

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*  
**PARK STREET CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT 2016**



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# GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

*Gordon P. Hugenberger*  
SENIOR MINISTER

In 1998, after my first seven months in this large amazing church, I reported: “increasingly I am trying to have only one priority: love—love for God, for His people, and for the lost.” I still want this triad of love to be my priority, as it also should be the highest priority of this or any church. Nevertheless, if it has been our priority, as I believe it has, it is fair to ask whether we have any results to show for it. As Winston Churchill once said, “However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results.” Of course, when it comes to an inner quality like love, any true measure of its attainment will have to await God’s final judgment. This report, however, and the accompanying reports highlight ways we have sought, with God’s help, to foster an increase in love and at least some of the encouraging results.

## MORE LOVE FOR GOD

The Bible insists, “We love because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19). The starting point for any effort to foster greater love for God is necessarily a growing appreciation of His immeasurably great love for us. Although each of us gets a fresh chance “morning by morning” to discover new mercies of God, it is especially through our times of corporate worship that we deepen our understanding and awareness of God’s love and, consequently, are inspired to much greater love for Him and for others. This is why we shape our services so that they will

point us more to God than to ourselves or to anything else.

For example, most of our sermons—no matter who is preaching—are designed to relate whatever issue may be the immediate topic to its answer in God’s love for us. Our supreme need is to know God better and to love Him more as the One who created the universe, died for us, and fills us with His Spirit to enable us to love others with His love. If this is the chief priority for every sermon, the preacher himself is compelled to be an example of it as he preaches with a burning love for God in his own heart and in constant dependence on the Holy Spirit.

The greatest fear of preachers is that someday we might find ourselves in the pulpit sharing some thrilling life-changing truth from God’s Word, but doing so in a rote manner, merely relying on our natural abilities or on a well-crafted manuscript. The great, 18<sup>th</sup> century evangelist, George Whitefield, was once asked to explain the spiritual emptiness he found when he came to Boston. He wrote, “I am persuaded [that] the generality of preachers talk of an unknown and unfelt Christ. The reason why congregations have been so dead is because they had dead men preaching to them.” How can we avoid this lethal problem?

Recently, I caught one of my fellow ministers in his office just fifteen min-

utes before the service, when he was scheduled to preach. He was listening to Gospel music, and he explained that he always listens to Gospel music right before he preaches. Another minister goes into the sanctuary before anyone else and prays in each section of the pews for those who will soon be sitting there. Still another minister prays and studies long hours for the contents of a sermon, but then deliberately under-prepares how he will deliver it. This way, he never goes into the pulpit feeling too comfortable. Instead, he desperately seeks the Spirit’s help, praying that God will give him the words to say at that moment, just as Jesus promised (Mark 13:11). The evidence whether God does so is not eloquence, but whether lives are changed and hearts set on fire.

## MORE LOVE FOR EACH OTHER

Jesus said, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another” (John 13:35). Of course, we cannot love each other, if we do not know each other or spend any time together. This realization explains why twenty years ago we instituted a practice of offering light refreshments once a month after the morning service, and more often a light supper after our evening service. That modest beginning has grown to our current practice of homemade refreshments nearly every Sunday morning, thanks to a rotation of more than 100 dedicated cooks, bakers, servers, and those willing to clean up. We

# NEARLY EVERYTHING THAT THE CHURCH DOES, WHETHER WORSHIP, THE STUDY OF GOD'S WORD, FELLOWSHIP, THE ENJOYMENT OF GOD'S GOOD CREATION, AND SO ON, CAN AND WILL BE DONE BETTER IN ETERNITY. DESPITE THIS, THE LORD HAS LEFT HIS CHURCH IN THE WORLD BECAUSE THERE IS ONE THING THAT CAN ONLY BE DONE IN THIS LIFE: SHARING THE LIFE-CHANGING GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST WITH THOSE WHO DO NOT YET KNOW HIM.



now also enjoy all-church brunches and frequent meals after our 4:00 service.

A concern for genuine friendship also explains why we have invested so much energy in building and strengthening our 75 or so small groups. According to our last survey, more than 50% of those who attend Park Street are involved in a small group. Anecdotal evidence confirms not only the positive impact of these groups on the faith and biblical understanding of those who participate, but also how many significant friendships have developed in these.

A priority on loving each other also explains how much of our leadership functions. We are a congregational church, which means that the final human authority for all that happens in our church rests not with one pastor or lay leader, nor with a small handful

of pastors or lay leaders. Instead, it rests with the members of the church, especially when expressed at an Annual Meeting or a special meeting of the congregation. From there, leadership authority is mediated for most practical purposes through the elected representatives of the congregation, namely the Elders, and also through other committees that are appointed or approved by the Elders. Of course, the priority on love mandates that each committee be conducted in prayerful dependence on God and its meetings (the way each member is genuinely valued, etc.) and its decisions characterized by love.

Recently, we have been asked to pray regularly for every aspect of the work of the Senior Minister Search Committee. This good example has convicted me of my own failure to pray and to urge the entire church to pray not only for that committee, but for all our committees

and for their members by name. These other committees serve the church and make decisions that are no less consequential as that represented by the Senior Minister Search Committee. Accordingly, this Annual Report lists more committees than previously, with the names of their members and the year their current period of service began. Please join me in giving thanks to God for the faithful and loving service of so many leaders in our church. Encourage them in their work and assure them of your prayers.

We are a *congregational* church in every sense! We thank you and praise God for your love, whether you are serving on a committee, or serving guests at our Coffee Hour, or whether you are among the 110 volunteers who rotate as ushers and greeters, or the 100 who care for the babies and toddlers in each of our three services, or whether you are serving in

some other ministry. Your gifts are needed and prized, and your ministry of love toward others truly matters to our Savior! As Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matthew 25:40).

## MORE LOVE FOR THE LOST

It has been said that a church is the only fellowship in the world that exists for the sake of non-members. Nearly everything that the church does, whether worship, the study of God's word, fellowship, the enjoyment of God's good creation, and more, can and will be done better in eternity. Despite this, the Lord has left His church in the world because there is one thing that can only be done in this life: sharing the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ with those who do not yet know Him. This explains our sacrificial support and involvement in

world missions (about 40% of our total budget), our ministry to internationals, our outreach to the homeless, and especially our longstanding concern for the quarter million students in Greater Boston, most of whom have never heard a compelling presentation of the Gospel. Many in this church, my wife and I included, have a love debt to Park Street Church because when we were students, here is where we first heard the Gospel in a way that made sense and answered our questions, and here is where we first saw the faith being lived out by those who were much older, yet clearly loved us. Here too is where we caught our own vision for bringing the Gospel into the workplace and to the ends of the earth. Here, in other words, is where we first witnessed that triad of love in practice.

Please pray that the Lord will guide and bless the Elders, Ministers, and other

committees in the months ahead in all that they do. Pray also that, as the Lord wills, they would discern and take whatever steps might be needed to attract and enable many more of the current generation of students to have the same experience of God's love at this awesome church as did earlier generations.

Your brother in Christ,

Gordon P. Hugenberger, PhD  
Senior Minister

# GIVING THANKS

Walter Kim  
LEAD MINISTER

What a year 2016 has been! International events to fill our newsfeeds with a constant flow of drama. An extraordinary election that produced all sorts of national conversations. And in our own corner of Park and Tremont, an announcement from our Senior Minister that has started our search for leadership to guide this next season of life and ministry. Whether we are graduating from college, moving for a new job, or sending our kid off the college, a period of change can be unsettling. But it is a wonderful opportunity to look back with gratitude, to remember the ways in which the Lord touched our lives with grace and mercy.

