



St. Timothy's Gazette Easter 2013

Our Vision:

St. Timothy's **Vision** is to be a nurturing, biblically-based community growing Christ's Kingdom.

Our Mission:

St. Timothy's **Mission** is to:

Go out into the North Shore community to
Gather all ages into Christian fellowship,
so that we may

Glorify God in worship,

Grow to become more like Jesus Christ, and

Give of our time, talent and treasure to serve others.

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St. Timothy's Anglican Church
Sunday Services at:
Sutherland Church
630 East 19th Street,, North Vancouver

All Services at 9:00 a.m.
Including Children's Program

Sunday Sermons are available on our website
www.st-timothy.com

Lenten Reflection

I love Christmas, almost everything about it. I love the decorations and the colours. I love that people go out of their way to try to be nice and think about others. I love the food and celebration. I love the gifts (both giving and receiving). But in many ways I think my favourite part of Christmas is the music. Sure Jingle Bells and Frosty have their place, but even more the tunes that remind us of our Saviours birth play out over the sound systems of all our places of worship; malls, sports arenas, TV shows, in our cars and yes even in our churches. I love that even when the sound stops, my mind is still singing about mangers, angels, shepherds, stars, Mary and Joseph and of course the incarnate Son of God, the helpless babe lying in a manger. I just love this season.

As great and wonderful and beautiful and important as Christmas is, and it is, don't get me wrong Christmas is absolutely essential to the story of God and his people, to our story and all of human history, it is only part of the story, the beginning if you will. It seems so easy to whistle 'Silent Night', or hum 'O come all Ye Faithful' or to sing out 'O Holy Night' when it comes on the car radio when no one can hear us miss those high notes. But I just don't find myself happily whistling, 'O Sacred Head Sore Wounded' or humming 'The Old Rugged Cross' and I have never heard on my car radio 'Were You There When They Crucified My Lord?'. Equally I don't find

myself at many 'Easter Parties', or putting up much in the way of Easter decorations and gift buying is not front of mind, (however there does remain a feast).

We have intentionally left up some of our Christmas decorations, lights and stars, mostly around the sanctuary. We have done this to remind us that we cannot separate Christmas from Easter, Advent from Lent, birth and life from death and burial, joy from sorrow, hope from despair, peace from grief or love from betrayal. Christmas, Good Friday and Easter are all part of the same story and we miss the whole point if we keep only one in mind at a time or emphasize one over another. Without Christmas, Easter could have never happened, but without Holy Week Christmas is robbed of all its meaning. It becomes just as empty and hollow as the boxes we so carefully wrap or the chocolate eggs we try to hide.

Because culture doesn't help us much it is easy to miss most of Holy Week and Easter, easy to set it aside as not very important. Yet the gospels spend only five chapters on Christmas (John 1 included) and some twenty-two on the events of Holy Week. So it would seem to the Gospel writers and arguably to God who inspired them to write, that while the Story of the birth of our Lord and Saviour is very important and ought to be celebrated, the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour is of greater significance in the story and in our lives.

So here is my challenge for you (I know you so love my challenges). Over the next eight days of Holy Week, make it important, decide to make it a priority this week to think about Jesus. You can read through the four Gospel accounts or just read one of them over and over again (we are in Matthew so maybe make sure you at least read that account). Sing or read through some of the Passion Week hymns, many of the ones we don't get around to singing have stunningly beautiful and haunting poetry.

**“I see the crowd in Pilate's hall,
their furious cries I hear;
their shouts of "Crucify!" appall,
their curses fill mine ear.
And of that shouting multitude
I feel that I am one,
and in that din of voices rude
I recognize my own.**

**'Twas I that shed that sacred
Blood,
I nailed him to the Tree,
I crucified the Christ of God,
I joined the mockery.
Yet not the less that Blood avails
to cleanse me from sin,
and not the less that Cross
prevails
to give me peace within.”**

Or read the poem *“The Sacrifice: Was Ever Grief Like Mine”* by Rev. George Herbert (google it). Take the prayer books we handed out at the beginning of Lent and pray through one or all of the daily offices (just for a week). And of course I invite you to make it a priority to join us for

worship on Maundy Thursday at 7:30pm where we will remember Jesus washing of the disciples feet, celebrate the last supper and strip the altar. Then on Good Friday at 10am as we will read and pray through his crucifixion and death. Finally join us for Easter Sunday as we celebrate his resurrection and victory over death.

