



# St. Timothy's Gazette June 2010

*Happy 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday!*

## *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 the Lynn Valley Rec. Centre  
Frederick and Mountain Highway, North Vancouver

First Sunday each month: Matins at 10 a.m.  
Other Sundays: Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m.

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Sunday Sermons are available on our website

# Message from the Rev. Ken Bell

*“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ...Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27*

The church as the ‘Body of Christ’ is both a beautiful creation and a wretched wreck. It is comprised of people created in the image of God, made new in Jesus and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. It is a gathering of broken, ugly, sinful creatures each of whom is in the midst of their own battles and strife. We radiate with the light of Christ whilst still bearing our scars.

No church, just as no individual, is perfect. Yet in humbleness and submission, through obedience and faith, we are being made pure through His refining fire so that we might be presented as mature in Christ. The quest for the perfect church then is a fool’s journey. However, the church is beautiful, precisely because it is not perfect. It is messy, confused, and full of people who can be irritating, angry and unreasonable from time to time...just like the rest of life. But when brought together, one in Christ, the church is the continuation of the incarnation, the ongoing fleshiness of God dwelling with his people.

When we greet a friend on a Sunday morning with a smile and kind word, we are greeting them in the name of Jesus. When we talk with the visitor and offer them a coffee we are extending the hospitality of our Lord. When we visit the sick and the lonely, (especially when we do not know them) we are doing the work of the angels. When we offer an encouraging word or say thank-you to someone, we are blessing them in the name of Christ. When we intercede on behalf of another or lay hands on them in prayer, we are letting them touch the hem of His garment. And when we share our adventures in faith

or talk about the cross, we extend to them an invitation to feast at the supper of the lamb.

St. Timothy’s is an imperfect church, has been for six years, and will be for the next sixty years. But it is a beautiful church. Made up of wonderfully flawed people, sick and wounded but whom with compassion and grace, strengthened by Christ, are willing to serve both friend and stranger. We are a church that believes in the importance of every member ministry. From our parent participation Sunday School, to those who pray with earnest hearts, to those who make sure Sunday services go off, to those who open their homes and offer hospitality, to those who visit the aged and alone, to everyone who offers to use their gifts and talents for the sake of others. It is only together that we form the body of Christ.

Thanks to everyone who forms St. Timothy’s and makes it a welcoming light in the midst of the darkness.

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

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*During the recent visit of our overseeing Archbishop, Emmanuel Kolini of Rwanda, (in May) I heard questions circulating of how we connect to the new Anglican Church of North America - ACNA*

A little background.

The Anglican Church of North America ACNA was founded last year (2009) to gather into one church, those churches unable to stay within the revisionist Anglican Church of Canada and the Episcopal Church of the USA, and who had broken from those bodies, under various jurisdictions. At its inauguration, it encompassed 100,000 Anglicans from 700 parishes to form 28 Dioceses. The founding member groups (jurisdictions) were:

- The Convocation of Anglicans in North America
- The Anglican Network in Canada
- The Anglican Coalition in Canada (ACiC)
- The Anglican Mission in the Americas (AMiA)

The Reformed Episcopal Church (REC)  
Missionary Convocation of Kenya  
Missionary Convocation of Uganda  
Missionary Convocation of the Southern Cone  
American Anglican Council  
Forward in Faith – North America  
Anglican Communion Network

We (St Timothy's) are part of ACiC, which comprises 14 parishes and missions across Canada. Our newly appointed Bishop is the Right Reverend Silas Ng, who is also Pastor to Emmanuel Church, a predominantly Chinese congregation in Richmond, B.C.

After their struggle to remedy the Anglican Church of Canada, St John's Vancouver (formerly Shaughnessy) chose to join the Anglican Network in Canada (comprised of 47 parishes and missions), so while they are not part of the ACiC, they are fellow Anglicans with the same understanding of Anglicanism as us, affiliated with the Anglican Church of North America. Because these various groups formed at different times (REC formed almost 140 years ago), they still maintain their allegiances to their founding partners; in our case the Archbishop of Rwanda gave us pastoral coverage, and St John's Vancouver found refuge with the Archbishop of Southern Cone. It is anticipated that over time (several years) while we will maintain contact with our founding sponsors, we will forge a more unified Province of the Anglican Church, under the 'Anglican Church of North America' (ACNA).

*This is how the Anglican Mission in the Americas (AMiA) is addressing this same relationship:*

**"The Anglican Mission's Relationship with  
the Anglican Church in North America"  
May 18, 2010**

For the past year Bishop Chuck Murphy and Archbishop Bob Duncan have been seeking to clarify the Anglican Mission's structural relationship within the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA). This clarification, as required by our

original protocol, is necessary as we approach the ACNA Provincial Council to be held June 8 - 9.

By way of background, the Constitution and Canons of the Anglican Church in North America were drafted such that various groups might be integrated into the provincial structure of the ACNA as jurisdictions. In addition, the Canons made provision for another level of association designated as "Ministry Partners". The Ministry Partner membership status as defined in the Constitution and Canons of the ACNA actually outlines very succinctly the appropriate relationship between the Anglican Mission and the ACNA as they seek to work together in church planting across North America. This status allows for entities such as ministry organizations, dioceses, seminaries and even monastic orders "to support each other in ministry to extend the Kingdom of God", and the Anglican Mission is happy to join with other groups who have or seek this Ministry Partner status.

As a founding member of the ACNA, the Anglican Mission has invested significant time and energy into its formation and has been strongly supportive of the Province and Archbishop Duncan's leadership. In light of this support, the Anglican Mission initially chose the jurisdictional option for membership in the ACNA while maintaining its identity as a missionary outreach of Rwanda. This "dual citizenship" approach, however, has resulted in significant confusion within the Anglican Mission and the ACNA regarding membership in two provinces, and more importantly, is inconsistent with the Constitution and Canons of the Province of the Anglican Church in Rwanda. Practically speaking, this jurisdictional/membership status became untenable and non-sustainable.

Given these circumstances, both the Anglican Mission's Council of Bishops and the Rwanda House of Bishops have unanimously agreed that the Anglican Mission will apply for Ministry Partner status at next month's ACNA Council meeting. This revised status, if approved in Boston, will allow the Anglican Mission to maintain a level of connection to the North American Province, even though the missionary movement will remain under the

spiritual and canonical authority of Archbishop Emmanuel Kolini and the Province of the Anglican Church of Rwanda. It also allows for the Anglican Mission to continue to function as a missionary movement committed to church planting as we have for the last decade. Finally, this decision will serve to overcome the inherent confusion that has arisen, and we view a transition to Ministry Partner status as a positive development for all concerned. Anglican Mission churches have always had the freedom to transfer to another jurisdiction or to become an independent congregation. The vast majority of our congregations express a strong and passionate commitment to our mission and ministry as a missionary outreach of Rwanda, and we encourage them to remain part of this missionary movement as they continue to share our vision. While the Canons of the Province of Rwanda allow for the Anglican Mission to transfer to another jurisdiction, we remain fully committed to our overseeing Province and to serving Rwanda in North America for the foreseeable future, a position unanimously supported by our Council of Bishops through a resolution during a retreat in Denver on May 11-13, 2010.

