



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. Ken Bell

Giving Thanks

When I was a child, I loved it when my birthday or Christmas came along. I loved it because I knew I would be getting stuff, gifts for Ken. What could be better than that? Certain gifts were true surprises, fun and exciting. Others were predictable and not so exciting.

Now don't get me wrong! It was not that I was ungrateful. It was just that they were not a surprise. For example, I always knew that a card would arrive from my Nana (a card usually targeted at a kid about two or three years younger than I actually was) and it would always contain a cheque for exactly \$25.00.

As much as I loved receiving all the gifts (even the predictable ones), I hated what followed, the dreaded "Thank you" note. Sadly the only one I ever really need to write was to my Nana, but I would always try to put it off. Besides "Thanks" what did a 7 or 8 year old have to write to a person in her 80's whom he barely knew? Eventually I would write the note and send it off.

It was not until much later that I understood that my parents were attempting to instill into their rather selfish young son an attitude of thanksgiving, a value on gratitude.

In Luke 17, we are told the story of Jesus healing ten lepers. Lepers were outcasts and stigmatized in the broadest sense of the word. They lived outside the city and were not allowed to have contact with people. They had to yell out, "Leper coming", if they were walking anywhere where they might bump into someone else. If you had the misfortune of accidentally coming into contact with a leper, you now were regarded as "unclean" and had to undergo a ritual of purification over a period of days.

But these ten lepers saw Jesus at a distance and stood up, shouting to him "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us". Jesus was compelled, as he often was for the hurting, and moved by their faithfulness, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests". As they went on they were cleansed, healed, purified, made whole.

This was a great moment for them, for when the priests would see that they were clean and healed they would be welcomed back into society, they could be apart of the community, they could go to temple, work, worship God...everything everyone else was permitted to do for the stigma was washed away. Sadly in the midst of this immense joy, selfishness crept in. For only one of the ten stopped and turned back. Only one of them returned to Jesus falling at his feet, praising God and giving thanks. Only one! And the real kicker is that the one who returned was a Samaritan (a double outcast, one who was not a Jew but considered a dog by the Jews. Jesus asked, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner? Rise and go your way, your faith has made you well".

Thanksgiving and a grateful heart are what God desires for us. As the season of Thanksgiving approaches I want to take this opportunity to thank some people:

Thank you to our church council for your faithfulness, leadership and discernment.

Thank you to those who are a part of the 5 G's and all the other groupings for all your work and dedication.

Thank you to all who help set up on Sunday morning, to those on the Chancel Guild, those who make coffee, to the greeters who welcome everyone so warmly, to those who run the audio-visual for us, to those who provide flowers, to those who read, lead us in prayer, collect the offering, and serve at the Lord's Table.

Thank you to the choir and those who provide beautiful music for us that we might glorify God.

Thank you to the Sunday School teachers and those you teach, the children and youth.

Thank you to the children and youth for all the joy and fun you bring to the house of God and for your servant hearts.

Thank you to the Ladies' Group for all the work you put in so that St. Timothy's can become a meaningful presence in the community.

Thank you to all those who offer rides to those in need of one.

Thank you to those who visit the sick and care for those in need of a little community

Thank you to those who keep the information flowing through newsletters, e-mail, leaflets and phone calls.

Thank you to those who hold us all up in prayer.

Thank you to those who have opened up their homes for various meetings and events.

Thank you to those who teach and direct us in our small groups.

Thank you to those who have shared their lives, their hurts and their hopes with others in the church.

Thank you to all those who have taught me so much about what it means to be a Christian, a disciple, a leader and a priest.

Thank you to those who make the effort to welcome new comers and get them a cup of coffee.

Thank you to those who keep an eye out for those who seem a little weak, down or vulnerable on any given week.

Thank you to those who have joined us in the past year and added so richly to our church family.

Thank you to all those who pay attention and pitch in when something needs to be done.

Thank you to those who pour hours of work each week into the church, work which often goes unseen.

Thanks to all of you who give so generously of your time, your talent and your treasure to serve others and to serve God.

Thank you to all those who add your voices, your prayers and your praise on Sunday mornings to make our services a place where people might meet the living God face to face.

Who or what are you thankful for at St. Timothy's? Have you told them?

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Ken Bell+, Senior Priest

The Anglican Mission Celebrates Appointment of New Missionary Bishops

Cynthia P. Brust, Director of Communications

At their September 4, 2007 meeting in Kigali, the House of Bishops of the Province of the Episcopal Church of Rwanda (PEER) elected the Rev. Terrell Glenn, rector of All Saints Church, Pawleys Island, South Carolina; the Rev. Philip Jones, rector of St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Little Rock, Arkansas; and the Rev. John Miller, rector of Prince of Peace Anglican Church, Melbourne, Florida and appointed them to serve in the Anglican Mission in the Americas (AMiA).

In a proposal to fellow bishops, the Rt. Rev. Charles H. Murphy, III, Anglican Mission Chairman, outlined the growth of the missionary outreach as well as the ways in which additional bishops would enhance the ministry of the Anglican Mission. He then presented the individuals vetted and nominated by the Anglican Mission Council of Bishops, describing their experience and qualifications. The House of Bishops responded to the proposal with a unanimous election and the release of an official Communiqué announcing their decision.