For me part of this process of looking back and giving thanks was captured by the Annual Board Meeting of the National Association of Evangelicals. The association represents more than 45,000 local churches from nearly 40 different denominations and serves a constituency of millions. As a part of the Board, I had the privilege of hosting this past year's meeting at PSC. It was a fitting match, since our church played a vital role in the founding of the NAE with our senior minister Harold Ockenga serving as the first president in 1942. In the course of the proceedings, I was deeply touched by the number of national leaders who mentioned their gratitude for the ministry of PSC. Many had attended here as young students or professionals and spoken of the vital ways that our church had blessed them. One leading missiologist stood before our quilt in the Welcome Center (the one that visually depicts the several significant events in our church's life). As he took a picture, he expressed appreciation for the faithful work of God through our church over the years and mused over the need for robust leadership in the years to come. As I ponder the richness of our past, the challenges in our present, and the opportunities for our future, I recall the declaration of faith in that wonderful hymn *Great is Thy Faithfulness*:

Pardon for sin and a peace  
that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to  
cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope  
for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with  
ten thousand beside!

God's faithfulness evokes faithfulness on our part. As followers of Jesus we want to "do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8). It's a compelling vision and wonderful sentiment, but how can we do so with all the demands on our time, treasures, and talents? In this past year's Lenten Discipleship Institute, we focused on Knowing God in the Old Testament and living a life of Generous Justice. Popular opinions often depict the God of the Old Testament as wrathful and inaccessible. However, truly knowing

God's passion and mission from the Old Testament produces an open-hearted, loving generosity. Here is a God who delivers us from bondage, who calls us to compassion, who takes seriously the evil in a fallen world and who blesses his people to be a blessing. So, those in the Institute entered into the season of Lent with an honest appraisal of how we spent our time, money, and imaginations.

But it wasn't simply an exercise of self-examination. It was a chance to love God and to love others. We partnered with our missionaries Andrew and Anne May of Hope Prison International to send over 100 personal letters to specific inmates in South Africa. Andrew encouraged us with the realization that "Some prisoners are so desperate

for contact with the outside world that they fill out subscription cards taken from old magazines, just so they will receive a response from the publisher with a pro forma invoice – a letter. A letter is a welcome interruption from the mind-numbing routine of incarceration. It is a reminder that the world is bigger than the moldy concrete walls of your cell. It is a reminder that you are still human." Even months later, inmates speak about the impact of the letters in giving hope and making Christ real. It was not only a reminder to the inmates, but also to us that the gospel is a message of true freedom.

Walter Kim

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# LIFE AT PARK STREET

*Kris Perkins*

ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF FAMILIES  
AND CHURCH DEVELOPMENT

I like entering Park Street and seeing a large hanging sign that says, "Stroller Parking." I have counted as many as 35 strollers under it at one time. On rainy days they all leave wet tracks behind them. Snowy days are a bit worse. I love that we have two tall stacks of high chairs in Fellowship Hall for infants and toddlers to use for church breakfasts and dinners. Sometimes they stick together. I think it might be the squished bananas from the previous church breakfast two months prior. It makes me smile when I see slightly crunched, stray goldfish crackers in a hallway or glitter lightly dusting the elevator floor. The glitter is pretty easy to see if you just move your head side-to-side. I know our facilities staff usually does not smile about this, and I am ever thankful for their gracious forbearance. Children's bulletins scribbled on and left in the pew are works of treasured art to me. Have you ever noticed that crayons left on our heater vents in the sanctuary melt? Although some who value order within worship may wish to see our little ones sing

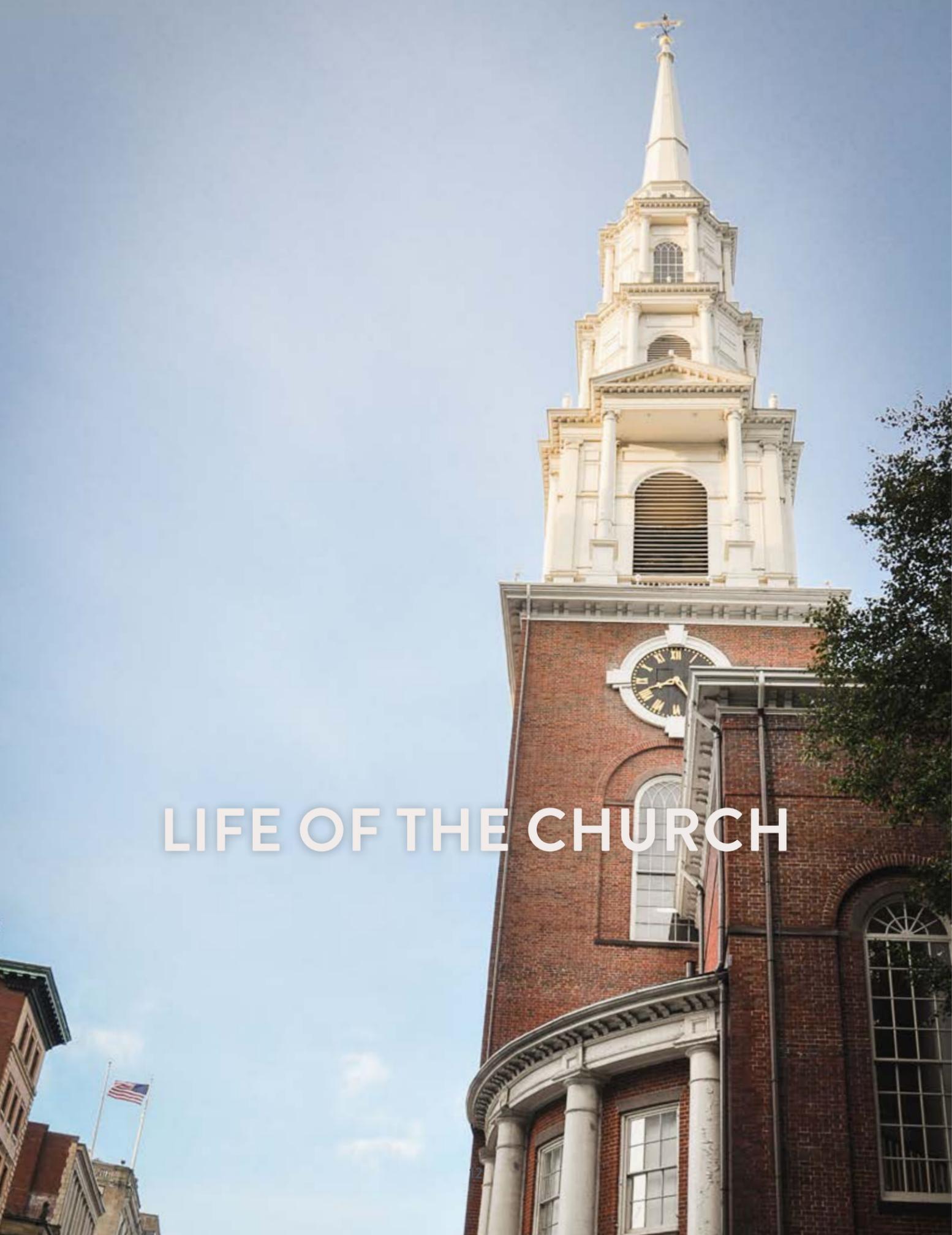
without distraction, I have to admit that it warms my heart when I see a precocious three-year-old girl spinning in circles while she sings a few words ahead of the rest of the choir. Even though I can't really speak for him, I suspect if Jesus was sitting in the sanctuary, such a sight would have warmed his heart too. There is a side of me that doesn't like standing on an elevator with 5<sup>th</sup> graders who are travelling to the top floor and then watching one of them push every button making the elevator stop on every floor as a joke. But there is another side of me that thinks it's a little funny too. It is always slightly inconvenient trying to walk around all the teenagers sitting on the steps in the middle of the Ockenga lobby on Sunday morning drinking hot chocolate, but I usually don't mind too much. I am just glad they are there. I really don't mind replacing broken hockey sticks in our gym or having to go to BJ's to buy canister after canister of animal crackers. I like going to BJ's more often in the fall and spring than in the middle of the winter.

