



St. Timothy's Gazette

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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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Message from the Rev. Paul Carter

History was made last week when 102 people were confirmed by the Rt Revd TJ Johnston during the 450 strong ACiC Celebration at Richmond Emmanuel Church, British Columbia, Canada.

The Celebration came at the end of a week long visit by ACiC Bishop TJ and his wife Rees. They travelled to meet with members of the 11 ACiC congregations visiting Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast and Greater Vancouver.

Our own Ken Bell is one of three new deacons, recently ordained during our sister organisation's, the Anglican Mission in America's (AMiA), Winter Conference. All three were able to assist in the Eucharist held as part of the 18th Annual Renewal Mission for St Simon's, North Vancouver (ACiC).

It was a delight to see a good number of the St. Timothy's congregation at the Renewal Mission and many more attending the Sunday Celebration in Richmond. Clergy and lay leaders from existing and potential congregations from across Canada were able to join with us for the ACiC Sunday celebration in particular.

As part of my commitment and role as Network Leader, I flew to Atlanta on March 9th to represent the ACiC at a 'common cause' roundtable discussion. The 9 orthodox Anglican groups at the meeting are committed to working together to form a strategic alliance for mission and ministry across this great continent. This will help St Timothy's in the future as we will be part of this new realignment of Global Anglicanism and its future shape in Canada. It is wonderful to see what the Lord is bringing to birth across the USA and Canada. At last we will see a structure worthy of our Anglican Fathers and a legacy for our children and grandchildren that merits all the investment of our time, talent and treasure.

It is to that theme of 'a legacy of orthodoxy' with which I wish to continue as I think about two things that will be happening after Easter to give us a future and a hope at St. Timothy's. First, the new members of our Council will begin their work in earnest as we develop the portfolios of the five teams that make up our 5 G's structure for growth and health as a church family. I hope many of you will be willing to give of your time and talent to these 5 teams. They will help plan the events that will be necessary to implement the strategic direction set by the Council for St Timothy's as 2005 unfolds. Already I sense a number of new initiatives that will project us forward and help us to reach out in love and service to our North Shore neighbours. How I long to see many more of the people of the North Shore joining us on Sundays, coming to understand the wonder of the gospel we proclaim and willing to submit themselves to the Lordship of Jesus and to membership within our church.

Secondly, as part of our commitment to Fellowship (Gather), Discipleship (Grow) and Outreach (Go), we have decided as a church council to take part in the *40 Days of Community Campaign* starting on Sunday 24th April. I very much hope you will plan to be part of this 40 days. There will be something for you to read daily; a group for you to attend weekly and a special Sunday sermon series to accompany the campaign. It promises to be of a very high quality and a great way to bring us to the effective end of another academic year and the slower pace of the summer. Please plan to sign up for this wonderful 6 week programme.

Yours sincerely "in Christ"

Paul

Revd P M Carter
Senior Priest, St. Timothy's.

Wardens' Update, March, 2005

Welcome to this first update from your newly elected Wardens! By the time you read this, Easter will be upon us as we remember the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ and celebrate the Good News - He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed!

So, what's happened recently?

We are so pleased that we now have 64 covenanting members of our Society. As you all know, membership in our Society is not automatic or given just because one worships at St. Timothy's, but rather is based on our shared Faith and Values thus ensuring that we never again become ensnared by Canons and thwarted by apostate authorities and the efforts of others who do not share our Faith. Other requirements for membership are to have been baptised in a manner consistent with the Worldwide Anglican Communion, attend Sunday worship services regularly and demonstrate an active interest in the affairs of the Society.

As preparation for membership in St. Timothy's Church, the sermons during January addressed the need for members to be aware of and understand our Society's Statement of Faith and Values as well as our Vision, Mission, Affiliations, History and strategies for growth in both numbers and our faith journey. These sermons were videotaped for private viewing and use in subsequent presentations of the "Introduction to Membership" course. The content of all four sermons were delivered again on two evenings in February.

Each of us filed a formal application for membership and, upon completion of the "Introduction to Membership" course and on satisfying the other requirements for membership, we each signed a covenant affirming the Statement of Faith and Values of our Society and making a solemn declaration of faith in Jesus Christ. Come April we expect to receive more membership applications.

On February 20 we held our inaugural Vestry meeting at which we unanimously and formally approved the appointment of Paul Carter as our Senior Priest, Ken Bell as our Deacon and Assistant Priest, John Hopkins as Rector's Warden, Leddy Lilley as Treasurer and Florence Wilton as Secretary. We then unanimously elected Ron Edwards as People's Warden and five Councillors, each with responsibility for one of the five "**G's**" of our Mission Statement, being:

Go (Mission) – John Collings; **Gather** (Fellowship) – Audrey Haigh; **Glorify** (Worship) – Peter Haigh; **Grow** (Discipleship) – Patricia Young; and **Give** (Ministry) – Chris Vondette. We also approved the financial statements for 2004 and the budget for 2005 and elected Linda Taunton, Ron Barrett and the Senior Priest as the Nominating committee and Gerry Taunton and Jim Burns as our Audit Committee. We congratulate all of these brothers and sisters and thank them for their faithfulness and dedication to the tasks before us. We also thank all of those who served on the interim "Leadership Team" for so faithfully charting the course to our present place.

Your new Council held their first full meeting on March 3rd to formalize and finalize the terms of reference for each of the five "**G's**" committees. The five Councillors are already hard at work developing their area of responsibility and recruiting people to serve on those committees and share the load. Other business dealt with included approval of additional membership applications, developing a policy on clergy absences, making approved Council minutes available to all parishioners and pursuing the establishment of a mailing address and telephone line for St. Timothy's and office space for our clergy.

