

WAKATIPU COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT

To live in Christ,
To grow as a community
of Faith, Hope,
Love & Joy

ST ANDREW'S QUEENSTOWN

(Manna and the Global Community)

ST JOHN'S ARROWTOWN

ST MARGARET'S FRANKTON

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OUR MISSION, VISION AND GENERAL GOALS

Our Mission: To live in Christ, and to grow as a Community of Faith, Hope, Love and Joy.

Our Vision: Growing God's kingdom one life at a time.

Church Goals:

- To develop new opportunities for people to know Christ and to worship.
- To invite people of all ages to faith.
- To strengthen the existing congregations that they may grow and offer space/protection to the newly formed groups till they are established and strong, and they in turn can nourish and encourage the older congregations.
- To ensure that discipleship becomes a way of life (for all members) and not simply a programme.
- To ensure the Church is involved in the community, where we are actively seeking ways to be a blessing to all peoples.
- To strengthen and broaden our leadership to better reach our diverse and growing community.
- To be a Church of positive influence in the community for this and coming generations.

Church Council

Organisational Guidelines

The Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church (WCPC) is one church incorporating congregations based at St Andrew's - Queenstown, St John's - Arrowtown and St Margaret's - Frankton. Each congregation is unique and has a particular call, yet each comes under the authority of the whole.

The Church Council

1. Definition

A Court known as the Church Council provides spiritual oversight, leadership in mission, pastoral care, and governance of the Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church. The rights, privileges, responsibilities and duties of the Parish Council are as contained in chapter 7 of the Book of Order, Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. A copy of the Book of Order (BOO) can be viewed (or downloaded) from the [PCANZ website](#). guidelines should be read in conjunction with chapters 6 & 7 of the BOO.

2. Functions

Spiritual Leadership: encourage Christian commitment and devotion within the congregation by words and by example. The Church Council exercises rule in spiritual matters within the Congregation, and its duty is to lead in prayer and outreach and to promote Christian maturity. Church Council has responsibility to determine the suitability of those undertaking leadership roles within the church.

Pastoral Care: ensure effective pastoral care of all persons for whom the church is responsible.

Worship and Sacraments: fix times and places of public worship, arranges for the administration of the sacraments, giving approval of baptisms and when and where communion will be shared, and appoints special times for prayer or fasting.

Church Rolls: maintain the rolls of members and associates (to be updated annually at least 4 weeks before each Annual Meeting).

Oversight of Facility use: to determine, when necessary, the uses to which the church buildings may be put.

Church Records: see that all minutes and records required by the Church are kept, secured, and produced when requested.

Denominational Church Representation: To arrange for the appointment of members to the Southern Presbytery; Synod of Otago and Southland and General Assembly. To make nominations when called for by the regional and national courts of the PCANZ.

Church Representation: To form committees and workgroups to be responsible for particular aspects of church life. The Council establishes these groups, appoints the Chairperson, sets their terms of reference, and receives regular reports on their work. Committees have planning and defined executive functions within the policies approved by the Church Council, however the Church Council remains ultimately responsible for those aspects of church Life.

Congregational Meetings: encourage and promote, as far as may be possible and fruitful, meetings of the Congregation in order to foster the widest possible participation of the people in the life, concerns, and mission of the Church. As a minimum there shall be an Annual Meeting normally held between August and November. RCH COUNCIL, continue

Church Accountability: report to the Parish at an Annual Meeting and to consider recommendations from the congregation.

Church Discipline: determine matters of disagreement and discipline that affects the parish giving full consideration to the pastoral care to the individual(s), the wider parish, the laws of the land and Church, and to natural justice. This does not affect any individual(s) right to apply to a higher court of the Church.

Oversight of Election of elders: To arrange the procedure for the nomination & election of elders of the WCPC.

3. Members of The Church Council

The ministry of the church is exercised by the whole people of God, among whom both individuals and groups may be called to particular forms of witness and service.

The Church Council shall consist of:

The Minister(s) of the parish or Interim Moderator.

The Church Clerk

Congregational appointees (up to 3 per congregation)

- i. Duly elected, ordained and inducted elders. (60% or greater)
- ii. elected and inducted non elders. (40% or less)

Church Council appointees (maximum 3)

Associate members

A Minute Clerk (appointed by the Church Council)

Moderator: Church Council is normally chaired by the senior Minister. The Moderator cannot move or second a motion and has no deliberative or casting vote. When absent or in circumstances that in his or her opinion warrants such action, the Moderator may deputise another Minister of the Southern Presbytery, or a member of Church Council.

Church Clerk: Church Council must each year appoint one of its members to be parish clerk for a fixed period of not more than three years. This can be extended for further appointments up to a maximum of 9 years.

Term of Office: Each year, prior to the Annual meeting, each congregation may appoint up to three members to represent them on Church Council for the coming year. These appointments to be made at a meeting of the congregation. Individuals would normally serve for 3 years and not more than 6 years without a break. At least two of the three appointed should be an elder, variance from this may be allowed by Church Council as long as the overall council membership is at least 60% elders.

4. Meetings

- * Meetings: The Church Council shall meet monthly on the third Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise agreed. Meetings of Church Council are open to members of the church except where matters of a pastoral or confidential nature are being considered, or when deemed expedient to meet in private, in which case the meeting is open only to current Church Council members.
- * Practices: Church Council meeting shall be run using standard meeting guidelines and procedures. Decisions will normally be made by consensus, however any member can call for a vote, at any time.
- * Quorum: A quorum of the Church Council consists of one third of it's (voting) members, and the moderator.
- * Records: The Clerk is to keep a roll of its members and associates, take charge of its papers, books and documents. The Clerk shall keep official minutes of each meeting of the Church Council.

MINISTER PERSPECTIVE: REV. IAN M GUY

Welcome to the 2019 Annual meeting and to the Annual Report. I pray you receive this report and the annual meeting as an opportunity to celebrate and to give thanks to God who has blessed us richly through Jesus our Lord and by the presence of one another. I read these reports with delight for they reflect stories of grace, faith, mission, discipleship, and deep love. As you read give thanks for the individuals involved and for the way lives are changed for God's glory in and through the life of the Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church in all its diversity and richness.

We have continued to develop as congregations of many nationalities with New Zealand born becoming a minority in Frankton and the proportions changing across the Church. This does present some challenges and misunderstandings do occur, yet the enrichment of many cultures is life-giving and an aid in our worship, outreach, and mission both here in the Wakatipu and overseas. As I have said before we are a Church of the Nations for the Nations.

I have been encouraged by the numerical growth in Sunday worship that we have seen parts of the parish, however, this is a tenuous thing as we also see in the slight declines elsewhere, and everywhere attendance fluctuates wildly. We also need to remember that numbers alone don't say very much - there are deeper and more important factors. Are we growing in commitment and maturity? Do we see evidence of Christlikeness, mission-mindedness, prayerfulness and a hunger for God's Word?

Again, there are mixed messages yet the growth amongst small groups is part of the evidence of a desire to mature. Further evidence is seen in the well-attended Old and New Testament courses that Deborah has presented in the past 12 months and the ongoing Theology classes that Claudio directs amongst Global. The support of mission to Nepal and Vanuatu and many other mission causes, the backing of Let's Eat and Baskets of Blessing, the dedication to mainly music and ministry amongst children, the contribution in so many diverse ways to worship services, the prayer, discipleship and evangelism actively pursued by others, and the generous support of the life and ministry of the whole Church are all signs of servant hearts seeking to bring glory to God and to share God's love and to make known God's word. You, the people of the Church constantly encourage me in these matters.

