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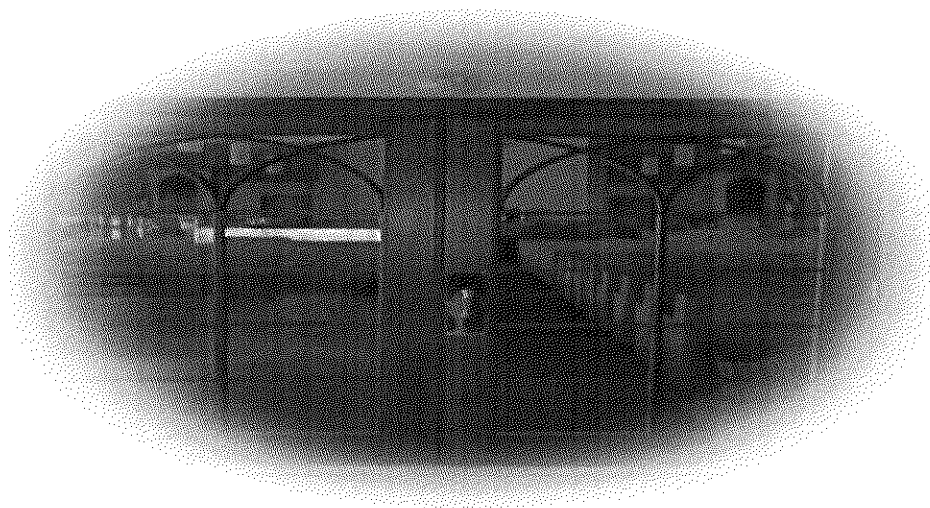


GLEN VIEW UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE

Saint John, New Brunswick

Joint Needs Assessment Report

October 2011



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INTRODUCTION

On July 1st, 2010 Glen View United Church entered into a two year Transition Ministry. We took this time out to step back and review our ministry, its past and its present and to look at its future. Our goal was to revamp our organizational structure, to look at our mission and pastoral life as well as seek some renewal.

On September 11th, 2011 at a congregational meeting a Joint Needs Assessment Committee was established. Their mandate was to look at the needs of the congregation in preparation for calling a new minister.

The members of the committee are:

- Frank Queen (Chairperson)
- Deborah Allan (Secretary)
- Linda Friars
- Stacy MacCormack
- Malcolm Dennison
- Brian Flewelling (Transition Team Member)
- Peggy Stiles (Transition Team Member)
- Ellen Flemming (Presbytery Representative)
- Jack Crealock (Presbytery Representative)

In preparation for this report the four Session Committees as well as the Interim Minister were asked for their input as to what their specific ministries would look for in the skills of a new minister. Stacy MacCormack sent out an email questionnaire to some of the youth of the congregation for their thoughts and ideas.

Heartfelt thanks go out to all those who helped in any way in the preparation of this report.

A special thank you to Jessica Dobson and Rachael Michaud for their typing skills and Vern Stiles for his photography expertise.

TRANSITION TEAM REPORT

(Edited piece from the 2010 Annual Report)

The Transition Team came into existence as a result of the February 2010 Official Board meeting where a committee was struck to look for a Retired Supply as a result of Reverend Doreen's request for a change of pastoral relationship at the Annual Meeting. This committee met a number of times examining options and concluded that a Retired Supply would not provide the results needed to assure the long term survival of Glen View.

Our demographic was rapidly evolving to a senior congregation. Income, while not an immediate problem, was soon going to be in decline as supporting members passed away and were not replaced with younger members. As a result the Committee felt it had to take a more aggressive approach to the future of Glen View.

Reverend Linda Marcotte joined the Committee from Presbytery and guided us through the options that we could examine. After much deliberation the Committee felt the process of Interim Ministry would provide a greater opportunity to revitalize our congregation. This action was taken back to the Official Board and approved to move ahead.

Presbytery through its Pastoral Relations Committee is a part of the transition process. Reverend Alan Schooley, of Saint David's Rothesay and Gordon Lebel, a member of the Pastoral Relation Committee and Incoming Chair of Presbytery, were appointed by Presbytery to serve on the Transition Team.