Some think it's strange that farmers like the smell of manure. I never quite get used to our diaper pails in the same way, but I get it. I am never exactly sure what to do when a four-year-old boy comes to children's church for the first time who doesn't speak any English. But we always seem to get through okay. I am still a little embarrassed about the last time we used a smoke machine in the church for special effects during a kid's event and it set off our fire alarms. It is comforting to know how quickly the fire department can get to the corner of Tremont and Park streets. We have decided not to use smoke machines anymore. But we still use strobe lights.

Oh ... I guess I should be mentioning how great it is this year to have hired Children's Director, Kristina Johnson, our new Nursery Director, Stephanie Verrengia, and how blessed we are to have Caleb Brown lead our Sunday Night Family Ministry and Gina Riel directing our Tweens program. I probably should be talking about what an amazing job our Kidsweek team did under the direction of Kara Yee producing the biggest Kidsweek yet or what an incredible Family Camp we had in Maine led by John Kheir and his team last summer. Of course it would be appropriate to note the stellar work of Christine Vasko and the Children's Choir in the Cantata, and how thankful I am for all of the volunteers who serve as nursery workers, Friday night leaders, Sunday School teachers, and more. I should be highlighting our wonderful Journey to Bethlehem event that was brought about by so many gifted people that will surely become a new Park Street Christmas tradition for the church.

But ... I think there is something to be said about the first paragraph above, don't you? Life at Park Street. It's kind of special, isn't it?!

*Kristina Perkins*



# LIFE OF THE CHURCH

## ALIVE IN CHRIST (AIC)

Alive in Christ is the only support group for Christians struggling with same-sex attraction in Boston. It is a great blessing to have Brenna Kate Simonds serve as our director. We recently conducted our annual evaluations for our weekly support groups, including one for family and friends of those struggling with homosexuality. Here are a couple of highlights: “I was looking for a community of people who experienced same-sex attraction and also wanted to pursue godliness ... I have found that I don’t have to pursue this aspect of Christianity alone. I am encouraged, cared for, and supported in the ups and downs of my personal growth as a Christian, especially in this regard.” “Being able to share in [this] group helped me feel less ... unworthy of God’s grace, and helped me recognize the redeeming qualities of my God.” -Chris Sherwood

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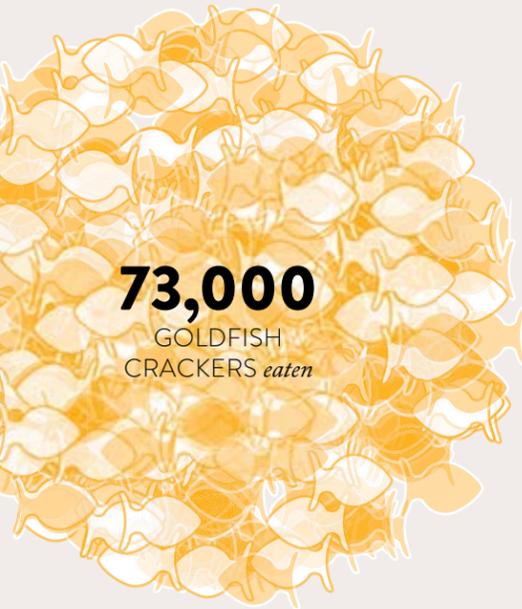
## ARTS

Our photographers have been submitting, critiquing, and affirming their shots in the Creative Community P52. Themes have included “Whimsy,” “Self Portrait” “Distance” “High Contrast” and “Back to School”. We also sponsored seven art installations. Artists included Mary Kocol, Sam Thompson, Park Street Kids, Josh O’Donnell, Caroline Chadwell, Norman Crump and Steve Kohler. Another highlight was the production of three movies by Park Street Films. “Blame” was a story about dishonesty on a construction project, “Picture Perfect” was about professional jealousy in a high tech laboratory and “Who Will Go” portrayed the conflicts that can come from family and friends around a call to missions. We are currently writing a script for a film to be produced for JAARS, the transportation and IT division of Wycliffe Bible translators. -Chris Sherwood



# PARK STREET BY THE NUMBERS

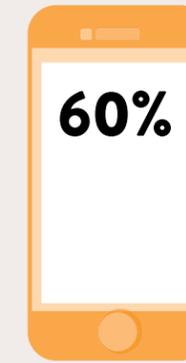
## Family Ministries



**131,000**  
BULLETINS printed



## Media



**= 1.27**  
YEARS



**14%**  
of our online  
audience was from  
outside the United  
States.

THE UK, CANADA  
& AUSTRALIA led  
global viewers.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We have a curious congregation. This is true of our course Christianity Explored, which provides a place for people to raise questions about faith. It is a privilege to see God working in the lives of those who are learning about who Jesus is and what he has done. One attendee remarked, "I learned a great deal about Jesus, Christianity, and God. I felt very welcomed and at home when coming to this class."

Curiosity also appeared with those exploring the age-old issue of suffering. A team of medical professionals grappled with critical questions and key Scriptures on pain and suffering, and faithful responses to it. Other classes in the morning and evening sought to respond to ethical complexities of a variety of pressing topics in today's society. -Walter Kim

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## COLLEGE

Park Street has a formal partnership with Cru for undergraduate ministry. Thanks to God's faithfulness there are 800 students involved on 22 campuses, and last year 35 students came to Christ. On Sunday mornings at PSC, college students study ethics in a Christian Formation class. Once a month, 200 students gather in our fellowship hall for worship, fellowship, and training in how to share the gospel on campus. In addition, the partnership has spawned two vibrant international missions—one in the Middle East and the other in South Africa. In the Middle East, we introduce university students to Christ and care for Syrian refugees and asylum seekers. In the South African education program, we share the gospel and help at-risk youth (AIDS orphans) get into college. -Tammy McLeod



## COUNSELING & CARE GROUPS

Over this past year, those in need of extra care were served through one on one counseling, through care groups aimed at supporting those navigating specific life crises, and through the caring fellowship of the often marginalized individuals with emotional or mental disabilities. God has been faithful in raising up gifted volunteers to care for our members and regular attendees as leaders of the various care groups. The Counseling and Care Groups ministry often serve as “entrance points” to Park Street Church. Through them, some were drawn into the fellowship of our church for the first time while others found their faith again. God has been faithful in raising up individuals who have given loving intentional care out of the care they themselves have received from our Lord. *-Dan Verrengia*

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## DISABILITY MINISTRIES

*Enable Boston*

We continue to consider it a privilege to welcome individuals and families affected by disability into our congregation. Over this last year, several new families who have children with disabilities have joined us for Christian Education and children’s church, knowing that their children are welcome here, and can receive individual attention and support from our volunteers. Our Friendship Bible Study for adults with disabilities continues to thrive and learn together on a weekly basis. We recently co-sponsored an event with Grace Chapel, welcoming an author who had written a book based on her experience with her son’s gifts and disabilities, and hope to do similar projects in the future. *-Leslie Bodkin*



## INTERNATIONALS

*FOCUS*

The international ministry has thrived this past year with a renewed focus on discipleship, pairing more than forty individuals in Park Street International Fellowship (PSIF) since the summer to learn how to follow Christ better. Over the summer, the international fellowship also sent a short-term missions team to visit Yukari Hata, a former PSIF member who is now an assistant minister for her father’s church in Japan, to help with local evangelism. In addition, PSIF continues to partner with our ESL program, which served 295 students from over 18 nations this past year, and through which some have come to faith. The international ministry has also engaged in efforts to aid refugees in our city, sponsoring trainings and helping develop relationships with refugee families in greater Boston. *-Raymond Kam*

## GRAD STUDENTS

God has been working in our grad students and our outreach on campuses around Boston.

