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Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice 2015 Annual Report

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CANADIAN UNITARIANS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
Annual General Meeting, Monday, May 18th, 2015, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- 8:30-9:00** Coffee and Registration
- 9:00 –10:00** **Chapter Conversations: Theme – The Future of CUSJ (Chapters)**
1. Welcome: Margaret Rao, President CUSJ **(5 min.)**
 2. Chapter Reports: **(15 min)**
 - a) Ottawa First b) Toronto First c) Southern Alberta (Calgary)
 - d) West Coast (North Shore)
 3. What role can a CUSJ Chapter play within a congregation or a region?
(To expand or disband, that is the question!) **(20 min.)**
 4. What role does CUSJ play within the larger denomination?
(playing by the CRA rules or not?) **(15 min.)**
- 10:00 – 11:00** **AGM**
1. Call to Order, Welcome and Announcements **(5 min.)**
 2. Invocation – Rev. Frances Deverell (Past President CUSJ)
 3. Approval of Agenda
 4. Approval of Minutes May 19, 2014
 5. Report of the President: Margaret Rao **(5 min.)**
 6. Financial Report: Bob Staveley **(10 min.)**
 7. Questions about the Reports and comments **(10 min.)**
 8. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of the Executive **(10 min)**
 9. Election of the Nominating Committee
 10. Selection of Financial Reviewer
 11. Resolutions **(10 min.)**
 - I) CUSJ Resolution on Electoral Reform
 - II) CUSJ Carbon Pricing Resolution
 12. Other Business
- 11:00 -11:30** **Keynote Presentation**
Bruce Campbell, Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
“The Silencing of Dissent: its Impact on Democracy”
- 11:30-12:15: Comments, Questions, and Discussion
- 12:15 Closing Announcements and Adjournment

Canadian Unitarians for Social Justice
Annual General Meeting
May 19, 2014
Minutes (draft)

Chapter Conversations – Theme – Climate Change

1. Welcome - Frances called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

2. **Chapter reports**

Toronto Chapter - Margaret Rao

Her chapter is connecting the economic-ecological dots on climate breakdown and supports the fossil fuel divestment campaign. They had Gerry Dunn of the Stop Line 9 organization, speak to them. They use the CUSJ website and listserv to stay in touch, and Margaret is on the Board. Margaret is also a member of ClimateFast – a group that fasts for the climate annually on Parliament Hill, as part of international fasting for the climate movement and signs up MPs in support of the 3 asks of the group for action.

Ottawa Chapter - Bob Stevenson

This chapter hosts a summer service every year. Several SJ films were organized by Frances Deverell; several talks on Palestine-Israeli situation; Peter Larson spoke on his annual trips to Israel. Attended demos on the Hill. Bob noted CRA pressure on charities to conform to new rules.

North Shore West Coast Chapter – Lynn Sabourin

Active in the struggle against pipeline expansion; many NGOs are coming together to oppose expansion, which would contribute to climate change. Kitimat municipal vote was a “win”. We feel supported by the national CUSJ organization – know we’re part of a bigger picture. Climate Fast connection – individuals are involved.

Calgary Chapter has 6-8 members; has a supportive congregation; their top priority is First Nations issues and are trying to engage with FN groups but with not many responses coming back. (Chief Whiteduck: many FNs have limited capacity to respond.)

Our challenges: 1 deciding on focus; there are many issues; each issue has to have a champion to ensure action happens; 2 engaging the congregation; 3 –division of labour; the Green Sanctuary committee has taken on environmental issues – trying to work with them. Climate Fast – no engagement.

Online resources are great – packaged with research done.

If want to make movie suggestions. Space to suggest/comment on the website? Contact Frances to post on website.

Emerging chapters (3-4)

Halifax – Andy Blair

Only 3 members in NS – but an active SJ committee. Priorities: climate; climate action team in Nova Scotia church; gay pride; poverty/food.

Pride parade; national day of climate action, other public events; end of life issues- dying with dignity debate – 300 attended. Held a public meeting on Israel-Palestine. Secondary issues- Occupy movement; salmon farming; refugee healthcare cuts; FN issues

Frances: How do you set your priorities? Andy: someone must step forward to carry the ball.

ClimateFast – Andy participates as an individual

Montreal – Cym Gomery & Christina Duvander

Christina: involved in divestment campaign; FN issues; fundraiser for Friendship Centre; Fair Vote Canada; planning to be a chapter of CUSJ; angered by the fate of Israel-Palestine resolution at the CUC ACM. Want to start ClimateFast involvement; it's an uphill battle in our congregation on SJ issues.

Cym: strong SJ in our congregation. Some who aren't members of CUSJ.

May start a film night; residential schools issue. Sponsorship committee- sponsor a Syrian refugee(s)? Legal status of animals – not just objects.

Edmonton – Elaine Roberts

Both congregations are involved with the Omar Khadr case and pressing for his release by writing letters. And the Pride parade. Westwood Congregation's committee numbers down; we have narrowed our focus. Seniors who want to stay at home; Truth and Reconciliation Commission (held its last meeting in Edmonton). Screened a film – Gently Whisper the Words Back. Elders told us: learn about us; our spiritual practices – pow wows, water blessing ceremonies. Films generate outside interest. Solstice service at City Hall – offering donated to various organizations.

Note: Winnipeg expects to have a chapter soon (Adina Lyon)

3. What have we learned?

Frances Deverell said as president she's been on a steep learning curve. Palestine resolution that failed; she got reasons why people didn't even want to study it. Started on the wrong foot, with strong support of BDS; Palestine all good; Israel all bad.

Most people didn't read the second, more considered version of the Israel-Palestine discussion paper; it wasn't well publicized so debate centred around first version. Constitution of the committee was not such that balanced conversation could take place. Cf. Quebec Charter of Values debate – there were many positions, not just for or against. Start with our UU core values. We want to build a society where we can all live and keep our identities.

Our SJ movement was for a long time separated out from mainstream of our congregations. How do we open up the conversation and get more congregational participation? Frances took an Ecology Ottawa (Broadbent Institute) two-day workshop called Camp Progress, on how to run a campaign, and change a constituent's mind. Want to elect "green" people at federal level in 2015. Defeat Conservatives in key ridings. Training – Lead Now, Dogwood, Broadbent – e.g. Kitimat campaign – had 10,000 people on the street in Vancouver. We have to get smart – read the Camp Progress handout that Frances made available at ACM. It's about leadership development.

This year, CUSJ wrote to presidents of UU congregations about divestment, but have absolutely no idea if they were even read as there was almost no feedback. Alastair Henderson at First Unitarian was persistent and got the issue as a motion to a spring AGM, where a strategic resolution passed. What if I as CUSJ president had followed up on the letter and kept persisting until got a result?

4. ClimateFast update and critique.

ClimateFast has to get smart too. If MPs get 10 handwritten letters on one subject in a week, they take notice. ClimateFast could put a different sample letter on the website every month, and organize 10-12 people to write a letter on first of each month.

CUSJ Annual General Meeting

1. **Call to order** was at 10:15 a.m.

