**Missions Fund Report**  
**January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

<b>Missions Fund Balance as of January 1, 2014</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
Transfer from The Canterbury Mission Society	\$2,396.90	
Individual Contributions for Mission Trips	\$4,892.00	
Alpha Course Freewill Offerings	<u>\$13.00</u>	
Total		\$7,301.90
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Mission Trip Support	\$2,075.00	
Medical Supplies for Mission Trips	\$804.56	
To United In Faith for Tent Meeting Expenses	\$219.37	
Total		<u>(\$3,098.93)</u>
<b>Missions Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014</b>		<b>\$4,202.97</b>

**Altar Guild Fund Report**  
**January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

**Altar Guild Fund Balance as of January 1, 2014** **\$2,980.00**

Altar Guild Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$1,777.05
Altar Guild Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$1,202.95</u>
Total	\$2,980.00

**Receipts**

Offerings for Flowers, Wine, & Sanctuary Lamp Candles	\$730.00	
Offerings for Easter Plants & Flowers	\$930.00	
Offerings for Christmas Plants, Flowers, & Greens	\$305.00	
Savings Account Interest	<u>\$3.32</u>	
Total		\$1,968.32

**Disbursements**

Christmas Plants, Flowers, & Greens (2013)	\$943.87	
Easter Plants & Flowers & Palms	\$789.21	
Weekly Altar Flowers	\$293.53	
Sanctuary Lamp Candles	\$109.05	
Communion Wine	\$120.88	
Vestments (Stoles)	\$328.83	
Advent Wreath Stand & Christ Candle (Partial Cost)	\$249.24	
Flower Arranging Foam	<u>\$30.50</u>	
Total		<u>(\$2,865.11)</u>

**Altar Guild Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014** **\$2,083.21**

Altar Guild Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$876.94
Altar Guild Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$1,206.27</u>
Total	\$2,083.21

**Youth Group Fund Report**  
**January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

<b>Youth Group Fund Balance as of January 1, 2014</b>		<b>\$1,469.26</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
M&M Fundraiser Donations	\$914.10	
Donation from Holy Couples Ministry	<u>\$20.00</u>	
Total		\$934.10
<b>Disbursements</b>		
CCCC Family Conference Expenses	\$747.01	
Total		<u>(\$747.01)</u>
<b>Youth Group Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014</b>		<b>\$1,656.35</b>

**Capital Reserve Savings Fund Report**  
**January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

**Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance as of January 1, 2014** **\$29,947.34**

Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance in Checking Acct	\$5,472.40
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance in Savings Acct	<u>\$24,474.94</u>
Total	\$29,947.34

**Receipts**

Budgeted Transfers from General Fund	\$4,000.00	
Special Transfer from General Fund	\$5,000.00	
Savings Account Interest	\$75.66	
Overcharge Refund	<u>\$66.00</u>	
Total		\$9,141.66

**Disbursements**

Shed and Walkway Project	<u>\$8,120.98</u>	
Total		<u>(\$8,120.98)</u>

**Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014** **\$30,968.02**

Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance in Checking Acct	\$6,417.42
Capital Reserve Savings Fund Balance in Savings Acct	<u>\$24,550.60</u>
Total	\$30,968.02

**New Ministries Savings Fund Report**  
**January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

**New Ministries Savings Fund Balance as of January 1, 2014** **\$73,779.28**

New Ministries Savings Fund Balance in Checking Acct	\$0.00
New Ministries Savings Fund Balance in Savings Acct	<u>\$73,779.28</u>
Total	\$73,779.28

**Receipts**

Special Transfer from General Fund	\$5,000.00	
Individual Contributions	\$1,000.00	
Savings Account Interest	<u>\$215.88</u>	
Total		\$6,215.88

**Disbursements**

Donation to Galatians 6:10 Project	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$10,000.00)</u>

**New Ministries Savings Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014** **\$69,995.16**

New Ministries Savings Fund Balance in Checking Acct	\$5,000.00
New Ministries Savings Fund Balance in Savings Acct	<u>\$64,995.16</u>
Total	\$69,995.16

**Designated Offerings Fund Report**  
**January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

**Designated Offerings Fund Balance as of January 1, 2014** **\$5,400.69**

Funds for Haiti Orphan Support	\$80.44
Funds for Mission Trips	\$100.00
Funds for New Furnishings	<u>\$5,220.25</u>
Total	\$5,400.69