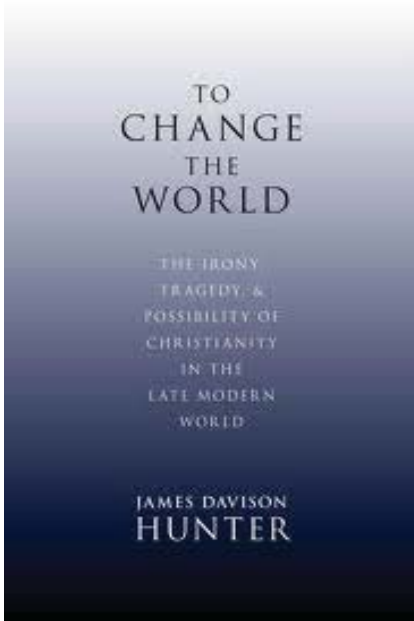
Christmas is great and I love it, and I would never want to turn Easter into Christmas, with all its trimmings and trapping no matter how much I enjoy it. But my prayer for myself and for you is that we would remember that we cannot leave the babe lying in the manger, he was born for a reason, to bring his kingdom, to teach us about our heavenly father and he was born that man no more may die, born to raise the sons of the earth, born to give us second birth.

Amen and Amen.
~ ken bell+

Book Review:

To Change the world: The Irony, Tragedy & Possibility of Christianity in the Later Modern World. Admittedly it is not the most eye catching title, though as the author points out the title itself is ironic to his thesis. I will also admit this is not a particularly easy book to read. It is however, meticulously well researched, argued and thought out. I would rank it in my library one of the ten most influential books I have read in the past decade. Through the lens of sociologist, philosopher and theologian, Davison

Hunter traces the way, how from a ragtag group of disciples, Christianity became the dominating force that it did and then how it is trailed off in recent decades. He then examines why what the church has been trying for the past 100 years or so has not worked, and finally what might be a way forward which is consistent both with the past experience and with gospel teaching and example.



~ ken bell+

Constitutional Amendment

At our Extraordinary General Meeting held June 17, 2012, St. Timothy's vestry passed (by a margin of 38 to 2) a motion that:

a.) requested that St. Timothy's be permanently received into the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) (locally expressed as the Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC)) and placed under the Episcopal oversight of Bishop Trevor Walters;

b.) requested that Rev. Ken Bell & Rev. Paul Carter transfer their licenses from Rwanda to ACNA with immediate effect; and

c.) provided for a period of around 8 months grace, before we had to adjust our constitution to comply with the requirements of the ACNA and ANiC.

As part of St Timothy's Annual General Meeting, on Sunday 24 February, Matthew Vondette proposed an amendment to our constitution which would make the necessary changes to agree with ANCA requirements. The necessary votes were 75% of those attending the meeting to agree. After some discussion the question was put to the members, who voted by secret ballot. The results were 36 for, 8 against and 2 abstentions. Therefore the motion passed and we are now in compliance with the ANCA and ANiC requirements for our membership. Thank you all. Let us move forward, rejoicing!

~ Peter

Council Update

The first meeting of the newly elected council is scheduled for today, 24 March, at which the overall strategy for the coming year will be mapped out, with emphasis on what each "G" group will be focusing on. Now that we are part of a larger number of local churches, all part of the Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC) – which is the Canadian membership

of the Anglican Church in North America (ANCA), we have more resources to share – as well as developing the good working relationship with Sutherland. We plan on seeing a few different faces in our pulpit on Sundays and develop some out of service activities for selected segments of our congregation. We have an exciting future. Stay tuned for items of interest to you!