2. **Invocation** – Rev. Jeffrey Brown read a poem by Marge Piercy, “To Be of Use”. Piercy defines work in a broader sense than I’d imagined it to be. What we do with others we do together; our own imagining of what is important is a partial vision; we should always be open to a greater vision/understanding. Called to humility that means we listen to and work with others to find consensus that creates a more just world.

3. Approval of Agenda

M/S – Jeffrey Brown; seconder (name not noted)

That we accept the agenda with one addition: ISARC report.

Carried.

4. Approval of May 20, 2013 AGM Minutes

M/S Fred Cappacino, seconded Margaret Rao.

Carried.

5. Report of the President – Frances Deverell

It was a hard week. Cases we supported were lost at the Supreme Court (Mohammed Harkat), and Ontario Supreme Court (Hassan Diab). Our resolution on the Israel-Palestine situation was shelved indefinitely by the CUC.

But our movement had wins: the Kitimat plebiscite on the Northern Gateway pipeline; that there is still no Keystone XL pipeline; that First Ottawa voted to begin fossil fuel divestment; that Pierre Polievre backed off and made substantial concessions to amend the Unfair Elections Act.

In Frances’ view, Lead Now is a good organization to support; it has an excellent online platform and is increasing staffing to meet its goals to combat climate change, bring in proportional representation (PR), and defeat the Conservatives in 2015. The Council of Canadians’ Common Causes doesn’t have enough resources, so CUSJ needs to go with Lead Now.

We are planning to create an event on PR, using deliberative polling, like a citizens’ assembly; it will be an educational 2-hour event. We plan to present content through a skit, and to poll the audience at the beginning and end of the event. Hope it will be a transferable event that others can use. Will ask our members to bring new people to this event.

Camp Progress training – campaigns and movements are built out of relationships, with lots of follow-up.

M/S by Jeffrey Brown, Kate Chung to accept the President’s Report.

Carried.

6. Financial Report – Bob Staveley

CUSJ had strong year; membership and revenues were up; donations by congregations up.

Average donation rose this year. High level of activity. Surplus almost \$1000.

M/S by Fred Cappacino and Debra Mair to accept the financial Report.

Carried.

Budget – Bob Staveley presented.

M/S Bob Staveley, Jeffrey Brown that the budget be accepted.

Carried.

7. Questions about all the reports and comments

Joy Silver – Membership report. Renewal happens as of today. At end of March, she will send letter asking members who haven't yet to renew.

M/S by Elaine Roberts, Anita Maclean to accept the Membership Report.

Carried.

JUSTnews – From now on the only options are by email or regular mail – not both.

119 of 196 members are on our listserv. Over 200 on Facebook – UUs but not necessarily paid-up members. 80 people may not be getting material – Frances will correct this.

8. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of the Executive

Bob Stevenson presented. Two new members: Andy Blair, Cym Gomery

Adina stepped down as secretary after 14 years.

We have a new President, Vice-President and Secretary

Thanks to continuing members of Board.

Executive to be affirmed.

The Board was acclaimed – we could use a couple more members.

9. Election of the Nominating Committee

Bob Stevenson, and two more needed Someone from the West? Jim Sannes (SW Ontario) volunteered.

M/S by Debra Mair, Christina Duvander that Bob Stevenson, and Jim Sannes be elected to the Nominating Committee

Carried.

10. Selection of Financial Reviewer

John Rutherford again? Bob Staveley will ask. Delegate to the Board

M/S – Fred, Kate Chung that John Rutherford be approved as the financial reviewer.

Carried.

11. Other Business or Resolutions

Jeffrey Brown - ISARC (Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition) in Ontario. CUSJ is a member.

Campaign is being organized around June 12, 2014 Ontario election – “Let's Vote for a Poverty-free Ontario”.

M/S by Jeffrey Brown, Kate Chung to endorse the ISARC campaign.

Carried

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CUSJ PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014/15

A 'Special General Meeting' to approve our amended Bylaws, in accordance with the new Canada Corporations Act, took place at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ottawa on September 15, 2014. On the same evening we held a potluck dinner and celebrated the arrival of Joseph Boutilier (the 'Unity for the Climate' unicyclist from Victoria B.C.) on Parliament Hill. We were privileged to have Joseph join ClimateFast's 4th fast and vigil for climate leadership on Parliament Hill following our feast at the Fellowship.

ON THE ENVIRONMENT

I have been a member of ClimateFast for 3 years. CUSJ members and congregations are encouraged to sign the individual and organizational pledge for the climate and to take part in our monthly letter-writing campaign to politicians. This year we returned to Ottawa for Earth Week, where we met with Liberal Senators and MPs who agreed to sign the climate pledge for politicians. We now have a total of 130 MPs and 15 Senators who have signed the pledge. ClimateFast members and friends in Ottawa also delivered a Joint Statement for Earth Day to the PM's office on behalf of 'Step Up Canada' and 35 civil society organizations, including CUSJ. The joint statement criticized the government for not living up to promises made under the Copenhagen Agreement committing Canada to a 17% carbon emissions reduction below 2005 levels by 2020. Instead, Canada is expected to reach a mere 1.5% reduction by 2020. We also called on the government to commit to strong national and international climate targets at this year's UN Climate Conference (COP 21) in Paris in December.

FIRST NATIONS ALLIES

Earth week's ClimateFast vigil began with an opening ceremony by Algonquin elder Annie St. George, followed by vocalist/artist Doreen Stevens and her drum band plus the 'Just Voices' community choir. Our closing ceremony took place at Centretown United Church, again led by Annie and a 5-man drum circle, followed by a potluck dinner and a 3-woman panel discussion on the ongoing threats First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples face in regards to their traditional lands, waters and their well-being. They thanked ClimateFast for acting on behalf of Mother Earth and asked us to be responsive allies in the struggle for ecological justice and indigenous rights.

COALITION BUILDING

CUSJ has endorsed and I have personally been involved in a number of young adult-led networks and campaigns such as 'Step Up Canada', the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition and the Climate Impact Network, the last of which is calling for a national televised election debate on climate issues. I also sit on the board of CAN (Climate Action Network) Canada, (with 100+ climate, church & civil society organizations). CAN has written an open letter to the Prime Minister offering advice on what a comprehensive contribution to the Paris climate negotiations should look like. And their national poll indicates 61% of Canadians say protecting the climate is more important than pipelines and tar sands.

CUSJ issued a press release applauding provincial initiatives to put a price on carbon pollution at last month's Quebec City Climate Summit. Many took part in the People's Climate March and in solidarity actions across the country. CUSJ members also raised our banner and voices in towns and cities across Canada on the National Day of Action on the Climate and in ongoing anti-Enbridge, anti-Kinder Morgan pipeline project protests, from Burnaby B.C. to the Aamjiwnaang First Nations Reserve near Sarnia, Ontario.

GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

In the international arena, CUSJ endorsed the Statement from the People's Climate Movement in the Philippines on the one-year anniversary of the Typhoon Haiyan disaster. We were also quick to respond to the call for donations on the CUSJ listserv following the recent devastating earthquake in Nepal. USC Canada and Child Haven International in Nepal were suggested as two Unitarian donor recipients.