**Receipts**

Donations for Galatians 6:10 Project	\$1,630.00	
Donations for Outreach/Missions	\$2,739.91	
Donations for Outreach Family Assistance	\$500.00	
Donations for Mission Trips	\$135.00	
Donations for Haiti Orphan Support	\$174.75	
Donations for Tent Meeting Food Expenses	\$344.00	
Donations and Freewill Offerings at Tent Meeting	\$250.00	
Donations for Christmas Blessings Outreach Project	\$385.00	
Donations for Operation Christmas Child	\$80.00	
Donations for Backpack Project	\$25.00	
Donations for CareNet Rhode Island	<u>\$30.50</u>	
Total		\$6,294.16

**Disbursements**

New Holy Table	\$3,835.00	
Altar Refurbishments	\$564.00	
Advent Wreath Stand & Christ Candle (Partial Cost)	\$421.26	
Pavilion Tent	\$399.99	
To United In Faith Account for Galatians 6:10 Project	\$1,130.00	
To United In Faith Account for Tent Meeting	\$594.00	
Reimbursement of Mission Trip Expenses	\$235.00	
Haiti Orphan Support Payments	\$200.00	
To Outreach Discretionary Account for Family Assistance	\$500.00	
To Superintendent's Discretionary Account for Outreach	\$385.00	
To Outreach Discretionary Account for Outreach Projects	\$35.00	
Operation Christmas Child Postage Expense	\$70.00	
Check to CareNet Rhode Island	<u>\$30.50</u>	
Total		<u>(\$8,399.75)</u>

**Designated Offerings Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014** **\$3,295.10**

Funds for Outreach/Missions	\$2,739.91
Funds for Galatians 6:10 Project	\$500.00
Funds for Haiti Orphan Support	<u>\$55.19</u>
Total	\$3,295.10

## Miscellaneous Fund Report

### January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

**Miscellaneous Fund Balance as of January 1, 2014** **\$440.77**

Funds for Payment of Christmas Outreach Dinner Expenses	\$443.69
Funds for Payment of Reimbursed Personal Expenses	\$53.08
Reimbursement due from Faith Nursery School	<u>(\$56.00)</u>
Total	\$440.77

#### Receipts

Reimbursements from Outreach Discretionary Account	\$3,965.02	
Reimbursements from United In Faith Acct/Galatians 6:10	\$345.98	
Reimbursements from United In Faith Acct/Tent Meeting	\$1,694.06	
Reimbursements from Superintendent's Discretionary Acct	\$492.61	
Reimbursements from Faith Nursery School	\$613.01	
Reimbursements from CCCC	\$6,625.27	
Receipts from CCCC Women's Ministry Dinner	\$1,255.00	
Dinner Receipts due to Outreach Discretionary Account	\$1,068.00	
Receipts for Galatians 6:10 Project	\$2,926.92	
Personal Expense Reimbursements	\$167.18	
Miscellaneous Receipts & Reimbursements	<u>\$435.86</u>	
Total		\$19,588.91

#### Disbursements

Purchases for Outreach Discretionary Account	\$3,338.53	
Purchases for United In Faith Acct/Galatians 6:10	\$4,441.55	
Purchases for United In Faith Acct/Tent Meeting	\$1,694.06	
Purchases for Superintendent's Discretionary Account	\$492.61	
Faith Nursery School Expenses	\$557.01	
CCCC Purchases/Expenses	\$6,625.27	
Purchases for CCCC Women's Ministry	\$976.26	
Christmas Outreach Dinner Expenses (2013)	443.69	
To Outreach Discretionary Account (Dinner Receipts)	\$662.00	
To United In Faith Acct for Galatians 6:10 Project	\$1,886.92	
Personal Expenses (Reimbursed)	\$213.14	
Miscellaneous Purchases & Expenses	<u>\$435.86</u>	
Total		<u>(\$21,766.90)</u>

