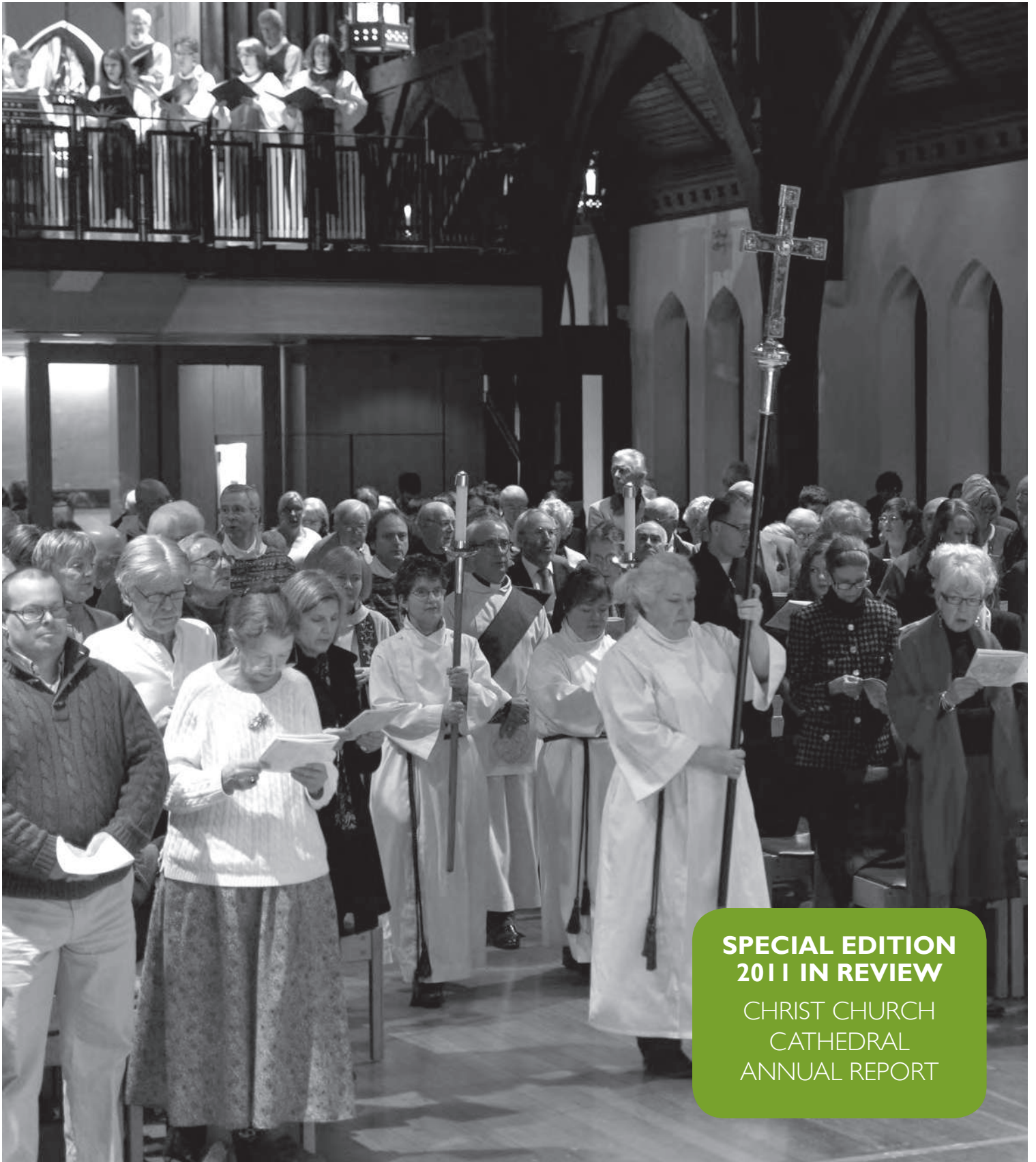


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Sunday	8am Holy Communion, 10:30am Parish Eucharist 9:30pm Gregorian Chant: The Service of Compline
Weekdays	12:10pm Eucharist with healing prayers on Thursdays
Tuesday	7:30 Contemplative Prayer Group
Thursday	7:30am Holy Eucharist & light community breakfast.
Saturday	9:10am Holy Communion