Other activities to note since the last Newsletter are the excellent article on St. Timothy's that appeared in the North Shore Outlook, the distribution of 1,500 invitation cards in the immediate area around our worship centre and last, but by no means least, the extremely successful "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" organized by our Ladies' Group, resulting in a deepened sense of fellowship among those who participated.

So what's next?

First and foremost, Pray! Pray for God's guidance, for His blessing and for His strength! Pray that He will empower and strengthen us to fulfil His plan for St. Timothy's.

As a family we will stay together and our Christian fellowship will deepen when we work together. To obtain the maximum benefit of Christian fellowship, we all need to become involved in ministry at St. Timothy's. To that end the **Give** committee will soon be circulating a ministry involvement questionnaire to each of us. Please give this

prayerful consideration and check off all the ministries that you would like to participate in, including those in which you are already involved. Participation on one or more of the five **G** committees is also included on that questionnaire. To help you determine where your interest and talents lie, each of the five **G** councillors has provided a summary of their particular committee elsewhere in this Newsletter.

As you no doubt recall we ran a campaign last year called "40 Days of Purpose" addressing the question "What on earth am **I** here for?" The answer we learned was Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Mission. This year we will be running the sequel programme called "40 Days of Community" addressing the question "What on earth are **We** here for?" The "**We**" being the St. Timothy's Church community. The Council is very excited about this campaign and the prospect that it will deepen our Christian fellowship as we worship together, meet and study in small Home Groups together and do good deeds in our community together. This campaign will carry the same core messages to all age groups within our family, modified for each age group (Youth and Sunday School) consistent with their level of comprehension. Our goal is to have 100 to 120 people involved in the Home groups. How can this be when we only have 64 members? By inviting our friends to participate in our particular Home group to enjoy deeper fellowship with us and expand their circle of friends.

As the five committees pray for guidance and develop their part of our Mission many more initiatives are bound to emerge. More "what's next" as these committees move forward.

Finally, a few words about finances. The budget approved at the Vestry meeting showed a projected deficit for 2005 of about \$ 20,000, the difference between our budgeted expenses and the pledges received. With the accumulated surplus at the beginning of the year of about \$ 26,000, we had the comfort of knowing that the shortfall was covered. To the end of February the budgeted deficit is about \$ 3,500. We are delighted to see that the level of giving to the end of February is such that our actual deficit is only \$ 890. God indeed continues to bless St. Timothy's. This is faith rewarded and emboldens us to consider other programmes to **Grow** St. Timothy's in numbers, bringing others into our family, and in our discipleship. Your continuing faithful financial support of St. Timothy's and its Mission is a blessing from God.

God continues to work out His plan through us and we are thankful for His blessing. We thank you for your continued support and encouragement. Our best wishes to you for a blessed Easter!

Yours in Christ's Service,
Ron Edwards, People's Warden
John Hopkins, Rector's Warden

Reports from our five "G"s

Go

Our GO MISSION is to go into the North Shore and to bring in new members to our most excellent church. Please pray for God's guidance of those on the GO team; John Collings, John Farncomb, Sarah Lucas, Daphne Martin and Marion Van Dusen.

The GO team's activities cover:

- preparing a target profile of new members;
- advertising and marketing programs;
- Alpha courses;
- Website;
- newcomers ministry;
- outreach.

When we speak about bringing in new church members, a chill often runs down our backs. We envisage Mormons and the Watch Tower. We think of house to house calls in the name of Jesus. The GO team is not planning anything like this but some interviews may at some time be advantageous. The important thing is that we do have to bring in new members. St Timothy's is a blessed place of worship to God and we have been commissioned to bring in new disciples.

Who will do this? We all will have to do this. The GO Team will devise strategies but we all have to GO. How are we going to do this?

1. We will need to pray. We will pray to God weekly for his guidance.
2. We will need to pray for friends or acquaintances of ours that we know and who we would like to have in church next to us.
3. We will need to consciously speak to others about our wonderful place of worship and our ever-loving God and ask them to come to St Timothy's.

The kind of members we are most likely to recruit will be people who do not go to church, people in transition or people in need. Please pray for God's help for us to grow His church.

John Collings

Gather

I feel truly blessed to have been asked to form this committee. The areas that we have been assigned are as follows –Greeters, Coffee Hour Conveners, Ladies' Group, Fellowship Gatherings, Pastoral Visitation, Newsletter and Introduction to Membership. Myrna Teskey, Hazel Blacoe, Linda Taunton, Florence Wilton, Daphne Martin, Bea Messenger and Audrey Haigh have all agreed and each member of the committee will be able to participate in the areas that they feel most passionate about and called to do.

Our first meeting will be in the beginning of April so that we can report to the Parish Council Meeting on April 14th and we will plan to meet every other month. Paul will meet with those interested in Pastoral Visitation to guide us to get a group of caring parishioners to pray for those in need, whether sickness or distress, visits to the hospital or home, casseroles, shopping etc for parishioners.

We encourage any member of our parish to let us know, if on reading the Newsletter, you feel called to this ministry.

Audrey Haigh

Glorify

Thanks to the excellent work done by Patricia last year, the "Glorify Team" is already established and working well. The following have agreed to continue organizing the tasks as specified:

Setup /Clear away – John Hopkins
Audio/Visual set up and operate – Matthew Vondette
Greeters – Myrna Teskey
Sidespersons – Bill Messenger
Readers and Reading Distribution – Nancy Vondette
Prayers of the People – Samantha MacDonald
Counters – Ron Edwards
Coffee Teams and Refreshments – Hazel Blacoe
Service Leaflet and Name Tags – Florence Wilton
Administrators/Servers/Hymns – Peter Haigh

Myrna will remind those on duty each Sunday when duties are infrequent and may be overlooked. Matthew is working on preparing a system whereby all lists would be available on the Internet, with each list only being able to be changed by the person who generated it, so that conflicts can be avoided. A Comment/ Suggestion page will be available for each list. Myrna is preparing a "Service suggestion box" in which we invite suggestions of hymn choices and possible service changes. The Glorify Team will meet once a quarter to discuss issues which have arisen and plan services.

