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Annual Report 2018

Our Mission Statement

We are called together as a community of faith,
resolving to be welcoming and caring
as we follow Jesus' commandment to love one another.

We witness to the movement of God's Holy Spirit in us
and through prayer, study, worship,
and by working for justice and peace.

We value diversity, joyously affirming that whatever
their ability, age, ethnicity, gender, language, race,
sexuality or status,
all are invited to participate fully in the life of this
congregation.

Notre Énoncé de Mission

Réunis et appelés en tant que communauté de foi,
nous nous engageons à être accueillants et attentionnés,
déterminés à suivre le commandement de Jésus
de nous aimer les uns les autres.

Nous témoignons du mouvement de L'Esprit Saint en
nous et à travers la prière, l'étude, le culte,
et nos efforts pour atteindre la justice et la paix.

Nous estimons la diversité, affirmant joyeusement que
peu importe l'âge, les capacités, l'ethnicité, la langue,
l'orientation sexuelle, la race, le sexe, ou le statut social,
tous sont invités à participer pleinement à la vie de cette
congrégation.

The Mount Royal United Church Annual Congregational Meeting is called for:

Sunday, March 31, 2019

after the regular 10:30 AM worship service

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**Mount Royal United Church – Financial Statements (Unaudited)
December 31, 2018 (Draft)**

Mount Royal United Church Annual Report 2018
Message from the Minister, The Rev. David Clinker – 2018

March 16, 2019

As I write this report, it is strange to think that it was one year ago today that Fedaa, the first of our sponsored friends, arrived from Syria. For me, it was a moment that exemplified the life and work of our congregation in 2018, and epitomizes so many of our values. As we embraced Fedaa, it was like greeting an old friend. Joy and relief, care and concern, faith and hope, hospitality, generosity, openness, and a desire to share life with new friends and old were so evident. This moment represented the ministry Mount Royal United Church strives to embody.

Of course the moment we greeted Fedaa was the culmination of the very specific work of our Joint Sponsorship Committee. I cannot thank that committee enough for all their hard work, organization and commitment to accompany Fedaa, as well as Fadia, Edwar, Homan, and Rita (who arrived on May 18). Their work has been inclusive, ecumenical (a joint team from Mount Royal United Church, St. Peter's Anglican Church, and the wider community), flexible in responding to emerging needs, meticulous in its attention to detail, and faithful to the guidance of God's Spirit. In the years of preparation, and in this year that has unfolded, they have been respectful of the needs of our new friends, and have diligently worked to prepare them for life after sponsorship.

This same care, concern, faith and hard work has been a feature of many other committees, groups and individuals who fulfil Mount Royal United Church's ministry. You will find it displayed in the life and activity of our Church School, Choir, and Mount Royal United Church Women's group. You will find it attended to in the work and support offered in our Student Ministers' Lay Support Committee, Pastoral Care Committee, Christian Education Committee, Worship Committee, Affirm Committee, Outreach and Mission Strategy Committee, Membership Committee – and in the work of the entire Church Council. Their work is detailed in the following reports.

I am particularly grateful for the gifts of our church officers and volunteers: to Brenda Pelton as Chair of Council, Margaret Heathcote as Clerk of Session; and Paul Stanfield, who Chairs our Board of Trustees, takes in hand the work of the Building and Grounds Committee, and ably represents us in our new Region which has replaced the United Church presbytery and Conference structures. This thanks is extended to all the members of our Council and its committees, and everyone who takes a part in offering worship and ministry in the name of Mount Royal United Church. Of course, this also includes Betty Miller and Bob Conyers, who tend to finances and treasury functions; Bev Levine who tends the front office, Michel Gauthier who offers a diverse ministry of music, Lauren Boivin who worked with our children; Cherill Balantac who looks after our building, and our Sunday Sexton Justin Evangelista. Thank you to you all.

This past year has seen many changes. The face of our congregation is changing. We now reach far beyond the borders of the Town of Mount Royal, and are becoming more multi-cultural and multi-lingual, with ever more diverse religious needs. Though we have not voyaged around the world we, like our new friends from Syria, are having to make a new life in a new reality. I thank you all for your openness and your courage to face this new phase of our life and ministry. May God give us grace to remain faithful to our calling and energetic in our ministry.

David Clinker

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Mount Royal United Church Special Events – 2018

Seoul for the Soul Olympics (February, 2018)

In the spirit of the Korean Winter Olympics, Lynn Hall was transformed into an airplane, a museum of Korean culture, an Olympic venue complete with its own Olympic torch and cauldron. Children and adults, piloted by Captain Frank, “flew” first class to Seoul, enjoyed Korean snacks and a very realistic jet engine! All shared a delicious Korean meal followed by some fun and challenging Olympics events. Thanks to the many volunteers, Johanne Schumann, Frank Panarello, Sam Panarello, Don and Hui-Cha Park Cho, Kyeyoung You, and Coleen Schroeder and Mario Caporicci for the incredible success of this event.

Annual Chinese New Year Dinner

A dozen people gathered to celebrate the Chinese New Year of the Dog at Kim Fung Restaurant in Chinatown. A great excuse to enjoy each other’s company over good food on a cold evening!

Rally Day

We kicked off the autumn season with a special Rally Day service featuring Tim Walsh, who also provided fun music after the service and thanks to the COCLA team for a delicious lunch.