DIVESTING FROM FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES

Last year's General Assembly of the UUA passed a resolution to divest from fossil fuel companies and a similar resolution is being proposed at this year's ACM. The Unitarian Church of Vancouver led the way as the first Canadian Unitarian congregation to pass a motion to divest from fossil fuel companies, First Unitarian Ottawa passed a similar resolution last fall and other congregations are following suit. On the international front, the Global Invest-Divest Coalition of 160 + institutions and local governments, as well as 500 + individuals, pledged to divest \$50 billion from fossil fuel investments within the next three to five years and reinvest in new clean energy sources. CUSJ also has a resolution in place to put an effective price on carbon, in light of the growing threat to all life on earth if we fail to act now.

ON THE ECONOMY

The current head of the Bank of England (former Bank of Canada Governor) Mark Carney warned the World Bank that "the vast majority of reserves are unburnable" if global temperature rises are to be limited to below 2C." Even the international investment bank HSBC warned of a growing carbon bubble and the risk of 'stranded assets' to fossil fuel investors. The economic argument for acting on climate change is finally sinking in with the financial powers that be, as are the environmental and social costs of the unsustainable 'business as usual' model. As Gaylord Nelson, founder of Earth Day, pointed out, 'the economy is a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment, not the other way around'.

PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Since JUSTnews published its discussion paper, 'A Call for Peace between Israel and Palestine' in 2013, a number of congregations have developed study groups, perhaps also as a result of last year's postponement of the CUC Resolution on Human Rights in Palestine and Israel. At Toronto First we have hosted outstanding speakers, who also modelled the way they work with Jewish and Palestinian youth, so that our members could similarly practise deep listening and dialogue in the hopes of being constructive agents of change in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

CRIMINALIZING DISSENT IN CANADA

Last month CUSJ issued a joint statement, with Independent Jewish Voices Canada and 75 other civil society organizations, condemning Bill C-13, an attempt on the part of the current government to criminalize criticism of Israel. CUSJ issued its own press release calling for freedom to criticize with respect. Criticism of Israeli government policy is not anti-Semitic and does not constitute a hate crime. Attempts by the Canadian government to criminalize criticism of or opposition to the actions of any country can only put a chill on Canadian democracy and may lead to the criminalization of dissent - period.

OPPOSITION TO BILL C-51

CUSJ issued a press release on the latest hastily written and ill-conceived Omnibus Bill C-51, the so-called 'Anti-Terror' Bill. The language of the bill is open to interpretation and thus poses a serious threat to Canadians' constitutional and charter rights. Pervasive surveillance and expanded powers to intelligence agencies without corresponding judicial or parliamentary oversight would move us closer to a police state. The government needs to take heed of the admonitions by 4 former Prime Ministers, 5 former Supreme Court judges, 2 former federal

Privacy Commissioners, 3 former Security Intelligence Review Committee members, and indeed the majority of civil society to amend or outright reject this deeply flawed bill.

DEMOCRACY

2015 is a crucial election year to vote and act for positive change. CUSJ is actively promoting Fair Vote Canada's 'Make Every Vote Count' campaign for proportional representation. We will also be voting on a CUSJ motion for Electoral Reform whereby some form of proportionality in the voting system would more accurately reflect the popular vote and elected politicians would represent a true majority of voters.

Individual members are also involved with young adult-led Lead Now's 'Vote Together' campaign by promoting the best local candidate to defeat the Conservatives in swing ridings across Canada. Democracy is only as strong as its active, informed citizenry. To quote Maude Barlow, the national Chair of the Council of Canadians, "If you want to know who is going to change this country, go home and look in the mirror." www.canadians.org

O CANADA...

On a lighter but still serious note, CUSJ issued a press release in April supporting MP Mauril Belanger's private member's bill to amend the National Anthem from 'All our sons' command' to 'All of us command'. CUSJ added a further request to return the anthem to its original wording: 'O Canada, glorious and free' instead of 'God keep our land glorious and free'.

To quote last year's newly elected member of the Board, Andy Blair: "In a pluralistic, liberal democracy, the state should not favour any gender or religion. Only in a neutral and inclusive state can all citizens feel they truly belong". In fact, Andy, who until recently worked on Parliament Hill, is the leading wordsmith behind all of CUSJ's press releases this past year.

RENAISSANCE OF THE BANK OF CANADA

A little-known lawsuit against the Government of Canada has been wending its way through the courts since 2011. I have been a friend of Comer.org (Committee on Monetary and Economic Reform) and the main plaintiff, retired schoolteacher Ann Emmett, since at least that time. The good news is that with renowned constitutional lawyer Rocco Galati on our side, we have a fighting chance of restoring the public Bank of Canada to its original mandate (1938) to finance all three levels of government in the best interests of the economic life of the nation. "Now that the genie is out of the bottle we will proceed until we restore the Bank of Canada ... and build a kinder, fairer country for all its people." (Ann Emmett) CUSJ has been supporting Comer with a modest annual donation, and we hope individual members will consider doing the same until our case reaches a happy conclusion.

CHILL ON CHARITIES

And finally, because of the perceived political bias on the part of the government in targeting 55+ progressive-leaning charities for CRA (the formerly arm's-length Canada Revenue Agency) audits, including the CUC, resulting in an 'advocacy chill', the role of CUSJ in our liberal, religious movement is more vital than ever. As a non-charity, CUSJ has the freedom and the responsibility to challenge government policies that undermine not only the democratic process but the health and safety needs of its citizens and precious natural resources upon which all life depends. Together, we will be the change we wish to see in the world by standing on the side of love and justice.

~Margaret Rao

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Chapter and Group Reports

Toronto First Chapter Report

The Toronto First chapter of CUSJ aims to put into practice our UU principles of “justice, equity and compassion in human relations” with the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all”. Our excellent quarterly newsletter ‘JUSTnews’ is meant to engender discussion and action amongst our members.

Our monthly Social Justice Sunday film series reflects our concerns for social and ecological justice while holding up alternative, life sustaining solutions at the local and global level. This year’s films included ‘Origins’ ‘Snowden’s Journalist of Choice’ and ‘5 Broken Cameras’ among others.

This past year we have raised our CUSJ banner in defence of the environment, sovereignty for First Nations, healthcare for refugees, the civilian population of Gaza and civil liberties (the so-called Anti-Terror Bill C-51) in Canada. At this year’s livestreamed May AGM in Ottawa, keynote speaker Bruce Campbell of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives will address the question of democratic dissent and the targeting of charities by Canada’s Revenue Agency. We encourage your participation online and in the streets. Check out our bulletin board and Sunday table in Workman Hall; also the Eco/Social Justice bookshelf (with DVDs) in the library.

Following this year’s Sunday reflection by the President of CUSJ, \$820 was raised in support of our national social justice network. With your support we will continue to lobby all levels of government and to raise our banner in keeping with CUSJ’s purposes to protest ‘abuses of human rights and the democratic process’ and to promote ‘peace and security’ and ‘environmental protection’. With like-minded allies, we will continue to promote fossil fuel divestment, anti-pipeline actions, ‘right relations’ with First Nations, the right to a dignified end of life, and peace in the Middle East. Together, we move forward in hope to create a more just and loving world community.