Peter Haigh

Grow

The fourth of St. Timothy's Mission statements is: "To grow to become more like Jesus Christ." This may also be called, "Discipleship". To be a disciple of Christ we need to develop the character of Christ and to mature spiritually. Maturing spiritually doesn't just happen; it involves a personal commitment to read the Bible, to pray, to give, to worship and to enjoy fellowship with each other. The miracle is that as we grow, the Holy Spirit fills our lives and we produce fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self control. (Galatians 5:22)

One of the most effective ways that we can really "grow" is to be involved in a "small group". For many of us the whole idea of being involved in a "small group" is new to us. Many of us have been or are involved in service groups such as choir, altar guild or women's and men's groups which are vital to the life of the church, but less of us have been involved in a small group that is purely focused on our own spiritual maturity. A small group provides every Christian with a spiritual family to know others and for others to know us, to be cared for, nurtured, challenged, guided and prayed for. As the group meets, friendships deepen and we begin to feel safe to ask questions and share our personal struggles. Small groups are perfect for creating a sense of intimacy and close friendship.

Starting on April 24th as we begin studying Rick Warren's 6 week program titled, "Forty Days of Community" each parishioner of St Timothy's will have a great opportunity to be involved in a small group. Parishioners will be invited to open up their homes and host a small group, others will be encouraged to help facilitate a small group and all of us will be encouraged to attend a weekly small group meeting. This campaign will encourage us to learn as much as we can about deepening the community within our church and serving the community around the church.

If you are interested in hosting or facilitating a small home group during this 6 week campaign, please speak to me at church or phone me at home.

If you are interested in learning more about hosting or facilitating a Small Group I also highly recommend that you join us at the planned Small Group Training Session. The session will be lead by Jo Yule, a St Simon's Parishioner with many years of experience at leading Bible Study. From personal experience I can say that Jo is an excellent speaker, has many practical ideas, lots of personal experience to share and is a lot of fun.

**SMALL GROUP LEADERSHIP TRAINING
Saturday, April 9th 2005
9am to 12 pm
Venue to be announced**

Patricia Young

Give

As a tax collector I have considerable experience in "taking", so there is perhaps some irony in the fact that I have been asked to take the lead in our "Give" mission.

Nevertheless, our "Give Mission" is to "give of our time, talent and treasure to serve others". The role of the "Give" team will include:

- Exploring ways to recruit everyone to a "Ministry".
- Developing a membership class on Ministry.
- Organizing and coordinating Ministry rosters.
- Organize and provide direction to Collection Counters.
- Stewardship (Pledge) campaigns.
- Develop long-term capital campaigns including "planned giving".

Each of us has been given gifts of special abilities. One of the first tasks of the "Give Team" will be carry out another survey to identify the areas where help is needed and to match that need with our individual gifts. The "Give Team" has a small nucleus of members, Ron Edwards, Leddy Lilley and Matthew Vondette having joined me to date.

Chris Vondette

St Timothy's Home Groups: A Life Worth Living

A Life Worth Living is a 9 week Bible study course written by Nicky Gumbel as a follow-up course to Alpha. It is intended to be used by small groups studying in a home-setting. In early February we were delighted that St Timothy's started two home groups with approximately 25 people studying and learning together. The Monday night group meet at the home of John and Lucy Collings and Paddy Donaldson and I host and co-lead a Wednesday morning group. The groups are finishing around Easter.

The purpose of this course is two fold. As we watch and listen to a video segment of Nicky Gumbel preaching we learn about the Apostle Paul's letter to the Philippians, but the primary purpose is that the time we spend talking and praying together in small groups allows each of us to grow closer to Jesus Christ. It is one of God's miracles that as we grow to love Jesus Christ, we grow to love each other more. And the inverse is also true. As we grow to love each other our love for Christ grows. What could be a better outcome of such a simple idea as gathering a group of people together to study God's word?

John and Lucy reported about their group, "We listened to Nicky Gumbel, we read complementary passages from scriptures and we reflected on the material. Ours was a lively group in discussion and in spirit. We ended each evening with some music and prayer. Paul the apostle loved the Philippians and in the four chapters of his letter, written while in chains, he was able to convey the whole Christian message of spreading the gospel, knowing Jesus and moving forward in confidence. It has been a wonderful Lenten course, well worth repeating".

If you are interested in joining a home-group, please contact Patricia Young.



Missing: Daphne Martin & Lucy Collings



Missing: Will Baird, Erica Barrett & Leddy Lilley

DISCOVER HOW WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

WHAT ON EARTH ARE WE HERE FOR?

Before you were born, God chose you to be a difference-maker, and to make an impact for good with your life. He has a purpose for you in his community. Are you willing to take the next step in growing a life of purpose and meaning?



BEGINNING SOON IN A HOME NEAR YOU!

You're invited to enjoy this important series in a comfortable home setting in your neighborhood. Each of the six weekly video lessons is led by Pastor Rick Warren, author of *The Purpose Driven Life*. You'll receive a free copy of *Better Together* - a workbook and daily devotional. We invite you to join us — there's no cost or commitment to participate.

Discover how we are better together! Join us for...

40

days of community

**Beginning in St. Timothy's
on April 24th!**

Prayer Corner

Which type of Church do you want St. Timothy's to be?

A. A CHURCH THAT PRAYS:

1. Prays about what it does
2. Fits prayer in.
3. Prays when there are problems.
4. Announces a special time of prayer - some in the church show up.
5. Asks God to bless what it is doing.
6. Is frustrated by financial shortfall- backs down from projects.
7. Is tired, weary, stressed out.
8. Does things within its means.
9. Sees its members as its parish.
10. Is involved in the work of man.

