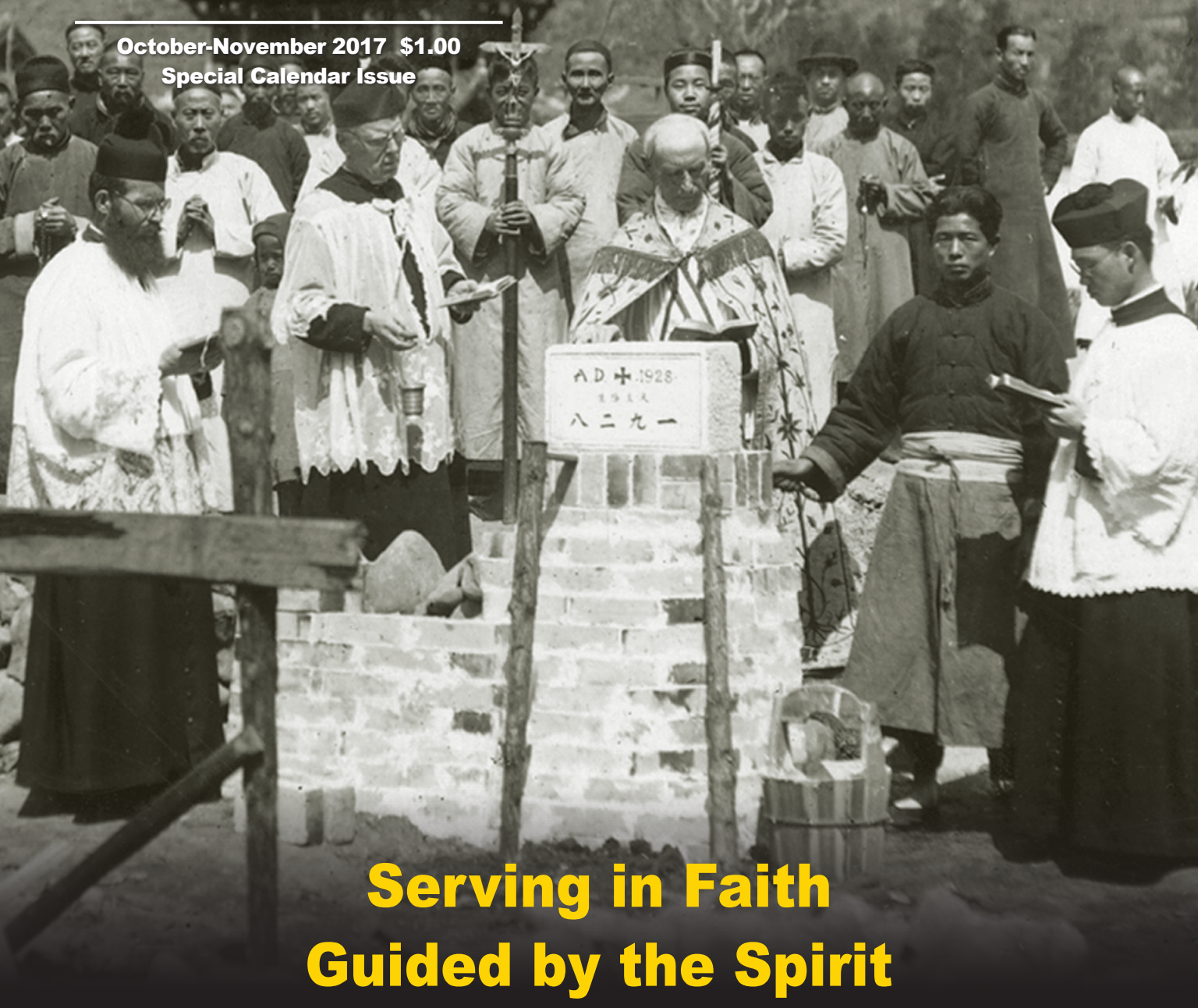




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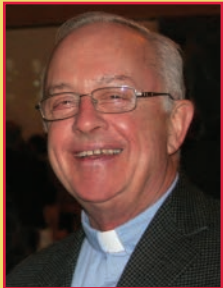


Serving in Faith Guided by the Spirit

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Dear partner in mission,

“Todos los días nace el Señor.” (Every day the Lord is born.) That is the title of a Christmas hymn that is frequently sung throughout the Spanish-speaking world. It refers to our God who is born anew, not just at Christmas, but every day of our lives. God’s Spirit is constantly present to us.

The great mystic Meister Eckhart wrote, “When we say God is eternal, God is eternally young...God is the newest thing there is, the youngest thing there is. God is the beginning and if we are united to God, we become new again.”

Todos los días nace el Señor.

At Christmas, we recall the moment when God entered human history in the person of Jesus Christ. When families gather, we often recall Christmases past, and family and friends who are no longer with us. It is important to remember the past, but we must also walk into the future.

Many spiritual writers have made the observation that God is a verb not a noun. God is a dynamic active presence in our lives calling us into the future and that involves risk.