**Miscellaneous Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014** **(\$1,737.22)**

Receipts due to United In Faith Acct for Galatians 6:10	\$1,040.00
Dinner Receipts due to Outreach Discretionary Acct	\$406.00
Funds for CCCC Women's Ministry	\$278.74
Funds for Payment of Outreach Discretionary Acct Expenses	\$626.49
Funds for Payment of Reimbursed Personal Expenses	\$7.12
Galatians 6:10 Expenses due from United In Faith Acct	<u>(\$4,095.57)</u>
Total	(\$1,737.22)

**Memorial Fund Report**  
**January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

<b>Memorial Fund Balance as of January 1, 2014</b>		<b>\$4,369.32</b>
Memorial Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$1,594.31	
Memorial Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$2,775.01</u>	
Total	\$4,369.32	
<b>Receipts</b>		
Donations in Memory of Warner Dauphinee	\$475.00	
Savings Account Interest	<u>\$8.99</u>	
Total		\$483.99
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Celebration Hymnals	<u>\$368.28</u>	
Total		<u>(\$368.28)</u>
<b>Memorial Fund Balance as of December 31, 2014</b>		<b>\$4,485.03</b>
Memorial Fund Balance in Checking Account	\$1,701.03	
Memorial Fund Balance in Savings Account	<u>\$2,784.00</u>	
Total	\$4,485.03	

**Superintendent's Discretionary Account Report**  
**January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014**

<b>Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2014</b>		<b>\$110.86</b>
<b>Receipts</b>		
From Outreach Fund	\$5,458.08	
Individual Contributions	\$1,608.00	
Christmas Outreach Donations	<u>\$385.00</u>	
Total		\$7,451.08
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Individual & Family Assistance	\$1,995.00	
Ministry Gifts	\$1,421.98	
Donations to Outside Organizations/Ministries	\$2,050.00	
Ministry Expenses	\$1,146.45	
Ministry Honorarium Payments	\$500.00	
Total		<u>(\$7,113.43)</u>
<b>Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2014</b>		<b>\$448.51</b>

## Outreach Discretionary Account Report

January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

**Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2014** **\$4,367.87**

### Receipts

From Outreach Fund	\$12,734.81	
From Missions Fund for Mission Trip Support	\$1,400.00	
Receipts from CareNet Dinner	\$297.00	
Receipts from Ministry Dinner	\$365.00	
Donations for Family Assistance	\$500.00	
Donations for Outreach Projects	\$35.00	
Total		\$15,331.81

### Disbursements

Individual and Family Assistance	\$9,676.61	
Mission Trip Support	\$2,200.00	
Donations to CareNet Rhode Island	\$1,200.00	
Preaching & Music Honorariums	\$900.00	
Expenses Paid for Galatians 6:10 Events	\$963.82	
Expenses Paid for CCCC Women's Ministry Dinner	\$378.44	
CareNet Dinner Expenses	\$277.59	
Ministry Dinner Expenses	\$252.17	
Annual Partnership with "The Good News Today"	\$270.00	
Alpha Course Away Day Expense	\$100.00	
Crossroads Family Shelter Visit Expenses	\$85.40	
Operation Christmas Child Expenses	\$41.99	
Miscellaneous Ministry Expenses	<u>\$70.95</u>	
Total		<u>(\$16,416.97)</u>

**Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2014** **\$3,282.71**

## United In Faith Account Report

January 1, 2014 - December 31, 2014

<b>Balance on Hand as of January 1, 2014</b>		<b>\$6,028.95</b>
Funds for United In Faith Events	\$1,515.98	
Funds for Galatians 6:10 Project	<u>\$4,512.97</u>	
Total	\$6,028.95	
<b>Receipts for United In Faith Events</b>		
Tent Meeting Advance Donations for Food Expenses	\$344.00	
Tent Meeting Freewill Offerings & Donations	\$1,098.00	
Tent Meeting Food Sales	\$545.37	
From Missions Fund for Tent Meeting	<u>\$219.37</u>	
Total		\$2,206.74
<b>Disbursements for United In Faith Events</b>		
Tent Meeting Tent Rental	\$1,500.00	
Tent Meeting General Expenses	\$1,858.13	
Tent Meeting Food Sales Expenses	<u>\$364.59</u>	
Total		(\$3,722.72)
<b>Receipts for Galatians 6:10 Project</b>		
Donation from Church of The Apostles	\$10,000.00	
Individual Donations	\$1,130.00	
Receipts from 2013 New Year's Eve Celebration	\$1,075.00	
Receipts from First Lawn Concert	\$291.00	
Receipts from Second Lawn Concert	\$316.92	
Sale of Scrap Metal from Kitchen Project	<u>\$257.00</u>	
Total		\$13,069.92
<b>Disbursements for Galatians 6:10 Project</b>		
Kitchen Project Expenses	\$16,983.38	
Event Expenses	<u>\$300.00</u>	
Total		<u>(\$17,283.38)</u>
<b>Balance on Hand as of December 31, 2014</b>		<b>\$299.51</b>
Funds for United In Faith Events	\$0.00	
Funds for Galatians 6:10 Project	<u>\$299.51</u>	
Total	\$299.51	