Briefly, Interim Ministry is a way for a congregation to take an intentional "time-out" to seek renewal and make changes to its organizational structure, its mission and or its pastoral life.

The Transition Team formally came into existence at this time and began the selection/search process for an Interim Ministry. During the selection process, the Transition Team identified a number of goals that we felt needed to be achieved in order for Glen View to get back on track. These are outlined below.

MANDATE

The Interim Minister Appointment is to help us with the following:

- To look at our identity – to have a clear understanding of our mission in the United Church of Canada, the community, and the wider world.
- To look at our property, numbers, financial ability and volunteer pool.
- To promote better community awareness of the value of this church.
- To attract and get commitment from younger people/families.
- To continue and improve the programs that we already have and encourage us in new ones.
- To use computer technology.

The Interim Ministry has progressed well. We will continue on in our efforts to achieve our mandate during this period. It is hoped our new minister will build on our success and assist us in adapting to these ever changing times.

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Mission Statement

We at Glen View United Church Pastoral Charge are a community of Christian people striving to live and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, thereby, endeavouring to encourage and support all people on their spiritual pilgrimage to grow in acceptance, responsibility, love and care.

We, therefore, enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

To work diligently for the advancement of the church and its mission, affirming all who believe in Jesus Christ to be representative of the household of faith.

To contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of Christ's ministry with our time, talent and monetary gifts.

To engage in nurturing all children, youth and adults who aspire to be of the household of God.

To engage in watching over one another in love, to remember one another in prayer and comfort those who are sick and in distress.

To be slow to take offence and always open to reconciliation through dialogue with respect for the feelings of others, acknowledging our varied gifts and approaches in our spiritual journey.

To be cognizant of the presence of God in all of life's experiences maintaining the spirit of our covenant with one another and with God guided by the principles of God's word.



Glen View United Church Pastoral Charge

Ministry and Programming

WORSHIP

Our ministry personnel, working with our Organist and Worship Committee, prepare the weekly worship services. We have a solid choir who provide leadership for the congregational singing as well as offering a special selection each week. We offer worship each week at 11:00 a.m. and special worship services at other times.

This area of ministry includes:

- ministry leadership in worship/preaching
- worship resources
- choir, music, and organist
- funerals, weddings, baptisms, and records
- special services
- banners and decorations
- appropriate technologies
- scripture readers
- supplies: bulletins and candles
- Worship Aides (who arrive early to assist in setting up for worship)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE AND GROWTH

Through Christian nurture, each of us grows in our knowledge of what it means to be the people of God in our world.

We have an active UCW Group, Good Time Fellowship, which gathers every second week for a time of community and fun. The Glen View Women's Bowling League bowls on Tuesday mornings from Fall to late Spring.

We have begun to establish a Church Library and Adult Study Groups are offered a number of times during the year. Classes for adults who want to become members, teen confirmation and for parents who want to have their children baptized are offered from time to time as numbers warrant.

This area of ministry includes:

- church school curriculum
- our weekly and monthly groups and studies
- our hospitality ministry
- pre and post worship gathering times and congregational events
- training volunteers and recognition of their efforts
- making congregants and adherents aware of all the events open to them
- development of new programs including our Adult and Seniors Ministries

PASTORAL CARE

Our ministry personnel and Pastoral Care Committee are dedicated to making this church a caring community where each person is able to feel the love of God being shared with one another. We celebrate the introduction of the Butterfly Prayer Shawl Ministry, which currently has over 16 knitters. The completed shawls are blessed in church prior to being distributed to those who are ill or recuperating as well as people who are celebrating some special happenings in their lives.

In the next months our focus will be on the introduction of a Prayer Circle Ministry.

This area of ministry includes:

- Prayer Shawl and Prayer Circle Ministries
- visits to hospitals and seniors' residences
- bereavement counseling
- milestone ministries to mark significant life occasions

CHURCH IN ACTION (including M&S and Outreach)

As people of God, we are called to work in the world around us.