"We are thankful for the level of trust and support demonstrated by the House of Bishops in this immediate response and election," said Bishop Murphy. "Additional bishops will assist us in our mission to reach the 130 million in the U.S. who do not yet know the saving power of Jesus Christ. We will continue to focus on breaking into new territory, developing strategic ministry initiatives and providing oversight for congregations now spread across the U.S. and Canada," noted Bishop Murphy.

"I believe this immediate and decisive response by our House of Bishops is another indication of the sovereign hand of God on the Anglican Mission," said the Most Rev. Emmanuel Kolini, Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of Rwanda.

Bishop Murphy has asked the three bishops-elect to prayerfully consider their election and notify him of their intention to accept or refuse the election within two weeks. Throughout the process, candidates have been encouraged to seek guidance and discernment regarding their call. A fourth candidate, the Rev. Canon David Roseberry, Christ Church Plano, entered this process of discernment, and was nominated by the Anglican Mission Council of Bishops but later prayerfully refused the nomination. He will continue to offer strong leadership at Christ Church as well as within the Anglican Mission, but did not finally sense a call to serve as bishop at this time.

"We have explained to all candidates that they have a right and responsibility to seek the Lord's will for their lives and discern whether or not they are being led to accept both nomination and election," Bishop Murphy said.

In preparation for their consecration, the bishops-elect will meet with Bishop Murphy for a half-day on October 18, 2007, and later our current Anglican Mission bishops, bishops-elect and their wives will attend a retreat to be held December 12-14, 2007 which will be led by Bishop Murphy and Leith Anderson.

Following their consecration, the new bishops will continue to serve as rectors (senior pastors) of their respective congregations while assuming the added responsibilities of a missionary bishop. They will join Bishops Chuck Murphy, Thad Barnum, Sandy Greene and Thomas Johnston as members of the Anglican Mission Council of Bishops.

The Council of Bishops is charged with providing oversight to clergy, congregations and Mission Networks; casting the "big picture" vision for the Anglican Mission; and ensuring theological alignment with historic Christianity as received by the one holy catholic and apostolic Church. The work of the Anglican Mission Council of Bishops represents a careful balance of oversight between "what already is" within the Mission, and an ongoing commitment to both envision and implement "what is yet to be."

Specific portfolios of responsibility will be developed for each bishop consistent with his individual passion and giftedness.

"Anglican Mission is entering a new phase, and our goal is to carefully distribute the workload such that our bishops can faithfully fulfill their dual roles of rector and bishop," Bishop Murphy explained. "The level of energy and time commitment will be significantly less than we needed for the first eight years. I like to use the analogy of a booster rocket which requires tremendous fuel and energy during lift-off, but then as it begins to slowly fall back to earth, it is followed by a second firing which is much more precise and requires significantly less fuel and energy than what was required during the initial lift-off phase," he continued.

The bishops-elect will be consecrated at a service on January 26, 2008 in Dallas, Texas following the Anglican Mission's Annual Winter Conference scheduled for January 23-26, 2008.

NOTE: Brief biographical sketches of the three bishops-elect are included on the website version of this article in Anglican Mission News.

Wardens' Update – September 2007

Where have we been and where are we going?

Over the summer, St Timothy's has remained pretty active.

Last year, Council and the Give Team agreed to purchase books for the library at the Theological College in Kigali. (a budget of \$4000.00). The college made a list of the specific titles required, and during July these were finally assembled and shipped off. Thank you, Ken, for following this through. We have now received notice that the first of three shipments of these books has arrived. In August two of our members (Sarah Lucas and Ken Bell) joined thousands in attending the Leadership Summit 2007. This is an annual church-based telecast conference, sponsored by the Willow Creek Association, to promote leadership in any enterprise and directly supported by businesses that send their leaders to be inspired. Key speakers this year included President Jimmy Carter, Colin Powell and a host of others including well known business, public and church leaders plus musicians.

On the social front, we celebrated our toddlers and families, our special older contingent and the congregation as a whole with three separate parties where food and appropriate liquid refreshment flowed. Thanks to both those who held and those who attended these enjoyable events. In this category could also be grouped the very successful Garage Sale, which recently saw many parishioners involved in raising over \$1300 for Harvest Project.

Due to the local strike by municipal employees this summer, we found ourselves without our usual worship space, and so had to scramble to locate alternative facilities. Thanks to Vera McLoughlin, Churchill House (her residential home) accommodated us for two weeks. Our weekly sermon series on the Psalms, presented by Ken has proved memorable, if only for the graphic display of sins being forgiven by the cross – a demonstration in action of Psalm 51. Guest preachers, - Rev, Barclay Mayo from Christ the Redeemer, Pender Harbour, Jen Isaak of Immanuel, Vancouver and Lili-Kayy Park from our congregation all offered varying perspectives on the Gospel of the day. We praise God for the diversity to which we are exposed.

Internationally it has been an interesting summer, as our like-minded brothers in the Global South and Australia wait for the US and Canadian churches to return to the Anglican Communion in harmony with long-standing understanding and teaching. Unfortunately they refuse to change from their path of deviation, and so risk expulsion from the communion and a less than harmonious Lambeth Conference next year. That trouble has created the need for an additional three Bishops to be created in AMIA (with whom we are closely allied), who will be consecrated after the next Winter Conference in January 2008.