*Perhaps, in time the Anglican Coalition in Canada (ACiC) may also follow this option!* PH

## **Wardens' Update – June 2010**

Today we will have our 6th anniversary BBQ. If we were children we would have passed the toddler stage, finished with kindergarten and be headed for Grade 1.

Speaking of children, we are, as everyone knows in the midst of our own baby boom that just seems to keep on coming. When we first started we had a fair number of teenagers in the congregation. Eric Park was hired to head up the teen's Youth Group. Those individuals, for the most part, have now graduated from high school and have moved on to higher education which has taken many of them out of town. Your Reverend Ken Bell, and we two wardens met with Eric Park for his annual personal review in April 2010. In the course of discussions Eric gave us his verbal resignation as paid Youth

Pastor effective the end of June 2010. He outlined his reasons for resigning and these can probably be summed up as there being no youth available for his ministry. While Eric has enjoyed some success in working with outside youth and other youth groups he feels that this "season" of his Christian life is drawing to a close.

Eric made some recommendations for where we could spend some staffing money pointing out that our Sunday school attendance has grown substantially to about 12 this spring and probably as many as 18 or 20 next fall. His recommendation to hire a Children's Ministry Assistant has already been acted on by council.

We want to remark on how closely Eric's observations, recommendations, and actions have paralleled those of the council. We want to express thanks for a job well done and a commendation should Eric need a reference in the future.

On the other hand, as the 0 to 6 year old population has greatly increased and in order to not burn out Carolyn Edwards and Sonya Bell, we have decided to hire a Children's Ministry Assistant. In consultation with Carolyn and Sonya, and considering her qualifications, experience and the fact that she is an orthodox Anglican with past employment by sister parishes in ACiC with their recommendation that she be hired for the position of Children's Ministry Assistant we have hired Christina Hodson. She was introduced to the congregation in mid May.

The federal government finally allowed Archbishop (AB) Kolini into the country in May. We were lucky to have meetings with AB Kolini at an informal tea party on Saturday, May 22 where about 80 members of the ACiC gathered in North Vancouver. AB Kolini addressed those of us present, and we learned first hand what an articulate and Holy Spirit filled man he is. Some of us were again impressed by his comprehension of our situation, and his direction to us on Sunday night, when he spoke at an inter-denominational service in Richmond. The message he gave us was that to bring people to Christ you must bring them to the foot of the cross. The story of AB Kolini's involvement in bringing the Good News to America is well told in the book, "Never Silent" by Thaddeus

Barnum and indeed the title expresses AB Kolini's exhortation that we are not to be silent as the devil does his works in our society. Look for a copy in our church library

*Nancy Vondette, Ron Barrett*

## **Background to our current Sermon Series – Acts.**

Since Rev. Ken touched on the Apostolic Age on Trinity Sunday, and told us that he will preach on Early Christianity and Pauline ministry in a coming sermon series, I thought it beneficial to provide some historical background of the Hellenistic / Greco-Roman world. Such information enlarged my understanding of the New Testament and gave an ideal ground of connectivity to the grand narrative. The historical facts occurred, are documented and are not disputed, but they are important to us in understanding the world our Saviour came to.

(This article was reconstructed from NT foundation lecture by Prof Rikk Watts – this is not my work indeed but what I have learned!)

I hope this will give you intellectual satisfaction as we learn our family history – of God

### **History**

#### **Pre-Hellenistic Israel**

The House of Israel indeed was in great shock after the Babylonians destroyed the Temple (587BC) and forced them into exile, but after the Persians took over power from the Babylonians, Israel was allowed to go back to its own land, being its state – not its own kingdom. Ezra-Nehemiah tells all about this time – about rebuilding the temple, the Samaritan schism (by building their own sanctuary) – and the nation became more than ever the people of the Book. This period is called ‘second temple Judaism’ and included a strict keeping of the Torah to prevent future coming of exile like events, but because of their ancestors’ wickedness the glory of the YHWH left the temple. Prophecy was no longer heard from this time until John the Baptist (about 400 years). Surely the presence of the Lord did not come back – until Jesus’ arrival.

### **Hellenism**

Alexander of Macedon went through Asia Minor and parts of Africa and even to India, and by his military conquest, spread “Greek” culture everywhere, but unfortunately he died in the middle of it, never tasted his glorious emperorship. His death resulted in the division of the kingdom among his 4 generals (does it sound like Daniel to you?) and Palestine region was given to Ptolemies. In his dynasty (301-198 BC) which centred in Alexandria, the Hebrew Bible was translated into Greek, because many Jews then lived outside Israel, building Synagogues, studying the Torah, (which considered equal to Temple activity - sacrifice) and most of them only understood Greek. In Jerusalem, the priestly class became the main power block for the nation, since temple was always the centre of Israel’s identity. In 198 BC, Antiochus III of Seleucids took Jerusalem, and the Jews liked this king generally because he let conquered nations be, as long as they paid taxes. So while they did not have their Davidic king, their lives were tolerable. At this time two priestly families Oniads and Tobiads struggled over the control of the wealthy temple establishment. Roman power started appearing around this time.

Then Antiochus IV Epiphanes (God manifested one) came to power. During his reign, Hellenization peaked in Jerusalem. Both families, Oniads and Tobiads, offered bribes to win his favour for wealth and power of the high priesthood. Jason of Oniads (this is a Greek name!) took charge – remodelling Jerusalem into a Greek city by building a gymnasium, track, theatre, and ephebia (training centre for adolescent young male) Young aristocrats changed their Hebrew names to Greek. Priests rushed through their duties at the temple in order to visit the gymnasium – where athletes practiced naked – just below the temple. Being naked, the Jews exposed their circumcision, so some undertook an operation to hide their scar, (with no antiseptic or hygiene) – this was a betrayal of their covenant. In 172 BC Jason was outbid from the High Priesthood by Menelaus, and fled to the land of Ammonites. In 168 BC while Antiochus IV attacked Egypt, there was a rumour circulated that the king was dead. Jason then took 1000 soldiers to attack Jerusalem in order to regain his power. In 167

BC the king (Antiochus IV) returned, and seeing this as a sign of rebellion, killed thousands, and declared the edict to make his rule to be one religion, one law and one custom. Although the Jews demurred, the king forbade Sabbath observance, circumcision, teaching and observance of the Law, and especially food laws. He put the statue of Zeus in the Temple, offered sacrifices of swine flesh and defiled the temple with its blood. (This is known as Abomination of Desolation) Persecution was absolutely horrific.