Apple Picking

It was a beautiful autumn day in September for almost 30 people gathered at Vergers Jude-pommes to pick apples, pet some animals, and enjoy a picnic lunch and a tractor ride!

Halloween Dinner Dance

What a wonderful evening we had at the October 27 Halloween party with its delicious turkey dinner and dancing to great music from the Tim Walsh Trio.

Pop-up Lunches

Thanks to everyone who contributes to our spontaneous pop-up lunches that have been providing food and fellowship on random Sundays since 2016.

Please see other activities in the Mount Royal United Church Women's report, and the Christian Education, Sunday School and Youth report.

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Mount Royal United Church Council – 2018

Council Members: Elizabeth Boivin, Donald Buchan, Don Cho, The Rev. David Clinker, Bob Conyers, Heather Copeland, Laure de Langavant, Emsey Elkas, Cathy Farrell, Jessica Gauthier, Lex Green, Margaret Heathcote, Barbara Hindle, Neil Hindle, Gwen Kirton, Doug Morrissey, Brenda Pelton, Ann Price, Ann Stanfield, Paul Stanfield, Winnie Stewart, Tun Thwin, Ellen Morneau (as chair of Mount Royal United Church Women)

As you read the reports in these pages, you will be grateful (as I am) for the quality of council leadership at Mount Royal United Church.

Members come out to meetings rain, sleet or snow, and devote countless hours to the work of our church and our God. (It would be an interesting exercise to calculate the number of hours per week each person devotes to Mount Royal United Church).

Above and beyond the “regular” work here are few 2018 highlights:

- Welcomed into the Mount Royal United Church community this year was Raphaël Pérusse our student minister. Our lay support committee helps ensure that his objectives are met.
- We welcomed Cherill Balantac as we thanked Ricky King for his 30 + years as custodian and wished him well in his retirement.
- We welcomed our Lauren Boivin as Youth and Sunday school co-ordinator in the fall and wished her well as she resigned due to work commitments.

And the whole community rejoiced in welcoming our sponsored Syrian family, the fruition of momentous committee effort.

Also, we welcomed “Les Amis de la Danse” as Wednesday and Saturday tenants of the upper and lower halls, and Daisy Morrow Room.

And we were pleased to welcome back the Tim Walsh orchestra at Rally Sunday and at our Halloween Dinner Dance in October.

In our continuing efforts to be an inclusive, welcoming church, this year work has been done to improve the Audio-visual aspect of our sanctuary.

And our dream of an accessible bathroom seems possible with the approval of a federal grant to help fund the conversion of the Men’s washroom.

Well into the second year, Uni-Frais (provision of fresh fruit and vegetables to COCLA, MultiCaf and the NDG Food Depot) is making a significant difference in many lives.

We have much to be thankful for.

We are especially thankful for The Rev. David Clinker and his continuing guidance and direction in our lives.

Again, we pray for a productive, creative year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Pelton – Council Chair

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Mount Royal United Church Pastoral Care Committee – 2018

As modern families scatter to the winds, aging relatives are often left behind. To ease the concerns of far-flung loved ones, this may mean a senior’s move to a local care facility some distance from a familiar neighbourhood and long-time friends, some of whom might be facing health and mobility challenges of their own.

Guided by The Rev. David Clinker, the Pastoral Care Committee tries to ease these life-changes by keeping in contact with relocated Mount Royal United Church members as well as those who just can’t get out that much anymore. Our goal is to help ward off feelings of isolation, and let previously-involved parishioners know that they have not been forgotten by our caring congregation.

The committee stays in close touch with more than 50 less-active members of the Mount Royal United Church community through regular friendly visits, cheery telephone chats, drives to appointments, outings, errands, church services, and special events as well as thoughtful notes to let people know we think about them. Contact with others is maintained through holiday greetings and the personal delivery of poinsettias at Christmas and spring plants at Easter, along with hand-written notes and cards to encourage speedy recoveries or to mark birthdays, anniversaries, births, bereavements, and special occasions.

My great thanks for keeping up the connections all year long go to Suzie Batrie, Lorna Dougan, John Mackay and Joan Meyer and most of all, to the truly inspiring and totally awesome The Rev. David Clinker.

Ann Laughlin Stanfield
 Chair

Mount Royal United Church Statistical Summary – 2018

	January 1 to December 31, 2018	January 1 to December 31, 2017	January 1 to December 31, 2016	January 1 to December 31, 2015	January 1 to December 31, 2014
Total Households	177	193*	150	141	183
Baptisms / Dedications	1	2	3	4	6
Marriages	4	13	10	8	5
Burials	12	14	20	14	12

**** Difference reflects a change from households with identifiable givers to households under pastoral care.***

Please see the Baptisms, Weddings and In Memoriam pages at the end of Section One

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Mount Royal United Church Women – 2018

Membership has remained about the same as last year but we would like to invite more women to join us. We have had a good year celebrating our last meeting before summer with a pool party and luncheon in June and ending the year with a celebration of Christmas. All enjoyed the conversation with our student Raphaël Pérusse and the great goodies provided.

Activities:

Tea and Scones: We sold 79 tickets and served 75 people. Final total was \$990.40

Christmas Bazaar: Our bazaar is becoming more of a rummage sale as we no longer have a handicraft unit. But we successfully raised \$5,988.02. We served 60 people a lunch of Donald Buchan's delicious soup, a selection of cheeses, and for dessert cake, ice cream and Suzie Batrie's delectable caramel sauce. The women worked hard to present this event and many thanks go to the volunteers working at different tables for setup and the day of sale.