~Margaret Rao

Global Justice Working Group of Ottawa

Our Working Group has been as active over the past few years. Our group of 20 persons meets bi-monthly and during the past year has:

- Hosted a summer service last July with Sophie Harkat as our guest speaker. Her husband, Mohammed, has been under a Security Certificate for the past 12 years. She is well qualified to talk about his ordeal.
- Ria Heynen and Anita MacLean organized an eight part lecture series on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The events averaged 35 to 80 attendees. The evaluation forms were mostly very positive.
- We assisted in the reception for the lecture by Jeff Halper.
- Bill Van Iterson visited Guatemala last winter on a trip organized by Inter Pares. The group were introduced to three issues: human rights abuses during the 1980's, the impact of mining and migrant workers. Bill arranged with Inter Pares to present a panel discussion at a public meeting on these three issues this past January in our Worship Hall.
- Several of our members attended the meeting at the Ottawa Fellowship on September 15 to change our by-laws for CUSJ.

- A Democracy Now event was hosted by our group working with Fair Vote Canada. Sharon Reeves and Frances Deverell organized the event which drew 180 participants.
- Our group developed a proposal for a Congregational project for the next two years. Concerns include making a priority about learning about First Nations issues and developing strategies to increase our involvement. This proposal will be discussed at a Congregational meeting in late April.
- The Fair Trade section of our GJWG continued to sell chocolate and coffee products as well as Zatoun products from Palestine after the Sunday service.
- Donations this year included Climate Fast, Indspire, Doctors without Borders, Pathways for Education, Students Will All Graduate, Ecology Ottawa and Seeds of Diversity.
- Unfortunately due to the threat of a political audit by the CRA, our group was forced to rescind our local chapter affiliation with CUSJ.
- Bob Staveley and I continue to represent CUSJ at the meetings of the International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group here in Ottawa. This coalition of 39 faith-based groups, trade unions and NGOs produces a Digest which is sent to all of the Unitarians on the CUSJ listserv. Our membership has helped us be represented at the Parliamentary hearings on the infamous Bill C-51. Human rights lawyer Paul Champ joined many civil rights groups in condemning this legislation. An excerpt of Paul's presentation is contained in the Monitor of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.
- Our group is also pleased that CUSJ has also joined a second coalition, the Climate Action Network. This is one way that our small voice can be made louder.

~Bob Stevenson

Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax - Social Responsibility Actions

- Joined Unitarian congregations across Canada in supporting an Expression of Reconciliation to convey support for the path of reconciliation between Canadian Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal people. It was prepared by the Canadian Unitarian Council and the Unitarian Universalist Ministers of Canada and presented to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, March 29, 2014.
- Instigated the replacement of the old oil furnace in the church with a new gas furnace, reducing the carbon footprint of UUCH by 13 tons annually.
- Instigated the switch of electricity supply to Bullfrog Power (renewable-sourced electricity), replacing NSPower coal-generated electricity.
- Participated in the annual Halifax Pride Parade: 39 members and friends walked or rode on the "Wedding Float", winning Best in Parade - Non-profit Category, using the very popular & effective Standing on the Side of Love campaign, celebrating the UUCH history of performing same-sex marriages since 1976. Handed out 3,500 flyers.
- Helped to organize and participate in the People's Climate March, Halifax, on September 21st, held in conjunction with the massive event in New York City and many others around the world.
- Joined Buddhist and United Church leaders in hosting a public information event for Dying with Dignity – a panel entitled Assisted Suicide: a Right? (350+ in attendance) Also organized and supported a public rally at Province House in October under the Standing on the Side of Love campaign, joining others from the medical, legal, and compassionate care communities on the opening day of the Supreme Court case on

legalizing medically-assisted dying - one of many rallies held in major cities coast to coast on that day to support the legalization.

- The Annual Christmas Hamper Drive - thirty food hampers are funded and stocked by the congregation for the socially isolated members of the Building Bridges program of the Canadian Mental Health Association
- A separate initiative by members of the congregation - the support and settlement of 5 refugees from Ethiopia, in partnership with the Halifax Society of Friends (Quakers) and the Ethiopian Association of Nova Scotia
- Promotion by UUCH members of Citizens Climate Lobby for a carbon fee and dividend for Nova Scotia
- The organization of the annual Sunday service to honour Earth Day

Terms of Reference – UU Church of Halifax Social Responsibility Committee

Reframed in 2010, the Social Responsibility Committee supports the mission of the UUCH by coordinating the congregation's responses to social and environmental issues and needs in the local, national and global community. Our responsibilities are to support the mission of the church by:

1. Participating in on-going service and witness activities in the local community that reflect our principles.
2. Participating in the social responsibility activities organized by the CUC, CUSJ and the UU-UNO.
3. Coordinating a process by which the congregation can choose emerging issues as an annual focus for education, reflection, analysis and action.
4. Providing a forum where proposed congregational responses to issues of Immediate Witness can be discussed and refined before those responses are implemented.
5. Serving the larger community by providing a forum for public debate on issues of concern.

Unitarian Church of Calgary - Southern Alberta Chapter

The Social Justice Committee (SJC) of the Unitarian Church of Calgary meets monthly (except for July) to consider social justice issues and plan events. Most members of SJC are also members of CUSJ while other local CUSJ members are not directly involved with SJC. Here are highlights of our year:

- May 6: Members attended a local 'Decolonize and Anti-oppression' workshop
- May 19: Nine folks came to the pot-luck breakfast meeting at the church to see live-streaming of the CUSJ AGM.
- May 21: Members attended a local 'Social Justice Encounter on Affordable Housing' presentation.
- May 23: Movie night at the church co-sponsored with the Green Sanctuary Committee, 'Land of Oil and Water'
- May 25: Sunday Service on Democracy
- June 8/15: Info table after Sunday Service on 'Outsourcing'
- August 31: Always a good turnout for the Gay Pride Parade
- September 21: Calgary solidarity event for 'People's Climate March'

- October 19: After service discussion on Solidarity with Indigenous People
 - November 16: After service discussion on Justice for Palestinians. We watched and discussed the video 'Life in Occupied Palestine'
 - December 6/13: After service promotion of the annual Amnesty International 'Write for Rights' campaign
 - December 17: Following discussions on chapter status, we voted unanimously to become a regional chapter – the Southern Alberta Chapter – and reached out to the other congregations in this area.
 - January 11: Sponsored the Neechi Commons benefit concert at the church
 - February 22: After service info table 'What are your passions?'
 - March 15: Sunday Service on Humanism and Justice
 - March 20: Pizza and movie night at the church, 'Silence of the Labs'
 - April 11: The 18th annual Calgary Child Haven dinner
 - April 18: We helped to organize the church's involvement in the annual Tower Climb and Run for Wilderness fundraiser for the Alberta Wilderness Association.
 - April 19: Sunday Service on Climate Change and Climate Action
 - April 26: Calgary Climate Action March – several members actively involved in organizing
- We also oversee the '4-Others' weekly collection of funds donated to a different worthy charity each month Sept-June and the annual 'William Irvine Justice Award' to a person(s) or organization for extraordinary services provided to benefit social and/or environmental justice in the Calgary community.
- ~Lynn Armstrong

North Shore Unitarian Church - West Coast Chapter

As in previous years, members of our chapter have worked as a loose coalition communicating mostly by email. We inform each other with action alerts and arrange carpools to attend public meetings or protests. Joy Silver continues as our link to the national CUSJ. Vandy Savage has maintained active ties to Tanker Free BC and local First Nations groups opposing the expansion of pipelines and oil tankers. Jim Stephenson is president of the Board of Dying with Dignity Canada.

