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Committee reports were presented. Barb Kelly, Stewardship, is interested in knowing whether a congregation has taken on the Peace Project. If so, would they please let her know.

Ministry, Personnel and Education, Nancy Ritchie, noted that the committee had interviewed Elizabeth Savoie and affirmed her as a lay supply.

Church in Action, Norman Laverty, have requested time at the April meeting for a workshop.

Heritage and Resources, David Thorne, noted that the Archives of St. Andrews United Church in Harvey had been examined and were in order.

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The budget was presented by Roselyn Green, treasurer, and included an increase for the Camp. Congregations will be notified shortly of the allocations for the coming year.

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