Books: This year we sold books following Sunday service raising \$115.10

Roof for the Roofless: Raised \$250.22. These monies go towards the repair of schools in Chennai, South India.

Sunday morning coffee: Following service each week Kyeyoung You prepares coffee and tea while members are invited to bring goodies. Hui-Cha Cho buys the provisions for the event. We are always looking for volunteers to help during this event.

We want to thank all who volunteered to help us with our activities. When we work together, there is nothing that we can't accomplish!

Mount Royal United Church Buildings and Grounds – 2018

Many thanks to Emsey Elkas, Ellen Morneau, Bob Tabah, Don Cho, Donald Buchan, Doug Morrissey, and our minister, The Rev. David Clinker, for the many hours spent making sure our buildings continue to be in good shape.

Total major repair expenditures for 2018 were over \$70,000, quite a jump from last year's \$14,000. Most of this was to fix up the manse (\$50,000) to catch up from the many years of just getting by. More water leakage, this time in the rumpus room, led to \$7,000 to repair the foundation. Repairs to our furnace added another \$4,000 and various other expenditures added another \$5,000.

As is mentioned elsewhere in the Annual Report, we will be modifying the men's cloakroom adjacent to the nursery to add a universally accessible washroom for Mount Royal United Church. Architects' fees in 2018 for building plans to get things started cost \$5,000. Since construction on this project is scheduled to start in the summer of 2019, I will report on this next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Stanfield, Chair

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Mount Royal United Church Christian Education and Sunday School and Youth Group – 2018

We welcome children of all ages to Nursery, Sunday School and youth group on Sunday mornings, as well as for special activities throughout the year. We especially welcomed some new young families in 2018. On Sunday mornings, children join with parents in the sanctuary for the start of the worship service, then are invited by Reverend David to the front steps for the Children's Focus before heading to their individual classes for Sunday School. It is a joy to see the many diverse young people in our congregation every week!

Our Nursery Attendant is Susannah Clinker who greets the youngest of our children warmly each Sunday morning before service begins.

Our Sunday School is broken into two groups: junior elementary for ages 5-8, and senior elementary for ages 9 to 11. Youth group is for those aged 12 to 17.

Our Leaders:

Nursery: Susannah Clinker

Junior Sunday School, January to June: Johanne Schumann, Coleen Schroeder Caporicci

Junior Sunday School, September to December: Cathy Farrell, Sue Clinker, Lauren Boivin

Senior Sunday School: Nathan Mills, Elizabeth Boivin

Youth Group: Mary Redpath, Leanne MacLachlan, Doug Morrissey, Lauren Boivin

Coordinator Sunday School, Youth and Young Adults (Jan-June): Leanne MacLachlan

Coordinator Sunday School, Youth and Young Adults (Sept-Dec): Lauren Boivin

Summer leaders: Esme Panarello, Nathan Mills, Lauren Boivin, Elizabeth Boivin

There were changes in the role of Coordinator Sunday School, Youth and Young Adults. In June, we said goodbye to Leanne MacLachlan. It was both a joyful and sad goodbye as Leanne left us to prepare for her role as a new mom for the first time! We thank Leanne for the dedicated leadership she provided since January 2015. Johanne and Coleen also decided to step down as teachers. We thank them for their leadership in Sunday School, Johanne since 2015 and Coleen since 2015.

In September, we welcomed Lauren Boivin as Coordinator. Lauren, a familiar face to most at Mount Royal United Church, grew up at Mount Royal United Church, had taught Sunday School and led Youth Group before heading out west for studies and work. We are blessed with both young women who accepted this vital role at Mount Royal United Church.

The Curriculum:

Children ages 5-11: From January through June, we used the Sparks curriculum. The more formal Sunday School classes ended in June which meant a more relaxed gathering time with several different leaders June, July and August for the children. From September onward, we used the Deep Blue curriculum with the theme "families" for the September 2018 to June 2019 year.

Youth ages 12+ met most Sundays to study topics from the Caffeine Curriculum and also gathered outside Sundays to socialize. Sunday morning discussions cover current social issues and conflicts that are explored within the context of their faith and beliefs. Youth attendance dropped in September as many young people had moved on to other activities, or to other cities.

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Highlights and Activities of 2018

February: Skating Party

It was a lovely day for the annual Sunday School skating party with 15 children and leaders participating. A few parents joined in the fun too. All returned to Lynn Hall for hot chocolate and treats after the morning workout.

February: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

The third annual pancake dinner was well attended with over 50 guests enjoying warm fellowship and a terrific meal of soup, pancakes, sausages and dessert. Many thanks to Mary Redpath, Sue Clinker, Donald Buchan and the Conyers family for making this event such a great success.

March: Young Adult Night

Four young adults of 18-25 year-olds gathered for pub-night when they shared a meal and stories about their week.

April: Youth Night

Three teens met at Café Ceramique to share a meal and paint their own ceramic creations.

April: Communion Workshop Saturday

Fourteen children, 4 parents and 2 Sunday School leaders gathered in Lynn Hall to learn about communion. It was an enriching experience led by The Rev. David Clinker about the “what” and “why” of communion. Together the participants made and baked the communion bread. The next day, the children also helped to prepare and serve communion to the congregation during worship service.