B. A CHURCH DEVOTED TO PRAYER:

1. Does things by prayer.
2. Gives prayer priority.
3. Prays when there are opportunities.
4. Announces a special time of prayer- the entire church shows up.
5. Asks God to enable it to do what He is blessing.
6. Is challenged by financial shortfall- calls for fasting, prayer and faith.
7. Mounts up with wings like eagles, runs and doesn't grow weary.
8. Does things beyond its means.
9. Sees the world as its parish.
10. Is involved in the work of God.

By Fred A. Hartley III

Taken from, "*PRAY! – Encouraging a passion for prayer*" Issue 23 MAR/APR 2001

Submitted by Sam MacDonald

Skilful Gardeners

He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God. Just as we have a share in Christ's many sufferings, so also through Christ we share in god's great help. 2 Corinthians 1: 4-5

Thank you for people who understand,
who like skilful gardeners
offer the water of listening
without judging and caring
without smothering.
I praise you, Lord,
for giving them the ability
to see things clearly,
for creating in them a willingness
to help me separate
the weeds of my life
from the roots of my growth.
Give *me* the willingness to change
the parts of me that need changing
and then to share with gentleness
the help you have given me.

Submitted by Joan Buss

St. Simon's 18th Annual Renewal Mission 2005 *Transformed for Mission*

I don't think any of us can fail to notice the air of excitement on the north shore these days – those of us who attended St. Simon's Annual Renewal Mission on Friday evening, March 11th and Saturday, March 12th, certainly felt it.

We were excited, motivated, inspired and challenged. A lively worship session preceded each presentation by Bishop T.J., who gave a series of three talks, all devoted to what it means to be "transformed for mission". He addressed the challenge of change in any established church; he talked about the cutting edge church – where there is a *tangible* spiritual presence of God, a church that reflects God's heart and desire, where the word of God is proclaimed with clarity, conviction and love.

Bishop T.J. talked about the culture of a mission shaped church. He identified eight **essentials** to missionary culture, all based on purpose:

- A culture of love
- A culture where people are valued
- A culture of learning
- A culture where there is space – to try new things, think outside the box
- A culture of apprenticeship – for emerging disciples, mentors, leaders
- A culture rooted in God's word
- A culture of the heart
- A culture of celebration

The weekend offered an opportunity to participate in a choice of one of four workshops:

- Leadership in the midst of Spiritual and Political Warfare
- Discerning your spiritual Gifts
- Intercession for Healing
- 12 Steps for Transformation

Those of us attending from St. Timothy's covered all the topics between us. Hopefully, we can incorporate some of the information gleaned into our own church mission over the next weeks, months, years.

To say that this weekend was special is an understatement – it was certainly an awakening to the awareness of how much there is to do and of our own role in the process. All of us will need to participate and, with prayer, the Lord will lead the way.

Sarah Lucas

Parishioner Profile – Chris Vondette

Chris Vondette was born in England, where his parents were stationed while his father was taking a course with the Royal Navy. He was baptized with sea water from a ship's bell in the chapel of St. Barbara at H.M.S. Excellent, in Portsmouth. While Chris was still an infant, the family moved back to Canada and were stationed in Victoria until Chris was 9 years old, when they were transferred to Halifax. After five years in Halifax, they were posted to the training base, H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, in the Annapolis Valley. Chris is the second of four children, having an older brother, Michael, a younger one, Timothy and one sister, Nancy. When the family was posted to Newport, Rhode Island, Chris was sent to boarding school in Saint John, New Brunswick, an experience he generally enjoyed, although there were occasions when it was a little awkward having his brother Michael as one of the prefects.

The family had always been actively involved in local church activities. Chris became a server at St. Peter's, Birch Cove, continued serving at the military chapel at Cornwallis, and at All Saints' Church in Bedford, Nova Scotia, where he also was a Sunday School teacher. At school he was advanced a grade because his teachers were convinced he could work harder. Chris says this was a failed experiment and only encouraged his tendencies to be a class clown. He graduated at 16 and continued his studies at the University of Kings' College, Halifax, obtaining a B.A. in 1973 and a B.Sc. in 1974. Being unsure of the type of career he wanted to pursue, he then completed a B.Com. at Dalhousie University in 1974.

Chris moved back to Saint John, New Brunswick to begin his first job as an Account Supervisor with an acceptance company, IAC Limited. He supervised the credit department of the office which frequently involved him in the repossession of financed goods like cars, trucks and airplanes. Many times the repossession was temporary, with people reclaiming their property when their cash flow improved only to have them again repossessed when they ran into cash problems again. During this time he met Sheila, who was his best friend's wife's best friend and they married after a ten-month courtship. Chris was recruited by the Bank of Montreal and shortly thereafter the couple moved to Fredericton where coincidentally his brother Michael, by now a doctor, was also living. Chris and Sheila's first son, Matthew, was born in Fredericton in 1980.

Chris's father retired from the Navy a year later, so his parents moved to Vancouver where his father became Harbourmaster. Nancy came to Vancouver with them and Timothy came out at the end of the next school year. A year later, Michael and his family also moved to Vancouver, so Chris decided to ask the Bank of Montreal to transfer him out west. It was not a propitious time for them to agree, so he applied to the Federal Government in 1982 and was given a post with Revenue Canada. He was hired as a Collections Officer, and progressively won promotions to Investigations Officer, Collections Unit Head, then Team Leader and is now Manager,

Revenue Collection of the Vancouver Tax Services Office. On arrival in Vancouver, Chris, Sheila and Matthew lived with Chris' parents for a year, during which Jonathan was born. Sheila continued her nursing career at St. Paul's Hospital. In 1984 they moved into a 2-bedroom home in Pemberton Heights, and added another floor before Kathryn was born in 1986.

