



Annual Report 2021

What did 2021 look like at Beach United Church?

With the pandemic continuing to limit in person engagement at Beach UC, we remained committed to exploring faith and building relationships in unexpected and creative ways. In 2021 we did just that. We continued to be present to each other in authentic ways, sharing our hopes, sharing our fears, and finding opportunities to support, care, and nurture each other physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We did this through intentional offerings online and other unique opportunities designed to support each other in our spiritual journey as individuals and as a community.

This year marked a change in our ministry leadership. Beach United has been blessed with the commitment and creativity of Rev Karen Dale for 15 years and while we recognize that change must occur, we will miss Karen and are grateful for the skills and care that have shaped this faith community and helped us to, in turn, care for each other and our community.

As we engage 2022, we stand at a crossroads and there is no better time than now to look at our past and see how that strong base offers us a solid foundation to move into the future. Our financial picture remains strong, indeed we discovered new capacity for online fundraising. We are ready to move forward with confidence and strength.



In keeping with our mission and values we hold four goals central to our engagement: *Spiritual Nurture; Engage and Connect; Justice Seeking; Financial Sustainability*

These have been realized in 2021 through continued commitment to hybrid worship Services; community food programs; zoom meet-ups; multiple musical events; community collaborations; fundraising events, and more. As we live into our commitment to eco-justice the solar panels and environmentally friendly parking lot on our lands offer tangible expressions of our commitment in ways that support financial sustainability. How we connect activities to goals is graphically portrayed here with primary relationships identified with two check marks and secondary relationships by one:

	Spiritual Nurture	Engage & connect	Justice Seeking	Financial Sustainability
Hybrid Worship	✓✓	✓✓	✓	
Spiritual Care	✓✓	✓		
Community Food Programs		✓✓	✓✓	
Zoom Meet-Ups	✓	✓✓	✓	
Music Program	✓	✓✓		✓
Fundraising		✓✓		✓✓
Rentals		✓		✓✓
Parking Lot			✓	✓✓
Solar Panels		✓	✓✓	✓

Dozens of committed volunteers ensure that this work is supported and nurtured as we challenge our Community of Faith to live into strengthening worship and spiritual care while we reestablish in-person opportunities. This includes finding a

balance between online and in-person offerings and adjusting staffing needs as activities evolve.

While it is difficult to narrow down what happens here by numbers, we thought it might be interesting to offer you a few facts about this past year to help readers appreciate the breadth of who we are and what we believe as a faith community.

Community Engagement

418 people who we connected with (on average) each week in 2021 through Facebook, Instagram, and our website

As we live through the pandemic we have continued to learn the importance of technology in connecting people both within our community of faith and in the larger Beach community.



Engaging a variety of platforms has offered us connections for virtual Sunday worship; opportunities to dig deeper into questions

of faith and justice; created spaces for social connectivity and fundraising events; and broadened our work in sharing with people ways to make meaning together during challenging times.

Events and Programs

25 events in 2021 offering connection, education, and nurture, through webinars and recitals, both virtual and in-person

Our popular music programs continued through 2021 delighting audiences with a variety of musical offerings. Jazz & Reflection has now been going strong for 12 years and though it required some additional creativity, 5 different events this year offered lively ways to engage. Virtual choir videos, and other offerings led by Steven Webb our Director

of Music, all worked together to ensure that our mental, and spiritual health was fed.

In addition, zoom-meet ups as part of our documentary series; Breaking Bread Together, an online food and wine journey; together with other learning based connections stimulated and enriched us.



Online events including author readings, cooking experiences, and our annual Christmas Market continued to help us explore creative ways to deepen relationships with each other and with creation. It is important to note that these events could never have been such a success without the leadership and creativity offered by Cate Duff our office administrator.

Seeking Justice and Community Meals

1650 meals served in 2021 as part of our weekly interfaith lunch partnership with other faith communities in the Beach

The pandemic has laid bare gaps in our social safety net. Faith communities across the Beach continue to work together to engage immediate needs through things like our weekly interfaith lunch; as well as digging into the challenge of changing systems and structures that



perpetuate marginalization. The installation of a community food pantry along our Wineva frontage now augments our response to these needs. Through letter writing; all-candidates meetings, our committed gardening group, the Environmental Action Group and other important tools, Beach UC spent 2021 being creative as we seek to live out our faith in tangible ways. We are grateful for the ongoing volunteer base that ensures this work is supported and able to continue to flourish.