May: Youth and Young Adults 30-Hour Fast

Several young people continued the long-standing tradition at Mount Royal United Church to fast for 30-hours with the goal to raise awareness for ongoing hunger issues in our community. A total of \$325 was raised and donated to the local food missions that Mount Royal United Church supports.

May: Family Pizza and Bunko Night

Some 16 people joined for a fun night of pizza and Bunko. The \$5 entrance fee collected went to help fund the Sunday School fall curriculum. Gently used toys, clothes and other items were also collected and donated to Mini-prix.

June: Picnic Basket Silent Auction and Year End Picnic

The Youth Group raised funds for Mount Royal United Church’s children’s programs money by auctioning off picnic baskets for all congregants to bid on. Winners of the silent auction baskets were able to enjoy them in the park after church where children, youth and leaders gathered in Connaught Park to celebrate the end of the Sunday School year with a Funday-in-the-Park and picnic.

Summer 2018:

Weekly between 8 to 14 children attended the more relaxed summer program. We had 3 paid leaders to replace Leanne who left on maternity leave in early June: Esme Panarello, Nathan Mills and Lauren Boivin

September: Rally Sunday

Special thanks to Winnie Stewart for engaging Tim Walsh who provided fun music to kick off Rally Sunday, and to Julio, Jessica and their COCLA team for providing a delicious lunch after service.

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November to December:

Christmas Pageant rehearsals began mid-November. “A Journey to Bethlehem” pageant retold the birth of Jesus complete with Isaiah the Prophet, Mary, Joseph, Angel Gabriel, angels, shepherds, star and stars of Bethlehem, and even the loyal donkey. The musical talents contributed by the children made the pageant very special:

Piano Solo: “Cups” by Kartika Sinaga

Piano Duet: “Christmas Blessings” by Sieun and Gaeun Kim

Piano and Ukulele Duet: “Il est né le Divin Enfant” by Cinew Kim and Yehee

Ocarina Solo: “SILENT NIGHT” by Carol Yuan

Piano Solo: “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” by John Carbert

Piano Solo: "Prelude in C Major" (J.S. Bach) by Yaena Nam

Solo Vocals: “An Angel Came from Heaven” by Yaena Nam and Yehee Kim

Sunday School Children: “Little Donkey Song” and “An Angel Came from Heaven”

Christmas Carolling: Some 30 people braved the ice storm on a Friday night for an evening of carolling at Le Graham and at the Miller residence. The singing continued back in Lynn Hall where we gathered for a hot chilli supper, hot chocolate, Christmas goodies and warm fellowship. What a wonderfully warm feeling for all on a wet, icy evening!

Santa’s Breakfast: A record number of guests (38 children and 82 adults / youth) were served a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausages, bagels and accoutrements.

This event has been breaking record after record each year in the total funds raised for Elizabeth House, a private rehabilitation centre that offers support services to young mothers and mothers-to-be who are experiencing difficulties adjusting to their parenting role. A record total of \$1,139 was donated to Elizabeth House this year.

Finally, thank you to all the Sunday School leaders who continue faithfully to spend countless hours preparing for and teaching our children. Your leadership and dedication reflect God’s love to our children and youth. Thank you to The Rev. David Clinker for his continued guidance and support. And to the parents who bring their children who liven Mount Royal United Church each Sunday so joyously as they gather to learn and celebrate God’s enduring love in our world.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Boivin, Chair

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Mount Royal United Church Affirm Committee – 2018

Members: Heather Copeland, Gillian Davies, Jessica Gauthier, Margaret Heathcote, Genie Morrissey, Ann Price

After a busy couple of years, this past one has been relatively quiet as far as speakers and meetings are concerned.

A great deal of work has been carried out behind the scenes, however, on a project recommended by our committee. At the outset, we had indeed talked about being welcoming not only to LGBTQ friends but to others unable to attend our services for various reasons. One of the hurdles has long been the fact that we had no handicap accessible washroom.

Genie Morrissey from our committee has been extremely busy with Paul Stanfield, Bob Tabah and others in applying for a grant from the Federal government to enable us to carry out such work. Our application which was submitted last summer has now been approved and the work on this washroom should begin this Spring. We are grateful for the work of this committee for removing yet another hurdle preventing people from attending Mount Royal United Church.

The Affirm Committee's plans certainly did not end with our wonderful Affirming Service last year. We do have ideas for more guest speakers and discussions in the coming year. What we need now, above all, is to have some new members, including some younger people. Do please let us know if you would be willing to join us and / or if you have ideas for our ongoing work.

Respectfully submitted,

Gillian Davies, Genie Morrissey

A Word From the Music Director – 2018

It is difficult to imagine worship at Mount Royal United Church without its music program!

Every Sunday throughout the year our dedicated Choir performs in a wide variety of styles, in English and in French, as well as, occasionally, Spanish or Latin.

In all seasons the congregation can enjoy our fine and well-maintained Casavant organ and our Kawai grand piano, as they are played in such a way as to inspire and elevate the spirit.

This year again we will remember in particular the special music featured on Easter and Christmas choral presentations, as well as on Good Friday and Christmas Eve.

A very special thank you to our gifted and generous soloists / section leaders.

Michel Gauthier
Organist and Choir Director

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Mount Royal United Church Worship Committee – 2018

Our church has enjoyed quite an eventful year in 2018.