God has grown our many fellowships in Boston. We have over 400 grad students involved and we have two faculty fellowships too. Our biggest groups are at Harvard, MIT and BU and we are developing work at Suffolk, Lesley,

Brandeis, Babson, BC, and Northeastern.

The picture below is from Harvard Business Student fair. We thank God for being a witness on campus and helping grad students consider how to worship God in their field of work as well as on Sundays. *-Tim Leary*



## MEMBERSHIP

In Luke 13, Jesus declares, “People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.” Park Street Church was blessed with 80 new members in 2016, coming from all over the world, including Kenya, Central African Republic, China, Korea, Taiwan, India, England, the Dominican Republic, and all over the United States. No matter our countries of origin, we are all knit together by the saving death of Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit, who binds us together in unity, to the glory of our God and Father. *-Toni Kim*



## MUSIC

The music ministry participated in 169 worship services in 2016. Our three children's choirs continue to derive blessing from their admirable volunteer directors: Lori Chang, Christine Vasko, and Shannon Jacob; Dan Schmunk and Damon Addleman continue to serve with their customary excellence and skill.

Our pipe organ continues to decay at an alarming rate; portions of the organ that were functional 4 years ago are barely useable. Any organ recital would be virtually impossible; choral accompaniment is an exercise in sleight-of-hand and masking over problems, rather than of making beautiful music.

Some work has already been done; the remaining rebuilding/restoration work is divided into four stages; one for each physical location of the organ throughout the sanctuary. The first of these four phases has been scheduled to be completed this summer, financed in large part by our Organ Fund. After that, about \$800,000 of work remains on the instrument in order to get it into good, reliable playing condition. *-Nathan Skinner*



## PRAYER & PRACTICAL HELPS

### Wings

The Wings team is entering its 12<sup>th</sup> year of service with many of the same faithful members: Meredith Johnson, Anne Chen, Heather Lewis, and Phil Schoenheiter have been masterfully organizing, cooking and delivering our Wings meals. We are also very grateful for our 25 cooks who are always ready to prepare delicious meals for those who are dealing with illness or loss. Ron Barndt hosts our semi-monthly confidential congregational prayer meeting. Sheryl Cunningham, Linda Herman, Doris Pratt, Lia Rix, Phil Schoenheiter and Herman and Ruth Smith pray consistently for PSCers who are in distress. We have prayed for everything from annoying roommates, murder trials, childhood cancer and same sex attraction. It is truly a blessing and privilege to stand in the gap for those who love God. *-Chris Sherwood*

## SMALL GROUPS

By the grace of God, PSC is presently the spiritual home to 75 small groups that meet within the church building or in residences throughout greater Boston. These include groups for families, couples, young adults, men, and women. This fall, small groups had the opportunity to read and discuss the locally prepared guide to the book of Jonah in the weeks leading up to our Missions Emphasis Week. We have seen expansion among Work/Life groups dedicated to helping Christians be witnesses in their workplaces, as well as continued activity from small groups with specific ministry passions, such as reaching out to the homeless, providing a place for young couples to share life together, and connecting with adults who have cognitive disabilities. We're excited about how the Lord will use this ministry in the coming year. *-Jeff Schuliger*

## VISITATION

God has sworn with an oath to be with those who trust him. That promise to us is just as certain as his promises to Noah, Abraham and Moses and has been sealed by the blood of Christ. Every year we see that oath in action in the lives of those who endure suffering with patience, who recover and praise God, and those who have found peace in the sorrow of loss. Thanks to the generosity of the Bob Morrison bequest, Stuart Delorme has come on board to help with the Visitation Ministry. His special focus is on people who are not able to attend services. He brings his own special charisma into nursing homes and assisted living communities. *-Chris Sherwood*



## WOMEN

In 2016, women's ministry experienced God's faithfulness as a season of harvest. Many ideas, sown in years past, are bearing fruit.

We have received positive feedback on the *Woman to Woman* newsletter begun last year. Three new initiatives have been launched. You tell us you are discovering contemplation and community at our Meet Me at the Museum gatherings. Creating Space is providing "spaces" for making and deepening friendships. Quiet mornings are giving space to deepening our friendship with God.

None of this would be possible without the innovative, cheerful teamwork of faithful volunteers. I am grateful for each volunteer, and for each PSC woman who is experiencing God's faithfulness here. *-Chris May*



#### WOMAN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Our Wednesday morning meetings are entering into their 209<sup>th</sup> year. 2016 was a year of expansion. We added several new members to our cadre of quilters, the New York City children's ministry, our philatelic group and our prayer team. We are grateful for those who have faithfully sent us cards, stamps, and material for our projects. Our highlight every year is our mission's luncheon. This year we hosted 40 guests and were excited to hear from every missionary who was stateside during the conference. It is very inspiring to hear their updates. It was also a blessing to know that we are considered members of our missionaries' families as we prayed for some of their personal disappointments and frustrations.

-Chris Sherwood

#### YOUNG ADULTS

Café

The young adult ministry at PSC continues to thrive, with Café 20s and 30s meeting on Tuesday evenings and Café Early 20s gathering on Wednesday evenings for worship, Bible study, prayer, and fellowship. New small groups have formed on both nights, with energetic leaders dedicated to coming alongside their peers as an encouragement in the pursuit of godliness. Our annual summer retreat to Lake Winnepesaukee in NH was a big highlight, drawing nearly 150 young adults for worship, fellowship and discussions about incorporating a Sabbath-rest into our busy and overbooked lives. Another highlight was that the community hosted Michael Gerson and Stephanie Summers for a well-attended political panel during this charged political season. -Jeff Schuliger

#### YOUTH

"Great is thy Faithfulness" is a fitting theme for our youth ministry this year. We have seen growth in many different areas. The most notable include our youth leadership, faith, and attendance. The youth have been leading the congregation in worship including the youth band leading on a Sunday evening, reading scripture in services, and serving across many different ministries. A few of our youth spent their summer to go deeper in their faith through attending a youth led social justice conference and serving refugees in Maine. Our Friday night attendance has more than doubled in the last few years. Our youth volunteers are all very proud of our youth and are grateful to the Lord for the work He's doing in our youth ministry. -Adam Herndon

#### WORKLIFE

What does it look like to be 'on mission' for Jesus in a world that's increasingly skeptical of our faith? We were privileged to explore this question with Park Streeters serving Christ in a variety of everyday places—in schools, in workplaces, in communities. One of these individuals was Hillary Topazian, who is focused on epidemiology and global health. Like many of us, there are few Christians in her field. Despite this, she sees every day as an opportunity to live out her calling, knowing God placed her there for a reason. Her approach? Humbly do good work, display a joyful attitude, and expect God to work in and through her as she trusts in Him. May we all follow her example in 2017 and beyond! -Chris Lake

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Park Street Youth retreat, November 2016

# COMPASSIONATE CONCERN

*Julian Linnell*  
MINISTER OF MISSIONS

When God asked Jonah “Should I not be concerned about that great city?” (Jonah 4:11) he revealed his great faithfulness to creation. God’s concern for the Ninevites’ salvation contrasted starkly with his prophet’s concern for their judgment. His compassionate concern teaches us that if we get on board with God’s mission priorities, then God himself is not going to let us down.

Michael Oh, Executive Director of the Lausanne Movement, challenged us during Missions Emphasis Week to share God’s heart for people like the Ninevites. He spoke movingly of his own experience as a Korean American missionary to Japan. Michael inspired us to take the next step in 2017 to

pray, to go, to learn, to give or to serve. Many did: 108 pledged to learn, 201 to pray, 75 to serve, 32 to go, and 242 to give \$843,035. Also, unexpectedly, we received \$50,000 from an anonymous donor for missions in East Asia Fund.