Then followed the Maccabean Revolt, which I omit, since we can read most of it from “The first book of Maccabees”. In summary – the Priestly family took Jerusalem from the hand of Antiochus IV (while he was not taking it seriously) mostly by long guerrilla warfare, then established the first independent Jewish state in over four centuries (from 167-61BC). During this period, division of Jewish sects came into reality – the Ultra Orthodox Essenes (giving up on Hellenistic kings) - headed off into the desert –the Qumran, and claim that they are the true Israel. (Note: documents found in Dead Sea are believed to have been written by the hand of Essenes: Qumran being some sort of institute like a scriptorium), Pharisees (who rejected the Hasmonean kings being both King and High Priest. Greeks in outer Israel were mostly Pharisees) and Sadducees (traditionalist who were into power –the aristocrats.) During this dynasty, Israel regained geographical control of the land, much like at the time of Solomon. Hellenism was still strong in Israel having a king like Alexander Jannaeus (103-76 BC) who offended the Pharisees during the feast of Tabernacle with his manner of officiating – and seeing their uprising as a revolt killed 6000 Pharisees with his army. He later crucified 800 Pharisees in one day, executing their wives and children in front of them at the same time, while he feasted with his courtiers and courtesans. This caused many Pharisees to flee from Jerusalem and emigrating to Syria or Egypt.

## **Rome**

Gnaeus Pompeius cleaned out Seleucids in 63BC when Jerusalem was experiencing rivalry between Hyrcanus II (allied with the Pharisees and supported by Antipater, governor of Idumaea) and Aristobulus

II (allied with the Sadducees). Both were sons of Alexander Jannaeus, and wanted Pompeius to help them resolve matters. Pompeius took Hyrcanus II’s side, and then removed Aristobulus II after winning over Jerusalem. He was the first non-priest to enter Holy of Holies to check what Israel worshipped; – he found nothing other than a candle holder and an altar, so let Israel continue on with their worship. Later the Hasmonean dynasty ended and Herod the great, the son of Antipater came in power with Rome’s help. This is the King Herod with whom we are most familiar. He was known as a great builder, and his greatest work was certainly the rebuilding of the Temple – which became greater than even in Solomon’s time. However he was not the Davidic King, but the Edomites. Some Orthodox Jews did not approve of him as king because of his background and pro-Roman political position. After the death of Herod the great, his kingdom was divided among his sons, causing conflict. Romans stepped in and made Israel a Roman state ruled by a governor appointed by Rome. Rome took away land from the poor people and gave it to the wealthy creating many day labourers and tenant farmers. They were the people of the land in the first century who being oppressed by heavy taxes both from Rome and the Temple experienced a constant life struggle. All this oppression caused the house of Israel to long for the coming of the Messiah who would use strong military power to conquer Rome, re-establish the Davidic kingdom to the whole nation; much like a Jewish Caesar who would establish the Kingdom of God, a new Jewish empire which would rule the whole earth. Their concept of Saviour was not like the one we find in Jesus as servant King; he was expected to save the nation from the hand of any oppressor and also keep the Torah perfectly – not like those evil kings in the past. To them Jesus was the apostate, disappointment and trouble maker who might cause them to lose what little control they had.

## **Social Setting of Greco-Roman world**

### **Religion**

Caesar Augustus brought peace to the empire, and was considered as Saviour of the world, was divinized and worshiped. This practice was common in Asia Minor: where a ruler being the

figure who maintained cosmic order was often considered as a son of gods, given authority to reign over people. At the street level, the imperial cult was not the popular one but the mystery religions of patron “lords” were. These include well known pantheistic Greek ones (Romanized) and other divines from Asia Minor, and are often referred to as “Pagan worship” in the Bible. The worship of such was driven by emotional celebrations, joy, ecstasy, and passion: music group singing and dancing, accompanied with the sharing of a sacrificial meal and after dining entertainment (often immoral intercourse.) Also, the pagan temple had the added function of a community centre for social elites; where business deals and political activities were practiced. However, people who associated with paganism were afraid of the uncertainty of those divines so, the practice of magic, astrology and occult was fundamental to protect them from unchangeable fate, to favour the divines to cheat on fate.

Philosophically we often think that all Greco-Roman’s practiced much like our education system ...but it was only available for wealthy intellectuals to go to school to practice. Some philosophers expressed their ideas of cosmic concern for a better life of such on the street and some extreme elites have left writings about their way of thinking.

### **Society**

Life of ordinary people under Rome was extremely difficult, since their living environment was not too far removed from a modern day slum or even worse. Most of poor or average people lived in poorly constructed tenements which were slightly better built than a kids toy wood block building, (therefore many collapsed, killing many). People cooked with firewood inside the building, and suffered with heavy smoke, often they lived with animals (not pets but goats and chicken), and had no bathroom inside the building. (Outside in the streets, people were baptized with all sorts of things from above, as people lived several levels up.) Streets was extremely narrow yet had many shops on each side. Piles of garbage were everywhere – some contained dead human bodies. People suffered with constant illnesses; therefore life was short.

### **Marriage and family**

A husband held the strongest authority over family members even to life and death; – a baby girl was considered as useless and burdensome – there were many day-old baby girl corpses in the garbage dump, public washroom and sewerage. Wives were more or less like instrument to bear legitimate children and to be the trusted guardian of things of the house – never equal to her husband; he often “slept around”.

### **Work**

Manual labour was despised by the elite, their considered work being the business of public service, politics and war. Some people worked as Entourage of wealthy patrons, giving flattering greetings and receiving their daily wage “dole” and in return working for a patron to cause trouble, spread rumours or beat somebody up!

Artisan and some others took pride in their work, typically lived with similar trades in the same neighbourhood, belonged to guilds, and worshipped their patrons’ pagan gods as a cooperative activity. They worked long hours from dawn to dusk – but in a slow paced Mediterranean style.