At the start of the year in January, members from our church participated in the Ecumenical Service that culminates the Week of Prayer For Christian Unity Service, that is overseen by the Côte-des-Neiges Council of Churches, which includes our own Emsey Elkas.

In February we had our Love themed Jazz service with the musical addition of Leo Guiollot and his Vibraphone, and our Black History Month guest speaker was Pat Dillon-Moore of the NFB of Canada, who was well received by the congregation.

During the month of March, the first of our sponsored Syrian refugee family arrived in Montreal, and the choir presented several pieces of music from Handel's Messiah Choruses, ending the Lenten season and celebrating Easter with more musical pieces, ending with the Hallelujah Chorus.

Our Sunday School children learned about the preparation of the table for Communion with the actual participation of assisting and serving. April was also the end of Cindy Casey's time with us as Student Minister.

The rest of our sponsored family arrived in Montreal in the month of May; the Youth Group once again had a successful 30 hour famine weekend; Leanne Luchinski, the Sunday School Youth Minister, left us in preparation for welcoming her first child; and our esteemed Minister David Clinker, enjoyed a well deserved sabbatical over the summer months.

During this time, we once again welcomed guest Preachers / Worship Leaders from Union United Church, Dr. Alwin Spence, Lorane McKenzie, Tessa Griffin, and also The Rev. Marie-Claude Manga. Members of our own congregation, Elizabeth Boivin, Margaret Heathcote, and Jessica Gauthier, led the service on one Sunday in July, and choir member Simon Riendeau filled in for music as well. Our sincerest thanks to them all.

September ushered in Rally Day with guest musician Tim Walsh, the introduction of a new student minister, Raphaël Pérusse, and we also celebrated the retirement of Ricky King our church's longstanding caretaker. We thank him for his many years of excellent service. We were also blessed with a second Jazz Service in November with the Theme of Peace.

December was quite busy with Community Caroling, the children's Christmas Pageant, Popup Lunch, Blue Christmas Service, Santa's Breakfast, Choral Presentation, and Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

And, Thank You, to all who throughout the year, are always there to lend a helping hand in whatever capacity, contributing to the care of our church and church family. A Happy and Blessed New Year to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretel John
Chair of Worship Committee

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Mount Royal United Church Outreach – 2018

The committee consists of: Don Cho, Gillian Davis, Emsey Elkas, Bill Grier, Ann Price, and Tun Thwin.

This year Outreach supported the following activities:

EMPTY BOWLS

In conjunction with the Pottery Workshop of Town of Mount Royal, \$4,505 was raised to support food banks in our area. The funds were divided equally between Multi Caf and COCLA.

SUMMER DAY CAMPS

\$6,000.00 was collected. \$5,000.00 went to the Côte-des-Neiges Council of Churches which supports four camps: 1) Camp Soleil on Côte-des-Neiges Road and Plamondon Avenue; 2) Saint Paul's Anglican Church Camp on Saint Catherine Road; 3) Camp Communautaire Notre-Dame-des-Neiges on Côte-des-Neiges Road; 4) Camp Communautaire Mountain Sights on Mountain Sights Road near Paré Street. In addition to these, the summer day camps of Montreal City Mission and Saint Columba House, received \$500.00 each.

WHITE GIFTS

Contributions permitted the donation of \$3,529. COCLA received \$1,250; \$750.00 went to Multi-Caf; \$500.00 each to Saint Columba House and Montreal City Mission; and \$529 went to Saint Paul's Anglican Church.

Mount Royal United Church is a very generous congregation. The donations distributed through the Outreach Committee are only a portion of what has been done to support the congregation, the neighbourhood, the city, province, country, and the world! Money given to Mission Support, and money raised by so many other church committees have been donated to charities that appeal to them. The Mission Strategy Committee, and the Refugee Sponsorship Group are two more examples of Mount Royal United Church's giving to the needy. Thank you for all these activities that touch the lives of so many. In these difficult times, needs are continuing to increase. Please continue to support the lives of all who appeal to us for aid and sincerely appreciate the assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Price
Chair of Outreach

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Mount Royal United Church Mission Strategy Committee – 2018

Committee Members: The Rev. David Clinker, Heather Copeland, Gillian Davies, Lex Green, Margaret Heathcote, Brenda Pelton, Ann Price, Ingrid Thompson, Tun Thwin, Robin Willard

2018 marks the committee’s ninth year.

Our hard-working members have met five times this year. Additionally, we visited MultiCaf in June, and The NDG Food Depot in October.

From the “Mission” funds generated by the sale of the Rosedale-Queen Mary United Church building, we have sent \$1,200 weekly to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to COCLA, the NDG Food Bank and MultiCaf for two years now, with a commitment of one more year. The Food banks have submitted quarterly financial reports to ensure accountability. And ties are strengthened with a committee member “liaison” regularly visiting each of the Food Banks.

Our visit to MultiCaf included an insightful overview with the general manager, a tour of facility including the kitchen and food storage area with the chef.

At the NDG Food Depot we also had an overview of the organization and we saw first-hand the clients enjoying an evening meal and choosing the fresh fruits and vegetables.

These visits demonstrated powerfully the needs of our neighbours, the skilled staff and volunteers who respond to these needs and the benefits accrued to the community.