One of the issues agreed on by Church Council in the spring was to take on a Regent College Student as an intern starting this fall, and we are delighted to welcome Andy Withrow and his wife Katie to our congregation to work with us on several fronts. Andy assisted +Ken with the retreat in Whistler held last weekend. Eric Park, Angela Larson, Ron Edwards, Leddy Lilley, Chris Vondette, Daphne Martin, Sarah Lucas, John Collings, Peter Haigh, and Ron Barrett participated with Matthew Vondette expressing his regrets at being unable to attend. Friday evening we broke bread together, read ACTS 2:42-47 and reviewed expressions of values that are listed in council minutes (God-breathed Bible, worship, participation, leadership, assistance, prayer, music). This is an ongoing work as we expect that over time these values (not our fundamental values) may change and must certainly be re-evaluated each year. The evening schedule closed with An Order for Compline Service.

Saturday we enjoyed breakfast together and six study sessions. As our church and worship is biblically based, so was our focus during the retreat. We began with Morning Prayer (Book of Common Worship, U.K.) and Romans 15:1-7. Andy gave an excellent presentation on "Servant Leadership: Good and Bad Fruit". Our session on "Nurturing" was referenced to Galatians 6:1-10. After lunch we explored "Biblically Based" as expressed in 2 Timothy 3:10-17 and "Community" James 5:13-20. Our Eucharist service (Kenyan rite) focused on Luke 14:12-24 and Luke 19:1-10 with a participatory sermon on "Growing Christ's Kingdom". The weekend was a rare opportunity to have almost the entire Church Council and our Church Staff spend time together focused on our values

and goals. We are pleased (and somewhat surprised) to report after reviewing the visioning values and goals set out in 2006 and 2007 we have accomplished the short term goals, re-affirmed the values, and now have the foundation to further our work fulfilling the long term goals which are well underway. As wardens, we sincerely thank everyone involved for spending the time, prayer and effort in furthering the healthy presence of St. Timothy's on the North Shore.



St. Timothy's Leadership Group at Retreat - September 2007
Back row, left-right - Ron B. Eric, Chris, John, Andy, Ron E., Ken
Front row, left-right – Leddy, Peter, Angela, Daphne, Sarah

In looking ahead we hope to see most of you out to our Harvest Supper on the 29th of this month. It promises to be a special evening of fellowship, food and music. With the fall season, we hope you will find time to join or start a small study group. *There is no substitute for the biblically centred fellowship you will enjoy participating in a small group.* The Ladies Group is busy preparing for their Craft Sales and the Outdoor Group still has activities planned. The music program is being expanded and the Youth Group is becoming more active. We continue to be amazed at the involvement, the activities and the positive outlook of our congregation as it seeks to live up to our Vision:

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

Peter and Ron (*Peter Haigh and Ron Barrett*)

Reports from our "G"s

Gather Report

St. Timothy's Third Annual Barbeque was held following the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, June 10. This marked not only the third anniversary of St. Timothy's but also the end of another year of Sunday School. Hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and ice cream cones were enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who helped make this annual tradition so successful!

On Sunday, July 29, a Picnic in the Park for young families with preschoolers was held at a small park just off Braemar. Ken brought his game of bocce which the Dads played while the children loved the swings and playhouse. This was followed by a barbecue of hamburgers and dessert at the Haighs. Seven families were able to participate.

On Thursday, August 16, the Gather Committee hosted a Friendship Tea. Fourteen ladies and two gentlemen arrived at 2:00 p.m. and were treated first to a fun demonstration of napkin folding by Linda Taunton. Everyone seemed to have a fun time chatting the afternoon away while drinking numerous cups of tea and eating the wide assortment of open sandwiches, scones and cakes

Chris and Sheila Vondette very kindly held a Potluck Barbeque for the parish on Saturday, August 28, at their home. The weather unexpectedly co-operated so we could sit outside in the sunshine and admire the garden while visiting with one another. Thank you, Chris, Sheila and Matthew.

We are now beginning to make plans for our Harvest Supper which will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, September 29, at Sutherland Church. Please plan to come and enjoy the fellowship as well as the food. As an added bonus, Angela will be arranging for us to be entertained with music!

We continue to enjoy Coffee Hour with great goodies after each Sunday service. Thank you to Hazel Blacoe and her helpers for providing the coffee and to all who bring goodies for us.

The Pastoral Care Team have as usual visited the sick. Please get in touch with Myrna Teskey if you know of anyone who needs their assistance.

Please see below the reports of the Ladies' Group and the Editors' Report, all of which are part of the Gather mandate.

Daphne Martin

Ladies Group

Dedicated, active ladies committed to doing God's Work!

Our group meets and organizes fund-raising events to support local and international outreach programs.

In May, our regular meeting was held at Martha's home. We also participated in a craft sale organized by the Seniors Hub (Vera) and a fun games night at Muriel's residence. At our June meeting in Ursula's home, we finalized our plans for our third annual garage sale in September at the Haighs. The many helping hands, led by Audrey, made this event very successful.