Another sign is how we handle change and disappointment. Change is always upon us - the resignation of Joao Petreceli at the end of February has been a significant change. Yet it has also enabled the flourishing of ministry in fresh ways and I thank God for the leadership now offered by Clay Peterson, and look forward to his induction by the Southern Presbytery on the 20th October - I hope to see standing room only that night when as a Church we come together to set Clay apart for this holy calling.

Looking back, I thank God that the Joao and Tania with their family were led to Queenstown and that the then Church Council had the courage to do something new. Ps Joao proved to be the man for the moment and laid a firm foundation of ministry amongst Brazilians and other South Americans. Along the way his influence spilled over into the rest of the church and played a significant part in the growth of mission, discipleship and a deepening appreciation of the Word. It is good that through our ongoing mission in Nepal that we can continue to work together.

I take this opportunity to thank the Presbyterian Church of Brazil for helping Ps Joao serve here and for supporting Ps Cláudio César Gonçalves so that he and his family can minister amongst us and through to Nepal. We are also strengthened by the financial gift coming from friends at the First Baptist Church of Curitiba, Brazil, which has enabled Irajá Max Haas da Silva to stay and serve here. International support has made a huge contribution over the past 7 years - may we never take it for granted.

In recent months the vendor of the site on the 5 Mile that we were seeking to purchase cancelled the Sales and Purchase Agreement which had been in place since May 2016. Your Church Council and many within the church and supporters beyond the congregation have been devastated and confused by the loss of the opportunity to build. After seeking God for many years and the work and expense that was involved it has been hard to accept that for now the vision is shelved. I am particularly conscious of the efforts of many who worked tirelessly and sacrificially to get the project started and to the stage when we were feeling we were so close to being able to finalise the contract.

I wish to record my deep respect and appreciation for Geoff Maunsell, when he and Raewyn moved to Queenstown they had no idea what God was calling them to, but once Geoff heard God's call to work on this project he and Raewyn rearranged their lives totally as they believed they needed to invest in this area long-term. Geoff left no stone unturned to progress a new site for the Church, and in the process he and Raewyn gave us a huge gift.

I also record my appreciation for the many professionals, lawyers, planners, engineers, architects, roading experts and the like who offered so much, often freely or at reduced rates; and my appreciation for the many in the congregations who prayed and encouraged and gave financially. Thank you.

Could we have done more? Of course, there are always lessons to learn; but when it comes to the contractual matters and dealing with the objection to the Resource Consent that we had been granted I believe we did everything within our power to advance matters, but time did work against us, and in the end it ran out.

Today I do not believe the vision is lost - for God is faithful and God will provide what is needed so that God's ministry may flourish in these parts. But for now, we scratch our heads and pray 'what now Lord'.

Looking ahead we anticipate the appointment of a Children's Worker based in Arrowtown, and the promise of the ongoing deepening of ministry amongst children and families in the Wakatipu. It does not seem long ago when the idea of children and teen ministry was beyond imagination yet today on a Sunday we have up to 60 children spread across the congregations and a number of teens participating with the Combined Churches Youth groups hosted in our premises, and involving growing numbers of our people.

Amanda and I made the move to this church at the beginning of 2012, much has changed in that time, yet I sense we are only beginning. With faith, prayer, and courage I believe we will see continued growth and depth in ministry as we live in Christ, and grow as a Community of Faith, Hope, Love and Joy' seeking all the time to 'Grow God's kingdom ...'.

Servants of God thank you for the love, encouragement, and support offered to Amanda and myself; and to all in your ministry team. We deeply appreciate you. My special thanks to Graham Williams as he stands down from chairing the Property and Finance Group, to Shirley Watson who keeps us focused, to Meilita Manusama who quietly ploughs through a huge workload, to the Church Council and elders of the Church, to my fellow pastors, Carlton and Clay, and international

assistants Claudio and Irajā, and to my wife Amanda, without whose support and love I would be lost, and to God Almighty whose ministry and mission it is.

He hōnōre, he korōria ki te Atua
He maungārongo ki te whenua
He whakaaro pai ki ngā tāngata katoa
Hangā e te Atua he ngākau hou
Ki roto, ki tēnā, ki tēnā o mātou
Whakatōngia to wairua tapu
Hei awhina, hei tohutohu i a mātou
Hei ako hoki i ngā mahi mō tēnei rā
Amine

Honour and glory to God
Peace on Earth
Goodwill to all people.
Lord, develop a new heart
Inside all of us
Instil in us your holy spirit
Help us, guide us
In all the things we need to learn today
Amen

Ian Guy

MINISTER PERSPECTIVE: REV DR. CARLTON JOHNSTONE

THE CONGREGATION - ARROWTOWN

Kia ora koutou,

The experience of time is a curious thing. The speed at which we experience it - fast or slow, or somewhere in between - as well as the capacity to do things - “not enough time,” or “too busy, or the luxury of being “bored.” Although my kids would argue boredom is not a luxury. This year has felt faster than last year, even if statistically it is exactly the same in terms of minutes and hours. Maybe it is a felt response to more going on in church life and life in general.

The church community offers some delightful experiences of time. Birthdays particularly highlight this. Seeing children start school and transition into high school are significant moments. Getting to share in their faith formation as they learn that their story is part of God’s story is a joy. Having them participate in our prayers for others and regular practices of worship is enriching.

Celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries and highs and lows with adults deepens our appreciation that faith is a life long journey. Sharing our stories of God’s goodness, answers to prayer, challenges of faith, questions and observations and reflections of faith and scripture nurtures and encourages our faith. Faith in God is both individual and collective.

Our children’s ministry has grown this year and I have been humbled and grateful for the generous response for funding/giving for the role of a children’s worker. Filling this position will take our ministry with children and families from strength to strength.

Another highlight for me this year has been the development of our music worship team. It has enabled us to mix contemporary with tradition styles of worship. While it can be difficult to please everyone in this area, we are committed to being a church that embraces this kind of diversity as an expression of being the people of God together across generations, being intergenerational. This means supporting musical space that is not always our preference. I am very thankful for our musicians and worship leaders.

This year has seen us combine our mid-week communion service with the Anglicans and include a shared lunch reflecting our value of hospitality. Rev David and myself take turns leading this service.

There are reports from the various groups going on in the life of our church. Here I want to acknowledge the time and energy our volunteers and small group participants put into making these things happen: Mainly Music, youth group, study groups, Sunday services, those serving as elders and on our property groups also the pastoral care that take place across our church. Koia kei a koutou (You all are amazing!)

Life is always easier and better when surrounded by good people. I am blessed by this reality within the life of the Wakatipu Presbyterian Church. I am surrounded by prayerful, discerning elders, wise and experienced property leaders, a permission giving, risk-taking Church Council, a supportive and encouraging ministry team made up of people passionate about following Jesus, and a church community made up of people living God-shaped lives and growing as the people of God together.

Arohanui, **Carlton**

MINISTER PERSPECTIVE: REV CLAY PETERSON

Personally, this current year has been a time for an intense growth and ripening, as I had to face challenges like never before, getting out of my comfort zone. Yes, I have to admit that, despite the hardships of the music ministry, spending my time as an associate pastor in this church during the last five years was a delight and much easier than embracing the challenges of taking responsibility over the Global Community, the congregation I have now the privilege to lead as a Minister.

Since March of 2019 my routine was dramatically changed with the increased number of meetings, counseling, and uncountable hours on preparation for weekly sermons. I've been preaching sporadically most of my time on ministry, but now, like most of the ministers, I'm preaching every Sunday, with rare and occasional exceptions. I continue to serve the church with some music, but not as often as I used to. I'm so grateful with the growing number of talented musicians in our midst. I will always support the music in our ministry as one of the best expressions of our devotion before God.

