

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The House committee bid a fond and heartfelt farewell to Bruce Davidson in the month of February of 2021. Bruce had been the Chair of the House committee over the past year, identifying and actioning the array of projects that required resolution and of which I will attempt to report on as Deacon liaison to this committee.

Fire Doors: Bruce was able to source AQC Installers, whose bid for installation of the Fire Doors throughout the church was substantially less than the other tendered bids. The House Committee has been working with this contractor, prior to and throughout the pandemic to bring the church into compliance with current Toronto Fire Services guidelines. This project has encountered unexpected delays and numerous unanticipated changes which has impacted the final completion of the project. It should be noted that as of writing this report, final installations are scheduled to be completed by end of month June 2021.

An overview of doors installed include: 14 Fire rated partitions, external entry doors on both sides of the narthex, the permanent closure of the doorway leading to the Sanctuary platform from the west corridor, and a new door installed at the southern extremity of the second-floor boardroom to the observatory room.

A special mention should be made to the installation of the new external doors servicing the Out of The Cold Program. These were not in the original scope of the project, but an unexpected security breach occurred due to failing locking mechanisms and deterioration of the door structure due to weather and use. This deemed it necessary to replace the doors.

Lighting: The house committee selectively updated lighting in specific corridors of the church as these areas had failing ceiling fixtures and thereby the reduced light was impacting visibility. The house committee also undertook an evaluation of the current 'overall' lighting of the church to gain a better understanding of potential opportunities for improvements and cost savings. Upon review of the report, implementation of a full lighting overhaul of the church was deemed cost prohibitive in relation to the potential savings that could be achieved.

Other small maintenance items were undertaken by committee members on an ad-hoc basis, consisting mainly of repairs and replacement due to structural wear and tear identified by the tenants at 64 Blythwood Road.

With the departure of Bruce Davidson, the House Committee is seeking individuals who are willing to serve the church's physical building needs. If you are willing and able to assist, and building maintenance is of interest to you, please make yourselves known and we as a committee would be thrilled to have you join us.

Looking forward to 2021, the House Committee is looking forward to meeting in person in our church. We are ever grateful to Dan Ralph, our custodian, for keeping the building clean and in top shape so when the time does come to meet in personal fellowship, the building will be ready for us. And a special mention to Jennifer, who is always willing to follow-up and coordinate activities with service contractors. I also humbly ask that if you as members have concerns regarding issues as they relate to the building, please inform a member of the House Committee, or your deacon representative, and they will ensure that the item will be addressed by the committee.

Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the House Committee,

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