During our September meeting at Corinne's home, we discussed our upcoming activities. September 26th - Craft work party at Joy's place. Join Ursula & Joy and help with the finishing touches on some craft items. Thank you, crafters.

Upcoming meetings and events include:

October 22 - Our regular meeting at Carolyn's home.

October 24 - Craft Sale at Churchill House (Vera).

November 17 - Delbrook Craft Sale.

November 24 - Harry Jerome Christmas Craft Fair.

Dara Barrett will be making the Christmas Boots this year for sale at the craft fairs.

Contact Dara to preorder your large (\$8) or small (\$5) Boot in time for the Christmas season.

Thank you all for your continued support!

Linda Taunton

Editors' Report

Our thanks go once more to all those who submitted articles. We would like to broaden the scope of this newsletter and invite everyone to be on the look-out for suitable material. The print is smaller in this edition, so please contact us if you find this to be inconvenient. We welcome ideas for improvement, so that this newsletter will inform, interest and inspire. Letters to the editors are welcome. Next deadline is **November 25**.

Don't forget to check the website for up-to-date information and photos of recent events.

Matthew Vondette and Florence Wilton

Glorify Report

Choir Update

The fall season is under way for the St. Timothy's Choir. It is wonderful to be singing together again and we WARMLY welcome any new members. Please contact me if you want more information before joining us. We've had a change of schedule, meeting on Wednesday evenings at 7pm-8:30pm at the Haigh's (who have graciously extended hospitality to us once again).

The music program has a fabulous new addition in the form of "pedal board" for the organ. Hopefully the support of a larger, stronger bass range will inspire us even more to do greater musical justice to the wonderful canon of hymns which have been passed to us through the generations.

As a last word, many thanks go out to Jennifer, Ron, Andrea and Jonathan for giving of their musical talent this past summer. We look forward to continued diversity of participation in the musical life of St. Timothy's.

Angela Larsen



Welcoming three new members



St. Timothy's Third Anniversary Barbeque



St. Timothy's Higher Spirits Club

Grow Report

Nursery & Sunday School

The following report is submitted by Sonya Bell:

The Nursery had a very fun summer because all their favourite people were looking after them. We want to give a big thanks to all the parents who helped out in the summer; this granted a much needed rest for the teachers. God has blessed us with talented and innovative teachers. We welcome Rita Seiki, Jennifer Kincaid-Smith, and Ryan Barrett to the team. Over the next four months the children will be learning about Creation and the Christmas story through worship, bible stories, crafts, and play. This year we are hoping to have guest speakers to teach us more about living out God's word. We invite you to the Nursery and to experience the fun.

Youth

The following report comes from Eric Park, Director of Youth Ministry:

During the summer, we took a break from meeting on Wednesdays, as many people were out of town. However, barbeques, soccer and paintball were some activities we did over the summer months.

I am excited about September, as we are able to use the Lynn Valley School Gym as a meeting place for our youth group. We have as a current goal, the development of a program of activities (floor hockey, soccer etc), to which the youth can invite their friends. This will increase the opportunity for others to get to know the church and to develop relationships. At the end of September, with Lynn Valley Gospel, and St. Andrews and St. Stephen's youth, we plan to go to Hitting the Wake in Chilliwack to take part in wake boarding, water skiing and water sports. I look forward to what God has planned for us in this year.

St. Timothy's Library

Monica Craver reports:

New books keep trickling into the library, and many checked out just as fast. Over the next few newsletters, I will be hi-lighting some of the more challenging books written about Christianity. This month will focus on author, Mark Buchanan's two books: ***Your God is Too Safe***, and the companion book, ***The Holy Wild***. Agree with Pastor Mark Buchanan, or not, he will be sure to challenge you and shake you out of your "comfortable place" with God. Mark lives on Vancouver Island with his wife, Cheryl, and their three children. He was educated at UBC, and Regent College, and is the pastor of New Life Community Church, Duncan, BC. The following has been taken from - <http://markbuchanan.net/>

"Your God is Too Safe: Here's a thoughtful, probing exploration of why Christians get stuck in the place of complacency, dryness, and tedium — and how to move on to new levels of spiritual passion. Buchanan shows how the majority of Christians begin their spiritual journey with excitement and enthusiasm — only to get bogged down in a "borderland" — an in-between space beyond the "old life" but short of the abundant, adventurous existence promised by Jesus. Citing Jonah, he examines the problem of "borderland living" — where doubt, disappointment, guilt, and wonderlessness keep people in a quagmire of mediocrity — then offers solutions - effective ways to get unstuck and move into a bold, unpredictable, exhilarating walk with Christ. Inspired writing!

The Holy Wild: Our perception of God makes a difference in every crevice of our character, from our inner anxieties to our public conversations. It determines whether we are trusting or suspicious, whether we are happy or discontented - and whether or not we can rely on God matters mightily on the day of our death. Mark Buchanan's third book continues his penetrating exploration of the God we worship. Bravely and honestly, he poses the direct question of human existence: Can God be trusted?" Check both these books out of our church library, sometime soon.