One additional challenge was the process of becoming a Nationally Ordained Minister of the PCANZ. For a stranger like me, was frightening to think that, after a lot of paperwork and online interviews with psychologists, I would have to sit before a number of officials of the Church in Wellington for the final part of the long scrutiny. My life was deeply investigated, specially by the psychologist. In situations like that, there's always a possibility of being rejected, and it can be very disturbing. I had almost the same feeling, less than two years ago, during the long process towards the Resident Visa. I'm so grateful for the support and encouragement I have received from Ian Guy, who was my mentor, adviser and friend during this journey so far. Only weeks ago I was officially informed that I was accepted and have received the formal title of Reverend, something that I never imagined receiving after so many years in ministry. I humbly surrender this honour to the One who's worthy to receive all glory.

As the next step, after the approval from the Southern Presbytery, I'm now on the way of being inducted as a Minister of the Church with focus on the Wakatipu Global Community. What an overwhelming responsibility to be taken now before the eyes of the Presbytery who will lead this significant moment of the history of our Parish. For me it will be a great privilege to meet people from all congregations, friends from the community and ministers from all around who will be invited to join us in this celebration of the name of Jesus Christ, the one who said: **"...The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."** (Matthew 9:37,38). What a privilege to be a small part of this prayer's answer here in this beloved nation of New Zealand.

Blessings

Clay Peterson

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT: SHIRLEY WATSON (CHURCH CLERK)

Your Church Council has met monthly with willing representatives from all Churches . We have explored, discussed and made decisions about the life of the Church.

We began the year farewelling Joao and Tania Petreceli and appointing Clay Peterson as Minister for the Global Community and in August Clay was accepted as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Church Council agreed to support Ryan Feng in his application to join the National Ordained Ministry training programme through PCANZ. Eileen Toner and Lindsay Key have been appointed as our Presbytery Elders for the 2019/2020 years.

Each church continues to be well used every Sunday with greater numbers attending services. St Margaret's now has a Portacom located on the lawn which is used for the younger children in the Footsteps programme. Eight children's leaders attended the Safety WOF training day which covered Ethics, Legal responsibilities, Hazards and Incident reporting when dealing with children and while we have every confidence in our leaders this was a most important reminder of the gravity of the work we undertake.

It has been encouraging to have welcomed a number of new members into the Church this year. There were two baptisms and thirteen new members joined at a service at Global, four members joining at a service at St Margaret's and two new members at St John's. It is great that our church community is providing a sense of belonging for these people.

The Fair this year will be held on the 2nd November and we are grateful that Lindsay Key has taken on the leadership of the Fair committee for this year and we thank him for his commitment. We also thank Jackie and Joseph Hong for their continued leadership of Pasta Cafe. Pasta Cafe continued to be well supported although numbers attending were well down on previous years. Willing teams worked in the afternoons setting up and preparing food and further teams took over for the evening.

We continue to support two Church planters and the Apple of God's Eye (Girl's Home) in Nepal. In our autumn, Henrique, Claudio and Ian visited Nepal, each teaching a class and visiting other ministries. We also support Santo Bush Mission in Vanuatu and Carlton Johnstone and his family led another trip to Vanuatu during the winter school holidays, accompanied this time by Iraja Max who presented ukuleles to the children and taught the children how to play recorders and ukuleles. A special collection was taken for the ukuleles and this was very well supported.

Church Council has met regularly with the Five Mile committee and although the consent processes were being handled as quickly as was possible, the Sale and Purchase agreement was cancelled.

It is with regret the Council received the resignation of Graham Williams as Convenor of the Property &

Finance Committee. Graham has put in many hours and dedication to that role and we thank him sincerely for his commitment over the past few years.

Special thanks to Lita, our Church Secretary for the long hours she spends in the Office. Her willingness to help is much appreciated.

Thank you to all the members of the Church. Our church community works because of the things you do on a weekly, monthly and annual basis, many of which have no job title or recognition. The many ways in which you support and contribute to our church community make us who we are.

A big thank you to our Ministers, Ian, Carlton and Clay - they are all doing a great job as our growth of numbers testifies. We appreciate their leadership and vision for the church which is keeping us moving forward. Thank you also to their wives, Amanda, Sarah and Graziela, whose wisdom and support of our leaders, we could not do without.

“God.....will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them” Hebrews 6:10

Shirley Watson
Church Clerk

Church Council membership for the coming year:

Ministers:	Ian Guy (Moderator - non-voting) Carlton Johnstone Clay Peterson de Oliveira (to be inducted 20 th October)
Church Clerk:	Shirley Watson (18)
Council Appointee:	Kim Wilkinson (18)
Financial advisor:	Donald Bennett
Congregational reps:	
Arrowtown	Jayson Badenhop (19), Isabel Stanley (19)
Global	none appointed at this time
Manna	Alison Naylor (18), Ryan Feng (18)
Frankton	Janet Rutherford (17), Lindsay Key (18)

PASTORAL ASSOCIATES



Cláudio César Gonçalves is a missionary pastor sent by the Presbyterian Agency for Transcultural Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Brazil to assist at the Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church in Queenstown, and also to support the mission work in Nepal. He is here with his wife, Cassia and children João Pedro and Maria.

My main duties are:

- **Theology** - Preparing and teaching the weekly Theology Class at Wakatipu Global Community Church.
- **Worship Leading:** Assisting in preaching, in leading the sacraments, and in worship services at the Wakatipu Global Community Church and St Margaret's Presbyterian Church. My first sermons at St Margaret's Church were translated. By the grace of God, I have been preaching in English now.
- **Pastoral Care:** Sharing in the provision of pastoral care to South American Immigrants.
- **Discipleship:** Leading individuals to a deepening understanding of the Christian faith. Training new local Global Community preachers.
- **Mission:** Training leaders in the Nepal Presbyterian Church Planting project, supporting students and teachers during this period of training, and fundraising support for maintaining these new churches.

Ongoing Training: Studying to develop my skills in English and in Mission and Ministry.

I am grateful to God for being part of the Wakatipu team and walking together in God's work in New Zealand.

Irajá Max Haas da Silva is the newest member of the pastoral team of the Church. Irajá with his wife, Rosiane, along with their son, Lucas, and daughter, Luisa, have been members of the Global Congregation since June 2017.

He joined the pastoral team in February 2019 directly assisting Pastors Clay Peterson and Cláudio César Gonçalves in Global Congregation liturgy, pastoral care, weekly worship group rehearsals and music lessons for children and adults from our congregations of St Margarets, St Andrews and St Johns.

Due to his education and experience, Irajá Max is today one of the strongest musical contributors within our community, also acting directly in our missionary trips, such as:



Nepal 2018: As a result of this mission trip to Nepal, Irajá Max started weekly to meet two people to teach online:

1. A girl from “THE APPLE GOD’S EYES”, a social rescue project that cares for about 260 girls today. As a result of this training in 2020 the project will have its own teacher of theory and practice in Recorder.
2. The second person is one of the leaders of the “COMPASSION HOME” orphanage who has asked our Church for help because they understand that music is a powerful tool to warm the lives and hearts of their 25 children already so mistreated by negative experiences and circumstances of life. As a result of more than a year of work, the children are already involved musically in their local church's programming, as well as in congregations scattered throughout Kathmandu's interior.

Vanuatu 2019: In its third year Vanuatu Mission is a missionary journey that has grown every year and in 2019 could count on music lessons given by Irajá Max who taught 22 students and 3 teachers in the mission school located in the middle of the jungle.