Financial Stewardship

\$191,000 in financial support through pre-authorized giving, e-transfers, Eventbrite, and other sources in 2021

In addition to people contributions, we believe that good financial stewardship grounds us for living into our mission and values. While 2021 required us to live with the tension of monetary constraints coupled with ongoing costs and needs, we managed to end the year on a positive note. Government



subsidies continued to greatly assist and we will need to ensure

that we find other streams moving forward as this option expired in October 2021. While we had slight decreases in donations and fundraising for a variety of reasons, we are encouraged by increases in rental income that have resulted from the hard work of our operations manager David Lewis. We are confident that with growing opportunities for in person activities in 2022 that there will be additional ways for us to ensure the financial stability of this faith community moving forward.

Pastoral Care

100+ phone calls, cards mailed, emails sent, and flowers delivered as part of spiritual care supports in 2021

We all long for connection and regardless of our circumstances, the pastoral support team at Beach United Church has worked to keep us connected in the past year. Each of us responds to



different ways of connecting and the pastoral care team has employed a variety of them.

If you are aware of anyone who could benefit from virtual or physical visits, please reach out so that we can connect with them.

Solar Energy for Beach Cooperative Inc.

59,154 kilowatt hours generated in 2021, enough electricity to serve the needs of 6-7 homes for a year.

The Solar Energy for Beach Cooperative, Inc. (SEBCI) works with Beach United Church to provide green energy for the Toronto Hydro grid. SEBCI is responsible for oversight of the solar installation on the roof of BUC, and its operation, maintenance, and financial management.



SEBCI is a public non-profit cooperative, governed by a board of 6 directors. Any member of the public is welcome to join.

In 2021, the SEBCI solar installation generated 59,154 kilowatt hours, or enough to provide electricity for 6-7 homes for one year. Since its start in 2014, it has generated **454.50 MWh** of clean renewable energy. This is equivalent to preventing **161,850 kg of coal** being burned or **137,259 litres of gasoline** being used to drive **1,303,013 kilometers**. It would have taken **5,370 trees** over 10 years to remove the same amount of greenhouse emissions from the atmosphere.

Karen Watson, Chair
SEBCI Board of Directors

Summary Financial Results for 2021*

	Full year Actual			
	2021	2020	2019	2018
Offering	150.8	161.2	162.9	163.7
Fundraising	39.9	62.3	43.9	47.2
Rent + Parking + Other	110.3	88.5	207.8	146.0
Total Revenues	301.0	312.1	414.7	356.9
Personnel	259.6	264.2	349.8	326.7
Building + Admin + Other	100.8	115.7	116.2	119.0
Total expenditures	360.4	379.9	466.0	445.7
Expenses in excess of revenues	(59.4)	(67.9)	(51.3)	(88.8)
Plus: investment income	15.4	11.9	17.8	22.4
Plus: gov't subsidies	63.7	75.8	-	-
Plus/(less): parking costs	-	2.0	(95.7)	(282.3)
Net income / (loss)	19.7	21.8	(129.2)	(348.8)

Summary Balance Sheet for 2021*

(\$000's)	Dec-21	Dec-20
Cash	239.7	191.6
Investments	566.2	579.2
Misc. receivables	19.4	20.4
Total Current Assets	825.2	791.2
Property, at cost	5,920.8	5,920.8
Due from Solar Co-op	180.8	192.0
Total Assets	6,926.8	6,904.0
Total Liabilities	26.0	16.0
Funds	6,900.8	6,888.0
Total Liabilities and Funds	6,926.8	6,904.0

2022 Budget*

	2022 Budget	2021 Actual
Offering	133.0	150.8
Fundraising	45.0	39.9
Rent + Parking + Other	111.0	110.3
Total Revenues	289.0	301.0
Personnel	250.0	259.6
Building + Admin + Other	126.0	100.8
Total expenditures	376.0	360.4
Expenses in excess of revenues	(87.0)	(59.4)
Plus: investment income	15.0	15.4
Plus: gov't subsidies	-	63.7
Net income / (loss)	(72.0)	19.7

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