Adult Education

The overall "Grow" goal in this area is to direct our efforts to growing each adult's faith in Jesus Christ. Small groups, which offer an excellent opportunity to explore and develop one's faith, are now reconvening after a summer break. Five groups meet on different days at different times in different locations with different topics, in an effort to provide opportunities to all our members to "grow their faith". If you would like to join a small group, but for some reason the sessions scheduled do not work for you, please let me know. I would be pleased to investigate other possible times and topics and open up another group. Currently small groups are scheduled as follows:

Daytime Groups:

Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. – focused discussion led by John Collings at the Holiday Inn Restaurant, N. Van.

Tuesdays, (started Sept 18), 9:15 – 11:00 a.m. – "The Bible Jesus Read" (8 session exploration of the Old Testament) at Patricia Young's, 585 West Windsor Road, N. Van. Note that the Sept. 25 session will be at 4434 Quinton Place (the Collings's)

Tuesdays, (started Sept 18), 9:15 – 11:00 a.m. – "What's So Amazing About Grace" (10 week study by Philip Yancey) at Florence Wilton's, #503-150 24th St. W. Van.

Evening Groups:

Thursdays, starting Sept 20, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – "Developing a Faith That Works" (8 week study) at Ron & Carolyn Edwards', 537 W. 28th St. N. Van.

Thursdays, starting Oct 11, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (James Dobson study on child discipline – 6 week session) at Samantha MacDonald's, 874 Wellington Dr. N. Van.

After positive feedback on Ken's informative session on "Prayer", we hope to offer another adult education session before the church service in the next few weeks. Again, if there are any topics you would like to have discussed and explored in order to help you in your faith journey, please let me know. I look forward to hearing your suggestions.

Sarah Lucas September 16, 2007

After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."

"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."

Submitted by Corinne Burns

Believing is Seeing

October 27, 2007

LiveWord Women's Conference

"Having eyes to see, do you not yet see?"

Although the disciples have spent almost three years with Jesus, they still don't understand who he is. They have watched Jesus still the storm, heal a deaf man and feed 4,000 from seven loaves of bread. Now, they are about to witness him heal a man who is blind. If seeing is believing, why don't they get it?

What about you? How's your spiritual vision?

By examining three passages in the Gospel of Mark, this conference will sharpen our focus so we can see Jesus clearly.

Join us for one day of solid Bible teaching by three down-to-earth women and worship with us as we listen and respond to God's Word.

Get 20/20 vision of who Jesus is

Deepen your understanding of why Jesus came

Discover why believing is seeing

Please complete the form below and send it with your payment to:

St. John's Shaughnessy Church

1490 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver BC V6H 2E2

NAME _____

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P.C. _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CHURCH _____

CITY _____

Registration Fee (\$50.00/person) Lunch is included

Scholarship Fund (optional)

Total Enclosed \$

Make cheques payable to St. John's Church

Editors' Note: Several women from St. Timothy's have attended this annual conference for a number of years and have found it excellent. If you are able, please consider registering. More information is available from Patricia Young

Two New ACiC Churches

These new churches have recently been added to our prayer list. At Ken's request, Rev. Klenner and Ven. Anasthase, their leaders, have sent this information for our newsletter.

All Saints Community Church, White Rock

The Rev. Peter Klenner and the folk of All Saints Community Church in White Rock celebrated their first service a week ago, Sunday, September 16. They are worshipping at the Roman Catholic Chapel in Crescent Beach. They are thankful to God that all the supplies big and small they had to purchase (computer, projector, chalices and the like) have all been given or paid for and so they begin with no debt. Please pray for this newest congregation of the ACiC as they open their doors and their hearts to welcome in the thirsty, the lost, the lonely and the searching.

Resurrection Church, Montreal

We praise the Lord for his Grace and Mercy. We are still very few but we are meeting for worship every Sunday from 2.00 pm to 4.00pm. Sometimes we are less than twenty and only last Sunday we had 22 adults and five children for Sunday school. It was on Sunday 16 September that I signed a one year renewable lease with Église Evangélique Baptiste and I thank God because their Pastor kindly accepted to reduce the rent of one hundred dollars a month. We will pay eight hundred Canadian dollars instead of nine hundred.

We use the English or French language in our worship depending on the people we have in the service and we sometimes sing in Kinyarwanda. We need your prayers so that the Lord may give us more Christians who will help us to build up this congregation.
Ven. Anasthase.

St Timothy's Annual Harvest Supper

Saturday, September 29, 6pm in Sutherland Church

630 19th Street East (turn left off Grand Boulevard, south of Hwy 1)

Ham is provided and you are invited to sign up to bring an item of food on the list or to bring a cash donation.

Live, lively music!