The family attended St. Stephen's Church in West Vancouver, where Chris was actively involved including becoming Sunday School Supervisor. They became increasingly unhappy with the situation including the emphasis on the B.A.S. and decided to move to St. Martin's where they enjoyed B.C.P. Services and, with John Bailey's encouragement, Chris became a member of Church Council. However, he found that his roles of Cub Leader and Parent Council President at Capilano Elementary School were very time-consuming and he left Church Council until requested by Timothy Cooke, some years afterwards, to be a Trustee. Having been assured that this position needed little time, he acquiesced. However, one year later, being a St. Martin's Trustee suddenly took on a whole new dimension!

Chris had never felt himself to be an outspoken Church leader, but a rather quiet member of the congregation. Suddenly, he found himself thrust into a public role and was very glad of the support of others. Initially he thought that parishioners would react in the usual fashion and just drift off home, but was greatly encouraged by the determination and courage of his fellow "rebels". He found a new depth of spiritual awareness and a heightened sense of determination among those who attended Monday Services, then formed St. Timothy's. He is very happy that St. Timothy's is now in place and feels strongly that the new church is on the right track.

His personal interests include gardening (though he accedes that Sheila is the overall planner of garden projects and he simply carries out some of the physical labour), reading and observing sports. It gives him much pleasure to see his children doing so well – Matthew in business, Jonathan in academic studies (he'll graduate from U.B.C. this year) and Kathryn at Cap. College taking business. We thank God for calling Chris into a Leadership role as St. Timothy's was formed and ask for continued blessings as Chris begins his work in the "Give" area.

Florence Wilton

**We would like to thank St. Timothy's for all the prayers and thoughtfulness shown to Jack and myself during my setback.
Daisy Scott**

Round Table of Common Cause Partners, Atlanta, Feb 9-11, 2005

In response to a request from five Primates of the Anglican Communion, representatives of nine Anglican entities from the US and Canada met in Atlanta, GA February 9-11, 2005.

The Round Table of "Common Cause Partners," called and hosted by Anglican Communion Network (ACN) Moderator Robert Duncan, included leaders of the American Anglican Council, the Anglican Communion in Canada (ACiC), the Anglican Mission in America (AMIA), the Anglican Province of America (APA), the Anglican Essentials Federation in Canada, Forward in Faith North America (FiFNA), the Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC) and the Reformed Episcopal Church.

This week's meeting continues efforts launched in June 2004 through a pledge of Common Cause signed by representatives of the American Anglican Council, the Anglican Communion Network, the Anglican Mission in American, the Anglican Province of America, Forward in Faith North America and the Reformed Episcopal Church. The text of their closing statement follows:

A Statement of Anglican Common Cause Partners in North America

"It is appropriate that we have begun this season of Lent expressing our joint repentance for divisions that have separated us and weakened the Body of Christ. In our inability to achieve unity in the past, we have failed to honour Christ, and for that we are truly and humbly sorry. We pray that our fresh unity in commitment and purpose will serve not only those individuals and congregations we represent, but more importantly our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

"In this historic gathering, we experienced excitement as well as positive, harmonious, and fruitful discussions. We rejoice that we have agreed to stand united in commitment to Biblical faithfulness within a missionary movement during this defining moment in Anglicanism, a moment requiring our best efforts as we face an uncertain future. We desire to remain connected with faithful Anglicans worldwide and intend to move forward together to fulfil a compelling picture of a preferable future."

Signed by the twenty-two participants who represented the nine groups.

(Our own Paul Carter joined Peter Turner to represent ACiC in follow-up meetings in Atlanta in mid March).

Evensong at St John's Shaughnessy, Monday Night 28 Feb 2005

Several members of St Timothy's attended an Evensong, followed by general information, then a closed doors Question and Answer Period to discuss and learn about the impact of the recent Primates' Meeting in Ireland on the Anglican Church world wide and particularly on how it will affect the church in Canada and us in particular.

There was an official update of the predicament of parishes in the Diocese of New Westminster during the service and elaboration of the roots of our "problem" during the sermon and subsequently a question and answer session when knowledgeable clergy answered any and all questions with clarity and honesty.

In a nutshell, we, particularly in the wealthy industrialized western world, believe that we can live self-sufficient and self-satisfied lives, reliant only on our own abilities and resources. We are taught in our western society that we can achieve anything we feel like. We think we can meet all our own needs. We are proud and unable to understand that we cannot function alone. God calls us to humility (not weakness). Our pride sets us apart from God. The Jews were led in the wilderness for 40 years to learn humility. We have been led, and are being led through difficult times to learn that we, too, cannot function alone. We are so full of worldly things, so rich in material things, that we do not realize how spiritually poor we are.

Archbishop Gregory Venables of the Southern Cone (Argentina, Chile, Peru, Uruguay, Brazil and Bolivia) indicated that trying to be independent is not new to modern human kind – consider Moses up against the Red Sea with Herod's army closing in behind!

Archbishop Venables made two points:

1. We do not ask for God's help until we have exhausted all other avenues. It's a last resort, and we don't seem to learn that the help is there if only we would ask for it. We need to seek a level of maturity that allows us to realize that we do need God's help.
2. We can only learn to trust God, by trusting him.

He also emphasized that Satan is always present, throwing doubt on the Word of God. Through the Bible, God has revealed his word to us. We may not understand it, but with constant study, questioning and learning we can start to understand some of it.

Other comments made during the evening:

1. The "Jury" has made its decision. Canada and USA are not being loyal to the authority of scripture. This is NOT negotiable. Teaching is central. The conservative movement stands vindicated. While the war is not over, this battle has been won. And the war will be won in God's good time.
2. If we want to interpret the Bible to mean something else in view of our modern scientific understanding, we need the authority to redefine its meaning and the Primates do not believe we have that authority.
3. If we are to live in Community (Anglican Communion) worldwide, we must live interdependently. We cannot do our own thing, live independently and in Communion. They are mutually exclusive.