Besides the actions mentioned above, individual members have sent donations, signed petitions, and attended meetings, marches, or rallies organized by the following advocacy associations: Wilderness Society; Cool Drinks North Shore; Burnaby Residents Opposing Kinder Morgan Expansion (BROKE); ForestEthicsAdvocacy; Dogwood Initiative; Council of Canadians; Unitarian Service Committee; Voters Taking Action on Climate Change; Communities and Coal; North Shore NOPE (NO Pipeline Expansion); Council of Canadians; AVAAZ; LeadNow; Ecojustice; Change; SumOfUs; Canadian Centre For Policy Alternatives; David Suzuki Foundation; West Coast Environmental Law; Amnesty International; and Ceasefire.

As a group, we sponsored an event in the NSUC sanctuary on June 19, 2014 entitled Climate Change Confronts Us: How then Shall We Live? About 65 people turned out for this program, featuring speakers Kevin Washbrook, director of Voters Taking Action on Climate Change, and Prof. Lynn Quarmby of SFU's Department of Molecular Biology. After their presentations on the science of climate change, a discussion ensued on how to respond to this great ethical challenge. CUSJ chapter members took responsibility for publicity, sound system and AV, introductions, and refreshments.

Several members of CUSJ attended a presentation October 22, 2014 of the documentary FLOW: for the Love of Water and participated in the follow-up discussion about individual and collective actions to be taken to conserve this vital global resource. The film was the inaugural session of the “Doc and Talk” series sponsored by the NSUC Heart, Mind Spirit Adult Programs Committee.

In mid-November, a few of us participated in a protest to show support for those involved in civil disobedience at the Burnaby Mountain conservation area being threatened by the survey work of the Kinder Morgan Corporation. We joined the solidarity walk past the site of the protest camp and bore witness to those being arrested.

On December 9, 2014, some of us from CUSJ joined the audience at the Unitarian Church of Vancouver for an evening of support and fund-raising for the Klabona Keepers, a group of First Nations elders and families resisting industrial development of their traditional lands near Iskut, BC. Tamo Suzuki and the Beyond Boarding (as in snowboarding) political action group organized the event.

In January, some members of CUSJ and others in the congregation were inspired to form an action/study group based on the writing of the Buddhist activist Joanna Macy. We started to meet every two weeks to support each other in discussing her book Active Hope and searching out service projects and social action opportunities.

On January 14, 2015, a few of us from each of those groups went to SFU for a screening of the film Directly Affected. The documentary explored the frontlines of the fight against the expansion of the Kinder Morgan pipeline to a tanker facility a few kilometres from SFU in Burnaby. A panel discussion followed, featuring professor and BC MLA Andrew Weaver, Prof. Mark Jaccard, Prof. Quarmby, Burnaby Residents Opposing Kinder Morgan Expansion and Raincoast biologist Misty MacDuffee.

On the sidewalk outside the offices of Imperial Metals in downtown Vancouver on January 22, 2015, some of us from CUSJ and the Active Hope group joined the Environment Committee and Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver and First Nations leaders in a protest against the impending approval of the Red Chris Mine. This campaign, entitled Save the Sacred Headwaters—We All Live Downstream, urged the public to take action against a development similar in design to Mount Polley (operated by the same company) that had recently failed and flooded a vast watershed with toxic runoff.

On March 14, several of us took part in rallies around the Lower Mainland to protest Bill C-51. Some joined the crowd of over 1000 in the plaza outside the Art Gallery in downtown Vancouver, while others demonstrated outside MP James Moore’s office in Coquitlam.

On March 24, members of CUSJ and others from the Joanna Macy Action/Study group attended a presentation of Cool Drinks North Shore on the topic of The Impact of Climate Change on Biodiversity, Parks & Our Engagement with the Natural Environment. Speakers represented West Vancouver Streamkeepers, Metro Vancouver Parks, and CPAWS, an organization working to create a park in the Okanagan- Similkameen and to dedicate sanctuaries for large migrating mammals.

On April 1, some of us joined an audience of over 150 concerned citizens in West Vancouver, where we listened to a panel discuss the implications of a proposed pipeline, LNG plant and tanker terminal at Woodfibre in Howe Sound. Speakers included representatives of the Squamish Nation, Wade Davis, Stephen Foster, and Dr. Eoin Finn. Q & A followed the panel and fundraising event.

~Marcia Stephenson

The Unitarian Church of Vancouver (UCV) - Social Justice Committee

For the last year or so we have had a rotating chair for our meetings. The contacts are Jennifer Podlecki and myself. The last year we have focused on organizing educational forums on a variety of topics related to poverty, environment, cuts to CBC, transit, pipelines, etc. and support the campaign to raise welfare rates (Raise the Rates) and the campaign in BC initiated by the BC Federation of Labour to increase the minimum wage to \$15 /hour. We have co-sponsored activities with community partners including educational events on peace in Middle East and will be co-sponsoring a “Sing for Your Rights” Hootenanny on May 2 (A May Day event co-sponsored by the Solidarity Notes Labour Choir). We will also be leading a service on May 31 on Social Justice. UCV also has active committees on Environment and Refugees.

~Leslie Kemp

Board Reports

CUSJ Membership Coordinator's Report

This year our treasurer, Bob Staveley, and I continued to work closely together to forward, document, index and file all the incoming 2014–2015 membership registrations. I subsequently noted the lapsed members and sent them email letters and three reminders asking for renewals and offering to send newsletters to several people who indicated continued interest, but who were not able to contribute monetarily at this time. Board members assisted in making phone calls to lapsed members, who had not responded to the first and second reminders. We had our best response from the personal contacts and phone calls.

2013- 2014 196 members

2014 – 2015 176 paid up members

13 resignations

11 new members

29 members have not yet responded to our latest membership renewal drive but are known to be interested in our work. We are reluctant to remove them from our membership list at this point.

Members who have not renewed will be dropped from registration at the end of September.

Online registration proved to be popular this year, which meant much less paper and more consistency for recording and filing information.

~Joy Silver

Website Webmaster's Report

Frances already mentioned most of the content changes that were made including adding some new pages and new menu items. It's a pleasure to work with Frances and I am looking after the technical side, how to realize the continuing changing flow of content to be displayed in a hopefully efficient manner so people can find what they are looking for. It is becoming a very big site. Suggestions are always welcome.

Each year I implement the AGM registration form and database, which is every time different with the venue, dinner, dates and people involved. We have excellent speakers at the Annual General Meetings and the website opens a port to live streaming set up by Paul Mair's team. For people who have missed it or would want to experience the AGM and the speaker again, we then embed a video recording on the website for future viewing. Each year the tedious process is becoming increasingly smooth.

Having a website is not without danger. We are often attacked by hackers but our security software kept us safe so far.

