



a place apart ... to come together

November 2017

Dear Faithful Friends and Supporters of Crieff Hills:

Crieff Hills has been blessed with another busy year. A big thank you goes to our volunteers who are amazing in their hard work and support for our staff and guests. Crieff programs continue to be enjoyed; Manna Days, Church Administrators Conference, Women's Fall Retreat, Young Mom's Retreat, Days Apart, Nature Days and Retirement Planning events.

**MACLEAN ESTATE
COMMITTEE**

Mr. David Phillips

New opportunities for Crieff to join with others are always exciting. Of special note is Journey Canada which in July held their first week-long event at Crieff and we look forward to their return in 2019. We are also pleased to be in partnership with Ontario Jubilee Spiritual Director Leadership Development as we host and share responsibility for these events at Crieff Hills.

Mrs. Gwen
MacRobbie

Rev. Kathy Fraser

Mr. James Allan

Our commitment to environmental initiatives continues. Throughout the growing season, our hay fields began to stabilize in the transition from corn – much to the benefit of “our resident bees”. New this year was restorative work in the Dove Garden. A Pollinator Garden was established at Maclean Hall with the help of a grant from TD Friends of the Environment.

Mr. James Jackson

Rev. Heather Paton

Rev. Gordon Timbers

Rev. Kristine O'Brien

In the past we have shared plans for the much needed Accessibility renovations in the Conference Hall. The estimated cost for these renovations is \$500,000 and we are pleased to be approaching the \$100,000 mark in that fund. Grants to help finance such projects are often available. We know that most require the organization to fund half the cost.

Ms. Anne Church

Ms. Ann Wilson

Ms. Moira Forbes

A new project this year began with our Septic systems. Due to our increasing size, the oversight of this moved to the Ministry of the Environment. An engineering review showed all 11 septic systems are working properly. However, in meeting new regulations, upgrades are needed. The work for these will be phased in over the next five years at a cost \$150,000.

Rev. Dr. Herb Gale

It is a challenge to meet infrastructure demands as well as develop new facilities. We are confident that we will meet the MOE requirements by 2022 and at the same time launch the Accessibility building project.

We are truly grateful to those who make Crieff Hills their choice of Retreat and Conference Centre. The ministry of Crieff Hills continues to be exciting and while necessary upgrade projects come along and take serious attention, we approach them with enthusiasm realizing that they are part of today yet enabling a secure and well maintained future for Crieff Hills.

Thank you for your past and continued financial support of Crieff Hills and our ministry.

Sincerely,

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