## Operating Budget for 2015 With Comparison to 2014

	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Weekly Offerings & Pledges	\$330,000.00	\$320,103.55	\$319,700.00
Other Offerings & Donations	<u>\$27,500.00</u>	<u>\$24,795.26</u>	<u>\$17,500.00</u>
<b>Total Budget Income</b>	<b><u>\$357,500.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$344,898.81</u></b>	<b><u>\$337,200.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Outreach	\$35,750.00	\$34,489.90	\$33,720.00
Capital Reserve Savings	\$4,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00
New Ministries Savings	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	(\$7,000.00)
Superintendent's Salary, Housing, & Pension	\$93,795.00	\$93,795.00	\$90,038.00
First Elder's Salary & Housing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,200.00
Second Elder's Salary & Housing	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,200.00
Church Administrator's Salary & Pension	\$21,736.00	\$21,736.00	\$22,386.00
Communications Officer's Salary & Pension	\$22,217.00	\$22,217.00	\$22,880.00
Property Maintenance Technician's Salary	\$14,313.00	\$14,313.00	\$14,742.00
Organist's Salary	\$10,362.00	\$10,412.00	\$10,623.00
Assistant Organist's Salary	\$5,178.00	\$4,925.00	\$5,295.00
Sexton's Salary	\$7,917.00	\$7,917.00	\$8,164.00
Payroll Taxes	\$6,252.00	\$6,237.08	\$6,433.00
Superintendent's Business Expenses	\$2,000.00	\$1,918.81	\$2,000.00
Leadership Continuing Education	\$2,500.00	\$757.00	\$1,000.00
Ministerial/Conference Expenses *	\$10,000.00	\$13,563.50	\$8,000.00
Worship Supplies	\$1,300.00	\$691.25	\$1,200.00
Music Ministry	\$1,800.00	\$771.69	\$1,500.00
Christian Education *	\$6,000.00	\$3,516.99	\$5,000.00
Youth Ministry	\$2,000.00	\$602.72	\$2,000.00
Fellowship *	\$6,000.00	\$6,523.00	\$6,000.00
Administrative & Office Expenses *	\$14,000.00	\$13,488.87	\$14,000.00
Postage	\$3,500.00	\$2,252.75	\$3,000.00
Telephone & Internet Service	\$2,000.00	\$1,832.20	\$2,000.00
Property Expenses	\$16,500.00	\$16,317.91	\$10,000.00
Snow & Ice Removal	\$4,000.00	\$3,001.67	\$3,000.00
Gas (Heat, Hot Water, Etc.)	\$10,000.00	\$7,188.94	\$7,000.00
Electric	\$6,000.00	\$6,351.30	\$6,000.00
Mortgage	\$36,700.00	\$36,682.32	\$36,700.00
Insurance	<u>\$11,500.00</u>	<u>\$10,424.00</u>	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$357,320.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$355,926.90</u></b>	<b><u>\$337,081.00</u></b>
Tentative Budget Surplus (Deficit)	\$180.00	(\$11,028.09)	\$119.00
Reimbursements Received		<u>\$3,445.86</u>	
<b>Actual Budget Surplus</b>		<b><u>(\$7,582.23)</u></b>	
Surplus (Deficit) from Prior Years		<u>\$8,911.84</u>	
Surplus (Deficit) to Carry Forward		\$1,329.61	

\* See Notes to Checking Account Report regarding reimbursements to these line items in 2014

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The Holy Eucharist

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday 12:00 noon

Christian Education

Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Brunch

Sunday 11:45 a.m.

Evening Prayer

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m.

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