***Don't miss this fun event for all ages!
Sign up today! Bring your friends!***

Statement of Operations for the Period ending Aug. 31, 2007

	PRIOR YEAR	CURRENT YEAR	PRORATA BUDGET
RECEIPTS			
Parochial	108,776	115,519	115,333
Less: Canonical Support	(10,879)	(11,551)	(11,533)
Extra Parochial & Other	4,659	2,062	-
Less: Outreach	(8,482)	(6,500)	(11,533)
	94,074	99,530	92,267
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries & Benefits	64,155	59,553	61,333
Training	-	1,703	3,333
Facilities Rentals	11,362	11,436	12,667
Admin & Insurance	3,631	3,387	4,334
Church Ministries			
Go	1,563	1,143	2,800
Gather	1,193	825	934
Glorify	721	744	1,133
Grow	840	1,584	2,333
	83,465	80,375	88,867
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE	10,309	19,155	3,400
Equipment	(3,038)	(4,182)	(2,000)
Contingency	-	-	(1,400)
Vision Fund	(846)	-	-
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) TO DATE	6,425	14,973	0

An excellent summer, as far as giving is concerned, with parochial, essentially envelope support, running virtually on budget and over 6% better than last year. Extra parochial giving is largely Ladies' Group activities to date: craft sale, Lenten Awareness, and is a little lower than last year largely because of the timing of the garage sale which was later (September) in 2007 and therefore not yet reflected in the current receipts.

Expenditures are tracking slightly less than planned in most areas although unexpected costs for hymnals and organ pedals has put the equipment budget a little offside or eaten into the contingency. Outreach expenditures for 2007 consist largely of payments to Partners in Hope, Harvest Project and A Rocha Canada.

In addition, we have completed the payment for the balance of the 2006 outreach accrual with the purchase and shipping of books for the library in the theological college at Kigali, Rwanda and a church plant payment to St. Barnabas, a new ACiC parish in Eastern Canada.

With your continued support, we can look forward to an active fall and another successful year.

Thank you everyone. LG Lilley, Treasurer.

Prayer Corner

The Right Way to Pray

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you." John 15:7

When it comes to prayer, people sometimes mistakenly think they can first come up with a plan and then get God to do what they want Him to do. They think that if they really pester God through prayer, He will finally cave in.

Others would teach that if we have enough faith, we can speak something into existence. We can just say it, and it will be ours.

Of course, both concepts are false. The fact of the matter is that prayer is not for the purpose of moving God your way. It is for moving you God's way.

Do you want to know the key to answered prayer? Then line yourself up with the will of God and start praying for what God wants you to have.

Jesus said, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you" (John 15:7). A literal translation of this verse would read, "If you maintain a living communion with Me, and My Word is at home in you, you can ask at once for yourself whatever your heart desires and it will be yours."

When we hear this verse, we immediately gravitate toward the part about asking whatever our heart desires. But here is what it comes down to. If you are maintaining a living communion with God, and His words are at home with you, then your prayers will change. You won't be praying for self-indulgent things. Instead, you will be praying for the things God wants you to have.

This is what prayer is really all about. It is about getting our will into alignment with the will of God.

Harvest Ministries Devotion with Pastor Greg Laurie for September 10, 2007

Prayer Meeting and Prayer Chain

This is a friendly reminder that prayer for individuals, who request it, is available not only at St. Timothy's Services, but also at the weekly Prayer Meeting and through the active Prayer Chain. We would be happy to pray for you or anyone you suggest, whatever the circumstance. You are warmly invited to contact me for prayer, to join the Prayer Chain or for more information about the Prayer Meetings, which are listed every week in the Service Leaflet. We would love you to join us.

Samantha MacDonald

Prayer for Paul Carter and his family

Every week, Sunday 8pm to Monday 8pm, St. Timothy's joins with Immanuel Church Vancouver in prayer for Paul, Lois, Naomi, Susannah and Sarah-Louise. **Please sign up each Sunday to pray for one hour in your own home.**

The sign-up sheet is on the table next to the refreshment table

Parishioner Profile: Andy and Katie Withrow

Andy Withrow will be assisting at St. Timothy's for the next year while studying at Regent College. He and his wife, Katie, were very pleased with the warm welcome they received at their first service with us on September 2. They look forward to getting to know us better and to learning more about Anglicanism through our services and events.

Andy was born in Dubuque, Iowa, where his father was completing seminary training before becoming a Presbyterian Pastor. A year later, the family moved to Montana where his father took up his first Pastorate, and then four years later, they moved back to Woodland, Washington, 30 miles north of Portland, their original home near Mount St. Helens. Andy completed all his elementary and secondary schooling in the small town of Woodland and in 1996, after graduation, he went to Western Washington University in Bellingham to study for a BA in English. He was very much involved with Campus Ministry and led a men's small group. After graduation he stayed on for a year's internship with Campus Ministry.

Before their marriage Katie's mother had been a nun and her father a priest and the family remained Roman Catholic. Katie and her older brother were born in Colorado, and then the family moved to Iowa where her younger sister was born. After a year they moved to Wenatchee, Washington where Katie spent all her childhood and where her parents and sister still live. After graduation Katie attended university in Bellingham and received a BA in Geology as well as studying Spanish. She attended the same Campus Christian Fellowship as Andy, being mentored in a different kind of Christianity than she had experienced in Catholicism. She spent the summers earning money to continue her studies by working in Skagway, Alaska, driving tourists in 40 foot buses. Andy took on the same task.

In 2001 Andy began studies at Regent College to earn his Master's Degree in Christian Studies (MCS) in the Old Testament and in April 2003 he and Katie were married in Ferndale, north of Bellingham. They returned to Vancouver for Andy to complete his studies and then moved to Virginia for 3 years where Andy was Director of Christian Education at Westminster Presbyterian Church and Katie taught Grade 9 Science. During this time they continually questioned which direction their future should take.