At Scarboro we are entering a new phase in our life as a missionary community and we know that God is with us calling us forward. We believe profoundly that the Holy Spirit is the source and author of mission and we are being invited to walk in trust, confident in a God who accompanies us.

Christmas is a reminder for all of us that Jesus’ journey with us was unrestrained by history and the mindsets of people. He invites us to cross borders, barriers and boundaries as we too walk into the future with hope. Christmas is the celebration of the crossing from the divine to the human. Christmas manifests God’s bursting into human history—a Christmas of lowliness and service.

We pray that Christmas be for all of you a time of renewed hope and confidence in our God who is present to us every day of our lives. Out of sincere gratitude for your support and solidarity with the Scarboro family, we remain united in prayer with your families as we celebrate Christmas 2017.∞



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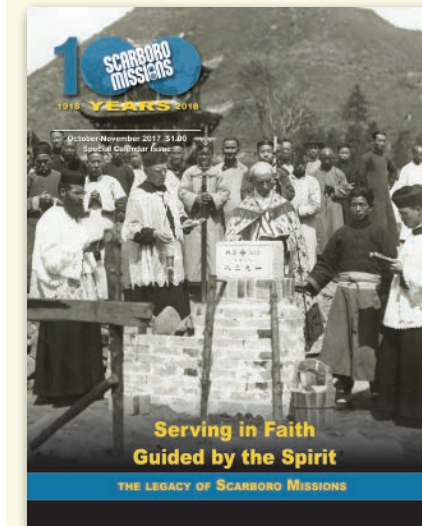
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COVER: Scarboro’s earliest missionaries to China gather with Chinese Christians to lay the cornerstone of St. Joseph’s Church in Lungchuan, 1928. L-R: Fr. Ramon Serra; Fr. William Fraser and his brother, Fr. John Mary Fraser (centre), and Fr. Paul Kam (far right).

Monsignor John Mary Fraser, founder of Scarboro Missions, was a true visionary. He saw the vast mission field of China and realized the need to organize mission societies to bring the message of Jesus to the people of that huge country. In 1918, he founded the China Mission College in Almonte, Ontario, which became known as the Scarboro Foreign Mission Society. He recognized the importance of ordaining not only Chinese priests for the Church in China but also establishing a Chinese hierarchy to lead the local Church. Msgr. Fraser’s zeal and hard work bear fruit in the legacy of Scarboro Missions today.

“Fidelity to the charism of our founder is a discerned community response to the movement of the Spirit in the present historical and ecclesial context, in the light of the Gospel, in our missionary vocation, and in the history of our Society.”

Acts of the Scarboro Missions 14th General Chapter, 2017



By Fr. John Carten, S.F.M.

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

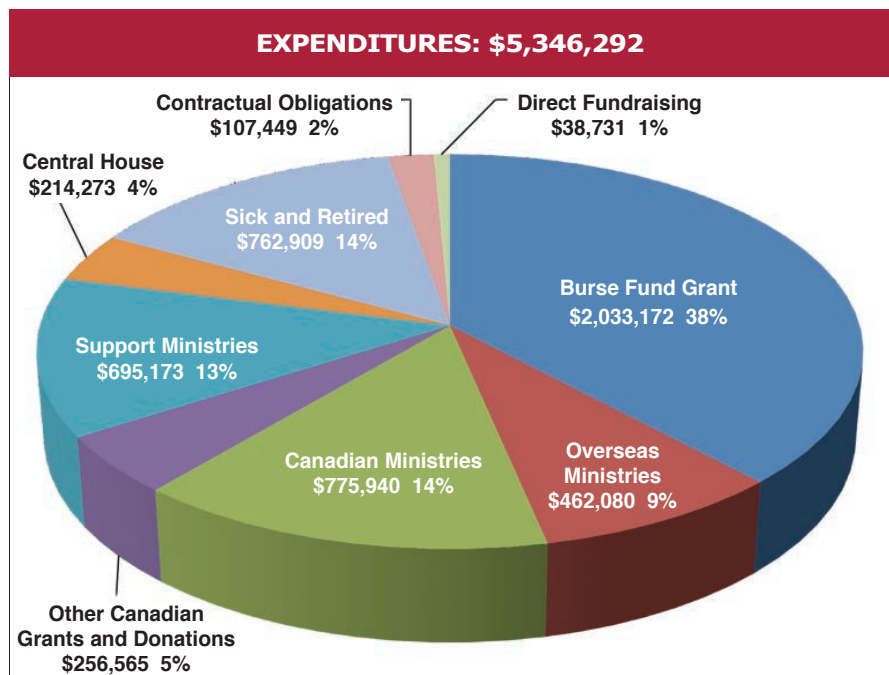
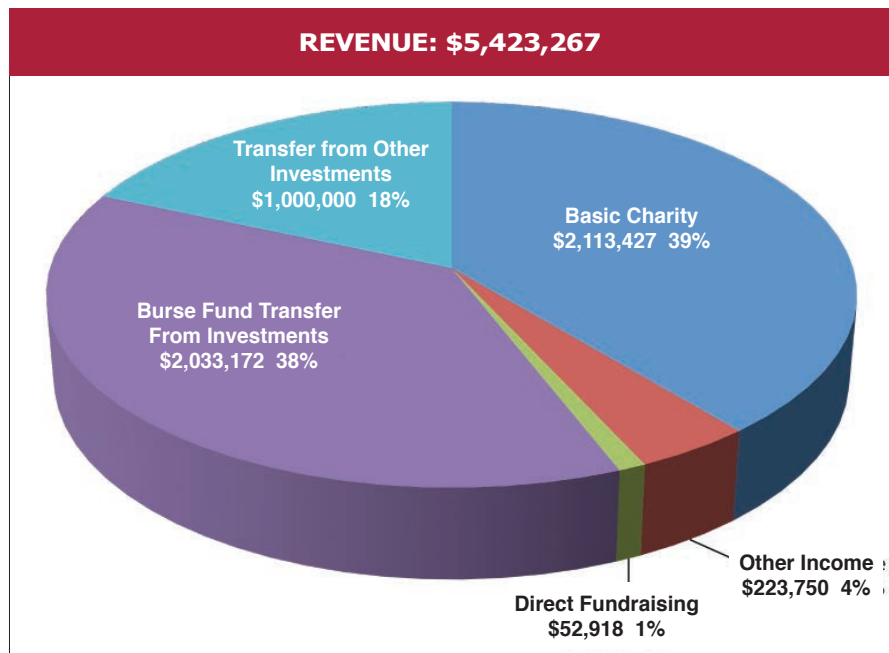
Financial report 2016