~ *Matthew and Peter*

Reports from our “G”s

Gather Groups

Gather all ages into Christian fellowship

This is the first issue of the Gazette, for the year 2013, which is now published 3 times per year: Advent, Lent, and in the fall.

Thank you to Peter Haigh for all the time and effort spent in producing it.

Since our last newsletter, we honoured the visit of Bishop Trevor Walters with a special cake at Coffee Time. We appreciate the people who prepare, serve, and clean up after we have enjoyed a few minutes to catch up with others. Thank you also to those who contribute goodies – always welcome! Anyone who would like to join the coffee time team would be very welcome.

The prayer team continues to meet on Fridays and have welcomed Patricia Young to their team. Florence is most attentive to keep the bulletin notices up to date, and to maintain the prayer chain.

It seems so long ago, but in December we celebrated Christmas together with a party held in the multi-purpose room, down-stairs. At the well-attended party we enjoyed visiting with one another until the ham dinner was served. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such a delicious meal. We were led, most unexpectedly, by the children singing Christmas Carols in full voice, accompanied by Chris Bond on the guitar. It was really delightful to hear those young voices ringing out loud and clear. The Advent season culminated with Gluhwein, served after the Candle-light service, by Roger and Nancy Nelson. The children and those who attended the Family Service enjoyed the Baby Jesus cake after that service, made, this year, by Amy Pankratz (Wendy Love’s daughter). Most recently, Audrey did a lovely job of planning and preparing the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. There was a good turnout tucking into pancakes, sausages, fruit, and ice-cream. The decorative flower centres, Primulas, were given as gifts to some of those in attendance and to some who could not join in person. Thank you, Audrey. We would welcome anyone who would like to help plan and prepare future social events.

Blessings,

~ *Wendy*

Ladies Group Report

We meet as a group once a month on Mondays at Sutherland Church and have a

busy schedule for this spring and early summer.

We had a very interesting speaker, Mark Savard from Covenant House in February – Mark explained about the various programs that are held downtown for youth. We were surprised to hear of the alarming numbers of youth with problems. 20-80 youth come through the drop-in program every day - they have a crisis shelter of 54 beds for youth age 16-22 with a long term program of 25 beds for transitional housing for youth who are working towards becoming more stabilized by going back into the work force or attending school.

We held a Games Afternoon in February as a “fun/fund raiser” and will be holding another in June.

As Lent approached we introduced our annual fund raiser called Lenten Awareness. This raises money for our four high school students that we support in Rwanda. Florence Wilton once again made up an interesting pamphlet, which used daily through lent, helps us as Christians to remember to thank God for all our blessings and at the same time to put something aside for those who need our financial assistance. For those participating please return all money/cheques to a member of the Ladies Group by Easter Sunday.

Cheques should be made out to St. Timothy’s Church with Lenten Awareness in the bottom left corner of the cheque. Remember all monies received are tax deductible so if you are submitting cash, please make note of your envelope number.

We are planning to have our popular and well supported annual **Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner** on Friday 10th May 6.30 p.m. at the Haighs – Three Course Roast Dinner \$25 minimum (over \$25 but not including the \$25 receive an income tax receipt) and

Guess Who’s Coming to Lunch on Sunday 19th May at the Haighs - Salmon \$20 (income tax receipt issued for an amount above \$20 but not including the \$20).

Also in May we will be holding our Cupcake Sale on Mother’s Day so please remember to come and join in during Coffee Hour following our church service and pick out your favourites.

Sunday 12 th May Cup Cake Sale

All these fund raisers go to support our ongoing outreach programs. During 2012 we supported:

The Harvest Project \$1,000
North Shore Youth Safe House \$400
Mountain Valley Mission (Barclay Mayo) \$500
The Table (Andy and Josh) \$500 +\$200
Sharyn Thomson \$200
4 students in Rwanda High School \$900

In the past eight years, the Ladies' Group has donated just over \$33,000.

We thank you all for your ongoing support of the above events and hope that you come and join us on Mondays at Sutherland. Meetings are posted in the bulletins.