God’s faithfulness was also evident this year as we marked three milestones in Bible translation. Bill and Paula Hanna have served the people of Thailand since 1981. Four years ago, Paula joined the translation project for the Northern Thai language. Of the 6 million people in this people group, about 100,000 are believers. We praise God that now the text of the Northern Thai New Testament has been completed.

Stuart and Sindia Foster started translating the Bible into the Lomwe (LOM-way) language in 1993 with a team of Mozambicans. Lomwe is one of the largest language groups in Mozambique with about 1.6 million speakers. Recently the team has completed the translation of the text of the whole Bible.

Jim and Andrea Z. joined the Central Asian Bible translation project in 1996. Jim worked with a team of national translators, foreign exegetical editors and consultants with the goal of giving this Central Asian people group of about 27 million, the Bible in their own language. After more than 20 years of work, the Bible has now been printed.



Fellow passengers on a boat trip in the Middle East

It was presented to Park Street Church in November.

At the global level, we recognized that the current refugee crisis in the Middle East is high on God’s list of concerns. In October, we welcomed Pastor Fady Al-Hagal, a Syrian American with World Relief. He encouraged us at Park Street to minister to refugees in word and deed, rescuing and rebuilding their lives.

We were privileged this year to commission Carol S. to South Asia and to send 56 participants on short-term teams to Haiti, Japan, South Africa, Maine and Revere Beach. We had visits from Adrian and Becca T. who were sent out as staff missionaries. Also, we enjoyed seeing Caroline C., Stuart and Sindia Foster, Alvaro and Adriana Henzler, Tom and Michelle Bartkoske and Meesook and Woojin Lee, Bill and Paula Hanna, Anne and Bill O’Donnell, Andrew and Anne May. In addition, we welcomed back the Martinez family and Megan Kibbey from their overseas service.

God’s faithfulness is also seen locally here in Boston. On college campuses we are grateful for the ministries of Cru and InterVarsity. Cru has 900 students involved on 20 campuses. 90 students came to Christ in the last two school years. InterVarsity’s mission to Boston included 432 participants, 41 small groups, 10 decisions for Christ, 356 students followed up and 161 non-Christians.

Boston Healthcare Fellowship is another vital local ministry. It supports weekly Bible studies at the Harvard Medical School, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston University, Tufts, and one for Longwood area hospitals. Each month a dinner and discussion is hosted at Vanderbilt Hall for about 80-100 people. A speaker is invited to share their testimony of how they incorporate their faith into their practice, or on some issue pertinent to practicing healthcare while maintaining their Christian faith. Also, an annual retreat is held at Toah Nipi, NH with about 100-120 attendees.

In the Fall we welcomed our urban ministry partners from Boston Center for Pregnancy Choices, Alive in Christ, Massachusetts Family Institute, Boston Trinity Academy, Park Street School, and Park Street Kids. We encouraged members of Park Street to gain a deeper grasp of ways to serve our city.

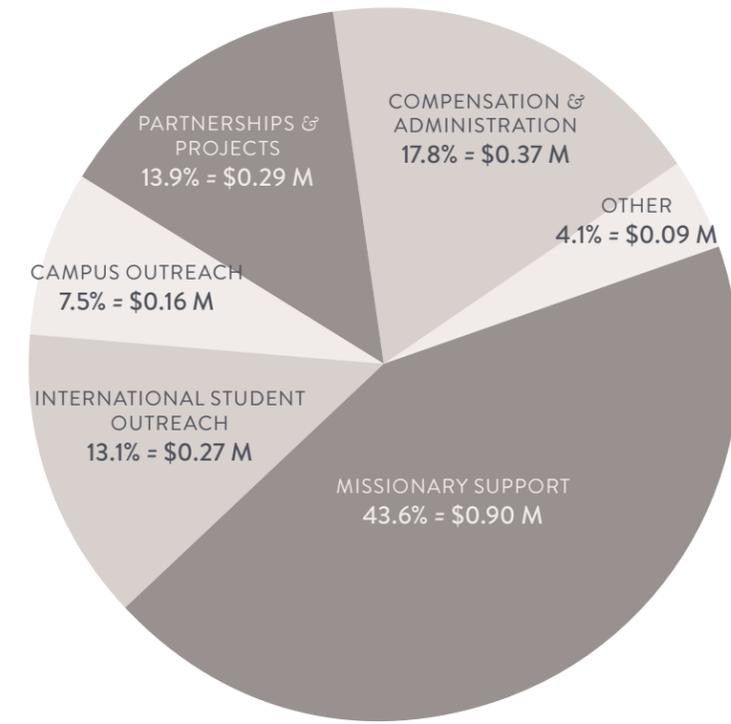
For all this, we thank God for His faithfulness to Park Street missions. We ask his help that we may be faithful to proclaim His salvation through Jesus Christ in 2017.

*Julian Linnell*



Refugee camp close to Syrian border

	2017 Proposed		2017 vs. 2016 Budget	2016	
	Breakdown	Budget		Actual	Budget
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS AND INCOME</b>					
Offerings and Collections	80.5%	\$1,673,939	2.2%	\$1,584,421	\$1,638,422
Donor Restricted Income	8.4%	\$175,000	0.0%	\$228,995	\$175,000
Short-Term Missions Support	4.8%	\$100,000	-14.5%	\$83,442	\$117,000
Investment Income & Interest	4.7%	\$98,296	0.7%	\$97,579	\$97,579
Other Missions Income	1.6%	\$33,000	-25.5%	\$31,626	\$44,300
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND INCOME</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$2,080,235</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>\$2,026,063</b>	<b>\$2,072,301</b>
<b>SUPPORT AND EXPENSES</b>					
<b>Missionary Support</b>					
Active Missionary Support	32.4%	\$673,579	6.1%	\$614,723	\$634,973
Retired Missionary Support	4.5%	\$94,612	-1.5%	\$93,199	\$96,064
Staff Missionary Associates	3.4%	\$71,182	-32.2%	\$79,583	\$105,000
Mid-Term Missions Expenses (Net)	1.2%	\$25,064	61.5%	\$11,833	\$15,520
Global Professionals Support	0.2%	\$5,000	150.0%	\$0	\$2,000
Missionary Visitation and Care	0.7%	\$15,000	0.0%	\$15,743	\$15,000
Missionary Furlough	1.0%	\$20,000	0.0%	\$6,066	\$20,000
PSC Missionary "Prospecting"	0.1%	\$2,000	0.0%	\$816	\$2,000
Subtotal	43.6%	\$906,437	1.8%	\$821,963	\$890,557
<b>International Student Outreach</b>					
FOCUS and ESL Program Expenses	2.2%	\$45,000	-8.0%	\$35,108	\$48,925
FOCUS Staff Salaries and Benefits	11.0%	228,220	4.6%	235,901	218,198
Subtotal	13.1%	\$273,220	2.3%	\$271,009	\$267,123
<b>Campus Outreach</b>					
Medical Student Outreach	1.2%	\$24,000	0.0%	\$27,432	\$24,000
Real Life - Cru	2.6%	\$55,000	0.0%	\$54,607	\$55,000
InterVarsity Christian Fellowship	1.4%	\$30,000	0.0%	\$28,716	\$30,000
Support for Local Campus Ministers	2.2%	\$46,600	0.0%	\$41,550	\$46,600
Subtotal	7.5%	\$155,600	0.0%	\$152,305	\$155,600
<b>Local Outreach</b>					
CityWorks	1.0%	\$20,000	33.3%	\$10,869	\$15,000
Local Ministries	1.5%	32,000	0.0%	26,669	32,000
Subtotal	2.5%	\$52,000	10.6%	\$37,538	\$47,000
<b>Partnerships and Projects</b>					
One-Time Special Projects	0.5%	\$10,000	0.0%	\$16,245	\$10,000
Donor Restricted Gift (Expenses)	8.4%	175,000	0.0%	190,051	175,000
Short-Term Missions	4.8%	100,000	-25.9%	76,527	135,000
Partnership Development by PSC Staff	0.2%	4,000	0.0%	4,000	4,000
Subtotal	13.9%	\$289,000	-10.8%	\$286,823	\$324,000
<b>Missions Conference and Programs</b>					
Food/Service Receptions	0.2%	\$5,000	0.0%	\$5,432	\$5,000
Education, Guest Speakers, Misc. Programs	0.4%	8,000	33.3%	2,196	6,000
Missions Intern	0.1%	2,000	0.0%	2,000	2,000
Short-Term Missions Conferences/Programs	0.2%	4,000	0.0%	0	4,000
Annual Leadership Conferences	0.1%	2,000	0.0%	1,144	2,000
URBANA Conference Scholarships	0.0%	0		0	0
Missions Conference	0.6%	13,000	0.0%	17,418	13,000
Subtotal	1.6%	\$34,000	6.3%	\$28,190	\$32,000
<b>Staff Salaries/Benefits and Administration</b>					
Missions Salaries and Benefits	10.2%	\$212,781	7.6%	\$157,787	\$197,809
Support Staff Salaries and Benefits	6.9%	143,197	-0.7%	121,998	144,213
Administration Expenses	0.7%	14,000	0.0%	9,832	14,000
Subtotal	17.8%	\$369,978	3.9%	\$289,617	\$356,022
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND EXPENSES</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$2,080,235</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>\$1,887,445</b>	<b>\$2,072,301</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>		<b>\$0</b>		<b>\$138,618</b>	<b>\$0</b>