Another year has passed and we again take this opportunity to report on our stewardship of your gifts. The audit of our financial records for 2016 was completed in the spring of 2017, and the audited financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors in June and subsequently filed with Canada Revenue Agency. As always, this is a time to give thanks to God for the blessings we have received over the years and to extend our gratitude to all of you, our benefactors, for your continued support and generosity.

Revenue Sources

Our revenue in 2016 totaled \$5,423,267 as shown in the top graph. Sources of revenue included donations, bequests, fundraising, annuities, and other income. It also included \$1,000,000 withdrawn from our investment funds to help cover various expenses during the course of the year. The Burse Fund, valued at \$2,033,172, was also transferred out of our investments. (See explanation under "Expenditures" on facing page.)

The largest revenue category, Basic Charity, totaled \$2,113,427 in 2016 (39% of revenues). This revenue included \$403,033 in general gift donations from our benefactors and \$250,032 from annual diocesan collections. Income from bequests continued to represent the largest component of revenues reported under Basic Charity, totaling \$1,378,557 in 2016. We remain very grateful to our many benefactors who have remembered us through their charitable giving during the year or in their Will. We also received donations



of \$75,431 designated for the particular work of missionaries overseas, \$6,280 designated for the care of senior missionary priests, and other donation revenue of \$94 from interfaith work.

Direct fundraising totaled \$52,918 in 2016 (1% of revenues) and included \$31,573 from Perpetual Mass enrollments and \$21,345 from the sale of our calendars, spiritual greeting cards, and posters.

In the category Other Income we received \$223,750 (4% of revenues). This included \$166,439 from the operation of our Mission Centre. For many years, the Mission Centre has welcomed visitors from Catholic groups, parishes, and religious orders, and from other Christian denominations and faith traditions. Many community support groups also meet here. As well, our Mission Centre retreat team has facilitated retreats for more than 4,000 high school students annually, both here and at other locations, on many topics including World Religions studies.

Also included in Other Income is \$45,715 from chaplaincy work carried out by many of our priests; \$2,620 in proceeds from our gift annuity program in support of our mission work; as well as \$8,976 from miscellaneous income sources.

Expenditures

Our expenditures in 2016 totaled \$5,346,292. These expenditures were high compared to previous years because they included a grant from the Burse Fund valued at \$2,033,172. Over

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Kathy Murtha, coordinator of Scarboro's Mission Centre, facilitates a retreat for a group of Catholic high school students. Kathy and her team have facilitated retreats for more than 4,000 students annually on many topics including World Religions studies. This student is learning about the shofar, an instrument made of ram's horn and traditionally blown on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year.



Scarboro missionary Fr. Dave Warren facilitates a lecture in Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching at the Scarboro Mission Centre. These sessions are another aspect of ministry work in Canada and are facilitated by Scarboro priests, lay missionaries, staff, and guest lecturers.



Development and growth of the local Church

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The Church is a servant of God's mission called to live faithfully the values of the Reign of God and give a prophetic witness to the teachings of Jesus.