Our efforts in regard to Glen View Preschool, Glen View Adult Learning and our presence with the school aged children each morning all speak to the ongoing importance outreach has in our congregation.

We are proud to partner with the East Side Motivators in their efforts to make the Reading - Roxbury complex (above us on the hill) a place of community and support.

We continue to explore new possibilities in our outreach ministry.

This area of ministry includes:

- Mission and Service Fund support
- support for Saint John Presbytery and Maritime Conference work
- local initiatives for justice and care for the earth
- special projects
- staff time, supplies, and space

PASTORAL CHARGE PROFILE

HISTORY

Originally, East Saint John began as a circuit of the former Methodist Church of Canada. This included Brookville, Glen Falls, upper and lower Golden Grove, Mispic, Millidgeville, Red Head and Rothesay. This mission was later known as the Courtney Bay circuit. Glen View Pastoral Charge was part of this history, which began more than one hundred years ago.

The year 2011 marked the sixtieth anniversary of Glen View United Church, which saw its beginning in 1950. A number of families met at the home of one of the residents, at which time a decision was made to construct a church in the area. Hence, the congregation continued to grow, until the building was enlarged. Presently, to meet the changing needs of our congregation, extensive renovations were carried out over the summer of 2005. The main entrance was relocated, the narthex was enlarged, a wheelchair accessible washroom and church hall were installed on the main floor, the minister's office was upgraded and changes were made to the church office and parlour.

WHO WE ARE

Simply put, our congregation is diverse and accepting. We are a congregation of 125 families that covers a large geographical area. Our membership is aging however socially and economically varied. We are located between an area of low income with many families on social assistance and a community of middle to upper income families. We appreciate a family focused church atmosphere placing emphasis on youth programs.

We are a warm, friendly, fun loving group of people, with a membership that is outreach orientated. It is the 39th anniversary of Glen View Preschool and the beginning of Glen View Adult Learning (upgrading/GED program). We support the East Side Food Bank, fill 40 Christmas Baskets each year and are becoming a Green Church. This summer we focused on family literacy offering the Roxbury Reading Tent, the Reading Reader (a week long literacy camp) and partnered with the East Branch Library to offer a weekly sponsor of the East Side Motivators. We partner with a variety of agencies including vibrant Communities, the St. Joseph's Health Centre, Quality Learning New Brunswick, the NB Literacy Coalition and the local schools to address poverty in our area.

We join together in worship with Park Avenue, Red Head and Silver Falls United for the summer months and have a very comfortable relationship with these other East Side Churches supporting one another's events throughout the year. We are an active member of Saint John Presbytery and participate in ecumenical activities, anxious to learn and grow in our faith through our involvement with the wider church.

GROUPS ACTIVE WITHIN OUR CHURCH

- Sunday School
- Senior Choir
- United Church Women
- Good Time Fellowship (Seniors)
- Quilters
- Ladies Bowling
- The Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Spirituality Group
- Banner Makers
- Christmas Baskets
- Glen View Preschool
- Glen View Adult Learning
- Food Bank Volunteers
- The Prayer Circle


RESOURCE PROFILE

COMMITTEES

Each of the Elders sit on one of the four ministry committees: Worship, Pastoral Care, Congregational Life and Church In Action. The committees, each which includes additional members, meet prior to the Session meeting each month.

The Official Board meets monthly and maintains six committees: Ministry & Personnel, Finance, Trustees, Session, Property and Manse, which function to support the work of the ministry committees.

BUILDINGS



The church building has been recently improved with a new roof, new windows, and new sanctuary doors as of Fall 2010, and a new commercial dishwasher in the kitchen as of Summer 2011, and a professionally installed sound system. A new gas boiler was installed in the church in 2009.

The Manse, which is located on the same property as the church, has three bedrooms, one and a half baths, an office, a fireplace and an attached garage. As of October 2011, the Manse has undergone major renovations both inside and out to offer a beautiful modernized home.

CHURCH OFFICE & PERSONNEL

In addition to the many volunteers for weekly church activities and projects, the church has a custodian, an organist and a part-time secretary who works 14 hours per week.