# MISSIONS BUDGET

## \$2.08M



Refugee settlement for Syrians in the Middle East





# PARTNER

# SCHOOLS

## *Park Street Kids | Park Street School*

*“Micah chapter 6, verse 8 ... The Lord has shown you what is good. He has told you what He requires of you. You must treat people fairly. You must love others faithfully. And you must be very careful to live the way your God wants you to ...”*

*“Dear Lord, I pray that people will treat others fairly and love others faithfully ... Pray that people will be careful to live the life you want us to live ... Pray that you will heal the sick and injured, and pray that you will help the poor. In Jesus’ name we pray ... Amen.”*

– Micah 6:8 paraphrased and prayer, read and prayed by Grade 4B PSS student Taylor Hauff, January 12, 2017

Each morning at Park Street School, two students run downstairs from their classroom to recite “The Pledge of Allegiance” and to pray for our day over the school loudspeaker. Parents linger in the lobby and wait for it. They record it on their iPhones. Administrators come out of their offices and place their hands over their hearts. Upstairs, students stand to face the American flag in the corners of the classrooms.

For just a couple of minutes, everything stops, and we bow our heads to pray.

It’s a brief moment in our day, but so rich. It’s an opportunity to build community. It’s an opportunity to build confidence in the students. It’s an opportunity to express faith. And it’s an opportunity to convey the character that is being built in us, “that emerges from the source of righteousness, justice, and unselfish love, God Himself, that is refined through a relationship in which God’s character activates these values in us, empowering us to live them out” (“Character Defined,” Schoolroom Notes, Fall 2009, Issue 13).

There has been a lot of talk this year around the topic of character. If you walk along Brimmer Street, the words “Character, Truth and Excellence” engrafted onto our school sign might capture your attention. That motto serves as a daily reminder to us of the qualities Park Street School and Park Street Kids’ founders hoped would be nurtured in our students, and would continue to grow in our faculty and

staff. We remain dependent upon our source of character – God Himself – as Mrs. Gillespie, the Principal of Park Street School eloquently reminded us above. As she also wrote, “We are aware as well that our authenticity as role models is paramount in the development of our students’ moral character. We have the privilege and the responsibility to model not only by our words, but by our actions, the virtues that God is creating in us. This process engages us in a lifestyle of honesty, forgiveness, integrity, and moral authority from which we hope to influence for eternity the lives of our students.”

We know we cannot do this alone. We remain dependent on God and His work in us. And we remain dependent on the prayers and intentional community of believers and churches around us. We are so grateful for our partnership with Park Street Church ... and we covet your prayers as we move further toward our privilege and responsibility to point our students toward lives of good character, but ultimately to the One who is our source. – Kim Twitchell, Director of Communications

## *Boston Trinity Academy*

Boston Trinity Academy educates students from diverse backgrounds in an academically demanding, Christ-centered community, inspiring them to lead lives of faith, integrity, and service. We strive to be “God’s School for the City” as we become a place where Christ is welcomed, loved, and believed, and also a place where the highest academic and character standards are practiced and celebrated.

This year the school commemorates the completion of its 15<sup>th</sup> year. As we look back on our history, we are compelled to exclaim, “Great is Thy faithfulness O God our Father.” In the beginning, many told us that a Christian school of excellence in the City of Boston

comprised of students from every race and socioeconomic background would be impossible. Happily, all things are possible with God, and we have been delighted to be a part of an institution that consistently exhibits academic excellence, purposeful faith, and authentic community.

We demonstrate our academic excellence by offering 12 Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and by requiring every student to successfully complete three AP courses. In last year’s Calculus AP class (the equivalent of a 1st semester college course), 14 of 14 students received the highest possible score of 5 on the AP Exam, and in BC Calculus (second semester college),

eight of ten students garnered a 5 on the Exam, one student earned a 4, and the final student received a 3 (all honors grades and worthy of college credit). We demonstrate our purposeful faith by learning to serve one another and to serve our neighbors through the Trinity Institute for Leadership and Social Justice in programs such as our mission trips to Nepal, the Micah Conference, Boston Day, and more. Finally, we are an authentic community where every student is known and loved so that they will take what they have learned and do something extraordinary with their lives by knowing and loving God and their neighbors. – Frank Guerra, Headmaster



# FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

*Bob Andersen*  
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

The last week of December was once again a “thanksgiving” week for those of us who are privileged to serve on the church staff. The final offering of the year was collected on Christmas Day, leaving us with a combined shortfall in Offerings and Collections of \$584,000. Over the remaining days of the year, the church received Christmas envelopes, on-line transfers and stock gifts amounting to \$486,000, which brought total giving for the month of December close to \$1 million. On behalf of the church staff, thank you for your prayers and for responding to Park Street’s financial needs with this generous outpouring of gifts.

Income to Ministry and Operations (M&O) for 2016 was \$3.09 million, below budget by 1.5%, but ahead of expenses by \$46,650. Income to Missions was \$2.03 million, below budget by 2.2%, but ahead of expenses by \$138,618. The combined income of \$5.12 million represents 98.2% of the budget goal for 2016, and allows us to move ahead with a full program for next year.

One remarkable result from the past five years is our combined M&O and Missions income has continued to increase each year at a compound annual rate of 2.6% while the number of giving units (regular giving accounts) has decreased each year as overall attendance (primarily in the evening) has declined by 16% over the same period. This year we’ve reached a point where the amount of giving per giving unit remains unchanged, and consequently we’ve been careful to keep the budgets essentially flat, with only slight increases (0.6% overall) included to address the rising cost of healthcare and the minimum wage.

With budgets being flat, we are most fortunate to have other sources of funds available to us as we stretch our resources into another year. Grants from outside sources provide supplemental funding for our Enable Boston Ministry (Sacco Foundation), Women’s Ministry (Imago Dei Fund) and our audio/video/broadcast ministry (Kendrick Foundation). A fund established in 2016 through an anonymous donation is providing \$50,000 for new missionary projects overseas (East Asia Fund).