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December 2017 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 • Mary, Mother of God • New Year's Day • World Day of Peace	2	3	4 • St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), first US born saint, widow, mother, founder of the Sisters of Charity	5	6
7 • Epiphany of the Lord	8 • Baptism of Our Lord	9	10	11	12 • St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, foundress, Notre Dame Congregation	13
14 • World Day of Migrants and Refugees	15	16	17	18 • Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (to Jan 25): Your Right Hand, O Lord, Glorious in Power (Exodus 15:6) <i>Prepared by the Churches of the Caribbean</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 • Conversion of St. Paul	26	27
28 • St. Thomas Aquinas, Dominican, philosopher, theologian	29	30	31	February 2018 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	Photo: Fr. Dave Fitzpatrick, SFM, participating in a bible study group. Minokamo, Japan. Scarboro priests first went to Japan in 1948 when the country was rebuilding itself after World War II. Throughout the years, they built churches and served many parishes. They also set up credit unions that are still thriving today. Another aspect of mission in Japan was interaction with peoples of other faiths, as Christians form less than 1% of the population.	



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JANUARY 2018



Promotion of interfaith and interreligious dialogue

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The readings from the Acts of the Apostles inform us that the Church is growing and breaking down borders and boundaries, for the Holy Spirit cannot be contained in old ways, traditions, or to just one people. Our role is to cooperate, not interfere, with the Spirit who is both the source and author of mission.

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Photo: Fr. Mike Traher, SFM, with a Buddhist monk in Thailand. Dialogue and openness with peoples of other faiths and cultures is an important part of being a missionary. With the Second Vatican Council's Declaration on the Relation of the Church to Non-Christian Religions— <i>Nostra Aetate</i> (In Our Time)—the Church sought to embrace all that was true and holy in other religions and called on Catholics to promote that which is good in them. With the opening of the Interfaith Desk and subsequently the Department of Interfaith Dialogue, Scarboro Missions made concrete its work of promoting harmony and understanding among people of other faiths.				1	2	3
				• World Interfaith Harmony Week (to Feb 7)	• Presentation of Our Lord • World Wetlands Day	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		• St. Paul Miki & Companions (Japanese martyrs)				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
• Our Lady of Lourdes • World Day of the Sick	• Family Day (BC) • Anniversary of the death of Sister Dorothy Stang, SND (1931-2005), advocate and martyr for the poor and for the environment in the Brazilian Amazon		• Ash Wednesday • Valentine's Day			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
• 1st Sunday of Lent	• Family Day (AB, NB, ON, SK)	• World Day of Social Justice (UN)		• St. Peter the Apostle		
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• 2nd Sunday of Lent						



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FEBRUARY 2018



Overseas mission work

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To be credible witnesses to the Gospel we must develop a genuine understanding of, and affection for, the people whom we serve and for their cultural values.

Scarboro Missions Constitutions #22

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Photo: Fr. Ron MacDonell, SFM, with a Makuxi child who is learning her Indigenous language. Fr. Ron studied linguistics in order to work in revitalization of Indigenous languages in Brazil.</p>		<p>February</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p>	<p>April</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>• World Day of Prayer: “All God's creation is very good” (<i>Genesis 1:1-31</i>). Prepared by the Christian women of Suriname</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>• 3rd Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>• International Women's Day</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>• 4th Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>• St. Patrick's Day</p>
<p>18</p> <p>• 5th Sunday of Lent • Third World Solidarity Day (Development and Peace www.devlp.org)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>• St. Joseph (Patron of Canada)</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>• World Water Day (UN)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>• Earth Hour, 8:30 pm www.earthhour.org • Archbishop Oscar Romero martyred El Salvador, 1980</p>
<p>25</p> <p>• Palm Sunday • Our Lady's Missionaries founded 1949</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>• Holy Thursday</p>	<p>30</p> <p>• Good Friday</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>• Passover (celebrates deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt; 8 days)</p>



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MARCH 2018



Support for refugees and immigrants

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As we diminish, we look to others to bear the flame and grow into the new stewards of God's mission, called to love and share all that we have and who we are, accompanying the outcast, the stranger, the invisible, and those of other religious traditions who have become our friends.

"In the Spirit of the 14th General Chapter," 2017

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
• Easter Sunday	• Easter Monday			• Golden Rule Day		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
• 2nd Sunday of Easter				• Yom Hashoah (remembers the six million Jews who died during the Holocaust)		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
• 3rd Sunday of Easter		• St. Kateri Tekakwitha, North America's first Aboriginal saint, patroness of the ecology and the environment				• Ridván (Bahá'u'lláh, founder of the Baha'i faith, announces his mission; 12 days)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
• 4th Sunday of Easter • Earth Day			• St. Mark the Evangelist			
29	30	March 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	May 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	Photo: Former Scarboro lay missionary Beverley Vantomme at Christmas in Calgary with her students from Ethiopia, Eritrea, South Korea, China, Congo, Libya, Afghanistan, Iran, Columbia, and Burma who are learning English. Her husband Ray made the sleighs filled with candy. Beverley and Ray served as Scarboro missionaries in Malawi for many years. Since returning home to Canada, they continue to feel called to be among persons of other cultures and faiths. The people of Malawi welcomed them and now Beverley and Ray are helping to welcome newcomers to Canada.		
• 5th Sunday of Easter • St. Catherine of Siena Doctor of the Church						



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APRIL 2018



Support for the marginalized in the Global South

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Scarboro Missions seeks to live simply and more sustainably in solidarity with the poor and marginalized peoples of the world as well as with the whole community of life, and to work on behalf of social and ecological justice.