The church office is equipped with a desktop computer, fax machine, photocopier, telephones and email services.

The church has just set up their website and here is the address: www.glenviewunited.ca

MUSIC

In the sanctuary, there is a Two Manual Allen Organ, an upright grand piano and a collection of Voices United hymn books for the choir and organist. We also have the recent More Voices books.

Music is a very important and prominent component of our church shown through the use of the Voices United and More Voices hymnals.

**GLEN VIEW UNITED CHURCH
PASTORAL CHARGE**

ESTIMATED BUDGETS

	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>
CIA (Church In Action)	26,043 (21%)	26,592 (20%)	23,645 (18%)	24,540 (18%)
Worship	70,462 (56%)	74,458 (56%)	73,563 (56%)	76,348 (56%)
Congregational Life	13,824 (11%)	15,955 (12%)	17,077 (13%)	17,724 (13%)
Pastoral Care	14,971 (12%)	15,955 (12%)	17,077 (13%)	17,724 (13%)
TOTAL	125,300 (100%)	132,960 (100%)	131,362 (100%)	136,336 (100%)

GLEN VIEW UNITED CHURCH PASTORAL CHARGE			
Financial Statement			
December 31, 2010			
	BUDGET 2010	ACTUAL 2010	BUDGET 2011
Income			
Envelopes & Loose + Special offerings + Bulletins	107,000.00	89,156.81	125,300.00
E - 1,555. T - 760. C - 1,695. B - 762. = 4,772.			
Fund Raising & Donations	0.00	4,238.07	
Other - HST Reb, NSF, RmDon, I. Hulme, Quilters, ovmg, MCrt, Rent, Celtic	0.00	6,576.58	
Transfer Financial Funds		29,124.84	
GRAND TOTAL INCOMES	107,000.00	129,096.30	125,300.00
Expenses			
Interim Minister Salary (July 1 - December 31)	18,977.02	21,670.56	43,470.90
I/M - Continuing Education & Learning Resources	625.00	600.00	1,250.00
I/M Church Pension	1,840.24	2,123.70	4,275.00
I/M Church Group Insurance	1,769.80	2,026.14	4,175.00
I/M E.I.	445.02	689.05	1,775.10
I/M C.P.	0	986.04	2,000.00
I/M Travel allowance	996.00	634.61	1,500.00
Minister - Salary (January 1 - June 30)	18,976.98	18,976.98	
Minister - Continuing Education & Learning Resources	625.00	625.00	
Minister - Church Pension	1,859.76	1,859.76	
Minister - Church Group Insurance	1,780.20	1,780.20	
Minister - E.I.	604.98	604.98	
Travel Allowance 184.00 MONTH	1,104.00	1,104.00	
TOTAL Minister Expenses	49,604.00	53,681.02	58,446.00
Secretary - Salary for 10 months	5,880.00	6,115.20	5,880.00
Secretary - E.I.	150.00	147.98	150.00
Travel Allowance	400.00	400.00	400.00
TOTAL Secretary Expenses	6,430.00	6,663.18	6,430.00
Manse Water & Sewage	850.00	864.00	936.00
Manse - Heating Oil and Mtce. Ins.	3,000.00	2,555.26	2,800.00
Manse Power	1,250.00	1,227.89	1,250.00
Manse Maintenance & Repairs	1,000.00	266.25	1,000.00
Manse Telephone	312.00	396.00	480.00
TOTAL Manse Expenses	6,412.00	5,309.40	6,466.00
Church Organist	6,700.00	6,700.00	10,000.00
Church Custodian	4,500.00	4,500.00	5,964.00
Church - Organist & Custodian EI	275.00	271.18	300.00
TOTAL Church Staff Expenses	11,475.00	11,471.18	16,264.00