EDITORS NOTE

February brings Christ Church Cathedral's Annual General Meeting (or Vestry). As last year, to prepare for it, in conjunction with Dean Peter Elliott and the staff, we're devoting this issue to stories and reports that will be useful for all of us as we prepare for the meeting after the 10:30 am service on February 26.

Thanks to the leaders of ministries who kept their reports brief, members of the congregation should be able to read all these reports in an hour or two. I'm sure many had more to say. If you'd like more information about any ministry, do ask the authors of these reports. I'm sure they'll be delighted to tell you more.

Do read this issue. You'll realize once again how many people faithfully serve the congregation and city and beyond to further the mission of Christ in the world.

Neale Adams, Contact Editor

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL (VESTRY) MEETING

Sunday February 26, 12:30PM

You are invited to participate in the Cathedral's Annual General (Vestry) Meeting on Sunday February 26, 2012 following the 10:30 Eucharist. This is the Cathedral's annual 'business' meeting where we will address several important items to the community.

WARDENS & TRUSTEES REPORT

It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve the Cathedral as wardens and trustees during 2011. On behalf of the entire congregation, we want to thank the Cathedral staff and clergy for their creative, faithful leadership this year.

Taking counsel from many holy, dedicated parishioners, we have tried to make the best decisions possible on behalf of the congregation. We were moved to hear both Cathedral veterans and newcomers speak to the evolving role of the Cathedral at the fall visioning session. Please continue to approach us (conversations, notes in mailboxes, e-mails) about how we can best move forward.

The stewardship of God's kingdom belongs to all of us, and we all share in the spiritual and financial challenges of realizing it. It is through the abundant generosity and faithfulness of all Christ's disciples that the parish will continue to work towards God's purpose in our community and the world.

Gary Kenwood, Rector's Warden, Sue Cruikshank, People's Warden, Rob Taylor, Trustee, Joan Seidl, Trustee

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council of Christ Church Cathedral comprises the five cathedral clergy and 19 elected members from the congregation. In 2011/12 it was co-chaired by Tom Callen and Amy Francis. The Council meets monthly, nine to ten times per term, to serve as a focus group to consider new ideas and approaches to ministry.

Ten-Year Financial Plan

One of the most important responsibilities of the Parish Council has been to examine the financial reports of the

parish so we might finance our good works. The Treasurer, Ned Goodhue, told us he believes that "if we can define a ministry people feel committed to...the money will be there." Increased giving comes from increased membership and increased personal commitment. The 2011 Stewardship Campaign operated against this background.

Focus on Service

The Parish Council agreed as a one-year experiment to consider a single focus for the year. Within this focus, we would be solution-focused rather than problem-focused. For this year, the topic was "Service," and how we can make sure that all Christ Church Cathedral members who want to be of service are used as well as possible, and that we have a coordinated network of services.

Cathedral Census and Visioning Conference

A census questionnaire was made available to Cathedral parishioners and friends in September. Over 300 people completed the census. The results were discussed and considered at a Visioning Conference facilitated by Patricia Thompson. Held at Vancouver School of Theology October 28 & 29, 2011, the conference attracted over 100 people who considered possible future scenarios for the life and mission of Christ Church Cathedral. The deliberations of the conference and results of the census will continue to be reviewed by the Council as it completes its term. Recommendations will be forwarded to the new Parish Council.

Ronald Jobe, Secretary to Parish Council

2011: A YEAR OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL



In consultation with the Parish Council and Trustees, the Cathedral clergy designated 2011 as a year of spiritual renewal for individuals and for the community. We opened paths for deepening of our faith and commitment to God in Christ.