About a year ago they decided to pursue Andy's goal of being priested and Katie's desire to be involved in promoting social and environmental justice. Andy was very impressed by what he learned about Anglicanism at the AMIA Winter conference in Jacksonville, Florida where he met Ken and he and Katie decided to follow up on this interest while moving closer to their families by coming back to Vancouver so that Andy could continue his studies at Regent College. This year at St. Timothy's will be helpful in giving them more insight into Anglicanism, particularly the Anglican Congregation in Canada (ACiC). Meanwhile Andy will study for his Master's in Divinity, doing some courses in Anglican Studies. Katie sees her future role involving social and environmental justice and has just accepted a position as Community Coordinator at A Rocha.

We at St. Timothy's are fortunate that God has sent these dedicated young people to work and worship with us in our growth towards knowing Him better. May He bless their time with us!

Florence Wilton

Christian Church in China

On a recent work trip to China, in the northeast part of the country (the city of Kai Yuan in Liaoning Province), I took the opportunity to attend a Christian Church. As I worked during the day I went along for their evening service. The Kai Yuan Shi Church of Christ is a large purpose-built building with bench seats for about 2500+ people and the front has a stage area with choir on both sides. In this part of the country, no one speaks a single word of English, and with my Chinese limited to two words, communication was a non-issue.

Before the service two people did come to me and tried to speak, but with no comprehension between us, I could only smile and nod. The service started with a half hour sing-along, during which the congregation increased to about 200 people (this is 6:30 on a Sunday evening). The singing was led by 4 women with microphones arranged across the front of the congregation and accompanied by a piano. (I also noted a drum set that is obviously used for services, but not for this one). I was able to recognize three tunes including "What a friend we have in Jesus" and "Jesus Bids us shine" and I did recognize the words Jesu, Alleluia and Amen, but that was the extent of my understanding during the next ninety minutes. Most people brought their own Hymn Book, Bible and a notebook.

The service proper started at 7:00 when a leader intoned (very tunefully) and the congregation responded in tune. The twenty-person choir (dressed in white shirts and black trousers / skirts) arrived and during the evening performed some pieces, some quite tuneful part-singing, but others that sounded like a discord to me. There was a time for personal prayer where everyone prayed independently out loud and that created quite a buzz, which eventually died down, and the leader resumed their collective prayers. There were frequent shouts of "Amen" during the prayers, mostly by the congregation in unison. More hymns followed, some with clapping accompaniment. The sermon was offered by a young woman (early 20's?) and went on for about 45 minutes. During the sermon many people took out their notebooks and wrote comments, and many also followed in their bibles. Finally there were more prayers after which a sudden, mass exodus, as the place emptied and people streamed up the dark street and dispersed. Collection was accepted in a box at the back of the church, and most seemed to drop something in the box.

It seems that there are no restrictions on Christian worship in this part of the country. Most of the congregation was female, but there were perhaps thirty men covering the age range young twenties to older. There was certainly a warmth in the congregational interaction, and several people acknowledged my presence, although most seemed to think it peculiar to have a non-communicative individual in their midst. Anyhow, for me that was an interesting and different experience.

Peter Haigh

HARVEST PROJECT

Rick Warren writes, “Nothing matters more than knowing God’s purposes for your life, and nothing can compensate for not knowing them”. David Polkinghorne, Executive Director of Harvest Project, exemplifies “The Purpose Driven Life”. Listening to David talk about his life to date provides a deep assurance that he is indeed the right man for the job. His first few months as leader of Harvest Project have already established the clear focus and mission for this active North Shore non-profit organization.

As a young man, lying seriously ill in hospital in Australia, David pledged his commitment to God, if he was allowed to live. He has honoured that commitment and has always felt that God has shown him the way and guided his path in life. His story speaks for itself.

David Polkinghorne is a larger than life character – an action man, full of passion, energy, fun and a real zest for life.

He has always been extremely involved in Christian ministries, working as a pastor, building communities and planting churches. He also spent over 20 years working in corporations in his native Australia, gaining valuable experience as a sales and marketing executive. His gift for marketing and networking is a valuable resource in his work with Harvest Project. David has travelled extensively, working in both business and ministry. He has moved on when he felt prompted by God to move. With a team of like-minded people, he went on mission trips to several Communist Asian countries, smuggling Bibles in with him and developing underground churches. When there, his chief mission was to provide the physical, financial and practical means of creating a way of life that would be sustainable for the people – to show them how to look after themselves. He remains true to this mission of accountability and sustainability in his aspirations for Harvest Project.

David’s travels led him through further evangelical work in the U.S, back to the antipodes and work in New Zealand, where he worked not only as a pastor, but also as a police chaplain. Life was not always smooth for David and his family. While in New Zealand, one of his daughters died, a beautiful 17 year old girl, devoted to God. This was a tough enough blow, but it was compounded by a financial business loss which left the family forced to take stock of their reduced situation and regroup. They went back to Australia.