The strategy of reaching out to local communities through music has been so well received by the local community that there is already an invitation for 2020 to serve 50 children from another school who have not yet had contact with any kind of musical instrument.

Locally : As a Church we understand that it is a blessing to serve our community, and as part of this work, Irajá Max teaches music on two major projects such as “CONCERT BAND”, which runs weekly at WAKATIPU HIGH SCHOOL and the newest Recorder class in KINGSVIEW School.

We give thanks to God for bringing Cláudio and Irajá to us and for their unique contributions to the life and ministry of the Wakatipu Church and we give thanks to those who enable them to be here from their homeland of Brazil.

THE CONGREGATIONS

Manna Café has again experienced another year of God's blessing and provision as we have met and shared together each Sunday morning. Each week we are blessed by good food faithfully prepared, good teaching faithfully presented, good fellowship faithfully shared. Peter, Ryan and Ian continue to prepare a variety of teaching themes, this year we have covered 1 Corinthians-Being a people of God, Easter, The Lord's Prayer, and presently looking at Streams of Worship. A variety of Teacher/Facilitators have ensured our teaching/learning time is always stimulating and challenging as we explore God's word together. We value the opportunity to share thoughts during a time of discussion.

We have a strong core of regular attenders who faithfully give of their time, skills and resources to ensure Manna Café functions well on a Sunday morning. Our music group has developed so they can share the load to lead our sung worship.

Several of our YWAM group have moved on-either returned home or moved elsewhere-we appreciate their vibrant faith and passion for mission. They often share about their outreach experiences.

Sadly, we farewelled Mary Anderson this year-she was a faithful supporter and contributor to Manna. Her family still attend when they are in town.

Our journey continues and we look forward to see what God has in store for us in the year ahead.

On behalf of the Manna team

Janetta Coulter

A New Beginning for Global, since last year, our global congregation is dealing with exciting and challenging things. A new season has begun with the announcement of the departure of Rev João Petreceli and his wife Tânia after many years of service in this Parish. The settlement board has made its job appointing our new minister, Clay Peterson de Oliveira, who was warmly accepted by the congregation in January, 2019. A smooth transition took place during the following months. Since March, 2019 Global is under the new leadership.

There is a feeling that it is a new beginning for Global, as some of the ministries of Global were interrupted for the development of new plans, procedures and strategies. Feijoada and Country Party are some initiatives that we had to give a break as we try to find a new approach in order to make these great projects more sustainable in the future.

We're glad that some of the most important ministries are doing very well. **Kids and Teenagers ministry** continue to be a highlight in our congregation with a good team of volunteers serving with love this new generation of leaders for the future of the church.

The **Theology Class** is also a great teaching initiative that continues as a blessing for the spiritual growth of our members. Ps Claudio is the teacher in charge of the weekly class.

Irajá Max is another teacher, in this case, providing **music lessons**. It is great to see new musicians already involved in our worship. We're so glad that now Max is now an Elder of Global, part of our pastoral team, with the support of the wider church.

It is also part of the vision for Global the provision of a personal relationship with people through **discipleship**, which is a way of teaching the basics of the Christian faith to those open to the Good News of Jesus Christ. We have a core team of beloved brothers and sisters deeply involved in this program of studies that focus on Evangelism and integration of new Christians.

Our **Sunday evening service** continues as our regular meeting for worship and preaching of the Word. After months of a long series on 1 Corinthians we are now on a new series on the Book of James. It is encouraging seeing the spiritual growth of our congregation in our contemporary kind of gathering.

Recently, our pastor Clay Peterson was received as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ). An induction service is now being planned. This is a great blessing for our Church that now has three ministers with national recognition.

TO GOD BE GLORY!

Clay Peterson

Arrowtown - refer to Carlton's report earlier

Frankton is served well by a variety of very capable and excellent preachers for which we are very thankful.

More people are staying for fellowship after the service which is encouraging to observe.

St Margaret's seems to have grown with more 'Footsteps' families. As a result of this a 'Portacom' portable classroom was purchased.

We have had preliminary discussions as to a possible 'ministry to children's staff worker and what that ministry might look like. This is an exciting possibility.

With the encouragement of our senior teaching elder and moderator, a Manager's group has been formed, setting our office bearers free from the mundane, day to day details.

Permission was given by QLDC to park on the grass reserve near our boundary, on Sundays, easing the congestion in the car park.

The elders' goals and values for the church have been reviewed, revised and confirmed.

Pastoral Lists have been revised and updated.

Quite a number of our members have needed pastoral care, reflecting the aging process that is common to us all. A significant number of members have died in the past 12 months. We miss them dearly and value our memories of them.

For those who were able to attend the national Presbyterian Affirm, which we hosted, it was an encouraging and positive time.

Lindsay Key

OUTREACH

Mainly music Queenstown

Music is a real gift God has given us and through mainly music we continue to have a way to connect with young families in our community. For several families it's something they look forward to each week. Our group has remained steady with 15-20 families each week, its quite special to see those families that have been with us for several years. I get huge pleasure from meeting up with older children at school who have attended mainly music.

Birthdays are always celebrated with a song and cupcake, and eagerly looked forward to by the children.

Our usual very dedicated team continues their loyal and hardworking support each week. We continue having fun with our sessions-Hats, summer, Colours, Rainbows, Boxes, Mother's and Father's days. Our Christmas and Easter sessions are always a time to share the truth of these seasons-through the sessions and with a gift. Christmas particularly has become a session that many look forward to and make sure they don't miss it.

We deeply miss our dear Mary Anderson who was such a faithful supporter of mainly music and rarely missed a session.

Again, it is a huge THANK YOU and deep appreciation to all my team members-home baked morning teas are a real hit with the mothers (and sometimes fathers!) And it would be impossible for the sessions to run without you. Also, everybody's prayer support is invaluable.

May God Bless you all as you bless others.

On behalf of a loyal, supportive team

Janetta Coulter

Arrowtown Mainly Music is continuing with two sessions a week. Our numbers being very variable in our Wed session, over the two winter terms . I have decided to do a survey of both sessions to see if there are any changes we can make that would help. We have been challenged over the winter terms this year as we had one of our lovely helpers fracture her pelvis and with normal winter holidays there have been less people at sessions. We hope and pray she will be back with us sometime in the future. We do need to recruit some new helpers on the team if we can and have asked in Church but may have to look further afield.

Last September we celebrated our 15th Birthday during the sessions. We had a Zoo Theme Day and had a special cake and BBQ. This went off very well. Then early in the year we also had a BBQ celebration for the community of previous Mother's and children and past helpers and leaders. Thanks to Jan and Pat who led the organization of this. This was well attended and was reported in The Loop magazine (Arrowtown)

We continue to visit Wakatipu Home on each holiday that we can make it and the Mum's and children love to come and participate here. It goes down well with the residents as well. This is always a free session.

We celebrated the usual holidays of Christmas, Easter, Mother's day and Father's day. We continue to hold Favourite's day most terms and will hold a theme day at end of this term featuring the Alphabet and Numbers. For the last year we have been giving our 5 year old's a Bible as they leave to go to school. This has been well received with many positive comments when I see them in the Community which is encouraging.

A big thank you to Amanda and all helpers for the hours of voluntary work they do each year to keep Mainly Music functioning smoothly. For those who have been sick we pray you will soon be back with us enjoying the Sessions.