~ Audrey

Pastoral Care

Altar Flowers are distributed regularly following the Sunday service to those who are unable to attend church or who are sick or in hospital. Ken and the pastoral care team would welcome any information or notification of anyone you know of who would wish to be visited.

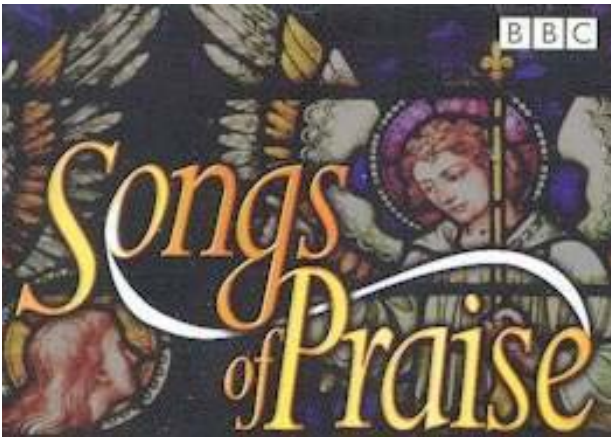
Please let Ken, Audrey or Florence know should you or a member of your family wish to have a visit from Ken with communion before Easter

~ Audrey

Grow Reports

GROW: to become more like Jesus Christ

ST. TIMOTHY'S FAVOURITE SONG OF PRAISE



What is your favourite hymn? Or perhaps, what is your favourite contemporary worship song? Recently I came across a 2005 BBC survey, which asked the nation to vote for their favourite song of praise. Here are the results of that British vote:

- 1 - How Great Thou Art
- 2 - Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (Tune: Repton)
- 3 - The Day Thou Gavest (Tune: St. Clement)
- 4 - Be Thou My Vision (Tune: Slane)
- 5 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Tune: Blaenwern)
- 6 - Be Still, For The Presence Of The Lord (Tune: Be Still)
- 7 - Make Me A Channel
- 8 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer (Tune: Cwm Rhondda)
- 9 - In Christ Alone
- 10 - Shine, Jesus, Shine

After reading this, I was interested to know what the results might be if a similar vote was taken at St. Timothy's. Will we find that we are fairly united in our choices? Or, will we find that we have a vast array of favourites? I hazard a guess that we will probably choose a vast array of hymns and songs. This would not be surprising as music is very personal.

So included with this newsletter is a ballot to vote for your favourite hymn or worship song. If you like you can also include the name of the tune that you like with the hymn, but this isn't essential. In most cases, but not all, well-known hymns are coupled with a well-known tune. To add a

bit more interest you may also include why this is your favourite. Does it invoke a special memory of a person or event? Or is your choice because the words and tune inspire you to offer true worship and praise to our Heavenly Father?

In conclusion, pray that our Heavenly Father will encourage us to take real pleasure in singing a hymn or song that isn't always our favourite, but is the choice of one of our brothers or sisters in Christ.

Complete the ballot as soon as possible and submit it to the box on St. Timothy's table in the Narthex of Sutherland Church. The results will be revealed on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

~ Patricia Young, Grow Team Leader

2013 LiveWORD Women's Conference



On Saturday, Feb 16th I attended with approximately 125 women the eighth annual LiveWORD Women's Conference. This one-day conference organized by St. John's Vancouver Church, is rich in

teaching and learning from God's word, singing praises and enjoying delicious food and camaraderie with other Christian women across many denominations. This year the teaching was based on Exodus 19, which was so helpful as in my home group, we have been studying passages from Exodus. It was great to visit with old friends; I sat with Mary Mayo (Rev. Barclay Mayo's wife) and also meet other women from an assortment of churches around Vancouver. It is such a super way to share and learn what others are doing to reach out to the communities around them. I encourage each woman at St. Timothy's to consider attending next year.

~ Patricia Young

St. Timothy's Film Ministry:

Three new films have recently been added to the collection of DVDs that are available to borrow after each Sunday service.