Groups meeting in homes and at the Cathedral explored a wide variety of topics ranging from an in depth exploration of the theology of Karl Rahner and a Catechism class to groups engaging in spiritual practices such as lectio divina and contemplative prayer.

Anglican theologian and mystic Cynthia Bourgeault preached on Palm Sunday and offered a daylong course on the Monday of Holy Week. A course led by Archdeacon Ellen Clark-King and Deacon Dixie Black at the Sorrento Centre in the summer attracted many from the Cathedral and beyond. In autumn a course led by Bishop Barry Hollowell on Queer Theology provided an opportunity to explore the literature and thought developed over the past 25 years in this field.

At the end of October over 100 members of the Cathedral parish gathered for a Parish Visioning Conference at VST's Epiphany Chapel. Facilitated by Patricia Thompson, the participants explored their responses to a Cathedral Census questionnaire that over 300 parishioners had answered, and considered possible future scenarios. The conversations at the conference continue to be a source of reflection for the Cathedral Parish Council, Trustees and Staff as we use the stimulating and inspiring spiritual renewal of 2011 to help direct our on-going life.

In early December priest Associate Ellen Clark-King's new book *The Path to Your Door: Approaches to Christian Spirituality* was launched at the Cathedral—all copies ordered for the launch were sold, prompting a reorder.

The Staff community of Christ Church Cathedral marked two anniversaries in 2011: a reception honoured Building Administrator Gordon Macdonald for 15 years of hard work and commitment, while Rupert Lang's 25 years as the Cathedral's musical maestro (along with the 125th anniversary of Vancouver itself) was marked by the Halleylulia concerts. These sold-out concerts of Paul Halley's new work filled the Cathedral with joyous celebration!

But the sounds of the concert had barely stilled before Vancouver was shocked by a riot that followed the last game of the Stanley Cup hockey playoff; while, fortunately, the Cathedral building was unharmed, many downtown shops and stores sustained considerable damage. A community forum at the Cathedral afterwards brought people together to reflect on their experience and the efforts that began then—and continue—to restore downtown Vancouver as a space of assured civility and respect.

The summer months brought many visitors to the Cathedral: the now annual Summer Sacred Music Festival in July included evensongs on Sunday afternoons followed by recitals. Compline each Sunday evening at 9:30 ministers to a growing community, and the daily offering of the Eucharist in the Chancel continues to minister both to those who live and work in the downtown and many visitors.

Sunday morning continues to be 'prime time' for the Cathedral congregation. At the 10:30 Eucharist, the first Sundays of each month were designated as Children's Gift Sundays, with the youngest members of the congregation included fully in worship.

In 2011 the Cathedral's support of the Soweto Home Based Care Cooperative ended. Parish Council mandated a task force to develop new efforts in international mission. Thanks were expressed to all who had given leadership in this area, especially to Norma Buckland and Elspeth Richmond who had carried the responsibility most recently.

Through 2011, the Cathedral leadership was ably offered by the Parish Council, chaired by Amy Francis and Tom Callen; by the Wardens and Trustees; and by a remarkable and dedicated staff team. It is a privilege and pleasure to minister at the Cathedral: God's power, working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

STAFF & CLERGY AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Four of Christ Church Cathedral's clergy—Priest Associate and Archdeacon Ellen Clark-King, Curate Chris Dierkes, Deacon Dixie Black, and Deacon and Business Chaplain Alisdair Smith—sat down with Contact editor Neale Adams to discuss the highlights of 2011 for them. This is a condensed and edited version of the conversation.

ELLEN: The Visioning Conference was one of the highlights—getting the congregation together at the Vancouver School of Theology in a different context. There were so many people who didn't know each other, even though they'd all been coming to the Cathedral, some for three or four years, others for maybe 30 or 40 years—all of them working together. I felt a sense of building community, and reminding ourselves we are an ever-changing community.