4. The primacy of scripture is the basis of our understanding.
5. Teaching within the Anglican Church has not changed.
6. The primates have made it very clear; do Canada and the USA wish to remain as part of the Anglican Communion, subject to the unchanged scriptural teaching or not?
7. For those churches or congregations who wish to remain with the Anglican Communion worldwide and adhere to those beliefs, a Panel of Reference will be set up, within days, appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, that will hear any appeals and offer Adequate Episcopal oversight. Adequacy will be defined by those receiving the oversight.

Peter Haigh

Getting It Together

A father wanted to read a magazine but was being bothered by his little girl, Shannon. Finally, he tore a sheet out of his magazine on which was printed the map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Shannon, and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together."

After a few minutes, Shannon returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together. The father was surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. "Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got all of Jesus back where He belonged, then the world came together."

Submitted by Monica Craver

Invincible Spring

"In the midst of winter I found at last there was within myself an invincible summer" Albert Camus

If grief's unhealed and sorrows still embraced,
 past wrongs and hurts held tightly buried deep within,
 if I refuse forgiveness or will not mourn
 then spring will be delayed.
 if I wrap loneliness around myself,
 turn from my friends, refuse to share my tears,
 or choose to find no meaning in my life,
 spring will be late.

But if my tears flow as I let go
 and slowly loosen loving ties that bound,
 if I look up and really see creation,
 and I ask the Holy One to walk with me,
 spring will follow winter.
 And when the spirit moves within my soul,
 as wind on Prairie grass, then spring will come
 invincible as resurrection.

(From *Invincible Spring*, a small paperback of poems by Gwyneth Bell, a Pastoral Care Hospital Visitor in St. Paul's Church, Edmonton, where the Rev. Regula Brandle is Assistant Priest. A copy is available in the Church Library. If you are interested in obtaining a copy for yourself or for a gift, please contact Florence Wilton. Proceeds from sales go to the Mathare Valley Project in Kenya, caring for orphans who lost their parents to Aids.)

ACiC Celebration Service at Richmond Emmanuel Church

Sunday night's Celebration Service (March 13, 2005) at Richmond Emmanuel Church was truly an extraordinary time of worship, thanksgiving and fellowship for the ACiC Community in BC. Especially after what they have been through in the last couple of years, it was wonderful for all the ACiC churches to gather with their Bishop at the impressively renovated warehouse that Richmond Emmanuel with its largely Chinese membership has dedicated to the glory of God. The service of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation was led by our Paul Carter with Bishop TJ Johnston presiding. He confirmed 102 people in their faith and affirmed the 10 ACiC priests in their calling. The order of service was a glorious blend of contemporary and traditional music, liturgy and custom with both Cantonese and English being used throughout.

Bishop TJ preached on "Transformed for Mission" about which he had spoken to St Simon's during their Renewal week-end. He compared the large Richmond Emmanuel Church with the early church in Ephesus, showing that both were resource churches. He appealed to all of us to build up the membership of our churches while being observant of the scriptures and being loving communities.

There must have been 400 people present and the whole celebration lasted three hours. Three hours?! Yes, and none of us seemed to tire. Bishop TJ layed hands on each candidate, praying for him or her individually. It must have been a very special moment for the communicants. Impressive too was the support each church gave their candidates, especially members of St Simons. The rest of us had a heaven-sent opportunity to pray and contemplate our faith journeys. Surely all of us are grateful to God for bringing us to this point of certainty in our church, our scriptures and our Lord.

For the record, the journey of each of the ACiC churches was recorded on the service flyer. There are currently 11 churches in the ACiC community, 3 from the Island (Living Waters - Victoria, Church of our Lord - Comox and Light of Christ - Nanaimo), 1 from the Sunshine Coast (Christ the Redeemer – Pender Harbour), 4 from the Vancouver area (Immanuel Church Westside – Vancouver, Richmond Emmanuel, St Simons - North Vancouver and St Timothy's - North Shore) and 3 from Saskatchewan (Church of the Redeemer – Regina, St Jude's - Indian Head and St Andrew's – Borden). We are also closely aligned in the Spirit with the churches of the ACiNW which comprise the largest Anglican congregations in BC.

Praise the Lord for our community, Praise the Lord for the enthusiasm he gives us and
Praise the Lord for being amongst us. *John Collings*

On a Lighter Note

Six-year-old Angie and her four-year-old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang, and talked out loud. Finally, his big sister had had enough. You're not supposed to talk out loud in church." "Why? Who's going to stop me?" Joel asked. Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door? They're hushers."

Parish Supper - Shrove Tuesday

A Day to Remember!

Over 60 members of the Parish of St. Timothy's gathered together to share an evening of wonderful food and great fellowship. Yes, pancakes to die for!

Chris (Vondette) and John (Hopkins), only you know the real secret of your success! Perhaps it was the way Gordon (Barrett) mixed the pancake batter, to bring out the incredible flavour? Thank you.

From the table setup to the cleanup, many people were involved with this evening. We could not have done it without you! Audrey (Haigh) should receive lots of credit for her organizing talent. One of the visitors commented on the warmth of the welcome she received. Let's do it again next year!

Linda Taunton

From Day to Day at St. Timothy's

Altar Guild

The Altar Guild met January 18 at the home of Erica Barrett. Members are Erica Barrett, Hazel Blacoe, Corinne Burns, Joan Buss, Paddy Donaldson, Lois Knight and Ursula Vondette. The Executive for 2005 were elected:

President - Corinne Burns

Treasurer - Joan Buss

Secretary - Ursula Vondette

Many, many thanks to the parishioners who have contributed so generously towards the purchase of the Bible, two chalices and paten, and to the two seamstresses who sewed and embroidered the lovely veils and new linen altar cloth. These beautiful new items give glory to God and enhance our services. Several parishioners joined the guild this week in making the palm crosses to be distributed Palm Sunday. Their help was much appreciated.