Eileen Toner

Pasta Café

1. We served average of 200 meals per night this year.
2. Struggled due to having not enough volunteers/helpers during the first 4 weeks, but there were enough volunteers on the 5th and 6th week. When a volunteer promise to come for help but does not show up, it creates a lot of stress to those who showed up. As it is a volunteer work, we can't blame anyone.
3. We should not use the Gas-rings indoor but used them again, this year.
4. YWAM had helped with dishwashing for all 6 weeks, which was a great help.
5. As the key members are getting weaker, we do need to get younger members, but it is not easy.
6. If we do have Pasta Café 2020, I suggest we nominate a small group per section with a section leader. For example, we can get a group of people from St Andrew for taking care of dishwashing. Then the leader of the group will be responsible for handling the dishwashing area including the volunteers.
7. We can do the same with food serving, cooking, drinks, cleaning, and so on. One leader can't manage all the section. We need a reliable section leader per section.
8. Big thank you to all our helpers, our guests were blessed by your generosity.

Blessings---

Joseph & Jackie

The Remarkable School Readers

At the end of 2018, the parents of the school children put on a beautiful morning tea for all the volunteers who help at the school. We were all invited to the staff room for this feast and Nikki Langford, the teacher coordinator for the reading, and Debbie Dickson, the principal, thanked us for the help that we had given the children with their reading and their appreciation for all the good work we had done.

This year 2019 has been very successful with three groups of four helpers attending the school for an hour on a Tuesday, Wednesday and a Thursday.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our readers, you have done a wonderful job and made a lot of children happy. I would like to especially thank Shirley Watson for leading the Wednesday group and Neil and Hilary Jackson for leading the Thursday group. You have all done an amazing job and I do know it has been difficult sometimes to find four volunteers to help but thank you for sticking with this very rewarding job. We closed down the Thursday group for the third term as the children go skiing on a Thursday.

We all look forward to the fourth term with a full crew. Should anyone like to join this group as a casual please get in touch with me.

Rosslyn Munro Ph: 027 4340 581

Reading Volunteer Coordinator

The Fair

God was again very much evident in the 2018 Church Fair as Church and Community Volunteers worked together, beforehand, and on the day itself. It was a successful Community event, modelling the smaller size that was successful the year before.

Weather and infrastructure: The outcome and the success of this Fair continues still to be weather dependent and there is still a shortage of strong young volunteers. It was a struggle to get to enough volunteers to erect even one large marquee (in the pouring rain) two days before the Fair.

Positives: Reduced goods to landfill: The Salvation Army collected, some larger items, leftover clothes and bedding plus took the leftover books went to St. Josephs for their upcoming book Fair.

Use of Social Media: (before, during and after the Fair) Posting free items on social media reduced 1/3 of the material going to land fill. It was used to get people to donate items beforehand, recruit volunteers plus get people to come to the Fair.

YWAM support: The 18 YWAM recruits were again invaluable on the day. This year they had half come in the morning and they were able to help with Bouncy Castle and Parking. After lunch we had the other half comprising strong young people to help pack up the Fair and take down the hired marquees. A special thanks go to YWAM and the many helpers who pitched in with set up and breakdown.

Sponsorship: This year we put both QLDC and Southern Safety Services as sponsors on all our advertising. We also used Social Media to thank you all our major value donors. A thank you was posted

on Queenstown Trading which has over 32,000 members, plus 10 other local trading sites.

Silent Auction, cleared \$4,000 again. Thanks to wonderful support from businesses in the community.

GAMES/activities: The mini golf almost trebled it's takings this year and the reintroduction of the Bean Bag Toss (run by Tam , Basket of Blessings) was a real success. It appears the young Families that spent most of the day at the Fair, wanted games for the young kids. The face Panting was fantastic too.

Negatives:

1. The total numbers attending the Fair appears approx. 1/3 less than last year.
2. There was conflict with the Targa Race relocating to Queenstown (normally held in Glenorchy) at the same time as our Fair.
3. Same volunteers doing all the work each year.
4. is so Weather dependent.

Recommendations: That the church consider moving the fair to an indoor/outdoor venue that does not depend on tents and good weather outside, in order to accommodate this event.

God's blessing and thanks to all those who supported and helped run this year's Fair. The success of the Fair was again dependent on stalwart Church volunteers Lindsay Key, Raewyn Byars, Shirley Watson, Bruce Patton & Kim Wilkinson. Without their relentless support, it would not have been the success it was.

Blessings and hugs to you all,

Judy Williamson, BSW, MPH

2018 Fair Convenor

Global Mission

We are the Presbyterian Church of the Wakatipu, a Church of the Nations for the Nations. Our desire is to glorify God by serving people locally and abroad. Currently our international mission commitment is focused on **Nepal** and **Vanuatu**. The Church Council invites support of these missions by praying, by giving, and by going.

If you are giving to mission: thank you. If you are not then we encourage you to prayerfully consider what you can do. The truth is that every prayer and every dollar and every person that takes an interest does make a difference.

The joy in mission is seeing lives changed and in the process of serving we ourselves are served, and God is honoured.

Why Mission?

The answer is a simple response to the declaration of Jesus that empowered by the Holy Spirit we are to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 1:8).



In this task we remember the command of God to be a blessing to others, in particular the poor and disadvantaged. At the same time the command of Jesus to ‘go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, of the Son, of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you’ (Matthew 28:19-20), reminds us the greatest blessing anyone can receive is eternal life in Jesus.

The primary task of Wakatipu Global Mission is to partner with local churches and other groups and to offer support in the areas that they believe it is most valuable. At home we raise awareness, teach, and encourage every member of the congregation to be actively involved in mission both within and beyond New Zealand.

There are many mission opportunities and occasionally we will support a wide range of these but for now our efforts are focused on two nations: **Nepal and Vanuatu**. A good starting point for anyone drawn to pray and support these nations is to read up on their history and current situation.

Nepal



Simon

Here our main connection is with a local national church from the reformed tradition. They are currently developing a program of Church Planting and Evangelism across the nation and we have committed to the financial support of two of their Church Planters. In recent years annual visits by members of the ministry team and others have been made to offer teaching, friendship and encouragement.



Badri



In addition, we have links with the Apple of God’s Eyes and the Children of Nepal. **The Apple of God’s Eyes** is an organisation dedicated to the restoration of girls who have returned to Nepal after having been trafficked. They run homes for 200 girls, a school, and medical and dental clinics which are also available to the community. **The Children of Nepal** focuses on disadvantaged boys—providing a home, education and a future.

Funding for this is a mix of self-funding plus grants made from your specific giving, fund-raising (Feijoada) and the Ministers discretionary fund.

Vanuatu

The work here is in partnership with the Santo Bush Mission, a Christian organisation under the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu serving a number of villages on Espiritu Santo, the largest island of Vanuatu.

The Bush Mission involves visits to remote villages requiring at times 4-6 hours of walking. We are developing warm relationships with a number of these villages where we are able to encourage the Christian ministry, discipleship and ministry with the children and families. The Mission Farm teaches students carpentry,



farming and agricultural and horticultural skills among others, so there are plenty of opportunities to contribute. For the teachers the local school and pre-school are also grateful of short-term assistance.

The ministry of the Santo Bush Mission is wholistic—bringing good news to every aspect of the people. We offer support by visiting annually and by committing to cover the full cost of one teachers and a pastor. As with Nepal the funds for this come from your specific giving, self-funding, grants from fundraising and discretionary funds.

Joao and Tania Petreceli

Between January 2012 and March 2019 Ps Joao and Tania lived in Queenstown and worked with us in developing a local international congregation and mission to Nepal. Ps Joao resigned his position with us in early March 2019 to focus on ministry overseas. We continue in partnership and are committed to prayerful support of the missionary couple.