In attempts to share our belief in the importance of our Uni-Frais program, we invited Jean Sebastien Patrice, the director of MultiCaf to speak at a June service. He graciously agreed to be available to respond to questions following the service.

As well, Lex Green was a “Minute for Mission” speaker during the Sunday service on October 12th – World Food Sunday.

The bulletins have been replete with testimonials and photos, as have our Facebook page and our website.

One striking example of a creative response to community needs this summer was the “The Mobile Social Market” initiative by MuliCaf.

Fresh fruit and vegetables were transported for sale at minimal cost to targeted populations in various Côte-des-Neiges areas. The response was



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overwhelming. The Mission Support Committee supported this initiative with \$5,000.

Hunger in some summer camp children was identified as a debilitating issue by the NDG Food Depot. The committee committed \$3,400 for fresh fruit for their Summer Camps Kids Snack Program. This support allowed fresh food for one subsidized camp where many children arrive with little or no food.

The Mission Strategy funds continue to support Women on the Rise, a former Rosedale-Queen Mary United Church tenant, with the final of a three year commitment grant of \$15,000.

2019 will be our year of evaluation of our support of the above programs, and of planning for the future.

Kudos to the generous committee members who honour the mandate of the committee with each discussion, action, and prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Pelton

Mount Royal United Church Lay Committee for In-Ministry student Raphaël Pérusse – 2018

For the past several years, Mount Royal United Church has accepted to host United Theological College students from the Montreal School of Theology during their final year of study in the M. Div. Program.

In September 2018, **Raphaël Pérusse** came to Mount Royal United Church to complete his supervised pastoral training with Reverend David Clinker and his ministry field placement at Mount Royal United Church. The Rev. David Clinker recruited several people to sit on the Lay Support Committee for Raphaël Pérusse: Elizabeth Boivin, Ann Laughlin, Ann Price, Gillian Davies, Tun Thwin, Prosper Bitchoka, and Alison Laurin. Many of the members on this committee have been with Mount Royal United Church for many years and can provide invaluable insight into the history of our church, our denominational identity, our outreach work in the community and our numerous Church activities. Alison Laurin coordinates the work of the Lay Committee, and is seconded by Elizabeth Boivin.

After an initial In-Ministry Student Meeting with Alyson Huntly, Director of Pastoral Studies, United Theological College (via ZOOM), the Lay Committee has met with Raphaël at least four times per semester to review Learning Goals, provide feedback on his six sermons, provide support for his initiatives with his different learning goals, and to help him integrate more easily into the Mount Royal United Church congregation. Raphaël had developed four specific Learning goals which he works on regularly with input from members of the Lay Committee, The Rev. David Clinker, and other members of the congregation.

A mid-term evaluation was completed in early December, and a detailed Final Evaluation will be completed for April 14, 2019. Raphaël has been very active in different aspects of the congregation, leading a Book Study on **The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism** by Timothy Keller. Six sessions each with preparatory questions, short meditations or *Lectio Divina* have been held with lively discussions between January and mid-April. He has also participated in a History Throwback session to discuss Mount Royal United Church roots, numerous sessions of the Children's Focus and Christmas Pageant, communion service and other special celebrations, both co-leading and / or writing the liturgy.

The Lay Committee has very much enjoyed working closely with Raphaël during his field placement and wish him the best of success with his upcoming two year internship.

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COCLA'S REPORT 2018

Submitted to:

Mount-Royal United Church
1800 Graham, Mount-Royal(Qc)
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Amount received for Project Uni-Frais:	\$15,600
Amount received for White Gift :	\$ 1,250
Amount received for Empty Bowls:	\$ 2,252.50
Amount received for Director's Salary:	\$ 22,000 (MRUC)
Total amount received: \$41, 102.50	

REALIZATION SCHEDULE:

- Management of the Director's salary : Beginning 01-01-2018: **Official ending of project: 31-03-2019**
- Project Uni-Frais: Beginning 01-01-2018 : **Official ending of project: 31-03-2019**
- Project target of beneficiaries per week (Uni-Frais): 560 families directly (average 4 members per family) **Targeted participants: 2240 beneficiaries indirectly**

of Beneficiaries (direct) who have access to our food service: 560 beneficiaries per week that come to COCLA

of Beneficiaries (indirect) who share the food at home: 2240 beneficiaries per week

Our beneficiaries come from the borough of Saint-Laurent, Côte des Neiges, Bordeaux-Cartierville, Park Extension, Villeray, among others.

COCLA has expanded its network to improve the quality of its products by receiving food donations from: IGA, la Tablée Des Chefs, Rachelle Béry, Première Moisson, among others.

COCLA has also become a platform for employment in Saint-Laurent and a reference organization in social economy to counter poverty and social exclusion of seniors and families.

COCLA launched an employability project to continue our mission with FOGO, Harvest Grocery Store, Dorée Prestige and Café Bistro. This project gave participants the opportunity to become familiar with the food industry, nutritional values and to gain work experience. The # of participants that participated in this



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project (Community Program) was 25 participants for the period of January 1st 2018 to December 31 2018.

