

*At the 2019 Annual General Meeting, John Kuropatwa, Chair of the Ministry and Personnel Committee, gave thanks to the staff of AUC. Here is what he said:*

The Ministry and Personnel Committee essentially serves as the Human Resources department of our church. I am honoured to be the Chair of this committee and I have the pleasure and privilege of acknowledging the contributions of our staff.

This has been another challenging year for our staff as they continue to work most of their time in tight quarters, preparing and cleaning up from using shared spaces and always cognizant that we are operating in someone else's building. Yet, as a staff, they showed resilience in working under these challenging circumstances and managed to maintain a positive and friendly attitude as well as showing enthusiasm in all that they do. Our staff has performed their duties as if everything was normal and managed to keep our church alive.

- [Cathy](#), our secretary, is our front-line person. She is that first one to answer the phone or greet visitors to the church office. Everyone is treated with respect and smile. She has managed to keep the office functioning through fire and flood.
- [Carmen](#), our treasurer, is the diligent, dependable and very competent keeper of all accounts. She quietly does her work with accuracy and efficiency and is always ready to lend a hand.
- [Lisa](#), our Hand bell director, continues to use her skill and enthusiasm to lead a number of handbell ensembles. Their repertoire is ever-expanding and it is a tribute to Lisa's leadership that we have all grown to appreciate and look forward to their performances.

- [Margaret](#), our Music director, is the master of adaptability. We have come to see her in many roles, including leading the choir, providing a music program for our youth, and treating us to her own vocal performances. She is a woman of many strengths, who unselfishly gives of her time and talent.
- As for ministers, any church would consider themselves to be blessed if it has a strong minister to lead them. In that light we, at Aurora United Church, are doubly blessed, in that we have [Reverend Andy](#) and [Reverend Lorraine](#) at our helm. Individually they are both outstanding ministers. Plus, we see evidence of the adage that the “whole is even greater than the sum of the parts” when we see how well they work together and the accomplishments that result.

The fact that we are an active, caring, vibrant and forward-looking church is a tribute to Andy and Lorraine’s leadership styles that can be described as open, committed, wise, inspiring, creative and truly caring.

So, on behalf of the congregation, I would like to thank each and every one of our staff members for their professionalism, for their loyalty and their hard work. They are an outstanding team.

Please join me with a round of applause as a sign of our sincere appreciation.