CHRIS: I think the home groups ministry was important, particularly given the dispersed geographic nature of the congregation. We come from the four winds. People need to be connected where they live.

ELLEN: The groups all started out with a shared, basic structure, then each group developed very differently. It was good to see that organic growth. A lot of people found it a rewarding experience.

DIXIE: As they were finishing the home groups, many said they wished they could continue. That's typical of a very successful program.

ELLEN: Another thing I remember were the courses we offered – I enjoyed teaching “sin.” (Laughs)

DIXIE: You mean the series we taught on the seven deadly sins. That was fun. We enjoyed teaching together because we ended up learning from each other.

ALISDAIR: Every time we spoke about sin, we also had to be talking about forgiveness. The two have to be held up against each other.

ELLEN: Any time we're teaching at the Cathedral, we get such engaged groups to teach. In teaching we're always getting something back.

DIXIE: A dialogue emerges out of the questions. That shows people's engagement. As clergy, we're not just imparting wisdom or information. We're all learning together.

ELLEN: I was also glad that in 2011 the Cathedral was able to expand the Maundy project [a noontime meal on Wednesday and Thursdays for the hungry] from one to two days a week. We don't have people doing double shifts; we have a whole extra set of people who wanted to be involved



Vincent Carey & Ellen Clark-King

offering hospitality and welcoming.

ALISDAIR: The wonderful thing about this place is the involvement of everyone. The men's group came from a conversation between a parishioner and two clergy about what we could do for her husband. Out of that we decided to begin a men's group, and people just stepped up to the plate. Now we have 20 or 30 men meeting over breakfast. Chris, Peter, or I go sometimes, but it's lay led.

EDITOR: How do you as clergy work with lay people in the parish? How does that work?

ALISDAIR: Peter has an interesting leadership style in which an idea gets floated, and then he waits for the spirit to catch fire in people. When an idea catches fire, that's something we support and move forward on. There has to be a certain critical mass for that to happen—you can't do it with just one or two people. Then what we do as clergy and staff is create the container, the environment, in which that can happen safely and it stays on track.

DIXIE: That really applied to the home groups.

ELLEN: And the food ministries. We want to let people fly with these things. However, we do make sure that what is suggested fits in with our mission and ministry. For example, part of our mission is to build fellowship. The men's group and the home groups both meet that need.

DIXIE: I want to say how much I appreciated having Cynthia Bourgeault here. So many were fed by her visit. She emphasizes how we must bring the feminine back into worship and our spiritual life. That was an important event for me. I followed up with my sermon on language and image, and then Ellen and I created the service for victims of domestic violence.

We are trying to bring a balance back. I'm not so much talking about gender, but about the feminine energy of embodiment, receptivity, passivity, rather than the energy of action and aggression. This feminine energy comes with



Cathedral Clergy - Dixie, Alisdair, Ellen & Chris

silence and contemplation, which can tend to get lost in the traditional church.

ELLEN: I appreciated the whole sense of support from the community for my book launch. We are a community that celebrates people's gifts. That was a big thing for me, I felt very supported.

CHRIS: I liked the support we got for the family and children's ministry that I worked on. We now have kids serving and reading and bringing up the collection every month.

ELLEN: Easter was magnificent. The five am Easter Vigil really came together.

DIXIE: It was the first time that I was the deacon lighting the Easter fire. That was profoundly moving for me.

ALISDAIR: Finally, I think we're getting better on our use of technology with weekly messages going out in email and on Facebook. We now have technological outreach that, while not perfect yet, is evolving and improving. There are people who are joining us on Facebook who don't live in Vancouver. There is a presence of Christ Church Cathedral online that has meaning for people.

DIXIE: The Cathedral—it's a great place to be.

ELLEN: It's a great place to be.

ALISDAIR: It's a great place to be.

CHRIS: It's a great place to be.

While most of the staff works throughout the week, each staff member is reporting what he or she typically does on one of the five days.