The Way starring Martin Sheen and directed by his son, Emilo Estevez, this film is about an American who travels to France after his son has an accident while walking The Way of St. James trail. While there, Tom decides to embark on the historical pilgrimage to honour his son's desire to finish the journey. A beautiful film about love, community and faith.

The Help is an Academy Award film about an aspiring author during the civil rights movement of the 1960s who decides to write a book detailing the African-American maids' point of view on the white families for which they work, and the hardships they go through on a daily basis.

Of Gods and Men also an academy award winning film based upon a true story of a group of Trappist monks stationed with an impoverished Algerian Community who must decide whether to leave or stay when they under threat by fundamentalist terrorists.

Please keep an eye out around your homes for films labelled with St. Timothy's as there are a few DVDs missing. If you find them, there will be no over due fee and no questions will be asked! Thanks so much!

St. Timothy's Library:

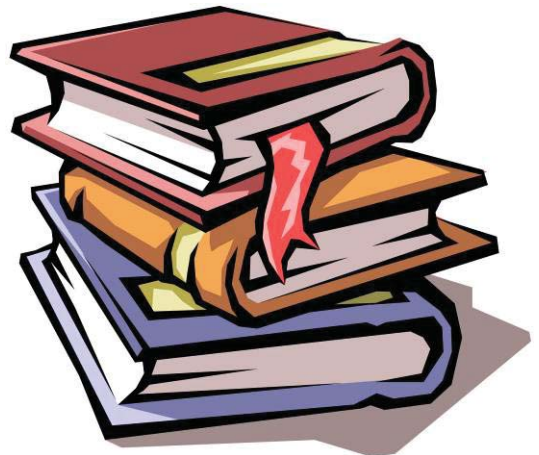
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St. John's Vancouver in Transition is a lovely collection of reflections from parishioners about their experiences and

departure from the buildings of St. John's Vancouver.

J. I. Packer: A Biography by Alistair E. McGrath is a very well reviewed biography of one of the world's leading theologians. The biography weaves the development of theology in the post-World War and tells the story of the worldwide regeneration of evangelical Christianity in the second half of this century.

Call the Midwife: is a memoir by Jennifer Worth, and the first in a trilogy of books describing her work as a district nurse and midwife in the East End of London during the 1950s. Worth wrote the book after retiring from a subsequent career as a musician, and it was originally published in 2002. This book allows you to enter into the lives of these very poor families and also into the lives of the Anglican Nuns who lovingly and gracefully care for this community. Especially interesting is reading how the author explores her own faith journey.



~ Patricia Young; Grow Team Leader

The Children's Ministry at St. Timothy's

Dear family at St. Timothy's; March 2013

"In the beginning"... of 2013 that is, the children at St. Timothy's have been exploring the book of Genesis. Each week the children have been led by a team of teachers as they learned together and individually about Creation. From the first ray of light and the creation of mankind to the introduction of darkness in sin and the Fall of Man, the children have learned about the beauty and the ugliness that was and still exists in our world.

It is the prayer of this Ministry that the children's understanding of the Bible is hopefully achieved through the variety of Medias used: story-telling; a question/answer period; dramatic re-enactment of the story; art; crafts; worship and games. Through these Medias the children and their teachers create and maintain a relationship that encourages fun in learning. It is this relationship for both the children and the teachers that makes coming to Kidz Church so important.

We wanted to share with you a couple of scenes that we are privileged to see from the position we're in. Every Sunday, it warms our heart to witness the children participate in Reverend Ken's teaching time up at the front. We have noticed their enthusiasm in answering Rev. Ken's questions and their participation in his discussions on the lesson for that day. A favourite image is when after they are

blessed and released, the children race towards the room to Kidz Church. Witnessing their urgency in arriving at Kidz Church, their "child-like" faith and their energy to participate in the program designed for them is an honour and a privilege to be part of.

As you and the children prepare for Easter, our prayer is that we will all receive this "child-like faith" as we worship and glorify the risen Lord together. Alleluia!!