RESULTS: Qualitative

- MRUC'S Mission has contributed to the quality of life
- MRUC'S financial support has contributed directly and indirectly in the social and economic developments
- Participation of the director indirectly to the comfort of the spiritual part
- Give empowerment to the participants
- The participants of the project are more sensitive with food waste

RESULTS: Quantitative

- Due to MRUC'S financial help, 2240 beneficiaries (indirectly) per week have access to fresh fruits and vegetables and 560 families beneficiaries per week (directly) have access to our food service
- More than 160 children got access to fresh fruits and vegetables

INCONVENIENTS:

- COCLA had a hard time paying for its general director's salary from January 1st 2018 to December 31st 2018 (a check of **\$16,000** was sent to MRUC and there is a balance of **\$10,487.68** left to pay).

- 2018 has been a difficult period for COCLA because of:

- a) Our funding was cut from the borough of Saint-Laurent
- b) \$40,000 was blocked for FOGO from PME Montreal because of the borough of Saint-Laurent
- c) The electric generator in both of our cold rooms broke twice
- d) Our truck chassis broke
- e) Several projects that COCLA deposited were refused
- f) Lack of staff and other expenses

HIGHLIGHTS

- The director of COCLA has become officially the president of the Saint-Laurent Citizen Committee Meeting Table (Table de Concertation Comité Citoyen de Saint-Laurent- CCSL 2019-2022)
- More strategic partners for COCLA, such as IGA, Première Moisson, among others
- Project deposit at CENTRAIDE
- PSOC recognition for COCLA'S basic mission

CONCLUSION


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In conclusion, for the year 2019, COCLA will devote all its energy to consolidate its financial axis, consolidate strategic partnership and consolidate existing projects to create more income, always oriented in its social mission, and converting each member into a Samaritan so that they become a guarantor of COCLA.

Thank you to Reverend David Clinker, the trustees of MRUC, the members of the Mission Strategy Committee and the members of MRUC for your support and for always believing in our mission. Your contributions of the White Gift and Empty Bowls have allowed us to help the most vulnerable families by providing them with food throughout the year and at Christmas, thus making a big difference with their health. Also, your contribution for the Uni Frais project is greatly appreciated because we were able to buy fresh fruits and vegetables and distribute them to 560 families directly per week, without including the clients that are referred to our organization by our other partners.



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Mount Royal United Church Ministry and Personnel – 2018

The Ministry and Personnel Committee provides a confidential setting for consultation with and support and assessment of ministerial, administrative and facilities staff. Its mandate is to:

- provide consultation and support for staff members
- review working conditions and salary levels of staff members
- oversee the relationship of these staff to members of the pastoral charge and others
- oversee the relationship between responsibilities and relationships of these staff members
- support and oversee the relationships between these staff members
- consult with these staff members about their continuing education
- review performance of these staff members annually.

During the 2018 calendar year, the committee reviewed performance matters of staff, discussed individual job challenges and requirements and recommended salary adjustments where appropriate. In addition, we held discussions with The Rev. David Clinker on such matters as approving his proposed education program for the year as well as operational and congregational matters.

We also bid adieu to Ricky King this past year and congratulated him on his retirement after many years of loyal service at Mount Royal United Church. Cherill Balantac was hired to replace Ricky King as caretaker.

We have an excellent committee, and I wish to thank the other members of the committee, Mary Johnson and Ellen Morneau, for their help and support of this very important function within our congregation.

We would also like to thank our staff members for their hard work and dedication to our congregation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Hindle
Chair

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Mount Royal United Church Membership Development – 2018

What Mount Royal United Church is proud of, with its many activities is shown in the current “Welcome ! Bienvenue !” flyer with a display of a dozen memorable photos. Can you imagine the happy joyful times of these events? As always, we try to encourage our members and friends to get more involved and to participate. Do you think that this flyer depicts the life of our church?

Along with the flyer a “Newcomers’ Welcome Form” was introduced to obtain updated directory information, as well as special requests and other interests, that could be helpful in improving and attracting more worshippers. Presently about 40% of our members have completed the form; those that haven’t can get it from the church office.

The historical roll has been reviewed and will be updated soon. This is a complete record of the names of all people who have been confirmed members of this local congregation and those that amalgamated with it. All other members and associates are recorded in the church directory.

Should you have any inquiries or any ideas, please contact Don Cho.

The M-Team: Donald Cho, Hui-Cha Paek Cho, Johanne Schumann Panarello, Mario Caporicci, and
Mount Royal United Church Staff: The Rev. David Clinker, Beverly Levine, Betty Miller

Donald Cho

Mount Royal United Church Discernment Committee – 2018

Committee members Reverend Read Sherman (Presbytery Representative), Margaret Heathcote, Doug Morrissey, Brenda Pelton and Joan Reid have met regularly with inquirer **Jessica Gauthier** as she responds to her call to ministry.

The committee report and the recommendation for ordained ministry for Jessica was unanimously approved by the Mount Royal United Church council.

It was then submitted to the Presbytery. The process of discernment has changed with the restructuring in the United Church. So we now wait for the next steps and continue to wish God’s blessing for Jessica.

Respectfully submitted

Brenda Pelton

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Mount Royal United Church Refugee Sponsorship Committee – 2018



Accueillent ensemble une famille de
réfugiés
Jointly Sponsor a Refugee Family

Merci d'avance pour votre aide !
Thanks in advance for your help!

February 11, 2019

Privately Sponsored Refugees (PSR) Progress report Donald Cho

Your joint sponsorship team continues its undertaking of settling and financially supporting, guiding and encouraging a family of five for one year.