....and

A small Christian community of 6000 – 8000 grew not in the lowest social setting but in middle classes, even up to the household of Caesar and some who were present at Herod’s court when John the Baptist was executed. Christians, who were considered atheists, were persecuted for their faith, often at the Roman theatres as a cruel public entertainment. What then caused Rome to fall and become Christian nation? No it’s not “what”, but it is because of this person who He being New Moses, New Torah and New Temple, in the New Exodus, the true Davidic King, and the begotten true Israel. It is Jeshua who is the YHWH’s salvation, and Immanuel the sign of coming judgment; he who grew out of Israel’s story and inaugurated to His divine office.

Do you remember what St. Thomas said when he met resurrected Jesus? He said “My Lord, My God.” It is “My YHWH, My Elohim” in other words. He was the first century pious Jewish person who is calling Jesus – “God.” This is extremely



powerful claim. It was similar with St. Paul when he saw Jesus in the light– he realized keeping of the Law did not do anything. He thought he was IN but he was not. He became blind – (blindness is about Pagans who worship stones) but his sight was restored by believing in Christ. He too was a first century pious intellectual elite Jew whose education was equal to a present day person holding a PhD degree from Oxford or Cambridge.

It is Jesus who changed the world – this fact should cause us tremble very hard since this is about an extremely serious business; yet easiest in a way - since our yoke is His out-stretched arm embracing our shoulder to keep us standing with him, and His Spirit dwells within us calling God “Abba.” It is indeed the business of our family who belong to Him since the beginning.

Rev. Ken will certainly provide us more detailed – Scripture based items in his sermons. I hope this brief history will supplement your understanding of the New Testament setting.

*Jonathan Masahiro Seiki*

## Reports from our “G”s

### Gather Group

***GATHER: all ages into Christian fellowship***

I would like to begin the Gather report by taking a moment to thank everyone in St. Timothy’s for their support of the Gather Committee. We are so appreciative of all the help we receive from others. This has been vividly demonstrated the last three months with the donations of food and peoples’ time for the reception on April 25<sup>th</sup> in honour of Vera and for the tea held on May 22<sup>nd</sup> in honour of Archbishop Kolini.

We were delighted to hold a Baby Shower on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, for Layla Nader and Zechariah Seiki. It is always wonderful to get together to welcome new babies to our congregation. Thank you, Audrey, for hosting the shower!

As you may have noticed, we have decided to go with paper cups for coffee/tea/juice during the Coffee Hour. These will be more environmentally friendly than the Styrofoam and plastic cups we previously used.

The Pastoral Care Team and Prayer Team are always available to assist anyone in need. Please let Dara and Sam know if they can be of any help to you.

Today, June 13<sup>th</sup>, we are holding our sixth anniversary summer BBQ. We are hoping for clear skies and warm temperatures! Thank-you to all who have offered to help out.

Looking forward to the summer, Eric and Sam will be organizing a potluck Young Families Picnic. There will also be a “Special Tea for Special People”. In the fall, the Harvest Supper has been tentatively scheduled during the weekend of October 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>.

Please see the Ladies Group report below.

*Daphne Martin*

### Ladies Group Report

Our group meets every second Monday of most months (we will be taking a break over July and August and re-convening in September). Our main purpose is to organize and participate in fundraising events that benefit the many outreach programmes that St. Timothy’s Church supports and which we as a group feel need our support with not only money but prayer and thoughts.

In April, Sharyn Thomson came to give us a talk on her life in Burkina Faso (was called Upper Volta) in Western Africa. Burkina Faso means Land of Honest People and Sharyn mentioned that the country does live up to its name.

Sharyn lives in a cement brick home in the village of Syn, which is about 3 kms to the nearest town which does have a medical clinic but nurses there generally just offer minimal medical care. She works with the Buaba people translating the bible into their own language (Buamu) and we were amazed to hear in just this small African country

there are in fact 70 languages amongst a population of 14 million people.

90% of the people live in rural areas being farmers and the capital city of Ouagadougou has 1 million people. Over 50% are Muslim and about 30% are Christian. (The remainder follow their traditional religions). Only about 10% of children finish school but the government does provide free elementary school for all children, however Sharyn pointed out that in rural areas, because most families have 8-10 children it is generally only those children who do well at school stay in elementary school ) because they are needed to work on the land or small farm. Literacy is therefore about 25% in Burkina Faso. Most elementary school classes have up to 70 children per class but discipline is not a problem!

Sharyn mentioned that travelling around the roads in Burkina Faso is fairly easy but most are dirt roads and not paved.

Sharyn has lived with the Buaba people for 20 years and hopes to see the completion of the translation of the New Testament finish translating the bible into their language by 2011-2012. She was sent there by the Wycliffe Bible Translators and was only allowed to go there when all the existing denominations agreed to are working together on the translation. She mentioned that the churches seem to work much better together now than 20 years ago. The Roman Catholic Church has been in Burkina Faso for the longest but there are also many protestant churches, including the Christian Missionary Alliance.

Sharyn is responsible for raising her own support for her work in the ministry of Wycliffe Bible Translators has to support herself whilst she is there and does not draw a salary from Wycliffe Bible Translators. At present she is studying at Trinity Western University and will be returning to her African home in December or early January.

It was a joy to have Sharyn come and share about her life in Burkina Faso. If anyone is interested in supporting Sharyn or finding out more information about her work there – please e-mail her at Sharyn Thomson

([sharyn\\_thomson@wycliffe.ca](mailto:sharyn_thomson@wycliffe.ca)) or contact Audrey Haigh – I have some leaflets and information so I can put you in touch with Sharyn before she returns to her home in Burkina Faso.

How about these statistics –  
Did you know that there are approximately 6,900 languages in the world of 6.9 billion?  
451 complete Bibles, 1,083 New Testaments  
843 portions (i.e. not a complete New Testament or Bible) of the Bible and more than 2,200 minority language groups have no portion of the Bible in their own language.

The proceeds of our cupcake sale in March were sent to "The Table" in Victoria, and our proceeds from "Guess Who's Coming for Dinner" held in April were given to "The Vision Fund".

We held a fun Games Evening on May 14th at Churchill House and proceeds from this event were sent to Barclay Mayo in Squamish.

Our next fundraiser will be in September – the annual Garage Sale held at The Haighs on Saturday 11th September – please start saving those "I don't need it any more items BUT someone will love to have it or use it items" so that we can have the BEST garage sale on the Northshore in the Fall for the ongoing work that is carried out week by week by The Harvest Project. Please remember the Harvest Project particularly in the summer months, as food donations are down in the summer months of July and August. There is always a bin left at the entrance to church which will be taken down to the Harvest Project weekly.

Thank-you to all our parishioners who come out and support our various fundraisers.