I changed the look to having two side bars with the opportunity to post highlights there and keep the front page uncluttered. We tend to get information overflow but as long as we can make the website into a reference for CURRENT news, action and resources for people and chapters to take targeted action we are reaching our goal of promoting social justice. A shopping cart will be in place so people that missed the AGM will still be able to order T-shirts online year around.

The Facebook group is very busy and active and has over 200 subscribers. It takes constant moderation as spammers try to join to post ads of their inappropriate ware or even hack

members. Our stalwart moderator team Sylvia Krogh, Frances Deverell and I kept the Facebook site clean thus far.

~ Ellen Papenburg

Website Editor's Report

This year we have taken some time to review the website and to try to clean it up to make it more readable and more useful. I am very fortunate to be able to work with Ellen Papenburg who is technically able to do many things I know nothing about. It's great to have two sets of eyes on the site. We could use more. We continue to update individual issue pages with pertinent articles when we see them. My definition of a pertinent article is something that offers real information coming from a credible source that looks like it might be relevant for some time. The most recent information is always first.

Our first major change was that we moved the information about CUSJ and its purposes from the home page to "About Us." By doing this we opened up the home page for the most recent active campaign. Currently it is featuring the AGM. The Campaign pages offer congregations and individuals dynamic choices for how to engage our priority issues as Unitarians.

Secondly, we converted the Action Page to a summary page and converted our activities from individual actions to campaigns. We designed a campaign page for each of our major priorities: Democracy (Election 2015), Climate Change (Working up to COP21 in Paris December 2015), and the work for Justice in Palestine. We added a fourth, positive campaign to encourage Unitarians to get involved in Co-ops that are working to build the new economy (Local food, Renewable Energy, etc.)

Finally, I want to acknowledge that Unitarian Congregations across Canada are making reconciliation with First Nations people a major priority. We haven't created a campaign page for this because it is such individual and local work. It involves getting to know the people of a particular area and discovering what their issues, concerns, and needs are and how best to be an ally. It is more difficult to write prescriptive actions. We strongly encourage everyone to continue or to engage in this important work.

~Frances Deverell

Listserv Manager's Report

There are currently one hundred twenty-four (124) members on our Listserv, up six members from last year. All members are members of CUSJ. The tasks of the Listserv Manager include the following:

1. Add and delete members to the listserv list as requested.
2. Monitor electronic discussion between members, ensuring that correspondence is done respectfully and that members follow the following policies:
 - Only members' email addresses are used when corresponding.
 - Non-members' email addresses do not appear in pasted messages and copied attachments.
3. Respond to members' queries about why their correspondence is being deferred.
4. Communicate with webmaster about technical difficulties that arise that listserv manager can't solve.

For most of the year, correspondents have enjoyed uninterrupted communications. There is a number threshold of four bounced emails before the system removes the member from the list. One must be vetted by the listserv manager to be reinstated on the list. Bounces usually indicated that a member has forwarded letters/information with a non-member's name on the communiqué. My task is to communicate with the sender to request the non-member address be removed and invite the sender to communicate again.

Palestine/Israel events to generated lively discussions, and climate change, and Bill-C51 re surveillance over security issues called for many requests for action in the form of letter-writing and petitions. Correspondents offered many resources that included newspaper articles, journal articles, lectures and personal experiences and opinions. I enjoy having a personal presence with our listserv members when responding to their concerns, queries; and requests.
~Joy Silver

JUSTnews Report

Two regular issues of JUSTnews and two discussion papers were published between the CUSJ AGM in May 2014 and that in 2015, in the usual alternating sequence:
Summer 2014, JUSTnews regular issue 18 (1), lead article "Time for an Adult Conversation on Taxes," by Murray Dobbin.
Autumn 2014, JUSTnews Discussion Paper No. 28, "Protecting a Faith Organization's Charitable Status," by Marlene Koehler.
Winter 2014-2015, JUSTnews regular issue 18 (2), lead article, "Harper's Abuse of Power," by Andrew Coyne.
Spring 2015, JUSTnews Discussion Paper No. 29, "Too Late to Stop Humanity's Collapse?" by Chris Clugston.

The Editorial Committee consists of Philip Symons, editor, and Don Vipond, joined in May 2015 by Leslie Gillett. Proofreaders Debra Mair and Bert McBain catch most of the editor's faux pas. Joy Silver, membership chair, produces updated email and regular-mail lists for every publication, and Bob Staveley, CUSJ treasurer, pays the printing and distributing bills. We encourage subscription by email as it reduces costs.

Articles (<700 words) and letters by CUSJ members and other Unitarian Universalists are welcome, and given priority.
Philip Symons, Editor

Nominating Committee Report

CUSJ 2015 Executive

Frances Deverell: past president
Margaret Rao: as president
Bill Woolverton: vice-president
Alastaire Henderson: secretary
Joy Silver: membership secretary
Bob Staveley: treasurer

Board members:

BC: Carol Kergan and Philip Symons (editor of Just News)
Prairies: Ahti Tolvanen
Ontario: Jim Sannes
Quebec: Christina Duvander and Cym Gomery
Atlantic: Andy Blair
Website: Ellen Papenburg

Submitted by Bob Stevenson

Resolutions

Resolution on Electoral Reform

*Mover: Andy Blair, Halifax, Nova Scotia Seconder: Philip Symons, Victoria, British Columbia
Information: ahblair@yahoo.com tel. 902-717-2639*

Whereas living our UU principles means promoting the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;

Whereas living our UU principles also means justice and equity in human relations;

Whereas Canada's federal and provincial "winner take all" voting systems do not value every vote equally, nor do they necessarily respect the will of the majority;

Whereas "winner take all" voting systems create numerous "wasted votes" (votes that do not count towards electing anyone) and encourage strategic voting which denies full voter representation and distorts the voting preference of the electorate;

Whereas Canada's "winner take all" voting system rewards regional parties with undue influence, while it under-represents broadly supported national parties;

Whereas Canada ranks lower than Sudan, Iraq, or Afghanistan in representation of women in elected legislatures;

Whereas ethnocultural minorities are under-represented in Canada's legislatures as well;

Whereas no fewer than ten government commissions, citizens' assemblies, and public bodies in Canada have recommended that proportional voting system reform be a priority;

Therefore,

Be it resolved that Canadians should live under laws passed or modified by elected representatives representing a true majority of voters;

Be it further resolved that CUSJ advocate for change that would see an element of proportionality added to Canada's federal and provincial voting systems, making election results a more accurate reflection of the popular vote;

Be it further resolved that CUSJ encourage its members and other groups to push for a transparent, citizen-driven public process to determine the electoral system(s) best suited for Canada and its provinces.