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	BUDGET 2010	ACTUAL 2010	BUDGET 2011
Operating Expenses			
Office, Computer & Copier Supplies	2,400.00	3,727.88	3,441.00
Bulletins - Yearly, funerals, etc.	625.00	703.95	750.00
Envelopes - Sunday Offerings	325.00	482.18	400.00
Advertising	93.00	0.00	100.00
Presbytery	3,806.00	3,967.00	3,511.00
Saint John East Food Bank	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Supply Minister	342.00	228.00	342.00
Miscellaneous - Cpet rt, secD, NSF, Cheq, Gift, bks.	774.00	719.32	500.00
Maritime Conference Mtg.'s	400.00	400.00	400.00
Church PAR Charges	110.00	93.50	100.00
Lawn Grass cuttings	960.00	875.00	1,000.00
Waste Management (Garbage removal)	400.00	510.04	500.00
Church and Manse Insurance	3,106.00	3,106.00	3,219.00
Church Heating	6,000.00	6,129.24	6,200.00
Church Power	1,500.00	1,443.80	1,450.00
Church Telephone	600.00	605.59	600.00
Church - Minister Study Telephone	1,388.00	1,522.47	1,550.00
Church Repairs/Maintenance	2,375.00	2,182.19	2,100.00
Church Water & Sewage	850.00	864.00	936.00
Church Alarm System	275.00	271.20	275.00
Church & Manse - Snow Plowing and Sanding	3,500.00	4,084.95	4,520.00
Church Cleaning Supplies	400.00	502.63	500.00
Anglican Sat. Nite Ministries	500.00	0.00	500.00
Moving expense (I.M.)		5,722.12	
New Roof (Church)		22,374.00	
Intentional Interim Ministry Travel Allowance		367.65	
Intentional Interim Ministry Accomdation		124.47	
Congregational Life CE	600.00	1,056.32	1,000.00
Transitional Committee		166.58	500.00
Pastoral Care		99.68	200.00
Worship	250.00	448.29	1,000.00
Outreach/Faith In Action Stewardship	300.00	440.00	500.00
Automatic Data Processing ADP - Pastoral Charge Payroll Service		231.07	400.00
TOTAL Operating Expense	33,079.00	64,649.12	37,694.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSES	107,000.00	141,773.90	125,300.00
CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2009		40,656.91	
DEFICIT OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE		12,677.60	
Plus Transfer to Building Fund		4,377.00	
CURRENT ACCOUNT BOOK BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2010		32,356.31	
Respectfully submitted	David Field, Treasurer		

POSITION PROFILE

Full time Ordained or Diaconal Minister for 40 hours a week.

The primary mandate is the Spiritual Leadership of our church community and the Pastoral Care of our congregation. This should be a ministry that educates and challenges through study groups, active worship and congregational engagement.

The secondary mandate would be the continuation of our ongoing outreach program and encouraging our youth.

Responsibilities fall under the four Sessions Committees:

WORSHIP:

- Sunday morning worship including sermon preparation and delivery.
- To preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and relate it to today and the people in the pews.
- Conducting Communion Services and other special services as required, ie: weddings, funerals, baptism, confirmation.
- Working with organist in a consultative way in providing music for worship and other special occasions.
- Open to working with clergy and churches in the community of various other denominations.
- Explore alternative forms of worship services and service times that relate to our youth and young families.

PASTORAL CARE:

- Supporting the existing vibrant Pastoral Care Team in their work.
- Work jointly with the team in visitation, phone calls, and communion for shut-ins.
- Support Prayer Shawl Ministry and Prayer Circle Ministry.
- Offer ongoing care and support to our congregation.

CONGREGATION LIFE AND GROWTH:

- Work with Sunday School teachers to implement their curriculum.
- Support existing groups in the church such as UCW, Good Time Fellowship.
- Involve youth into the ministry of our church
- Conduct Bible studies for various age groups.
- Continue the work of the newly formed church Library.
- Explore with the congregation ways to develop new programs for all age groups.
- Support our latest technology endeavours, powerpoint and website.

CHURCH IN ACTION:

- Encourage and support the outreach in our surrounding areas.
- Encourage the work of the Preschool and Adult Learning Programs
- Support Saint John Presbytery and Maritime Conference work
- Support our ongoing commitment to Mission and Service
- Keep in touch with outside organizations that support our outreach programs.