Finally, it was with great sadness that we "lost" a very dear friend and supporter of the Ladies Group in April - Vera McLoughlin. She attended our meetings and was active right up until the last couple of months of her life. She was so interested to hear about our activities even when she was in hospital. She will be missed.

*Audrey Haigh*

## Prayer Ministry at St. Timothy's

As Ken, our Senior Priest reminds us each Sunday, we are a church that believes in the power of prayer. There are several aspects of Prayer Ministry at St. Timothy's: Prayers of the People, the Prayer List, After Service Prayers, the Weekly Prayer Meeting, the Prayer Chain and Sunday School Prayer Partners.

Prayers of the People are a part of each Holy Eucharist and Matins service as designated in the Book of Common Prayer. At present there is a roster of nine parishioners who lead us in these prayers each week. While the outlines of the B.C.P. or similar church prayer books are generally followed, that is prayer for the church, for peace on earth, for the sick, for missionaries and for those who have departed this life and are at rest, those who prepare the prayers each week incorporate issues of immediate relevance.

The Prayer List which is published in each Service Leaflet and read during the Prayers of the People names those for whom prayer has been requested and gives general information about how to pray for them. Those who have placed names on the prayer list are encouraged to ensure that they are updated, so that prayers can be appropriate. It gives great pleasure to know when prayers are answered.

After Service Prayers ensures that two people of a roster of seven are available to pray with those who wish to bring before God any aspect of their lives. Some bring thanksgiving; some express fear of upcoming events; some seek clarification of upcoming decisions; some request healing for themselves, for friends or for family members. Acknowledging one's thanks or one's needs before God with others can be daunting and stopped by pride or fear, but very helpful once one has the courage to do it.

During the Weekly Prayer Meeting, there is prayer for those on the prayer list and for all active aspects of the church. Those present pray spontaneously for

any area of which they are aware and participants who prefer to remain silent are welcomed also. Thanksgiving and requests for God's assistance are both part of this communion with God.

The Prayer Chain is a group of seven who phone each other in sequence to ask for prayer in an urgent situation, for example when someone is being rushed into hospital or at the time of an operation. Sometimes the prayer chain is used when an individual asks for prayer, but prefers not to be on the prayer list.

Sunday School Prayer Partners are members who agree to partner with a Sunday School child for mutual prayer. This year there have been nine prayer partners organized by Sonya Bell. The program is excellent for encouraging prayer and helping the children bond with adult members of the church.

Please prayerfully consider joining some aspect of St. Timothy's Prayer Ministry. We would be very pleased to provide more information and welcome you.

*Samantha MacDonald and Florence Wilton*

## Glorify Reports *GLORIFY: God in worship*

### An Apostolic Visit: Tea with Archbishop Kolini

*And they were astonished at his doctrine: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes. (Mark 1:22)*

During teatime he was very charming. He wore no purple, no clericals, not even a collar. He smiled and joked, exchanging pleasantries with young and old. But when he got up to speak, the tone changed.

Archbishop Kolini didn't waste one word. Everything he uttered related directly to Jesus Christ and His Gospel.

## Altar Guild

He spoke of Jesus before the High Priest. When given the choice to obey his Father or to obey those in religious authority, Our Lord chose to obey his Father. It was a fatal decision, leading to torture, crucifixion, and death on a cross for the sins of the world. "What do you have to lose for choosing the Father?" Archbishop asked us. "A building? Property?" It was the least we could do in response to Christ's ultimate sacrifice.

Archbishop Kolini challenged our conception of what being a disciple means. He had a serene urgency about him. He exhorted us to choose the Way of Christ over the Way of the World. "If someone invaded your beautiful country, would you not fight?" He asked. "Why then do you not recognize and fight sin? Our battle is not against flesh and blood."

In a candid manner, Archbishop warned us that in choosing Christ, we would not be popular: "A prophet is always in the minority. Often he is just one single voice."

I was in a group of a few young men at the back of the room. We hung off every word the man said. Afterwards we remarked that Archbishop Kolini really spoke as one having authority. It was as if an apostle was visiting us and encouraging us to persevere in the faith, no matter the cost.

I don't want to over-sensationalize the Archbishop's visit. I realize that he is just a man, and that he puts on his pants in the morning the same way I do. But there really was something about him. In not so many words, his presence with us seemed to say with St Paul,

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*  
(Galatians 2:20)

*Grady Buhler*

Please consider becoming a member of the Altar Guild - if only for the summer months. Due to vacations, surgery etc, we need parishioners assistance. Several of our members are also on other St. Timothy committees.

Four members are required for each Communion service, two to prepare the Eucharist and two the Altar. There is always an experienced member on duty.

The Altar Guild sets the tone for our worship services, by preparing our "Sanctuary" appropriately. This is not an onerous experience, but rather a privilege and honour to serve in such an important aspect of the service.

Of course we would warmly welcome full time members but the need is great now and would be very much appreciated - and who knows, you may love the experience.

Our members are dedicated and love our part in the service. Altar Guild members are: Carol Anderson, Hazel Blacoe, Corinne Burns, Pres., Joan Buss, Norma Johansen, Jennifer Kincaid-Smith, Lois Knight, Sarah Lucas, Vice-Pres., Bea Messenger, Myrna Teskey, Marion VanDusen and Ursula Vondette, Secretary.

Please contact *Corinne* or *Sarah*, if you can help.

## Grow Reports

***GROW: to become more like Jesus Christ***

The Grow Ministry would like to take this opportunity to recognize the work of Eric Park, Director of Youth Ministry, and to thank him for his commitment to our youth and to their faith development. We also welcome Christina Hodson to the position of Children's Ministry Assistant and look forward to working with her. Thank you, Eric. Welcome, Christina.

*Sarah Lucas*

## Nursery and Sunday School:

There is so much to learn during lent and children are learning the stories so well. Chloë led the children through lent and tackled new lessons on the trinity & Holy Spirit. She had wonderful ideas, songs and crafts to teach. The children loved the “treasure stones” made from the coffee grinds from coffee time. The stones were broken open on Easter Sunday and inside they found Jesus strips of cloth, a light of the angel flashlight, and a theme verse.

After lent the children were learning about Esther, led by Carolyn and Christina. The children love talking about kings and Queens and making crowns and sceptres. Now the children will be learning about David and Goliath and that all things are possible with God.

We welcome Christina to the church and into Sunday school program. She has already shown to be a helpful new addition to the teachers. We thank all the teachers for their hard work as the children are learning God’s word so well.