MONDAY (BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR)

A typical Monday in the life of a Cathedral Business Administrator varies with the time of year but the

one thing that is always constant is processing our Sunday offering. Every Monday begins with preparing for the arrival of our Treasury Stewards who carefully and confidentially prepare our Sunday offering for deposit. I am so grateful to this dedicated little group (Art, Margaret, Jim, Ed, and Peter) for their faithful service to this ministry.

They verify, record, and balance the contents of the offering envelopes for tax receipting purposes, and then deposit the offering. The stewards also record and deposit all of the "open" offering and any other offering that we receive. The report that they prepare is then returned to me for entry into the software that generates our annual donation receipts and our accounting software.

On average we receive 714 donations each month that require receipts to be sent out. In December, that number increases to 1,086 or more. We receipt 8,940 gifts in an average year. Each gift requires that I enter a minimum of 12 fields of data—that is 107,280 times that I enter information in a field—let's not even consider the number of keystrokes all of that is!

So Monday is a typically busy day here in my office and I am grateful to be part of a great volunteer and staff team in service to the mission of this wonderful and blessed place.

Kathy Irwin

MONDAY (BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR)

Open at 7am & disinfect tables for sandwich makers
Fill two coffee urns early for sandwich project as kitchen will be crowded with sandwich making crew later

7:45 am Tell sandwich makers which meats in fridge to use.
Pick up and deliver sandwich meats from deli across the street at 9 am

Take weekly inventory of all supplies: sandwich project, janitorial, lights, batteries, etc. Order supplies as needed. Purchase milk (8 litres/week) and votive candles (600/week) locally

General tour of building to spot items needing attention

Check for burned out bulbs and replace as needed

Check and restock washrooms and quick clean three times during the day

Check and adjust room setups for scheduled meetings; clean/setup rooms between meetings

Check and restock votive candles

Coordinate with rental pickups and tradespersons

Email work and in-person meetings: throughout day respond to (1) Parish room requests (2) outsider users rates and bookings enquiries; (3) stage managers, techs and caterers of upcoming concerts/events (4) staff concerns (5) the rest

Security responses as necessary for difficult persons

Do daily interior event signage for tomorrow; change exterior signage as necessary

Discuss evening shift with evening custodian when he arrives

Gordon Macdonald

TUESDAY (VOLUNTEER RECEPTIONIST AND LAY MINISTRIES COORDINATOR)

Tuesday is my “Cathedral Day.” I arrive shortly before ten to work as a volunteer receptionist for the morning shift.

The office is a busy place with many people coming and going. The reception desk can be someone’s first introduction to the Cathedral, and often the receptionist is more ambassador than doorman. Besides being the first line greeter, the receptionist fields all incoming calls. This can be a very interesting part of the job as there is a wide assortment of requests with which to deal.

Sometimes Vincent Carey, the Parish Administrator, will ask for assistance with tasks I can complete at the reception desk. Many Tuesdays I am able to use the time to correspond with parishioners regarding volunteer needs.

In the afternoons I change my hat from Volunteer Receptionist to Volunteer Lay Ministries Coordinator and attend the weekly staff meeting. This gives me the opportunity to learn about the big picture of what’s happening in the parish, and to hear from staff of any events or projects involving volunteers. I report to staff on my work and any ministries that require volunteers.

My “Cathedral Day” gives me a wonderful opportunity to see, learn, and participate in the vast workings of the enterprise that is Christ Church Cathedral. In many ways it feels to me like our Cathedral is the “little engine that could.”

Holly McMillan

WEDNESDAY (DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT)

Im usually one of the last into the office. On Wednesdays I say hi to Rayleen Nash, who volunteers in our office each week. Our volunteer receptionists are a daily reminder of how little would happen around here without the gifts of time and money that are given to the Cathedral by parishioners and friends. The rest of my day is spent remembering that fact, and encouraging it.