Scarboro Missions Ecological Mission Statement

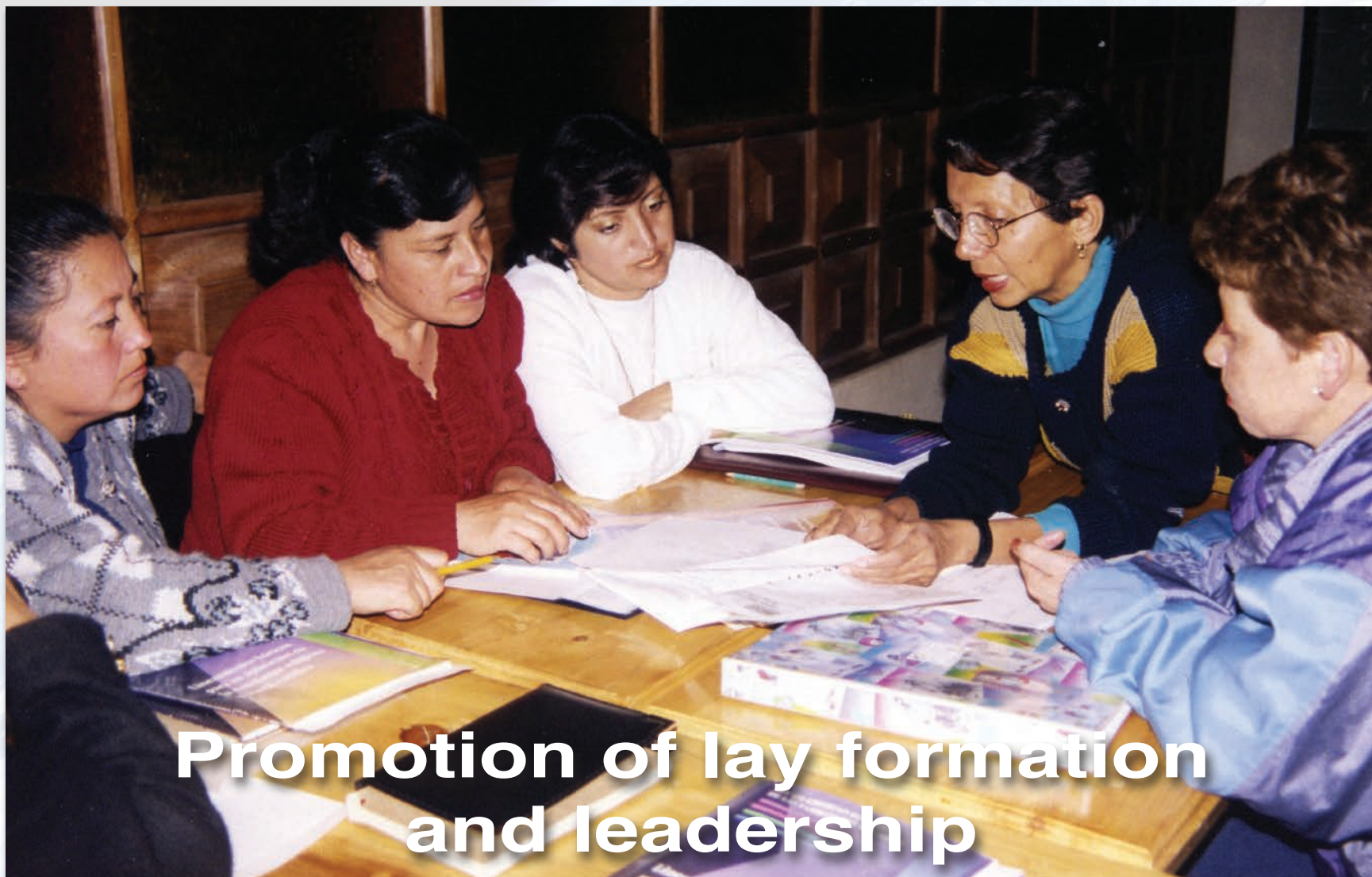
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<p>Photo: Scarboro lay missionary Gerry Heffernan working alongside the people in a project to build almost 200 homes for their community. Chiclayo, Peru. 1990.</p>		1 • St. Joseph the Worker	2	3 • Sts. Philip and James, Apostles	4	5
6 • 6th Sunday of Easter	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 • Ascension Sunday • Mother's Day	14	15	● 16 • Ramadan (Islamic month of fasting begins)	17	18	19
20 • Pentecost Sunday	21 • Victoria Day (Canada)	22	23	24	25	26
27 • Holy Trinity	28	29 • Vesak (celebrates Buddha's birth, enlightenment and final demise)	● 30 • St. Joan of Arc, martyr	31 • Visitation of Mary	<p>April</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>June</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p>



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MAY 2018



Promotion of lay formation and leadership

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We are committed to empowering the laity within our Church...supporting and promoting the vocation of lay missionaries and their participation in God's mission.