How to Give: At any time place your financial gift in an envelope, write clearly the purpose of your gift and add your name and contact information if you require a receipt, and add it to the offering. Any unspecified giving will be used to support the work in Nepal and Vanuatu.

If you prefer gifts can be made at any time by making a deposit to the Church bank account. Please include in the reference **Mission and the specific ministry you wish to support**. Also please send an email (wcpchurch@extra.co.nz) to the church office advising of your deposit and the reasons you are giving it.

The account details are: Bank: BNZ Account Name: Wakatipu Presbyterian Church
Account: 02-0948-0020110-000



It is said of organisations that the bigger they become the smaller they must also be. A contradiction only at first hearing for the truth is that as any organisation grows then the members of it have to work harder at building and maintaining healthy relationships. One way of doing this is by getting together in small groups; i.e. becoming smaller. Over the years in church this truth has been well attested. In the early church it seems that one pattern of living was to meet together in homes during the week, i.e. small groups then gathering as the worshipping community once per week.

We also know that our Triune God calls us to relate to one another deeply, honestly, and compassionately. Furthermore, as disciples of Jesus we are expected to commit ourselves to a life-long journey of discipleship in which we mature in the ways and the character of Jesus. Small groups that meet to pray, to study, to worship all have a part to play in this.

Below are a few reports of the groups currently operating within the Church, these reports give an insight into the life of the groups and I trust they will encourage others to get involved, either by starting a small group or joining one of the existing ones.

Korean Fellowship

Currently a small group of our Frankton Korean members have begun to meet together for fellowship and bible study. The group typically meets immediately after Sunday morning worship over a light lunch with bibles open.

The focus is Discipleship - growing in understanding, faith, and love as they encourage each other in the ways of Christ.

The group is lead by John and Yun email: rodmtreehouse@gmail.com

COME

Purpose : To bring people together for caring and sharing, praying together, supporting and encouraging one another, and growing in our faith in Jesus Christ.

COME is an Invitation for any who wish to Come. It is based on "Come when you can" so that no one needs to think, that they need to be regular in coming.

COME meets each Thursday 10:15am during the school term. It meets in my home, The CRIB @ Rapid 77 Hansen Road Frankton.

COME has been meeting for over a year, having started in June 2018.

Come fills our spiritual need of fellowship, where mutual respect is given and where we learn from each other through sharing, as we look at a given verse or passage of scripture, as well as in sharing the things on our hearts.

Members take part because there is an atmosphere of respect for one another and because what personal matters are discussed, STAY within the group.

Lynley Hansen 027 273 9845

The GROUP on WEDNESDAY

We haven't thought of a trendy name - to those involved it is simply The Group. We have been meeting for a few years now and in that time have seen many come and go and even return.

The Guy living room is full every Wednesday with early 20's to 30 year olds from several nationalities. We spend some time in sung worship then open God's word and explore a book of the Bible or a video series like Alpha or something similar. Other resources used have been: The Bible Project; Essentials (from the Presbyterian Church in Ireland); and Reframe (Regent College Vancouver)

Recently we also tackled some topics that group members asked for like Signs and Wonders, sexuality, abortion and others. We have a good time of sharing our struggles and joys and prayer request and most nights enjoy tasty snacks and treats together.

Highlights this year have been the depth of friendships, celebrating as some come to faith for the first time, supporting a group member in her marriage and many wonderful meals shared along with Christmas. Another joy has been to see how these members have opened their arms to new members so feel free to join us on Wednesday nights from 7.30 - 10pm.

Amanda and Ian Guy

Women in Touch

Women in Touch is a fellowship group for women from throughout the church. We are not a study group; our evenings are social and informal with a Christian emphasis. The group is the longest running in our church having begun as Young Wives in the 1980s, then becoming Evening Fellowship as members' children grew older, and now known as Women in Touch. Several women who attend have been part of the group for many years with Shirley Watson and Kerrie Sproull being inaugural members. We always start with a short Devotion and finish with a small delicious supper (each being prepared by a volunteer from the group). This group provides a place of friendships where busy women can relax in Christian company.

We aim to have a varied programme; this year we had Leigh Sonntag, physiotherapist, speaking about keeping ourselves fit, and Ryan Feng updating us on the work of Orphans Aid International; we had a fun international food night, and a book review evening. In March we listened to a podcast of the speeches from Parliament on International Women's Day.

Each year in December we visit the Bupa Home for the elderly and sing Christmas Carols, and for over 20 years we have been child sponsors with World Vision.

We have been pleased to have new ladies join us this year and would welcome any others who would also like to come to our meetings.

Women in Touch normally meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at St Margaret's lounge. Details are usually in the weekly Bulletin. If you wish to come along you can contact either Janet Rutherford (4423569- away until mid October), or Shirley Watson (0272297656). We would love to see you.

Jan Thomas.

Manna blokes

For the past 18 months Manna Blokes has been meeting either over breakfast or lunch. We do so because we enjoy each others company, we eat and laugh together, speak of our struggles, triumphs and hopes and pray for each other.

The group is open to any man from the church or beyond.

We meet at St Margaret's - currently at 12 noon - every 2nd week on a Thursday.

Contact me if you would like to know more:

Brent Mitchell 0212200238

Queenstown Hill

Our group's purpose is to encourage one another in our faith as we study God's word and enjoy fellowship together. We are a mix of singles and couples who meet at David and Ann McNeill's home at 7:00pm for about two and a half hours and warmly welcome new comers.

We have been meeting since April 2018 on a weekly seasonal basis for Spring and Autumn and hope to expand into Summer and Winter. Most weeks we spend our time in Bible study, sharing with one another life's ups and downs and praying for those in need and each other.

In the past year we have grown from our studies which looked at John's Gospel, the life of Jacob in Genesis, and encounters with Jesus in Luke's Gospel. We also watched a DVD series on the life of Paul and Peter. We have enjoyed several potluck dinners together during the year. Our small group has been a wonderful encouragement for each of our members as they have been open to sharing and as a result all have grown deeper in their relationship with Christ. Our group members come each week as they enjoy being refreshed in God's word with each member sharing their perspective and experiences, and enjoy Christian friendship together. Interested in joining us?

Contact David or Ann McNeill for more details (022 369 4961).

Arrowtown Women

Arrowtown women meets every 7:45 pm each Thursday night during term time at members' homes in Arrowtown to encourage each other in Jesus' name. We started meeting mid-2016 with four women and now have 8 women meeting regularly. Meeting weekly with a range of ages from our congregation has been very encouraging as we have delved more deeply into God's word, prayed and challenged by each other to walk more closely with Jesus. So far this year we have enjoyed a video series on spiritual practices, reading Philippians manuscript discovery style, and this term we engaging with an Animate DVD series on the bible. We've also appreciated tasty suppers and our weekly wine tasting as we chat!

As we look forward to the next year, we hope to have a women's retreat and make our group accessible to and supportive of the older members of our congregation.

St John's Men's Prayer Breakfast

Every Wednesday morning at 7:15am a handful of men gather to read scripture, pray together and eat a delicious breakfast. We encourage each other in our faith and everyday lives. It is a place where we also bring some of the concerns of the world and things on our heart and discuss them together and bring them to God in prayer. It is encouraging to see answers to prayer and hear stories of people participating in God's story. For me personally, this is a life-giving group that nurtures my faith and contributes to the building of community through practices of reading God's word and prayer.