Corinne Burns



Coffee Hour

Our thanks go to the five Coffee Teams that set up and clear up coffee, tea and goodies each week as well as to all those who bring in goodies. Special thanks go to Audrey Haigh for the delicious Simnel cake served on Mothering Sunday. Donations in the jar continue to cover expenses. We are happy to serve Fair Trade coffee, ensuring that workers are paid a fair wage. Your suggestions are invited.

Hazel Blacoe

St. Timothy's Ladies' Group

We meet the second Tuesday of every month except July and August. Our initial meeting was held at the home of Martha Wright on November 15, 2004. Our focus will be on fellowship and fundraising within St. Timothy's and on outreach to our local community and support for Southeast Asia. We hope to sister with a Parish in Rwanda.

At our meeting on March 8, the following were elected by acclamation:

President – Linda Taunton

Secretary – Ursula Vondette

Treasurer – Carolyn Edwards (confirmed from the last meeting).

We recently held a successful fundraiser called 'Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?' where we raised \$525 divided equally between Archbishop Yong's Asia Disaster Relief Fund and the local homeless shelter.

We continue to be blessed with our talented Joy Hopkins and Ursula Vondette and others who have organized our craft sessions, where we make several items to be sold at various upcoming fundraisers. Look for information in the Service leaflets.

Ladies, please join us at our next meeting to be held on Monday, April 11, from 1:30-3:30pm at Carolyn Edward's home.

Linda Taunton

Church Library

The St. Timothy's "bucket and bag" Church Library is still here. More new books and -- VIDEOS!-- have been added to our library. The videos have been "donated" by St. Simon's Church, Deep Cove, and are excellent for group viewing by home groups and youth groups. Some of these new VHS video cassettes are:

"Keys to Church Growth: Orthodoxy, Community, Relevance, Outreach" by Anglican Renewal Ministries (Canada)

"Good News for the Poor: Greater Things Than These" by The Rev. Dr. Tony Campolo

"You are Wonderful: Pain Our Protector" by Dr. Paul Brand

"Christian Healings and its Counterfeits" by The Rev. Ed Hird ...and more.

A friendly reminder for those who still have books that are due: there is a Book Return Box next to the coffee area out every Sunday. Thank you to those who have recently returned overdue books. Please check out the Church Library every second week after church service. Thank you.

Monica Craver

Nursery School

Carolyn and Audrey have now divided off a carpeted area for the pre-school children in the Sunday School area. Audrey has brought some toys and the system is working well. There is room for mothers to go with children. A rotation list of people willing to help in the nursery is being prepared. For more information, to offer suggestions or to have your name on the Rota, please contact *Martha Wright*.

Youth Group

Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Time flies by. With a blink, spring has already come. In the past few months, our youth group has done a lot of fun things together. We went to Missions Fest Youth Rally; we went skating and bowling; we watched movies and had a Valentine's Day party at Rita's house.

Besides having fun, our youth group is also learning and studying the Bible together every Sunday. We have been following the sermons of Paul and Ken so that we are growing together as a congregation. In addition, we have a Bible trivia quiz which is related to the lesson every class. It is so much fun and we have learned a lot.

We are excited about the "*40 Days of Community*" campaign, which will begin on April 24. This will be a great opportunity for the group not only to have personal growth but also to become more involved in the church and community.

Upcoming youth group gatherings:

April 2 – movie "Robot"

April 9 – Bible games at Rita's house

April 16 – bowling

April 23 – "40 Days in the Community" preview at Rita's house

Editors' Message

Our thanks go once more to all the contributors who make our task so easy. We look forward to hearing from many of you before the June edition – prayers, comments on activities at St. Timothy's, anything you think would inform, stimulate or uplift. Please see either of us with your suggestions or e-mail them to matthew@vondette.com or florence_wilton@telus.net.

Blessed Easter to all!

Matthew Vondette and Florence Wilton

Sunday School

Sunday School is going strong. The younger ones have been studying the stories of Jesus while the older ones have been doing the parables of Jesus and we will all be learning the meaning of the Easter story. We will then be embarking on the next course in conjunction with the congregation. This will be an exciting time as we will be learning the same lessons as the adults and the youth but in a simpler form. We hope that this will initiate conversations between all age groups in the church. As a result of this direction, there will be one combined class for the story time and then we will break into smaller groups for the activities. We continue to include learning old and new songs as music is also a very important part of worship. We welcome any new members to our group.