Carbon Pricing Resolution

*Mover: Andy Blair, Halifax, Nova Scotia Seconder: Margaret Rao, Toronto, Ontario
For information: ahblair@yahoo.com tel. 902-717-2639*

Whereas climate change poses a threat to humanity and to the Earth's natural ecosystems upon which life depends;

Whereas there is broad scientific consensus that Earth's climate is changing due to greenhouse gas emissions from the human use of fossil fuels;

Whereas fossil fuel use must be dramatically reduced to avoid the worst impacts of climate change;

Whereas the real cost of fossil fuels in Canada is not reflected in current fossil fuel market prices, and this failure to internalize costs of pollution both encourages use of fossil fuels and delays our transition away from them;

Whereas placing a price on greenhouse gas emissions, such as carbon dioxide, will help internalize the cost of pollution in fossil fuels and reduce their use;

Whereas living the seventh principle compels UUs to join with others to change harmful practices that threaten our planet's environment and much of the life it supports;

Therefore,

Be it resolved that CUSJ advocate for a predictable and steadily increasing fee to be placed on energy products that produce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions, commensurate with the amount of such emissions produced by that product;

Be it further resolved that CUSJ demand that any such pricing system be as simple, transparent, and effective at reducing greenhouse gas emissions as possible, cover as much of the economy as is practicable, require the least amount of bureaucracy to implement, and not enable financial speculation or trading in such a way that provides profits for speculators without actually reducing emissions;

Be it further resolved that CUSJ require that any such pricing system shall avoid increasing income inequality in Canada or disproportionately burden those surviving on low income.

Treasurer's Report for the Year ending March 31, 2015

HIGHLIGHTS OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

The financial performance of CUSJ in the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015 eased back somewhat from the record level of the previous year as revenues came in at \$11,257, down 10.3% from the \$12,549 peak reached in 2013-14. Our largest source of revenue is individual memberships and, while the number of membership payments increased slightly to 161 from 158 the previous year, the dollar value of those payments dropped by just over \$1000, or 10.4%, to \$8712. The average donation slipped from \$61.53 in 2013-14 to \$54.11 in the year just passed. Payments from congregations recorded an even greater decline dropping by over \$1100 to \$1572. The one bright spot in our revenue picture this past year was the presentation given by our President at her Church (Toronto First) which was followed by a collection that raised \$820.

However our operating expenditures set a new record rising by 3.1% over the previous high set in 2013-14 to \$12,046, as costs for our publication JUSTnews rose by almost \$1300, while donations to other justice-related organizations declined marginally and our administrative and general expenses dropped by \$870. As a result we had an operating deficit in 2014-15 of \$789.

As a consequence of our operating deficit, plus the fact that our expenditure on new T-shirts exceeded our sales of these shirts, our bank balance at year-end had decreased by \$1067 to \$8154 from \$9221 a year earlier. In order to try to maximize our bank interest income, we have placed over half our funds in Term Deposit Certificates and most of the remainder in an Investment Savings Account which has a higher interest rate than a chequing account, but still gives us some flexibility should we need to access funds in a hurry.

The table on the following page gives a historical outline of our financial situation over the past ten years. (Cents have been eliminated by rounding.

TEN YEAR SUMMARY OF C.U.S.J. FINANCES

| YEAR | REVENUES | EXPENDITURES | SURPLUS (DEFICIT) |
|----------|----------|--------------|-------------------|
| 2014-15* | \$11,257 | \$12,046 | (\$789) |
| 2013-14* | 12,549 | 11,684 | 866 |
| 2012-13* | 11,858 | 8,436 | 3,422 |
| 2011-12* | 8,560 | 8,912 | (352) |
| 2010-11 | 10,202 | 8,248 | 1,955 |
| 2009-10 | 10,752 | 8,341 | 2,412 |
| 2008-09 | 5,618 | 7,205 | (1,588) |
| 2007-08 | 6,565 | 7,496 | (931) |
| 2006-07 | 7,914 | 6,985 | 929 |
| 2005-06 | 5,453 | 6,078 | (625) |

* Figures for 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 exclude figures for the purchase and sale of T-Shirts. T-Shirts are shown separately in the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures.

PAYMENTS TO CUSJ BY CONGREGATIONS - YEAR 2014-15

We wish to express our thanks to the following congregations for their payments for CUSJ services during the past fiscal year. These payments are listed below in chronological order.

| <u>MONTH</u> | <u>CONGREGATION</u> | <u>PAYMENT</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| April 2014 | Montreal | \$185 |
| | Kelowna | 100 |
| May | Lakehead | 100 |
| | Huronia | 20 |
| June | Westwood | 90 |
| | Elora/Fergus | 50 |
| July | Nanaimo | 65 |
| | Regina | 43 |
| September | South Fraser | 100 |
| | Kingston | 100 |
| | North Hatley | 26 |
| October | Ottawa First | 350 |
| | Vancouver | 100 |
| November | Durham | 29 |
| December | Ottawa Fellowship | 75 |
| March, 2015 | Huronia | 13 |
| | London | 72 |
| | Elora/Fergus | 13 |
| | Fredericton | 41 |
| TOTAL FOR YEAR | | <u>\$1572</u> |

TOTAL NUMBER OF PAYMENTS = 19

NUMBER OF CONGREGATIONS MAKING THESE PAYMENTS =

FINANCIAL REPORTS - FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

(Covering the Period April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015)

(With Comparable Figures for the Prior Year)

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

| | <u>Year 2014-2015</u> | <u>Year 2013-2014</u> |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Revenues | | |
| Memberships - Individuals | \$8712.10 (161 members) | \$9722.09 (158 members) |
| Payments by Congregations | 1572.00 (19 by 17 cong) | 2698.00 (29 by 25 cong) |
| Donations - Other, Cong. (Toronto 1 st) | 820.00 | ----- |
| - Other, Individuals | 65.00 | 50.00 |
| Other - Sale of buttons, CD's, & misc. | 53.97 | ----- |
| Bank interest - Accounts | 20.35 | 19.07 |
| - Deposit Certificates | 13.48 | 60.01 |
| Total Operating Revenues | <u>\$11,256.90</u> | <u>\$12,549.17</u> |

| | | |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Sale of T-Shirts (purchased in 2011, 2013 & 2014) | 405.00 | 993.00 |
| Total Deposits to bank account | \$11,661.90 | \$13,542.17 |