Carlton

COMBINED YOUTH

Senior Youth: AKA four:twelve

Overview

The Senior youth, which meets at St Margaret's, has seen some changes with leadership this year with the loss of Michal as she moved to Wellington to begin training as a Salvation Army officer. Andrew Wilson as well as Kathryn Elizabeth joined Susan Moore and John Ditchburn to round out the leadership. It didn't take long to realise that together we complement each other incredibly well and that together we are able to support our young people in their exploration of faith and relationship with God. We fluctuate between 10 and 15 youth on a given Tuesday night with a strong number of regular attendances. The majority of youth are girls but in the coming months and beginning of next year we anticipate a growing number of boys as well as saying farewell to some of our long attending girls.



Easter Camp

This year we took 13 youth and 5 leaders (and two lovely kids) along to Easter camp in Christchurch. This is always a highlight of the year with bonds forming between youth and with God. There were clear times where God's Spirit was working in the lives of the youth; bringing healing, understanding, forgiveness and transformation.

Tuesday Night

Our nights generally consist of a while heap of shenanigans; shenanigans which focus towards a particular theme we are focusing on. So far this year we have looked at relationships and identity, looking at how God is our ultimate guide to who we are and how we are to relate to one another. Integrated into these nights we have introduced the ability for youth to lead in worship, prayer, testimony and the bringing of God's word. This has been a great opportunity for youth to step out in faith to use what God has gifted them with to edify the group as a whole. This has been a fruitful experience for some of the youth to practice their gifts.

Name Change

Earlier this year we looked at changing the name of the group to something more creative. We settled on four:twelve as it relates to 1 Timothy 4:12 - **“Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”**

Andrew Wilson - Salvation Army

Junior Youth

The Junior youth group is a combination of three churches; C3, Salvation Army and Presbyterian.

We meet on Friday nights at St Johns Church in Arrowtown with a format of games, teaching and finishing up with the all important supper! We are getting to know a great group of kids who regularly attend and have taken real ownership of the group.



A special thanks to Andrew Wilson (Salvation Army Pastor) who puts a lot of time into organising it.

We also like to thank YWAM who send along young people to encourage the kids and teach them about Jesus.

If you know of any year 7-10 (10-15 year olds) who would like to attend this group please contact Carlton Johnstone.

We appreciate your prayers for this ministry.

Kind regards,

Basil Paterson

FINANCIAL AND PROPERTY MATTERS

5 Mile Project

This report is prepared with a heavy heart, quite the opposite to the report last year for the proposed new church facility, indoor court and two sites for future manses on the 5 Mile location.

The Church and the Otago Foundation Trust Board (OFTB) first signed a Sales and Purchase agreement with the vendors on the 6th May 2016. At this time and during the pre-signing of the Contract the time frame was discussed. Consideration was given to the extent of the process in achieving the Resource Consent and the 224C required prior to the issue of a separate title. 'The contract provided a set time to satisfy the conditions of the contract [without any anticipation of an appeal] but with provisions for extensions of time at the discretion of the vendor. The contract was signed by the Otago Foundation Trust Board [OFTB] as Trustee for the Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church.

During this period the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC) were advertising and seeking submissions on a new Proposed District Plan (PDP) for 5 Mile land west of the SH6.

The Church engaged a planner and presented their own submissions. The Resource Consent RM107105 was granted, Jan 2018, following the decision of the Commissioners at a public hearing. Shortly after Alps Investments Ltd appealed the Church consent on the grounds of no access to their land on the SW boundary of where the proposed Church was to be built. This Appeal prevented any further progress toward obtaining a 224C and the Land Title while the Church was required to engage in mediation with Alps and the QLDC.

An alternative proposal was researched in May 2018 in the form of two boundary adjustments within the proposed purchase site. The Church surveyor advised that Title could be obtained within 4 months [without the need to complete the conditions on the 224C] with the release of the title and final settlement of the Contract / land purchase. The vendor was advised of this possibility which would have effectively concluded the Sale and Purchase in 2018 with the issue of Title at settlement. However, this suggestion was not taken up.

The Church was left with one option and that was to negotiate with the QLDC on roading, in particular in regards to the design and timing of the 4th leg off the Mitre10 roundabout, and a south-west leg that would provide access to the proposed Church site and beyond that to neighbours to the west. The Church preferred position for such a road was consistent with the design previously developed by the vendor and the then neighbours. However, the S&P Contract having been extended previously for a further 6 months was due to expire on the 30th June 2019, and the QLDC mediation negotiations with the landowners for the PDP was scheduled for the first week in July. The Church requested from the vendor a further extension to conclude the access detail from the 4th leg.

On Friday 28th June this request was denied and at the start of business on Monday 1st July 2019 the Contract was cancelled. That same week QLDC mediation talks commenced with landowners who went on to accept in principle the roading proposal that the QLDC presented for access off the roundabout and the western arm off the 4th leg.

The Church has been supported throughout this Contract by Bob Craigie Law of Arrowtown and the OFTB had engaged Anderson Lloyd in Dunedin to oversee it's legal position. Unfortunately, Anderson Lloyd also represent the vendor and advised the Church on the 1st July that no further discussion or action can be taken in respect of this Contract. The Church Council and congregation members who held the vision of a Church and Community Centre on this centrally located land are now left wondering 'What now God?'

21 ... *this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:*

22 *The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;*

23 *they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*

24 *"The Lord is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."*

25 *The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.*

26 *It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.*

[Lamentations 3:21-26]

Geoff Maunsell
Convenor - Property Development

Property and Finance Group

The Property and Finance Group's work is done more often by telephone or e-mail and meetings are only called when there is a substantial financial or property decision to be discussed.

The group includes Graham Williams, Convenor; Rev. Ian Guy, Senior Minister; Rev. Carlton Johnstone, Arrowtown Minister; Pastor Clay Peterson, Global Minister; Shirley Watson, Church Clerk, and representing St Margaret's; Bruce Patton, and Jim Fraser, representing St John's, and Kim Wilkinson representing St Andrew's.

Among the many tasks that the Group have considered during the year have been:

- Staff Salary reviews.
- Adjustments to the Church Property Insurance Schedule including substantial increases following the revaluation exercise carried out in 2018.
- Applications to Synod for funding assistance in connection with further assistance for the Arrowtown Church Plant. The final payment for this area was received in April 2019. There was also an application for electrical work to be done at the Arrowtown manse which will be uplifted later this year.
- Discussions regarding the appointment of a Children and Young persons' worker within the Church. These discussions are continuing.

- Ongoing work in connection with the building of a new Arrowtown manse.
- Reports to the Charities Commission.
- Oversight of Monthly and Annual Financial Figures.

In the past year we have been faced with ever increasing costs for our operation, many of which are beyond our control. Following the Christchurch and Kaikoura earthquakes our property insurance premiums have increased substantially, with an Annual Account now in excess of \$25,000. We insure through the PCANZ insurance consortium, and although this year a rate decrease was achieved in the basic cover, Natural Disaster premiums continue to show significant annual increases.

We re-tender electricity and phone costs regularly and have made some small savings.

At the same time we acknowledge that our freewill offerings have increased in the past year and we are exceedingly grateful to all congregations who continue to support the Church and our ministers.

The Group wishes to express thanks to those many people who do so much volunteer work for our congregation's in the course of a month and a year. To those of you involved in music, Sunday School and other teaching work, gardening, door duties, morning and afternoon tea's, elders and managers meetings, and the like, we wish to say, 'thank you', for all the time you give to us. To those who support our outreach ventures, Mainly Music, Pasta Cafe, Let's Eat, and our Overseas Mission Funds, again we say thank you.

Our new Church Secretary, Meilita Manusama has now been with us for over a year. Meilita works above and beyond the call of duty and to her we certainly say thank you.

Thank you also to the members of the Group who give so freely of their time, knowledge, and common sense.