In His Joy,

~ *Christina Palmeri*

Prayer Ministry

Thanks go to all those who play an active role in Prayer Ministry for St. Timothy's, whether it's leading the Prayers of the People, praying for others after the service (which may be in the back corner or at your pew), attending the weekly Prayer Meeting to pray for all aspects of the church and parishioners – for any need or thankfulness that come to mind, or being part of the Prayer Chain that springs into action, praying for urgent situations.

I shall be preparing the rosters for Prayers of the People and Prayers after the Service for May-August soon and would be delighted to include some new people. Assistance is available as needed and the schedule can work around yours. Please contact me if you would like more information about any aspect of Prayer Ministry.

~ *Florence Wilton (604-926-7417)*



The Higher Spirits Hiking Group

On February 9, some of us ventured up past Squamish to the Diamond Head access road and snow shoed up the trail to Heather Meadows and Paul Ridge. While it was quite cold (around 0°C) the weather did not cooperate so we had to be content with the view of thick snow all around, but no vistas of the surrounding scenery. Apart from the disappointment we all agreed that being out in God's great creation lifted our spirits and put other issues in our lives into perspective.

A few members of our congregation braved what was touted as a bad weather day on Saturday 2 March for a snowshoe up Mt Seymour – out to Dog Mountain. While it was snowing heavily on our walk out, by the time we reached the lookout, the weather cleared and we were treated to a great view over the city and down to the USA.

If you have an interest in joining us on these infrequent trips to the back country, please mention it to John or Lucy Collings or myself.

~ Peter Haigh

Men's Breakfast

St Timothy's organized a men's breakfast on March 2nd in conjunction with Sutherland Church. Some 30 men attended. I am not sure why we have men's breakfasts in this day and age, but it seems that old habits linger. The breakfast itself was great (there must have been a woman involved).

We were addressed by Josh Wilton who, with Andy Withrow, has started The Table, a start-up church in Victoria. Victoria is apparently the least churched city in Canada with only 6% of people attending church on a Sunday. Josh described to us the group that they have formed (both genders) that meets for lunch every two weeks. They are overtly Christian but do not emphasise prayer and ceremony, only the Christian message. They have over 50 attendees at every meeting and council people who ask for their help.

Josh challenged us to use the breakfast meeting as a start of a similar group on the North Shore. What would be its purpose and what would be its aims? Josh suggested just fellowship to begin with, but could be extended to selected community activities as the group becomes more cohesive.

~ John Collings

RECALL NOTICE:

The Maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been identified as "Sub-sequential Internal Non-morality," more commonly known as S.I.N., as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

1. Loss of direction
2. Foul vocal emissions
3. Amnesia of origin
4. Lack of peace and joy
5. Selfish or violent behavior
6. Depression or confusion
7. Fearfulness
8. Idolatry
9. Rebellion

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect.

The Repair Technician, **JESUS**, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is: **P-R-A-Y-E-R**.

Once connected, please upload your burden of **SIN** through the **REPENTANCE** procedure.

Next, download **ATONEMENT** from the Repair Technician, **Jesus**, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the **SIN** defect is, **Jesus** will replace it with:

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness
9. Self-control

Please see the operating manual, the **B.I.B.L.E.** (**BEST** Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on **Jesus**.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The **SIN** defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention!

-- **GOD**

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'!

Because HE Lives!

~ Thanks to Florence!

And at the Upcoming local Conference:

ANiC regional assemblies

Him we proclaim... presenting everyone mature in Christ

Colossians 1:28 ESV



Theme – *Him we proclaim... presenting everyone mature in Christ*

Verse – *Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. ~ Colossians 1:28 ESV*

Date: April 17-20, 2013

Location: Good Shepherd Church, 189, West 11 Avenue, Vancouver, BC

Keynote speaker(s): Bishop Abraham Nhial (Awiel, Sudan)
Bishop Albert Vun (Sabah, Malaysia)
The Rev John Coles, Director of New Wine

Workshop leaders: Dr Saimond Ip
Rev Josh Wilton, Rev Chris Zoephel, Neil VanHeerden

Cost: Synod delegates: \$150 before April 1; \$200 after March 31
Observers: \$99 before April 1; \$149 after March 31