PRESBYTERY:

- Regular monthly meetings
- Committee Meetings

Our congregation encourages and supports ongoing education for those in paid accountable ministry.

All staff fall under the supervision of the Ministry and Personnel Committee working on behalf of the Board.

SKILLS PROFILE

Our minister should have the following attributes:

- The ability to communicate and motivate with good listening and leadership skills.
- Ability to seek out and nurture the gifts of our congregation.
- Be respectful, caring, innovative and uplifting.
- Be able to challenge our minds through sermons and messages highlighting our Christian development.
- Provide guidance to our youth and to their spiritual growth, as well as counseling to those in need, visiting, and addressing the concerns of the sick and disabled.
- Show a continued desire to learn and grow, with emphasis on transition and development with the congregation.
- Will work collegially with Session, choir director, secretary, and Official Board.

TERMS PROFILE

Effective Date:	July 1, 2012
Hours of Work:	40 hours per week
Vacation:	1 month (5 Sundays)
Salary & Benefits:	According to the Salary and Allowances Schedules applicable to Ministry Personnel of the United Church of Canada. We are capable of sustaining up to a Category E
Study Leave:	Three weeks
Housing:	Unfurnished Manse as approved by the Presbytery
Travel:	As set by Salary and Allowances Schedule
Moving Expenses:	As set by Salary and Allowances Schedule
Phone:	Basic service for a listed home phone up to \$45 per month plus long distance for church related business
Internet:	Free wireless connection
Continuing Education & Learning Resources:	\$1,275 according to Salary and Allowances Schedule
Maritime Conference:	\$200
Secretarial Assistance:	14 hours per week (paid)

COMMUNITY PROFILE

SAINT JOHN—"The Greatest Little City in the East"

The city of Saint John (population 85,000) is situated in the Maritime Province of New Brunswick, one of four provinces that make up the Atlantic Provinces. The city of Saint John is part of the "Greater Saint John area", which includes the communities of Quispamsis, Rothesay and Grand Bay-Westfield with a population of approximately 125,000.

Saint John, perhaps better known as the Loyalist City, a reference to the British Loyalists who claimed the city after the American Revolution and would become a staple in the city's heritage, was the first incorporated city in Canada. A city rich with historical past including the Historic City Market has many beautiful, centuries old buildings that are still in use today in the older part of the city. In the uptown area a new Justice Complex is under construction and slated to open in 2012. Also staying true to the city's roots, there is a strong industrial presence evident throughout the city: Three Mills (tissue, newsprint, and pulp and paper), the Irving Oil Refinery (one of the largest refineries in North America) and just outside the city, Point Lepreau (a nuclear power plant in the process of being refurbished).

The community has a wealth of tourist attractions and venues for citizens ranging from the New Brunswick Museum to a boardwalk at Market Square around the downtown Harbour area. There is something of interest for everyone in Greater Saint John.

Feel welcome to browse the city's official website for more information on its diverse and exciting history or what is offered: www.saintjohn.ca

CLIMATE & NATURE

Saint John's climate is a temperate one, however, greatly affected by the Bay of Fundy. The Bay is a cool body of water stretching along southern New Brunswick, which acts as a natural air conditioner providing breezy summers and acts to divert major snow storms during the winter. It is currently one of twenty eight finalists for the "New 7 Wonders of Nature" contest ending in November 2011.

In addition to the plethora of beaches perfect for swimming or lounging during the summer months, the renowned Reversing Falls on the Saint John River must be mentioned. They have become a popular location for whitewater kayaking, zip lines and jet boat rides. The city is also home to Rockwood Park, the largest park in an urban area, and the Irving Nature Park, which is beautiful year round.

The Saint John River system offers the best inland cruising on the entire East Coast of North America, along with Fundy Trail and whale watching in the local region.

QUALITY OF LIFE

An impressive variety of cultural, artistic and recreational opportunities are offered within the city. Including the historical Imperial Theatre, which showcases performing arts such as drama, NB Symphony Orchestra, concerts, and comedy. The well known New Brunswick Museum is located in the downtown area along with numerous Art Galleries.