Expenditures

| <u>Causes</u> | <u>Year 2014-15</u> | <u>Year 2013-14</u> | <u>Justice</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| JUSTnews - Printing costs - | \$2701.38 | \$2319.52 | |
| - Mailing costs - | 2252.19 | 1336.54 | |
| | ----- | ----- | |
| Sub-total, JUSTnews expenses | 4953.57 | 3656.06 | |
| Donations/Memberships - Other Justice Organizations: | 3035.00 | 3100.00 | |
| Note: Justice organizations supported - 2014-15 | | | |
| Extradition Legal Defence Fund (re Prof. Diab) (300 + 200) | \$500 | | |
| ICLMG- International Civil Liberties Monitoring Group | 500 | | |
| Film "Secret Trial Five" | 300 | | |
| Climatefast (200 + 100) | 300 | | |
| Climate Action Network Canada | 200 | | |
| ?? Democracy Project | 200 | | |
| CJPME - Canadians for Justice and Peace in the Middle East | 200 | | |
| Fair Vote Canada | 200 | | |
| KAIROS | 100 | | |
| CCPA - Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives | 100 | | |
| Justice for Mohamed Harkat Committee | 100 | | |
| Canadian Council for Refugees | 100 | | |
| Mercy for Animals Canada | 100 | | |
| U.U.A. Animal Ministry (\$100US sent, cost in CAN\$=) | 135 | | |
| TOTAL | 3035 | | |
| | ----- | ----- | |
| Total Expenditures - all justice causes | \$7988.57 | \$6756.06 | |
| <u>Administrative and General Expenses</u> | | | |
| AGM - Room rental, (incl. special meeting in September) | \$991.37 | \$933.59 | |
| - Refreshments | ----- | ----- | |
| - Honorarium to speaker(s) (Hotel bill in 2014-15) | 196.35 | 200.00 | |
| - President's expenses (re 2 years in 2013-14) | 284.97 | 850.00 | |
| - Printing Annual Report | ----- | 80.64 | |
| - Live streaming | 1244.41 | 1000.00 | |
| | ----- | ----- | |
| Sub-Total - AGM & CUC-ACM | \$2717.10 | \$3064.23 | |
| Other Administrative Expenses | | | |
| Federal "Corporations Canada" report - Annual filing fee | 30.00 | 30.00 | |
| Web site maintenance programming | 1000.00 | 1000.00 | |
| Web site hosting | 299.00 | ----- | |
| President travel to ICUU conference | ----- | 800.00 | |
| Postage/registration | 11.34 | ----- | |
| | ----- | ----- | |
| Total Administrative/General Expenses | \$ 4057.44 | \$4927.45 | |

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|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>Total Operating Expenditures</u> | <u>\$12,046.01</u> | <u>\$11,683.51</u> |
| <u>Net Operating Surplus (Deficit) for the Year</u> | <u>(789.11)</u> | <u>\$865.66</u> |
| Purchase of T-Shirts | \$682.44 | \$668.96 |
| Total withdrawals from bank account | \$12,728.45 | \$12,352.47 |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in bank account | (\$1066.55) | \$1,189.70 |

STATEMENT OF T-SHIRT TRANSACTIONS

| Fiscal Year | <u>2014-15</u> | <u>2013-14</u> | <u>2012-13</u> | <u>2011-12</u> |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Cost of T-Shirts (purchased in May and Nov, 2011, Apr. 2013 & May 2014) | \$682.44 | \$668.96 | ----- | \$2783.41 |
| Revenue from sale of T-Shirts | 405.00 | 993.00 | 602.00 | 1519.19 |
| Cumulative purchases to March 31, 2015 | | 4134.81 | | |
| Cumulative sales to March 31, 2015 | | 3519.19 | | |
| Net increase (decrease) in bank account (due to T-Shirts) | | (615.62) | | |
| Accounted for as:- | | | | |
| T-Shirts still in inventory (35 shirts) at cost | | 516.30 | | |
| Net loss from T-Shirt operation to date | | (\$99.32) | | |

STATEMENT OF RETAINED REVENUE

| | <u>YEAR 2014-15</u> | <u>YEAR 2013-14</u> |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Retained revenue (= bank balance) at April 1, of 2014/2013 | 9220.67 | \$8030.97 |
| Plus (less) net operating surplus (deficit) for the fiscal year. | (789.11) | 865.66 |
| Plus amount received from sale of T-Shirts | 405.00 | 993.00 |
| Less amount spent on new T-Shirts | (682.44) | (668.96) |
| Total net deposits to (withdrawals from) bank account | (1066.55) | 1189.70 |
| Retained revenue (= bank balance) at March 31, of 2015/2014 | 8154.12 | \$9220.67 |

BALANCE SHEET - AT MARCH 31, 2015 & 2014

| | <u>March 31, 2015</u> | <u>March 31, 2014</u> |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Assets - Cash in bank (chequing) account. | \$3053.63 | \$2943.58 |
| Less: Cheques (16/11) issued, not yet cashed; | -3008.31 | -1800.00 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Net balance in bank chequing account | 45.32 | 1143.58 |
| Balance in investment savings account | 3048.27 | 3016.56 |
| Balance in Term Deposit Certificate (Nov. 2/15) | 3036.53 | 3036.53 |
| Balance in Term Deposit Certificate (July 10/15) | <u>2024.00</u> | <u>2024.00</u> |
| Total bank balance | 8154.12 | 9220.67 |
| Bank share capital (required) | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| Special bank account to transfer PayPal receipts | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Interest accrued on 2 Term Deposit Certificates | 146.19 | 36.40 |
| Cheques received, not yet deposited | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Membership payments still with PayPal (net amount) | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Stationery, stamps and other supplies | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <u>Inventory of T-Shirts at March 31</u> | | |
| Batch 1 (May 2011) - 2 shirts @ \$18.5864= | 37.17 | (2) 37.17 |
| Batch 2 (Nov. 2011) -6 shirts @ \$18.5257= | 111.15 | (7) 129.68 |
| Batch 3 (Apr. 2013) -2 shirts @ \$13.3792= | 26.76 | (5) 66.90 |
| Batch 4 (May 2014) - 25 shirts @\$13.6488= | <u>341.22</u> | ----- |
| Total T-Shirt inventory. | (35) 516.30 | (14) 233.75 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total Assets | \$8841.61 | \$9515.82 |
| | ===== | ===== |
| Liabilities - Donations authorized, not yet paid | 0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Expense claims received, not yet paid (re AGM) | 23.97 | 0.00 |
| Net worth | 8817.64 | 9515.82 |
| | ----- | ----- |
| Total Liabilities | \$8841.61 | \$9515.82 |
| | ===== | ===== |

CANADIAN UNITARIANS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE ANNUAL BUDGET
Fiscal Year April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016

| REVENUES | Budget 2014-15 | Actual 2014-15 | Budget 2015-16 |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Memberships - individuals | \$10,000 | \$8,712 | \$9,500 |
| Donations by congregations | 2,700 | 1,572 | 2,000 |
| Misc. small revenue items | 150 | 973 | 200 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$12,850 | \$11,257 | \$11,700 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Sale of T-Shirts | 400 | 405 | 400 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Total Deposits to bank Account | \$13,250 | \$11,662 | \$12,100 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| JUSTnews - 2 Regular issues @ \$875 (475print, 400mail) = | \$1,750 | | 2,300 |
| JUSTnews - 2 Discussion papers @ \$825 (450 “ , 375 “) = | 1,650 | | 2,200 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| JUSTnews total | \$3,400 | 4,954 | 4,500 |
| Donations to justice organizations and justice causes | 3,000 | 3,035 | 3,000 |
| Costs related to Annual General Meeting (room, travel, etc.) | 2,800 | 2,717 | 2,700 |
| Communication costs, (web site costs, telephone, etc.) | 1,100 | 1,310 | 1,300 |
| Membership mailouts (included with JUSTnews mailing in past) | 100 | --- | 100 |
| Miscellaneous expenses (govt. report fees, gifts, postage, etc.) | 200 | 30 | 100 |
| | ----- | ----- | ----- |
| Total Operating Expenditures | \$10,600 | \$12,046 | \$11,700 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| Purchase of T-Shirts | 700 | 682 | ---- |
| Total Withdrawals from Bank Account | \$11,300 | \$12,728 | \$11,700 |
| | ===== | ===== | ===== |
| NET OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) For the Year | \$2,250 | (789) | 0 |