*Sonya Bell*

### *From our new:* **Children's Ministry Assistant**

"Hello to my new family at St. Timothy's Anglican Church! I am very excited and privileged to have entered into this new role as Children's Ministry Assistant. Allow me introduce myself by providing you with what experience I have had in working with children and why I have felt led by Christ to take on this position in the Sunday School.

My passion for working with children has been an ever-driving force in my life since I was a child myself. I remember telling my family when I was in Kindergarten that I wanted to teach children 'when I grew up'. Now that I'm all grown up, I have accomplished that dream in two rewarding ways. My full-time position is as an Early Childhood Educator at a Childcare Centre on the North Shore. I received a teaching certificate at Capilano

University in the year of 2005 and have been teaching children three to five years old ever since. I am constantly amazed by the children's levels of depth in creativity, intelligence and thoughtfulness. To say the least, I adore going to work every morning! My new part-time position is at St. Timothy's as your Children's Ministry Assistant. I have lead Children's Ministry in the past at both St. Simon's Anglican Church NV and at Immanuel Westside Church. My position was as the Children's Pastor and I maintained that position for three years at St. Simon's and for two years at Immanuel Westside. Leading up to those positions, my experience in Children's Ministry has been manifold. From my twelve years of summer program experience on Mexico mission trips, to ten years of volunteering in Sunday School and leading Vacation Bible School (VBS) programs at St. Simon's, my constant aim is to continue to bring-what I feel is a God-given gift of enthusiasm and love for children and for teaching them God's heart.

I look forward to getting to know each of you and to becoming part of your church family.

In Christ, *Christina Hodson"*

## Youth:

My season as Director of Youth Ministry has come to an end. The last three years flew by so quickly! Having Ryan, John, Phil, Jamie, Meredith, Andrew, Greg, Ciera, Anna, and Richard as youth made my time at St. Timothy's a lot of fun. Soccer, Golf, Drama, BBQ's, Waterslides, camping, ski trips, and mission trips were all things that I had the pleasure of enjoying and participating in with the youth from time to time. The relationships built with many of the youth were life changing and unforgettable; there are moments which I will reflect on wherever I am. Even this past year, I had the pleasure of being a part of the lives of some of the new comers to our joint youth group with St. Simons, and our joint programs with Lynn Valley at Bodwell School. God has brought this particular season to a close in my own heart, but has also left many doors open where I can still participate in youth ministry (which I love

to do), I look forward to what He has for me in the future.

This past three years has not only given me memories but also new friends. Both Lili-Kayy, Justice and I have made many friends in St. Timothy's. We also have been blessed with what God has done in our lives during our time here, and we look forward to more. Thank you for taking the time to pray and help during these past years as I know lives were most defiantly changed and influenced. I pray that God blesses you in your new season as you focus on your children; they are the future of the church and they all need to be included in all that St. Timothy's is and will become. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matt 19:14 Thank you again for all your time, prayers, and willingness to help, let us all set our sights on Jesus Christ as he directs us as a church.

God Bless you all,

*Eric Park, Director of Youth Ministry*

### **Adult Education:**

We have been running six small groups, including a new group meeting held at Sutherland Church on Friday mornings, with babysitting provided. Most groups, except for the Thursday breakfast meetings, will break for the summer months to resume in September. We encourage those members who do not currently participate in a small group to consider joining one of the six existing groups. If you find that none of the scheduled small group discussion times works for you, please let me know so that we can try to schedule a group that would accommodate your needs. A special thank you goes to all our small group leaders.

#### **Adult Education Opportunity:**

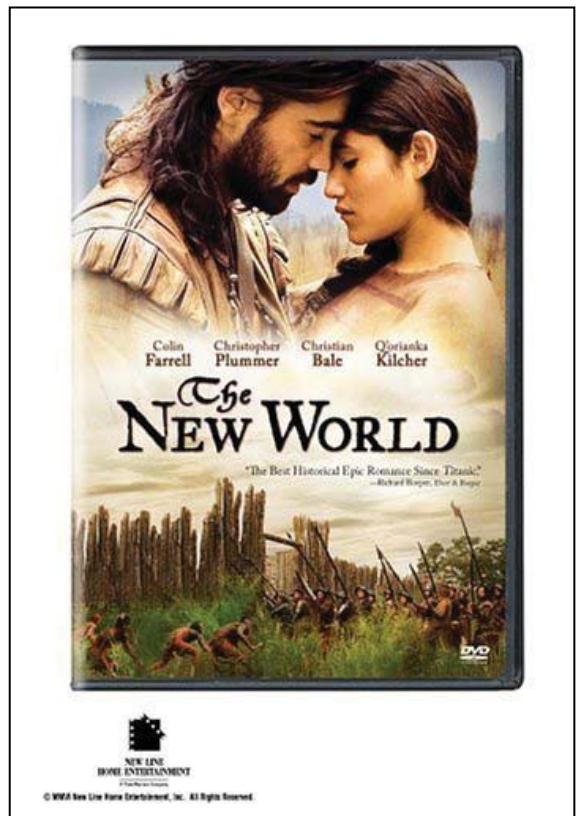
Please note that this year's LIVEWORD Women's Conference will take place at St. John's (Shaughnessy) on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

*Sarah Lucas*

## **St. Timothy's Film Ministry:**

*"If we are to love God, we must first stop, look, and listen for Him in what is happening around us and inside us. If we are to love our neighbours, before doing anything else we must see our neighbours... we must see not just their faces but the life behind and within their faces."*

**New Film:      The New World:**



From the celebrated writer/director Terrence Malick this is an epic story of love and change. As the Europeans arrive on North American Shores in 1607, we watch history unfold through the eyes of two characters on opposite sides of a cultural divide; John Smith and Pocahontas.

This is a long film (2 ½ hours) and it quite different from the usual "Hollywood" films. The director has

a meditative style that may aggravate you, especially if you prefer to watch straightforward narrative, fast moving and conventional Hollywood flourishes, but it is a very good film. Terrence Malick is more of a poet who uses pictures instead of words." Creation itself pours forth speech", as the psalmist says, and Malick invites those with eyes to see to look closer and listen carefully.

After Sunday church services come and explore our collection of films. There are all sorts of films and I am sure I can find one that you will enjoy watching.

*Patricia Young*

## St. Timothy's Church Library:

**Prayer? Prayer is both the most exhilarating and the most frustrating experience in life.**

When God answers your prayer, it's a feeling like no other. So often our prayers don't get answered the way we want. When that's the case, it can be so disappointing it drives you to tears.

We believe praying is like baking with an easy, three-step cake mix, coming out perfect every time. Despite all the books that promise such a thing, there is no secret formula we can use to guarantee the results we want. Still, we keep looking for it. We think about times we got exactly what we wanted and try to recall everything we did. Is there a secret formula we can follow to control how God answers our prayers?