Bequests from past members helped to establish our Campus Ministry Center near Harvard Square (Perin and Hilda Wilson, Henry van Baay). Bequests also provide perpetual funding for retired missionaries (Janet Elliott Fund) and upkeep of the sanctuary (Edith Corey Fund). A bequest in 2014 from the estate of Robert Morrison is providing funding for international students, Staff Missionary projects, missions partnerships and a visitation ministry for shut-ins.

If you’re in the process of drafting or updating your will, please prayerfully consider the impact a portion of your estate could have on the ministry of Park Street Church. As we begin to plan ahead to renew our aging infrastructure (HVAC phase 3, pipe organ phase 2, steeple repairs), the impact of grants, designated gifts and bequests, coupled with our own replacement reserves, could allow us to undertake these projects without the need for capital campaigns.

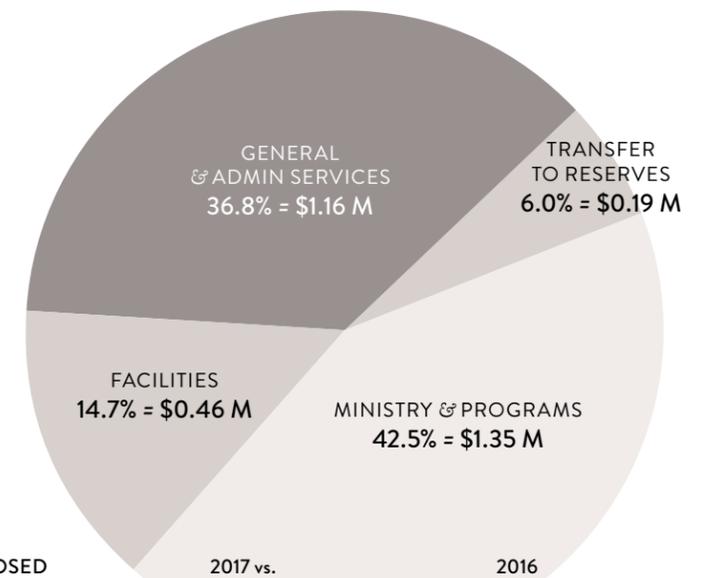
We are grateful for the continued commitment of God’s people to the local and global work of Park Street Church and look forward to another fruitful year ahead.

*Bob Rawnsley*  
CLERK

As of December 31, 2016, the Park Street Church database showed an active membership of 1,473; an increase of 14 from the previous year. Our congregation was blessed with the addition of 80 new members, 61 by confession of faith and 19 by reaffirmation/ letter of transfer. Two former members returned and were reinstated as active. The membership status of one member was found to have been incorrectly stated, the member’s status was corrected from non-member to active. 859 members are listed as inactive. The ministerial staff conducted six confession of faith baptisms, 17 infant/child baptisms and two infant dedications.

During the year, eight members went to be with the Lord: Lois C. Barndt, Edwin A. Ericson, Bruce K. Forbes, Thomas Gerendas, Rena M. Johnson, Ralph McPhee, Dorothy V. Meyer and Karen B. Piper. Throughout the year, 53 members transferred their membership to a different church, four members withdrew their membership and four members had their membership status revised from active to inactive.

## MINISTRY & OPERATIONS BUDGET \$3.16M



	2017 PROPOSED		2017 vs.		2016	
	Breakdown	Budget	2016 Actual	2016 Budget	Actual	Budget
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS AND INCOME</b>						
Offerings and Collections	91.2%	\$2,886,607	2.4%	0.9%	\$2,818,077	\$2,862,055
Endowment Investment Income	4.0%	\$125,535	0.7%	0.7%	\$124,618	\$124,619
Facility Use and Rental Income	3.7%	\$118,060	9.1%	0.0%	\$108,251	\$118,060
Other Operational Income	1.1%	34,600	-15.8%	0.0%	41,111	34,600
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND INCOME</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$3,164,802</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>\$3,092,057</b>	<b>\$3,139,334</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES &amp; TRANSFERS</b>						
<b>Ministry and Programs</b>						
Ministry & Program Staff Expenses	36.7%	\$1,162,097	3.4%	0.9%	\$1,124,067	\$1,151,766
Adult Ministries	1.3%	\$40,900	9.9%	-7.9%	\$37,208	\$44,400
Family Ministries	1.3%	\$41,500	20.9%	-11.9%	\$34,339	\$47,085
General Ministries & Programs	3.2%	\$101,000	5.0%	2.3%	\$96,146	\$98,700
<b>Total Ministry &amp; Programs</b>	<b>42.5%</b>	<b>\$1,345,497</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>	<b>\$1,291,760</b>	<b>\$1,341,951</b>
<b>Park Street Facility</b>						
Maintenance Expenses	4.0%	\$126,000	12.7%	-6.0%	\$111,779	\$134,000
Building Supplies Expenses	0.7%	\$23,000	18.4%	2.2%	\$19,423	\$22,500
Utilities Expenses	6.3%	\$199,000	-0.2%	-0.3%	\$199,452	\$199,500
General Expenses	2.3%	\$73,000	9.9%	7.4%	\$66,433	\$68,000
<b>Total Park Street Facility</b>	<b>13.3%</b>	<b>\$421,000</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>	<b>\$397,088</b>	<b>\$424,000</b>
<b>Total 1626 Mass Avenue Facility</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>\$43,500</b>	<b>17.4%</b>	<b>-5.4%</b>	<b>\$37,040</b>	<b>\$46,000</b>
<b>General &amp; Administrative Services</b>						
Administrative Staff Expenses	29.6%	\$937,012	5.0%	1.4%	\$892,676	\$924,283
Communications & Office Technology	3.5%	\$110,464	-11.3%	11.6%	\$124,477	\$99,000
General Admin. Services & Expenses	3.7%	\$117,328	4.4%	2.8%	\$112,366	\$114,100
<b>Total General &amp; Administrative Services</b>	<b>36.8%</b>	<b>\$1,164,804</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>\$1,129,519</b>	<b>\$1,137,383</b>
<b>Transfer to Replacement Reserves</b>						
Park Street Facility	4.7%	\$150,000	0.0%	0.0%	\$150,000	\$150,000
1626 Mass Avenue	1.3%	\$40,000	0.0%	0.0%	\$40,000	\$40,000
<b>Total Transfer to Replacement Reserves</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES &amp; TRANSFERS</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$3,164,802</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>\$3,045,407</b>	<b>\$3,139,334</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>		<b>\$0</b>			<b>\$46,650</b>	<b>\$0</b>