Receiving an out of the blue call, David was quickly offered a position in Western Australia, where he worked as Pastor, but also as Sales Manager and Manager Recruitment for a major franchising company. This proved to be a good experience – the family was able to regroup and re-establish themselves financially. David had friends in Vancouver and for several years visited them on an annual basis. He was introduced to Harvest Project on his first trip, and recalls being interested and attracted to the concept even then. In the fall of 2006, he again felt directed by God that it was time to move - the family moved to North Vancouver and David took up the position as Executive Director of Harvest Project in January 2007.

Harvest Project is the only not for profit on the North Shore working to “Extend a hand up, not a hand out”. Since 1993, it has been reaching out to individuals and families in an attempt to help them cope with difficult life circumstances, family break-up, illness, job loss, addiction and mental health issues that can create feelings of desperation in anyone’s life. Harvest Project helps clients to overcome challenges and move towards being self-sufficient once again. The needs of the client are honestly assessed and addressed by client care partners in their relationship with the client. Clients must be willing to help themselves as they strive to find gainful employment, establish goals for themselves and learn new life skills. The program is set up to establish the client’s self respect and dignity, and to enable clients to be accountable for their lives. Clients meet on a monthly basis with client care partners and find the support network they need for success through client care programs, counselling, resource services, access to clothing and the provision of groceries.

Since January, the face of Harvest Project has undergone a series of changes. The new, dynamic Executive Director has provided clear direction and a sense of purpose for the Harvest Project. His vision includes moulding the organization into a more successful and sustainable body. The building renovations begun in the spring wrapped up in June, giving Harvest more office space for staff, creating a more private client care space, expanding the clothing boutique into the “Changing Room”, and developing a grocery store with full refrigeration and freezer space for perishable food items. The volume and quality of donated clothing are extremely high, and provide more than is required to fill the needs of clients. The “Changing Room” is now, therefore, accessible to the public, with donated clothing offered for purchase at very reasonable prices. As well as serving the community, this will increase the revenue stream. Clothing continues to be free to Harvest Project clients.

David has put increased emphasis on accountability. Clients need to know that they are expected to set goals and help themselves to get their lives back on a positive course. He is as emphatic about establishing accountability measures for the organization. Training programs for the client care partners have been created, to ensure consistency of message to clients and adequate client care partner – client follow up.

David has many new ideas. Harvest Project has always had a predominantly adult focus. He would like to see Harvest’s services extend to address the needs of the children of client families. In an attempt to launch this new direction, Harvest recently partnered with the Open Door Society to offer their “Mum and Me” summer camp opportunity at Keats Camp, to single-parent families using Harvest services. Both Harvest Project and Open Door hope that Summer Dreams will become an annual event. True to his life’s work, David believes that the work of Harvest Project extends beyond the current services offered - that its purpose is not only to touch base with people and help them get their lives back on track, but for a complete change of lifestyle, Harvest must create a meaningful social network for the client and thereby a greater sense of belonging and self-worth. Working with three local church pastors and with key players identified by them, Harvest Project is about to launch a pilot mentoring project. This will see Harvest Project clients teamed up and connecting with people who have similar interests to those

expressed by clients, and who are prepared to share time on a mutually enjoyable activity. David has always believed and continues to believe in a practical faith, one demonstrated by conduct and that true Christian joy, which often draws people to us as they wonder what it is that makes us different. This mentoring program will create an opportunity to touch people's lives in a very real way – in true Christ-like friendship. In David's words, "Is it easier to tell someone he is living in darkness, or turn on the light? If I turn on enough light, he will want to know more about me".

This is but a glimpse into the world of Harvest Project - its potential is unlimited. It is reassuring to know that the organization is in capable hands. There is a big job to be done. Fund-raising will be a key element in the success of the Project if it is to enhance current services, introduce new ideas and grow.

David expresses the great gratitude of Harvest Project to St. Timothy's for our generous contributions and continuing support.

Based on an interview by Sarah Lucas with David Polkinghorne, September 5, 2007

Client Care Partner Volunteers at Harvest Project

Client Care Partners are the front line volunteers of the Harvest Project, walking alongside people in the midst of challenging circumstances. They meet one-on-one on an appointment basis with Harvest Project clients where they play an integral role in developing goals with clients and connecting them to other community resources. An ideal candidate has good communication and listening skills, a compassionate heart, is assertive and can maintain boundaries. The ability to handle difficult and emotionally intense situations is a must. Client Care Partners must be able to sign a Christian statement of faith. We ask for a minimum commitment of one 4-hour or two 2-hour shifts per week for one year. We also require that volunteers complete four days of training. Our next block of training sessions runs every Wednesday from October 10-31, 9am-3pm. For more information please contact Wendy at 604.983.9488 Ext.316 or wendy@harvestproject.org.
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*To receive **Harvest Project Highlights**, a monthly E-Newsletter, e-mail david@harvestproject.org*

Calendar of Upcoming Meetings and Events

Please note these dates – watch for more information on the Craft Sales.

September 29 Harvest Supper (See Page 10)

October 22 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Ladies' Group at Carolyn's

October 24 Craft Sale at Churchill House

October 27 Women's Conference in St. John's Shaughnessy (See Pg 14)

November 17 Delbrook Craft Sale

November 24 Christmas Craft Fair