Audrey Haigh and Carolyn Edwards



Calendar Highlights

April 9 Small Group Leadership Training
April 24 "40 Days of Community" begins

Life Journal Readings

April

- 1 Judg. 11, 12; Ps.50; 2 Cor. 1
- 2 Judg. 13-16; 2 Cor. 2
- 3 Judg. 17, 18; Ps. 89; 2 Cor. 3
- 4 Judg. 19-21; 2 Cor. 4
- 5 Ruth. 1, 2; Ps. 53, 61; 2 Cor. 5
- 6 Ruth. 3, 4; Ps. 64, 65; 2 Cor. 6
- 7 1 Sam. 1, 2; Ps. 66; 2 Cor. 7
- 8 1 Sam. 3-5; Ps. 77; 2 Cor. 8
- 9 1 Sam. 6, 7; Ps. 72; 2 Cor. 9
- 10 1 Sam. 8-10; 2 Cor. 10
- 11 1 Sam. 11, 12; 1 Chr. 1; 2 Cor. 11
- 12 1 Sam. 13; 1 Chr. 2, 3; 2 Cor. 12
- 13 1 Sam. 14; 1 Chr. 4; 2 Cor. 13
- 14 1 Sam. 15, 16; 1 Chr. 5; Mt. 1
- 15 1 Sam. 17; Ps. 9; Mt. 2
- 16 1 Sam. 18; 1 Chr. 6; Ps. 11; Mt. 3
- 17 1 Sam. 19; 1 Chr. 7; Ps. 59; Mt. 4
- 18 1 Sam. 20, 21; Ps. 34; Mt. 5
- 19 1 Sam. 22; Ps. 17, 35; Mt. 6
- 20 1 Sam. 23; Ps. 31, 54; Mt. 7
- 21 1 Sam. 24; Ps. 57, 58; 1 Chr. 8; Mt. 8
- 22 1 Sam. 25, 26; Ps. 63; Mt. 9
- 23 1 Sam. 27; Ps. 141; 1 Chr. 9; Mt. 10
- 24 1 Sam. 28, 29; Ps. 109; Mt. 11
- 25 1 Sam. 30, 31; 1 Chr. 10; Mt. 12
- 26 2 Sam. 1; Ps. 140; Mt. 13
- 27 2 Sam. 2; 1 Chr. 11; Ps. 142; Mt. 14
- 28 2 Sam. 3; 1 Chr. 12; Mt. 15
- 29 2 Sam. 4, 5; Ps. 139; Mt. 16
- 30 2 Sam. 6; 1 Chr. 13; Ps. 68; Mt. 17

May

- 1 1 Chr. 14, 15; Ps. 132; Mt. 18
- 2 1 Chr. 16; Ps. 106; Mt. 19
- 3 2 Sam. 7; 1 Chr. 17; Ps. 2; Mt. 20
- 4 2 Sam. 8, 9; 1 Chr. 18, 19; Mt. 21
- 5 2 Sam. 10; 1 Chr. 20; Ps. 20; Mt. 22
- 6 2 Sam. 11, 12; Ps. 51; Mt. 23
- 7 2 Sam. 13, 14; Mt. 24
- 8 2 Sam. 15, 16; Ps. 32; Mt. 25
- 9 2 Sam. 17; Ps. 71; Mt. 26
- 10 2 Sam.18; Ps. 56; Mt. 27
- 11 2 Sam. 19, 20; Ps. 55; Mt. 28
- 12 2 Sam. 21-23; 1 Th. 1
- 13 2 Sam. 24; 1 Chr. 21; Ps. 30; 1 Th. 2
- 14 1 Chr. 22-24; 1 Th. 3
- 15 1 Chr. 25-27; 1 Th. 4
- 16 1 Ki. 1; 1 Chr. 28; Ps. 91; 1 Th. 5
- 17 1 Ki. 2; 1 Chr. 29; Ps. 95; 2 Th. 1
- 18 1 Ki. 3; 2 Chr. 1; Ps. 78; 2 Th. 2
- 19 1 Ki. 4, 5; 2 Chr. 2; Ps. 101; 2 Th. 3
- 20 1 Ki. 6; 2 Chr. 3; Ps. 97; Rom. 1
- 21 1 Ki. 7; 2 Chr. 4; Ps. 98; Rom. 2
- 22 1 Ki. 8; 2 Chr. 5; Ps. 99; Rom. 3
- 23 2 Chr. 6, 7; Ps. 134, 135; Rom. 4
- 24 1 Ki. 9; 2 Chr. 8; Ps. 136; Rom. 5
- 25 1 Ki. 10, 11; 2 Chr. 9; Rom. 6
- 26 Prov. 1-3; Rom. 7
- 27 Prov. 4-6; Rom. 8
- 28 Prov.7-9; Rom. 9
- 29 Prov. 10-12; Rom. 10
- 30 Prov. 13-15; Rom. 11
- 31 Prov. 16-18; Rom. 12

June

- 1 Prov. 19-21; Rom. 13
- 2 Prov. 22-24; Rom. 14
- 3 Prov. 25-27; Rom. 15
- 4 Prov. 28-29; Ps. 60; Rom. 16
- 5 Prov. 30, 31; Ps. 33; Eph. 1
- 6 Ecc. 1-3; Ps. 45; Eph. 2
- 7 Ecc. 4-6; Ps. 18; Eph. 3
- 8 Ecc. 7-9; Eph. 4
- 9 Ecc. 10-12; Ps. 94; Eph. 5
- 10 Song 1-4; Eph. 6
- 11 Song 5-8; Phil. 1
- 12 1 Ki. 12; 2 Chr. 10, 11; Phil. 2
- 13 1 Ki. 13, 14; 2 Chr. 12; Phil. 3
- 14 1 Ki. 15; 2 Chr. 13, 14; Phil. 4
- 15 1 Ki. 16; 2 Chr. 15, 16; Col. 1
- 16 1 Ki. 17-19; Col. 2
- 17 1 Ki. 20, 21; 2 Chr. 17; Col. 3
- 18 1 Ki. 22; 2 Chr. 18, 19; Col. 4
- 19 2 Ki. 1-3; Ps. 82; 1 Tim. 1
- 20 2 Ki. 4, 5; Ps. 83; 1 Tim. 2
- 21 2 Ki. 6, 7; 2 Chr. 20; 1 Tim. 3
- 22 2 Ki. 8, 9; 2 Chr. 21; 1 Tim. 4
- 23 2 Ki. 10; 2 Chr. 22, 23; 1 Tim. 5
- 24 2 Ki. 11, 12; 2 Chr. 24; 1 Tim. 6
- 25 Joel 1-3; 2 Tim. 1
- 26 Jon. 1-4; 2 Tim. 2
- 27 2 Ki. 13, 14; 2 Chr. 25; 2 Tim. 3
- 28 Amos 1-3; Ps. 80; 2 Tim. 4
- 29 Amos 4-6; Ps. 86; Tit. 1
- 30 Amos 7-9; Ps. 104; Tit. 2

Amendments and Additions to St. Timothy's Church Directory, October, 2004

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