"If prayer stands as the place where human beings meet, then I must learn about prayer," writes Philip Yancey. **The Church Library has added Philip Yancey's, "Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?" to its collection.** His book circles around two themes: "Why God doesn't act the way we want God to, and why (we) don't act the way God wants (us) to. Prayer is the precise point where those two themes converge. In his most powerful book, Philip Yancey probes the very heartbeat---the most fundamental, challenging, perplexing, and deeply rewarding aspect---of our relationship with God. His book "...explores the questions surrounding prayer that many of us wonder but few of us know how to express."

Philip Yancey, in an interview with Christian Odyssey Magazine (Dec. '06-Jan '07) <http://www.christianodyssey.com/06/0612prayer.htm>, added this powerful gem about Prayer:

*"Don't fake it. A lot of us are like children playing 'peek-a-boo,' hiding their faces in their hands so you can't see them. They are the only ones being fooled. But a lot of us do that in prayer. We come to God, put on a smile and make ourselves look good, but we aren't fooling God. God knows the secrets. The more we put on a mask, the more we misrepresent ourselves. I heard a great sermon about Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5. You don't hear much about them, except in sermons on Stewardship Sunday. But this preacher asked what it was that they did wrong. It was not that they did not give their money away. Peter said they didn't have to. But they misrepresented themselves to God. The whole Bible is full of what God puts up with from us—complaints, anger, remorse, repentance. But if you pretend to be something you are not, he can't work with you."*

Yancey writes in "Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?"-

"Prayer is cooperation with God, a consent that opens the way for grace to work. Most of the time the Counsellor communicates subtly: feeding ideas into my mind, bringing to awareness a caustic comment I just made, inspiring me to choose better than I would have done otherwise, shedding light on the hidden dangers of temptation, sensitizing me to another's needs. **God's Spirit whispers rather than shouts, and brings peace not turmoil.**" (p. 103)

Everything in this world that we put our faith in has the potential to fail. God does not. He is consistently reliable, even if we do not agree with his decisions. He always leads us in the right direction if we give in to his will. In the "Lord's Prayer," Jesus said to his Father, "...your will be done." (Matthew 6:10, NIV) I believe that only when we reach the place where we are willing to do or accept God's will instead of our own, we will have reached the turning point in our prayers.

*Monica Craver*

# Too Busy

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons.

In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church, we can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth...., we can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their saviour. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken.

So let them go to their churches; let them have their pot luck suppers, BUT steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do," said the devil:

"Distract them from gaining hold of their Saviour and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!"

"How shall we do this?" his demons shouted.

"Keep them busy in the non-essentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered...

"Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work! Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice. Entice them to play the radio or I-Pod whenever they drive, to keep the TV, DVDs, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ.

Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day; invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogues, sweepstakes, and every kind

**Parishioner Profile:**

of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes. Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines and TV so their husbands will believe that outward beauty is what's important, and they'll become dissatisfied with their wives. Keep the wives too tired to love their husbands at night. Give them headaches too! If they don't give their husbands the love they need, they will begin to look elsewhere. That will fragment their families quickly!"

"Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas. Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about his resurrection and power over sin and death..."

"Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted. Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, plays, concerts, and movies instead. Keep them busy, busy, busy!"

"And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences. Crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause."

"It will work! It will work!"

It was quite a plan!

The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get busier and more rushed, going here and there; having little time for their God or their families; having no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is, has the devil been successful in his schemes?

**YOU** be the judge!!!!

Does **"BUSY"** mean: **B**-eing **U**-nder **S**-atan's **Y**-oke?

**Celebration of Vera  
McLoughlin's Life**



*Our sister, Vera McLoughlin, a member of St Timothy's since our inauguration, died on Easter Monday, 5 April 2010, and on 25 April we celebrated her life at our Sunday service. The following account of her life was read then, and thanks in great part to Florence Wilton, is worth repeating here:*

Most of us here today have fond memories of Vera: a recollection of a particular aspect of her life or a memorable incident.

Drawing on an interview I had with Vera in my capacity as editor of St. Martin's Newsletter some years ago as well as on recent experiences, Simon and I will try to give you some glimpses you may not have had previously or may have forgotten.

Vera McLoughlin was born on January 2, 1924, a mere 4lb 3oz, in Winlayton, Northumberland, England. She had five brothers and two sisters, of whom she was the fifth child. Her father, a family doctor, was a very handsome cavalryman in the First World War. He met her mother, a nurse, while serving in France.

Vera has fond memories of a happy childhood with loving parents. All the family tended to pamper her, as she was so small. She was extremely shy and hated school, a two-mile walk from home, so she left school as soon as possible! She wanted to be a nurse and began training, but was turned down because of her size. At her father's suggestion, she continued training as a children's nurse and took over her mother's job of sterilising the instruments in his home surgery. Her uncle was Head Surgeon in the Orthopaedic Hospital in Copenhagen and at the age of fifteen she persuaded her parents to let her continue her training there.

She lived with her aunt and uncle, went to school three days a week, attended night school to learn Danish and got a post looking after two small children, a boy with polio who was in an iron lung and a girl with epilepsy. Although it would have

been possible to leave the country when the war started, Vera decided to stay with her parents' consent. She looked after the children for eight years and remembers seeing friends shot. At a restaurant she visited after night school, she became friendly with the chef, a young Dane, called Poul Jens Poulsen. They got engaged when she was seventeen, but there was considerable concern as he helped Jews to escape to Sweden with the Underground Movement. With her uncle as proxy, she and Poul were married in the local church, and set up their home.

After four years of taking Jews to Sweden, Poul was advised not to return to Copenhagen as the Germans were waiting for him, so he left Sweden, chef on a boat going to Port Said. The boat was torpedoed and he was picked up and taken to Port Said with a serious skull injury. After the war he was brought back to hospital for the mentally ill in Denmark, a day's journey from Copenhagen. He didn't recognise Vera openly, but she felt that at some deep level he knew her. After five years, it was felt that an operation, though risky, might allow him to live at home, but unfortunately he died during the procedure.