*Rich Elliott*  
FACILITIES MANAGER

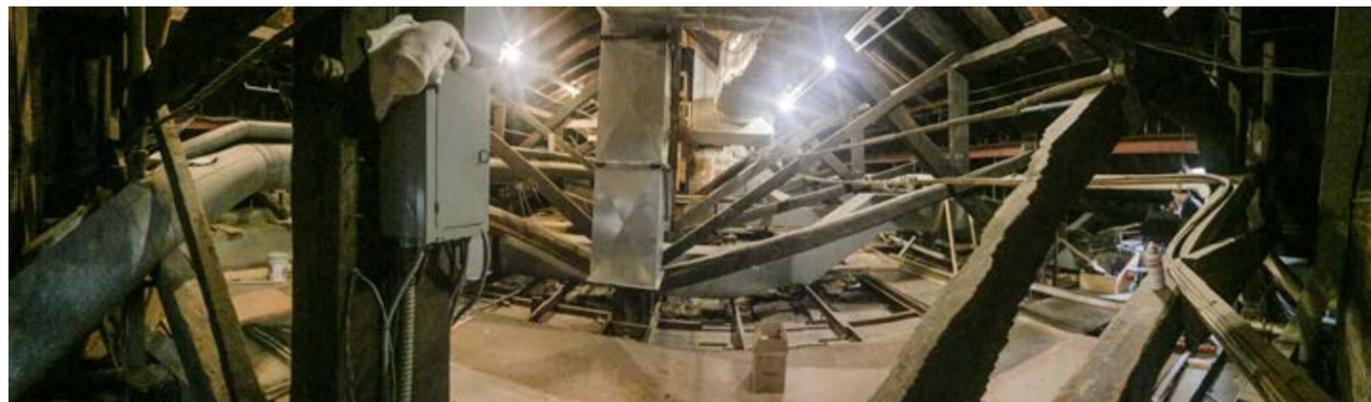
Just as Facilities Management extends beyond the physical boundaries of the facilities, it also involves much more than management. Our staff assists in the direction of weddings, memorial services, concerts, the Freedom Trail, Park Street Kids, board meetings, conferences, trainings, recovery groups, tours, and more. This year, in addition to our normal programming, we have hosted a group of Christian writers from over a dozen campuses and universities, held a Streams Of Praise concert for a packed out worship service in Mandarin and in English, hosted the National Association of Evangelicals board meeting, and even transformed ourselves into the city of Bethlehem! Strategically, we look to the past to see what did (or did not) work well, work on the present, and are engaged in envisioning and charting a road map for a viable, dynamic future. This has included a much needed renovation of the Wilson and Van Baay House kitchens, finishing with a state of the art heating/cooling system for 2 Park Street, and creating a 5<sup>th</sup> Floor administrative ministry suite. We collaborate with ministries to help ministry succeed and thrive. This year, along with consultants, the Security Committee, and the leadership of Lyford Beverage, we have



Renovated kitchen at the "Wilson House," 1626 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge.

worked at developing security policies and procedures with a goal of bringing safety training to Park Street Church ushers, greeters, leaders, and lay leaders. Through the Boston Police Department's community meetings (Want to attend one? Just ask me!), we have established many connections with the

police and with community partners. Facilities staff are the first to arrive each morning, and the last to leave each night—if this list seems daunting, it is. We appreciate and need your prayers and support, and are grateful to be a blessing to Park Street Church.



View from above the sanctuary

*Herman Smith*  
MODERATOR

Dear Church Family:

In a letter sent from jail, Apostle Paul encourages the Philippians:

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:4-7*

Yes, we are living in a time of great transition in our church, culture, government. While the future is uncertain, our Lord not only reigns but soon will return in glory to make all things right. So we can rejoice in the goodness of the Lord at all times—even or perhaps especially—in challenging times as these. In trusting and thanking the Lord, He gives us His peace and protection.

Trusting in God's promises, especially with respect to prayer and supplication, your Board of Elders presses on. One of the first things we did after Gordon announced his plan to retire in June 2017, was to establish a prayer team to lead the congregation in concerted prayer during this pastoral transition. Elder Jim Feenstra and his team have been doing an excellent job in leading all of us to pray for Gordon, the ministry/staff team, the PSC congregation, and the work of the Senior Minister Search Committee. The Board of Elders is grateful for all the work the ministers and staff have been doing to continue to lead and guide PSC in the midst of this transition.

We live in exciting times but the Lord is with us. He is the head of the Church and will lead us through this transition. Please continue to remember all of us in your prayers.



**REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS; AGAIN I WILL SAY, REJOICE.**

# OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

## OFFICERS

Philip Chen, *Assistant Treasurer* · 2014  
 Brian E. Lacey, *Missions Treasurer* · 2012  
 Tracy Noga, *Treasurer* · 2014  
 Robert (Bob) Rawnsley, *Clerk* · 2014  
 Herman Smith, *Moderator* · 2016

## BOARD OF ELDERS

Bob Andersen\* · 2011  
 Simon Chang · 2015  
 Jim Feenstra · 2013  
 Gordon Hugenberger\* · 1997  
 Chris Lake · 2016  
 Nora Laver · 2016  
 Heather Lewis · 2011  
 Martha Neu · 2014  
 Tracy Noga\* · 2014  
 Alex Pless · 2014  
 David Rix · 2016  
 Herman Smith,\* *Chair* · 2015  
 Mark Snell · 2014  
 Joel Stanton · 2013  
 Peter van der Meer · 2015  
 Brian Winey · 2012

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Stephen Adams · 2017  
 Bob Andersen\* · 2011  
 Barbara Augusta · 2016  
 Lyford Beverage · 2012  
 Philip Chen · 2007  
 Stephen Haig\* · 2016  
 Joan Hale · 1984 (*Trustees*)  
 Brian Lacey · 2011  
 Ling Yi Liu · 2017  
 Martha Neu, *Chair* · 1982 (*Trustees*)  
 Tracy Noga · 2003  
 Alex Pless · 2013  
 John Saunders · 2011  
 Jeff Shaw · 2007  
 Greg Van Ermen · 2013  
 Clayton Webb · 2009

## INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Bob Andersen\* · 2011  
 Rob Bradley, *Chair* · 1992  
 Stephen Haig\* · 2016  
 Brian Lacey\* · 1992  
 Joan Leighton · 1995  
 Tracy Noga\* · 2014

## PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Bob Andersen\* · 2011  
 Jim Bruce · 1999  
 Gordon Hugenberger\* · 1999  
 Jim Huse · 1999  
 Doug May · 2012  
 David Murgatroyd · 2009  
 Martha Neu · 2005  
 Tracy Noga\* · 2014  
 Herman Smith,\* *Chair* · 2015

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Joy Ahearn · 2014  
 Yannick Assogba · 2016  
 Ron Barndt · 2015  
 Tara Boetcher · 2016  
 Don Cutlip · 2014  
 Judy Dean · 2015  
 Leslie Liu · 2016  
 Christine Peters · 2016  
 Kirstin Peltz · 2014  
 Ellen Rawnsley · 2016  
 Christine Vasko · 2015  
 Wally Weld, *Chair* · 2015

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

David Alvarez · 2006  
 Ron Barndt · 1999  
 Leslie Eldeiry · 2014  
 Ellen Gabrielse · 2015  
 Gerald (Jerry) Gabrielse · 2015  
 Mary Frances Giles · 2015  
 Elisabeth McSherry Green · 2008  
 Howard Green · 2008  
 Rebecca Heidgerd · 2011  
 Jane Hugenberger · 2005  
 Toni Kim\* · 2004  
 Helen Layman · 2015  
 Jim Layman · 2015  
 Ann Lynch · 2013  
 Dan Lynch · 2013  
 Grace Man · 2015  
 Kevin Masters · 2015  
 Robert (Bob) Rawnsley · 2014  
 Laura Roscoe · 2010  
 Dorothy Saunders · 2011  
 John Saunders · 2011  
 David Sparks · 2015  
 Summar Sparks · 2015  
 Doug Thompson · 2010  
 Erika Whitworth · 2015  
 Robin Whitworth · 2004

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Lois Andersen · 2010  
 Claudia Chan · 2016  
 Patrick Chen\* · 2007  
 Ruth (Ruthie) Chen · 2015  
 Annie Hsu · 2015  
 Ray Kam\* · 2015  
 Tom Kane · 2013  
 John Knight · 2010  
 Jennifer Lacano · 2010  
 Brian Lacey\* · 2012  
 Susan Lane · 2014  
 Charles Larson · 2010  
 David T. Lewis · 2015  
 Alice Loo · 2010  
 Julian Linnell\* · 2014  
 John Liu · 2014  
 Barbara Pless · 2011  
 Qiuting Ren · 2014  
 Firas S. · 2016  
 Joel Stanton · 2014  
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