Scarboro Missions Statute #28.1

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Photo: As part of Scarboro's mission team in Ecuador, lay missionary Julia Duarte-Walsh (second from right) worked in diverse areas, including pastoral work and adult education with urban, rural, and Indigenous communities, and organizational work with women.</p>			<p>May</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>July</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p>	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
• Corpus Christi		• World Environment Day (UN)			• Feast of the Sacred Heart • World Oceans Day (UN)	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
					• Eid al-Fitr (Islamic festival of the Breaking of the Fast; the end of Ramadan)	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
• Father's Day				• National Aboriginal Day (Canada) • Summer Solstice	• Fr. Art MacKinnon, SFM, martyred, Dominican Republic (1965)	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
• Ste. Jean Baptiste (Quebec)					• Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles	



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JUNE 2018



“ God’s love calls us to a life of service that relates our prayer to the practice of love and commits us to the pursuit of social justice and our own conversion. This witness seeks a full humanity and liberation for all whom we encounter, since to know God is to practice justice.

Scarboro Missions Constitutions #1b ”

Photo: The small community of San Fernando, Bukidnon, Philippines, blocked logging trucks and stood up against powerful logging companies who were cutting down the forests and destroying the watershed. They also called on the Department of Natural Resources (DENR) to defend the forests and rivers that provide the communities with life and livelihood. Scarboro missionaries, including Fr. Pat Kelly (inset), accompanied the people in their struggle and in their "fast for the forest."



JULY 2018



Integrity of Creation

“ We believe God intended the human family to use wisely and distribute justly the bounty of God’s Earth so that all people may live with dignity both now and in the future and so that the community of life may flourish. Deep gratitude to God for the wonder of creation and the precious gift of life moves us to consistent action.

Scarboro Missions Ecological Mission Statement

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Photo: Fr. Louis Quinn. SFM, checks on tree seedlings for a project that helped the people to reforest hundreds of acres of land. San José de Ocoa, Dominican Republic, circa 1960s. Working with the community, Padre Luis helped to improve access to food, water, education, and opportunity. He wove pastoral and sacramental ministries together with economic development aimed directly at improving the people's lives.		July 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 • St. Alphonsus Liguori, founder of the Redemptorists	2	3	4
5	6 • Transfiguration • Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima (1945) • Civic Holiday	7	8	9 • Anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki (1945)	10	11 
12	13	14 • St. Maximilian Kolbe, Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of a stranger at Auschwitz	15 • Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 • St. Rose of Lima, patroness of South America	24	25
26 	27	28	29 • Beheading of St. John the Baptist	30	31	September 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30



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AUGUST 2018



Solidarity with mission-sending Societies

We reaffirm that the scope of mission for institutes like Scarboro Missions is to challenge and cross the borders, boundaries, and barriers to the realization of the Reign of God.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Photo: Scarboro missionaries play a friendly game of soccer with members of foreign mission Societies who are hosted by Scarboro Missions while in Toronto for theological studies. Back row L-R: Estrela De Sousa, Fr. Wilian Gerardo Rojano (Yarumal Mission Society of Colombia), Mike Hiebert, Kate O'Donnell. Front, L-R: Fr. Hyojun Kwon (Korean Missionary Society, Fr. Ivan Campana (Yarumal), Fr. Mike Traher, Yusung Lee and Fr. Kwang Kee Park (Korean Mission Society). Central house, Toronto. 2010.				August 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	October 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 • World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
2	3 • Labour Day	4	5	6	7	8 • Birth of Mary
9	10 • Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year; 2 days)	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 • Yom Kippur (Jewish Day of Atonement)	20 • Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang, and companions (Korean martyrs)	21 • St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist • International Day of Peace (UN)	22
23	24 • Canadian Jesuit martyrs St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, and companions	25	26	27	28	29
30			• Canadian Jesuit martyrs St. Jean de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, and companions	• St. Vincent de Paul		



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SEPTEMBER 2018



Mission animation

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We recall that mission is first and foremost God's presence and activity in the world. The Church is neither the source nor the primary agent of mission. It is “Missio Dei,” the Mission of God. That is the first and primary principle. And God's mission is Love.

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September 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1 • St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (patroness of missions)	2	3	4 • St. Francis of Assisi, patron of animals, peace, and ecology	5	6
7	8 • Thanksgiving	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 • World Food Day (UN)	17 • International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN)	18 • St. Luke the Evangelist	19	20
21 • World Mission Sunday	22	23	24	25	26	27 • Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
28	29	30	31	November 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	Photo: Kathy Murtha, coordinator of Scarboro's Mission Centre, uses the singing bowl to get the children's atten- tion and help them to be awake and mindful in the present moment. These kindergarten students were visiting Scarboro Missions to learn about Scarboro's mission and a little about the Golden Rule.	



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Promotion of missionary vocations

“ All of us affirm our vocation as disciples of Jesus called to participate in an historical project that comes from God and belongs to God. When we do so, we recall that we live in a world in which God is present everywhere before us and is active in ways unknown to us.