Deciding she needed a new venture, Vera took a job as an apprentice in a store, started a catering business at weekends and was helped a great deal by her new Danish boss and his English wife who were friends of her uncle and aunt. Many years later, Vera met the boss' English brother in law who was visiting Copenhagen. She was responsible for taking him on tours of Copenhagen on behalf of the family. Ernest McLoughlin was a widower who enjoyed Vera's company, took her to see Madam Butterfly in Danish and investigated night-clubs so that he could take her out dancing. After his return to his home in West Vancouver, he phoned her every night and she eventually agreed to come to Canada for three months, staying with his friends. She arrived in Canada in February, 1972, married Ernest on March 3, returned to Denmark to sell her home and came back to Canada a few months later, setting up home in an apartment in West Vancouver. With plans for travelling, they moved to an apartment on Lonsdale. They first visited

Copenhagen and got a two for one holiday in Spain, then went to Italy and Austria.

In 1977 on the plane home, Ernest had a heart attack, which forced them to get off in Calgary for hospitalisation, later proceeding to Vancouver by train. Ernest was a Shriner who, through his talent as a tenor soloist, his violin playing and his acts as a comedian, did a great deal of charity work, including entertaining in hospitals. He and Vera decided to join a North Vancouver Seniors' Choir and toured hospitals and nursing homes entertaining. After a year they formed their own group – the Melody Mac's - which performed for eighteen years. The group produced variety shows and, in addition to Ernest's talents included Harry, a hoe-down specialist, his wife Emma on the drums, base fiddle and a dish with a string, Aubrey, a soloist, pianist, Lillian and Beverly, a singer with the North Shore Light Opera Society. All were seniors except Beverly. They performed all over the Lower Mainland, with Vera making all the concert arrangements and being M.C when her husband was straining his voice too much. A friend from that era, Rees Richards, with his wife Alannah, maintained a long-time friendship with Vera for the rest of her life.

On January 1 1989, Ernest had another heart attack and passed away in Lion's Gate Hospital. After the group was disbanded, Beverly became sick with dystonia, a debilitating disease. Vera helped look after her for eight years, at first at her home, then in Evergreen House, feeding her every day for two years until Vera's doctor told her that for the sake of her own health she must go less frequently. Beverly passed away on September 11, 1999. At about that time, Vera received Volunteer Recognition from the Vancouver Health Department for 25 years' service – a hand-painted vase of flowers and a certificate.

For many years, Vera was next-door neighbour to Canon Stanley Smith and cared for his plants when he was travelling. Through him, she met Angela Thacker and Florence Wilton and enjoyed walks at Ambleside with Angela's dog, Sally. It was the beginning of a special friendship. She enjoyed visiting Stanley's daughter Linda's home in

Abbotsford and on one occasion taught Linda how to make puff pastry. Always an excellent cook, she contributed delicious sandwiches, shortbread and mince pies to church gatherings and was renowned for her sausage rolls!

Through the North Shore Senior's Hub, of which Vera was a very active member, she was introduced in 1996 to Merle and Ivan Scott, a South African couple who wanted to adopt a grandmother. She had a wonderful family in the two new Canadian citizens, their son Simon and daughter, Nicola, a dog and a cat. Since that time, Simon became an RCMP Officer and married Candice. Vera was very proud of her great-grandchildren, Rachel (3) and Owen (4 months). Vera was in hospital when Owen was born, so she actually held him in her arms in Lion's Gate Hospital a few hours after his birth. Nicola and her fiancé, Joey, are lawyers in Los Angeles.

Vera was actively involved in the formation of St. Timothy's Church and in the Ladies Group. She ensured that the church had two tables in the Senior's Hub Sale each spring and became an excellent knitter preparing items for craft sales, where she loved being in charge of the coffee and goodies so that she could keep an eye on things and look after everyone. At church, she could be relied on to have some goodies for the children at times like Christmas, Easter and Halloween. She loved them and they loved her. About six years ago Vera became involved with a recorder group in the West Vancouver Senior Centre. Trained by Grace Tietz, the recorder teacher, she became an ardent percussionist keeping struggling new players on the right beat and enjoying the social aspects.

Because of Vera's love of life, her tenacity and her concern for others, it was difficult to realise that she had been diabetic since her 20s and had Parkinson's disease since the early 1990s. When it was realised that she needed assisted living, she moved into Churchill House as one of their first pioneers. Settling there quickly, she began helping others understand the system and joining in social activities, from singing in the choir to helping with decorations for special occasions. Thanks to Vera, a

lasting bond has been created between Churchill House and St. Timothy's Church. Unfortunately, in the last few years, the diseases meant hospitalization for long periods, but Vera came back each time and carried on. A very serious heart attack in the ambulance on the way to hospital in early February made her very weak and, in spite of an unexpected gradual recovery for several weeks, she was unable to throw off a chest infection and passed away peacefully in the early morning hours of Easter Monday. During her last weeks, Vera and her family were most grateful for all the loving visits made to various hospital beds by members of the church family, the recorder group, the Hub and Churchill House. It was good that a long-time

friend, Nicole, got back from France in time to visit her.

What a wonderful life – by no means free from pain and strife, but full of love for others, generosity and determination to do her best. Each of you will have your own memories of the way Vera touched your life. Like you, Simon and I thank God for the many happy hours we spent with her and rejoice that she is now in His safe keeping.

*Rest in Peace, Vera!*

*Florence Wilton*

### ***Congratulations Margery Jacklin!***

In 1960 although Margery was working full time as a secretary to a psychiatrist and a psychologist in the local health clinic and her daughter Ada was 11 years old, she agreed to accompany some neighbours to help out at Lion's Gate Hospital. Little did she think that on June 12, 2010 she would be receiving a 50 year Volunteer's Pin! Lion's Gate Auxiliary has volunteers in many capacities and Margery started by delivering flowers to patients. After a couple of years when a high-school friend, Juanita Valentine, joined her, they began helping in the Hospital Shop near the 13<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance. Their shift has been every second Thursday evening.

This continued when the shop was moved to new premises inside the hospital, but apart from that move, Margery has seen few changes. Other volunteers take responsibility for ordering goods to sell including clothes, flowers, cards, gifts, magazines, cookies and chocolate. They cater to the needs of those in hospital as well as visitors. All proceeds go to the Auxiliary for use in hospital projects.

Margery has truly given of her time and talent to serve others. We join her in the pleasure and pride of being recognized by the community for her 50 years' service.

*Florence Wilton*

### ***The Confraternity of St Timothy & St Titus***

A Confraternity is a group of Christians that pursue a life of spiritual discipline together by following a common Rule of Life. It is very much like a lay monastic order. Some Confraternities are attached to monasteries, where others work out of a diocese or even a parish. We are planning on starting a Confraternity out of St Timothy's rooted in the spirituality of the Book of Common Prayer. If you are interested in being more deliberate about your spiritual life, or if you are interested in exploring High Church spirituality, please talk to Grady, Jonathan, or Father Ken.