Edwar Maya and Fadia Mahmoud are the parents with son Homan (13 yrs) and daughter Rita (10 yrs). Fedaa Mahmoud is the sister of the mother. Their family contact in Montreal is Georgette Arbash, a cousin.

The joint sponsorship idea started in September 2015, the family was accepted by us in May 2016, IRCC interview began in September 2017, arrival of family in March / May 2017.

Fedaa arrived on March 16, 2017. It has been 10 months for her in Quebec, Canada. Edwar, Fadia, Homam, Rita arrived on May 18, 2017; it has been eight months in Quebec.

For the family, time has passed on so quickly; life is busy. Overall the family has integrated comfortably into the Ahuntsic - Cartierville area nearby amenities and services. Since their arrival, they have been enrolled in francization courses, for at least three sessions.

The family has attended several activities held at St. Peter's and those at Mount Royal United Church, as well as in community activities. They have a strong desire to participate in activities that Canadians and Quebecers would normally do. They like our winter and enjoy going out for walks. They are adapting well to the bus and subway system, and are venturing out to different areas within and outside of Montreal. Fedaa has her international driver's permit and has purchased an old car and gets around by car. Wonder what she thinks about Quebec drivers and their driving reputation? They have a family doctor, and have had some medical issues addressed.

Many a times Fadia and Edwar have invited committee members to their home for dinner and a chat. It is a wonderful way to help and talk to each other. Language wise, Fadia communicates in English and French and Edwar communicates in English, more in French and gets help from Fadia, from Arabic to English. As well, their son Homam helps translate for his dad, Rita is a bit shy and usually reads in her room. Whenever Fedaa is around, she talks to us in French, and at times in English and through translation.

An upcoming screening of Fadia and Edwar's documentary on "Malloula" will be held on Feb 2, 2019 at St Peter's Church. A "Job Search Workshop and QandA session" will be held on February 23, 2019 for Edwar, Fadia and Fedaa to coach and to advise them on their search for a job.

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Thank you to all the kind souls that gave donations of money, furnishings and their time to this sponsorship mission.

It is wonderful to have the joint sponsorships of St. Peter's Anglican and Mount Royal United churches, the Mount Royal United Church Women's group, several citizens of Town of Mount Royal, special thanks to those that have downsized and offered their furnishings, those that helped in preparing the lodging, those that moved and especially to those faithful that are around anytime to help until the task is done on the joint sponsorship team and both church administration staff.

As well we are appreciative of the community news coverage in four local papers, ARM (Action Réfugiés Montréal), and IRCC / CIC.

Thank you all for your continued support and encouragement with our Syrian Refugee Sponsorship.

It is very much appreciated. With God's blessings and guidance, we continue onwards. Do come out and meet our newcomers and our team.

“ Let There be Peace on Earth ! “

Meet our Joint Sponsorship Team

1	Austin	Mary	15	Green	Lex
2	Barrigar	Rev. Chris	16	Johnson	Mary
3	Batrie	Susie	17	Miville-Dechêne	Julie
4	Brebner	Eva	18	Mahé	Nolwen
5	Buchanan	Wilfred	19	Morrissey	Genie
6	Burrell	Ruth	20	Pelton	Brenda
7	Cho	Donald	21	Price	Ann
8	Cho	Hui-Cha	22	Schumann Panarello	Johanne
9	Clinker	Rev David	23	Shine	Dr. Joseph
10	Crossling	Fiona	24	Shuraida	Lara
11	Davidson	Scott	25	Timmins	Mtr. Gretchen
12	Davies	Gillian	26	Wheaton	Sandra
13	Dydzak	Mtr Joseph			
14	Elkas	Emsey			

- If there is an omission, please inform Don Cho

Baptisms and Dedications

Morgan Monroe Reid

Marriages

David Sean Dass and Amanda Pharand

Ziqi Song and Jun Li

Firass Mayassi and Rosanna Pirolo

Anthony Cimino and Lisa-Marie Campanile

In Memoriam

2018

Catherine Carty
Beatrice Dalgleish (Lennox)
Dorothy Vallieres (Hurlburt)
Albert Gurinskas
Barry Milner
Jim Spence
Heather Johnstone
Virginia King
Ellen Morris
Yolande Calzone
Florence De Léry
Peter Morrell

2019

Mary Donaldson
Michele Caporicci
Henry Annoual
Peter Laffoley

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Mount Royal United Church in Photos – 2018

(Photo removed for privacy of the children) April - Making Easter Eggs 2018, sweet!	(Photo removed for privacy of the children) April - More Easter egg creations!
(Photo removed for privacy of the children) April - Communion Workshop with Reverend David	(Photo removed for privacy of the children) June - Sunday School Picnic in the Park with our new Syrian Family

(Photo removed for privacy of the children) Sept - Rally Sunday 2018	(Photo removed for privacy of the children) September – Apple picking 2018
(Photo removed for privacy of the children) Sept - Apple picking tractor ride 2018	(Photo removed for privacy of the children) September – The higher the apples the sweeter the find!

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(Photo removed for privacy of the children) The Rev. Clinker during children's focus	(Photo removed for privacy of the children) Santa and his elves
(Photo removed for privacy of the children) December – Santa's Breakfast 2018	(Photo removed for privacy of the children) December – Christmas caroling 2018

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November 18 jazz service



Advent candles



December – Michel and Jessica playing recorders

Section Two – Reports having a financial component or nature

The following section contains reports having a financial component or nature.
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