Acts of the Scarborough Missions 14th General Chapter, 2017

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“ We recognize the urgency to come to an always deeper understanding of our mission, through a continual rediscovery of Gospel values and through their daily application in our lives. Discernment and fidelity to the Gospel are basic to our ongoing process of conversion. ”

Scarboro Missions Constitutions #13

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Photo: Friends, family, and alumni celebrate Mass with the Scarboro community at Scarboro's central house, Toronto. Summer 2002. The central house, since its opening in 1924 as the St. Francis Xavier China Mission Seminary, has served as the base for most of Scarboro Missions' activities in Canada, providing both a workplace and home for Scarboro missionaries in leadership and administration and for those missionaries home on leave from overseas. It has also served as a residence for senior and retired members.</p>				November 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	January 2019 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Sunday of Advent • Sisters M. Clark, I. Ford, D. Kazel, and lay missionary J. Donovan, martyred, El Salvador 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Francis Xavier, patron of Scarboro Missions • Hanukkah (Jewish Festival of Lights; 8 days) 					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immaculate Conception
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd Sunday of Advent 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico) 			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd Sunday of Advent 						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th Sunday of Advent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Padre Montesinos' Advent sermon, 1511, Dominican Republic, against the oppression and death of the Indigenous peoples 					
30	31					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feast of the Holy Family 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Stephen, First Martyr • Boxing Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Holy Innocents (Herod's massacre of all male infants) 	



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Scarboro missionary Fr. Ron MacDonell participated with this group of women in Boa Vista, Roraima State, Brazil, to translate the “Child’s Bible” into Makushi. Fr. Ron studied linguistics in order to work in revitalization of Indigenous languages in Brazil. In addition to the “Child’s Bible”, language revitalization activities with the people have included the production of two editions of a bilingual Makushi-Portuguese dictionary/grammar, a book on Makushi legends, production of radio language learning programs in Makuxi and Wapichana, and workshops in language-teaching methods and in the development of materials (school booklets, videos, etc.) for the various language groups.



Scarboro missionary Fr. Mike Traher (standing, third from left) and Scarboro lay missionary Bev Trach (front row, left) visit with members of a bible study group at the Church of the Ascension, New Amsterdam, Guyana. Fr. Mike has now returned to Canada after being elected to serve on Scarboro Missions’ General Council.

many decades, our benefactors have contributed monies to this Fund specifically for the education of missionary priests. These funds were invested at the donor’s request for the intended purpose. As a mission society, we have continually promoted vocations. Yet in recent years, Scarboro Missions has received very few inquiries for the missionary priesthood. So in 2016, with the agreement of all members of the Society, the General Council coordinated the transfer of all monies from the Burse Fund to the amount of \$2,033,172. The fund was gifted to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, specifically to the Society of St. Peter the Apostle, for the education of major seminarians and clergy overseas. In this way Scarboro Missions is able to ensure that the intention of our benefactors will be honored for years to come.

In 2016, a total of \$462,080 was disbursed to support mission work overseas, representing 9% of total expenses. These expenditures for overseas mission work included \$158,653 for living expenses for our missionaries and costs for their various ministries, as well as \$75,431 designated by benefactors for special projects of missionaries overseas. The General Council also approved grants totaling \$173,429 for other overseas mission work and \$54,567 was expended to support the ongoing formation of priests from other missionary Societies.

As we approach the centennial year of our founding in 1918, we recognize that the Church’s understanding of mission has changed significantly over the past 100 years. Mission still means crossing boundaries to witness to Christ’s love for all people, reaching out to those on the margins, and people

of other cultures and faiths. Today our mission is not only overseas but also in Canada where we serve in creative new endeavours to enter into dialogue as witnesses of Christ. As a result, our expenses in Canada have increased in recent years.

Because of our continued diminishment due to sickness and death, we have had to review our operations. In 2016 we experienced a significant event with the sale of the property at 2685 Kingston Road, the location of our central house since 1924. We hope to continue at this location until August 2018 when our priests in Canada are expected to move to their new home at Presentation Manor, a seniors’ residence being built for religious and lay persons nearby in Scarborough. Since 2016 we have paid a monthly rent for the leaseback arrangement for the premises and income from the investment of the sale proceeds has helped us to cover these rent expenses.

Last year, Canadian ministries represented 14% of total expenditures, or \$775,940. These ministries included the promotion of interreligious dialogue (\$161,604); justice, peace and integrity of creation initiatives (\$49,960); the production of our magazine and other communications materials (\$170,158); and the work of our Mission Centre (\$394,218). As part of our ministry work in Canada, we also continue to offer lectures in Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching. These sessions in adult religious education are facilitated by Scarboro priests, lay missionaries, and staff, and by guest lecturers. Father David Warren offered two series of talks in 2016, one on the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans and another on Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation,

The Joy of Love, a follow-up to the Synod on the Family. Both series of talks were well attended.