The Canada Games aquatic centre in the uptown area provides year round swimming and exercising. A new "QPLEX" in Quispamsis provides both membership-only and free public swimming, skating (year round), and more.

Harbour Station hosts a variety of competitive and exhibition sporting events, as well as large trade shows and concerts by big name entertainers. The Saint John Sea Dogs, a Québec Major Junior Hockey team and winners of the 2011 Memorial Cup, call Harbour Station their home. Harbour Station is also home to the Saint John Mill Rats professional basketball team.

The Gothic Arches is a magnificent building in the uptown centre of the city. It was formerly a church converted to a performing arts centre boasting some of the most awe inspiring architecture of the past century.

HEALTH CARE

Saint John has two hospitals, including New Brunswick's largest regional hospital, offering state of the art medical services to the entire province in both official languages. Additionally, the city offers several long-term or chronic care facilities.

1. **Centracare Saint John, Inc.:** Services are available for long-term psychiatric patients.
2. **Workers' Compensation Rehabilitation Centre:** Located nineteen kilometers from uptown Saint John, the WCRC provides rehabilitation services to injured workers including specialized services unavailable elsewhere in the province.
3. **Ridgewood Addiction Services:** A twenty-bed detoxification facility a few kilometers from the uptown area, Ridgewood Addiction Services offers programs for the treatment and rehabilitation of persons with a dependency on drugs and/or alcohol including an approved methadone clinic by the Province of New Brunswick.

EDUCATION FACILITIES

1. **University:** The city is home to the Saint John campus of the University of New Brunswick (UNBSJ), one of the fastest growing campuses in Canada, enjoying a Canadian record of twenty five years of continual growth. In September 2010 University of New Brunswick's Saint John campus began offering a four year undergraduate program to train new doctors offered in conjunction with Dalhousie University in Halifax.

UNBSJ and YMCA have an ongoing ESL Program to aid our Multicultural society, which is continually growing in our city, to educate in language skills.

2. **Community College:** New Brunswick Community College, Saint John (NBCC-SJ) is the largest of ten community colleges within the Department of Advanced Education and Labour, offering a variety of training and upgrading programs to individuals, full or part-time, including night school, correspondence courses, and Satellite Education courses and through contract training (an agreement between the College and industry/business/agency to provide training to employees or clients to these organizations).
3. **Public Schools:** Approximately 13,000 students are enrolled in the city's public school system including eight full-time French immersion programs, an Early French Immersion program at Forest Hills School, twenty five privately operated, certified and government regulated nursery and day care facilities and a provincial kindergarten program open to children five years of age as of December 31st of the year. There are two schools in the immediate vicinity of Glen View United Church. Glen Falls Elementary and Forest Hills Elementary/Middle schools. Forest Hills offers a French Immersion program.
4. **Centre Scolaire-Communautaire Samuel-de-Champlain:** One of the most vibrant French cultural centers in New Brunswick is this local school for the French-speaking community accommodating over five hundred students from kindergarten to grade twelve, and having one of the highest academic standings in the province.
5. **Rothsay Collegiate-Netherwood School:** A fifteen minute drive from Saint John, RNS is the Province's only independent, co-education boarding and day school.

GUEST ACCOMMODATIONS & SHOPPING FACILITIES

In 2010 two newly built hotels – Hampton Inn and Best Western – were opened in East Saint John, five minutes from the church, adding to the Delta, Hilton, and others uptown.

From East to West, Saint John offers many shopping centres for the citizens' convenience. The unique historic uptown area offers many specialty shops, while our large shopping area is found in the East of the city, including the McAllister Mall and the East Point Shopping Centre. Some of the stores in East Saint John include Sears, Wal-Mart, Canadian Tire, Costco, Home Depot, Kent Building Supplies, Michael's Crafts, Winner's Home Sense, Old Navy, Pier One Imports and Future Shop.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

There is much to do in Saint John for both young and old alike. Some of the highlights to visit are the Irving Nature Park, Cherry Brook Zoo, Rockwood Park and Lily Lake including a campground within city limits as well as five golf courses in the surrounding area.