Graham Williams

Convenor

For the Year Ended 30 June 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Operating Revenue		
Freewill Givings	320,334	313,746
Rentals	37,808	47,391
Donations	9,087	50,774
Global - Brazil	-	22,104
Synod Grant - Global	-	15,000
Mainly Music	7,039	(2,355)
Wedding/Funeral Receipts	12,500	13,482
Fair Income	22,520	20,756
Grants - QLDC Heritage Grant	-	3,795
Grants Synod - Arrowtown Church Plant and Portacom	38,000	-
Total Gross Surplus	447,288	484,693
Less Expenses		
Administration	39,454	51,397
Communications	5,572	6,512
Depreciation	64,295	72,301
Donations	4,682	3,412
Education	1,236	4,737
Event Expenses	14,568	1,985
Ministry Costs	289,491	328,186
Outreach	65,382	39,294
Property Expenses	85,326	69,378
Wider Work & Nat services	22,995	11,804
Total Expenses	593,001	589,006
Operating Deficit before Other Revenue	(145,713)	(104,313)
Other Revenue		
Interest Received	32,754	35,009
Global Church - Feijoada and Other Events	5,347	15,597
Outreach Donations	51,823	41,586
Sundry Income	7,470	10,685
Total Other Revenue	97,394	102,877
Net Deficit	(48,319)	(1,436)
Allocated pursuant to Deed of Trust as follows:		
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Transfer to Accumulated Funds	(48,319)	(1,436)
	(48,319)	(1,436)

Statement of Financial Position

As at 30 June 2019

	2019	2018
	\$	\$
Accumulated Funds		
Trust Capital	5,015,081	5,015,081
Retained Profits	14,974	63,293
Total Accumulated Funds	5,030,055	5,078,374
Represented by:		
Current Assets		
Cash at Bank	8,983	24,429
BNZ - Achiever Saver	847	658
Discretionary Bank Account - Ian Guy	921	-
Discretionary Bank Account - Carlton Johnstone	2,445	-
Presbyterian Investment Fund	953,220	1,020,480
Accounts Receivable	10,986	6,555
GST Receivable	4,259	6,587
Fixed Assets	137,503	156,791
Land and Buildings	4,324,814	4,350,579
Other Current Assets	323,836	297,466
Total Assets	5,767,814	5,863,545
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	9,489	20,211
Funds Received New Church	324,470	311,160
Advances - 5 Mile Project	400,000	450,000
Dr Alf Poole Trust	3,800	3,800
Total Liabilities	737,759	785,171
Net Assets	5,030,055	5,078,374



Generous Giving

A seed you sow, not a debt you owe

Throughout Scripture giving to God and to others is an underlying foundation of faithful God-honouring life.

Giving is a response to the grace that God extends to us. While we can never match the extent of God's giving, we should seek to respond to the grace God has given us through our actions and our attitudes.

Giving should never be a matter of guilt, rather we should give freely, joyfully, and generously. Giving is a seed you sow, an investment in the Kingdom of God, it is not a debt you owe.

As a local church, we aim to live in Christ, and to grow as a Community of Faith, Hope, Love, and Joy, all the while we seek to grow God's kingdom one life at a time.

We can all play our part in this by prayer and by the giving of our time and talents. But we can also impact the vision by giving money. When more is given, more is possible.

Our giving should be proportionate to our resources. The Old Testament teaches the principle of tithing and this is a good starting point for New Testament generosity. Tithing simply means giving at least 10% of our income to the kingdom of God.

Giving is:

- a response of gratitude
- a spiritual discipline that you have chosen to perform
- an expression of your love for God
- an expression of your love for others
- sacrificial

- an acknowledgement of God as the source of all you have
- a way of contributing to the life, mission, vision, and goals of the Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church (WCPC)

Tax Rebate

WCPC is a registered Charity, which means that you can receive a tax rebate from IRD. Contact the church office for a donation number so that we can give you a receipt at the end of each financial year.

How to give:

1. In the Sunday offering

2. Set up an online payment from your bank account, this can be a one-off or an Automatic Payment that repeats as often as you choose. Remember to add your Donation Number and the reason for your donation, i.e. 'weekly tithe'

3. By Leaving a Bequest

*Jesus said: "For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21*

A bequest can change many lives. You can make a real difference to the good work your Church by making a Will and choosing to leave a bequest which will be a lasting symbol of your generosity. Past bequests have and are contributing to the development of ministry amongst children and teens, maintaining and developing church facilities, ensuring new opportunities for ministry and mission are taken.

A bequest can make a difference, where it is needed most.

A bequest gives you the opportunity to give your assets to the people and causes you care about most, and to ensure that their works is resourced in years to come.

You can choose to support causes, programs, communities or institutions that align closely to your values or that you have a special connection with. In the past bequests have helped to further the good work of the Church's charity initiatives, community care services such as Anglicare Southern Queensland, Anglican Schools, St. John's Cathedral and rural or remote parishes. Your bequest is an opportunity to offer support where you choose.

Would you like to leave a bequest to further the good work of your Church?

The place to start is by talking with your legal advisor to ensure your wishes are met appropriately. You might also like to discuss this with one of the Minister's to understand how a bequest will make a meaningful difference in the future life of the Church.

Bank Account details: Bank: BNZ Account: 02-0948-0020110-000

Account Name: Wakatipu Presbyterian Church

2018 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of Annual Meeting of The Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church

Held as part of the worship service on Sunday 30 September 2018 at St John's Church

Present

86 members were in attendance. (Register of names filled with these minutes)

Apologies

The following apologies were recorded; Rachel Ross, Aisea Ma, Ofa Ma, Graeme and Robyn winter, Benna Thomson, Graziela Peterson, Jan Thomas, Kerrie Sproull, Joseph Hong, Jackie Lee, Gordon McIntyre, Dr Deborah Bower and Donald Bennet.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence and prayers of thanksgiving were given for those members who have passed away since the last Annual Meeting; **Doreen McKenzie, Trudi Cotton, Dorothy McCall, Bill McCall, and Wilma McDermid.**

Confirmation of 2017 Minutes

That the minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting be Confirmed.

Joao Petercelli/Shirley Watson Agreed

Matters Arising

None

General Business

A request from Rev. Ian Hyslop, Convenor of the Ministry Settlement Board for a congregational decision resulted in the following motion: 'It is moved that 'Full time standard terms of call' (if not a Nationally Ordained Minister), will apply to any minister called to lead the Wakatipu Global Community Following the resignation of Rev Joao Petreceli.'

Lindsay Key/ Bronwyn Hartley Agreed

Reports

That reports as printed in the Annual Report be received.

Raewyn Byars/ Amanda Guy

Agreed

Stories

Brief stories detailing various aspects of Church life were shared by: A Badenshop (Church at Play); Peter Willsman and Mike Stanley (Men's Group), Carlton Johnstone (Vanuatu Mission), Joao Petreceli (Nepal Mission), Carlton Johnstone and Amanda Guy (Mainly Music), Pat Henderson (Let's Eat), Ian Guy (Pasta Café)

Property and Finance

In the absence of the Financial Advisor Donald Bennett, Graham Williams, Convenor of the Property and Finance Group spoke to the accounts.

5 Mile Report

Geoff Maunsell spoke to his report and thanked Bob Nixon for his valuable input.

Prayer

Prayer for the meeting with QLDC on Tuesday re. 5 Mile, and for the church community.

Presentations

Retiring members of Church Council, Raewyn Byars, Pat Henderson and Bruce Patton were thanked for their years of service and presented with flowers by Shirley Watson, Incoming Church Clerk.

The meeting concluded with a shared commissioning to service and Holy Communion.