Expenditures in 2016 included other donations of \$256,565 (5% of expenditures) to Canadian charities to support designated mission work.

In 2016 Support Ministries included various areas of administration totaling \$695,173 or 13% of expenditures. Expenses in this category included \$46,966 for the ongoing education and renewal programs for our priests. Also included in Support Ministries is the cost of recruitment, formation, and placement for our one-year mission program for lay people. As this program came to an end in 2016, expenses decreased, totaling only \$37,953.

Finally, the largest expenditure in Support Ministries, \$610,254, was the cost of the office of the General Council and the Treasurer’s Office, and providing support at the central house for all our administration and finances.

The central house at 2685 Kingston Road serves as the base for most of our activities in Canada, providing both a home and workplace for Scarboro missionaries in leadership and administration. It also serves as a residence for our senior members and we welcome many visitors and guests each year. Other costs to support the maintenance and operation of the central house in 2016 amounted to \$214,273 (4% of total expenditures).

The expenditure category of Sick and Retired includes the cost of medical needs and support for our infirm and retired members who have served faithfully in mission for many years. This category also includes the cost of funeral expenses at the time of death. We are an aging community and in

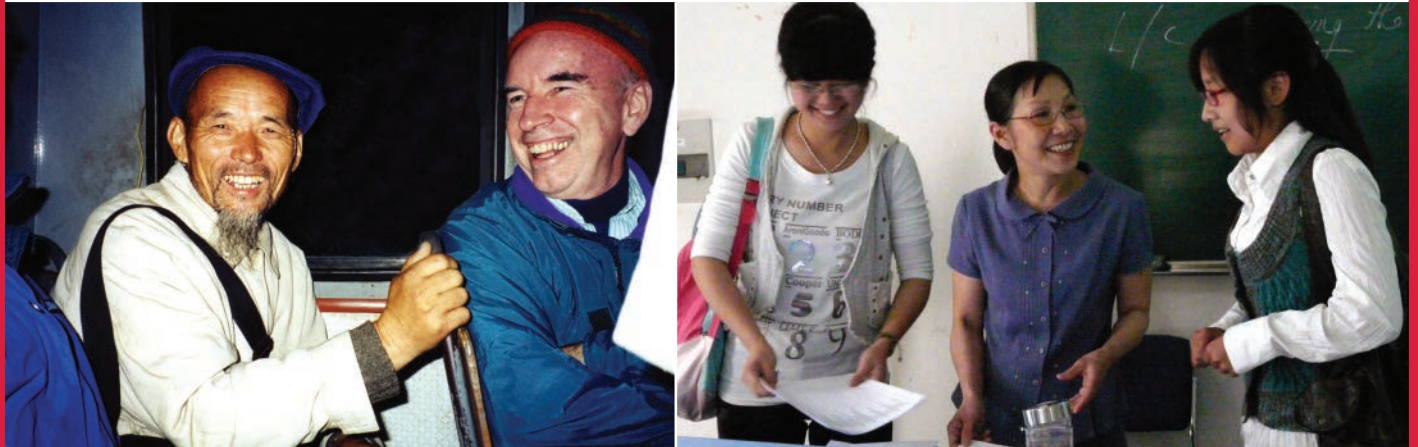
recent years most of our priests have returned to Canada to retire due to age or illness. Therefore the care of our senior members in Canada represented a significant portion (14%) of our ongoing expenditures in 2016, totaling \$762,909.

Our Contractual Obligations totaled \$107,449 (2% of total expenditures). Pension payments to former Scarboro employees in Japan totaling \$67,992 are included in this category. Another \$26,229 related to payments to former lay missionaries to help them resettle in Canada at the completion of their mission service. Expenses of the annuity program in 2016 totaling \$11,974 are also included in this expenditure category. Other miscellaneous costs totaled \$1,254.

Finally, Direct Fundraising expenditures of \$38,731 included the costs to print our calendars, posters, magazines, mass and greeting cards, and other Scarboro Missions products.

A time to review and to give thanks

It is with joy and thanksgiving that we celebrate the successes of our endeavours in 2016. All of us at Scarboro Missions, our priests, lay missionaries, and staff, remain grateful to you, our benefactors and supporters, for your continued prayers and encouragement. We remember you and your intentions in our masses and prayers. May God bless you with the graces you most need at this time.∞



Top: Fr. Roger Brennan. Bottom left: Fr. Brian Swords, SFM. Right: Lay missionary Cynthia Chu (centre).

Scarboro Missions was originally founded for work in China and was known as China Missions. Historical events intervened and all foreign missionaries were expelled when the Communist Party took over the country. By the late 1970s it became possible for foreigners to work once again in China, no longer explicitly as missionaries attached to a church, but as teachers in universities.

This new situation allowed Scarboro Missions to revive its commitment to serve the Chinese people not through direct evangelization but through Christian witness. Scarboro missionaries went back to China to participate in the country's reintegration into the family of nations through the teaching of English at universities, giving students the opportunity to interact with non-Chinese and exchange ideas, worldviews, customs, and values.

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