I will get a report from Kathy Irwin, our Business Administrator, of the offerings that were made to the Cathedral on Sunday. I do a lot with this data. I’ll go through the list looking for first time offerings—and I call or handwrite a letter to those people, thanking them for their gift and inviting them back.

Next, I look for changes in the amount of peoples’ offerings. Often a parishioner or friend will send us an extra gift after



Gordon Macdonald

they have received a raise or become a beneficiary of an estate. For others, offerings may have dropped. I’ll make contact to find out if they are frustrated with the Cathedral for some reason, or if there is a pastoral issue that they would like the clergy to know about.

I’ll try to do some analysis, to understand how we are doing compared to last year, why offerings are up or down, and how people are feeling about our Stewardship program. This time of year I also prepare pledge acknowledgment letters that will be mailed (or emailed). We try to personalize as many as we can with notes or sticky notes.

Later in the day, Peter and I might meet to talk about the upcoming stewardship program, or other upcoming opportunities, or we will meet with donors who have approached us wanting to give in a meaningful way. At other times I might be working on a stewardship presentation for parish council or a vestry meeting coming up, or event planning for a legacy donor recognition event or Stewardship Sunday.

I am usually the last of the “sit-at-a-desk” workers to leave in the evening. When I walk out, I say goodbye to Gord Macdonald, who closes the building on Wednesdays. I am reminded of how little would happen without him, and everyone else I work with. And I’m grateful.

Mark Munn

THURSDAY (COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR)

As I begin this report I have just finished the edits of the Cathedral Chronicle that Jacky Fraser and Ellen Clark-King have given me and sent the January 22 edition to the Letter Shop. I can hear the muffled sounds of the Maundy project finishing up through the “sandwich” window and I will soon face the chilly outdoors to do a final proof at the printers. I’m loathe to leave my heater behind, even if it is sunny.

I admit that writing about “my” Thursday at the Cathedral is



a bit daunting. I've been through nearly five years of what I call deadline day, and it is easy to forget with repetition how many steps it actually takes to get from draft to print each week. The process begins much earlier in the week; I switch out the prayers, readings, participants, music, collects, and then update the Chronicle, including the calendar and the back page. You could say Thursday is the finale.

I could outline all the details of a typical Thursday, I check collects, prayers and music, print, edit, pdf, upload, download, email, gather, format, edit, walk up and down the hall, print, proof and paginate (repeatedly)—but what stands out for me today is how many people are involved in the creation of the bulletins every week.

I connect with numerous volunteers and staff who provide me with schedules and notices, music and liturgy, dates and updates, a good laugh, edits (thank goodness for proofreaders!), coffee, tea and more. And I can't forget The Letter Shop—at this moment our fabulous printers are hand-feeding pages (because of a technical issue) through their machine to get us another order on time!

I have realized, rather gratefully, how many people contribute to my work and to you all I can only say, thank you.

Taryl Guenter

FRIDAY (PARISH ADMINISTRATOR)

T.G.I.F! Very appropriate around here, don't you think? In order for the Services to run smoothly on a Sunday, Friday is my day to plan and organize. Here is a typical Friday in the life of your Parish Administrator...

My first course of action is to e-mail a copy of the reading to those who are reading a lesson the following Sunday--(nine days prior to the date which people are reading).

I then complete any registers and certificates that are required for that weekend (Marriage, Funeral, Confirmation, or Baptism). In 2011, we celebrated 19 Weddings or Blessings, performed 25 baptisms, five Confirmations, five Re-Affirmations, and one Reception (into the Anglican Church).

We also mourned the loss of 10 people.

My next focus is to replace any outdated posters in our five display cabinets. New posters are first received by Taryl, and after her approval, I place them on display.

I turn the pages on our Roll of Gratitude in the Narthex. Please have a look for this Roll the next time you are in the Narthex—it is on the west side.

This is followed by posting the Sunday schedule on the vestry and sacristy doors so that the various ministries know who is doing what, and what the liturgical colour of the day will be.

I also prepare the Altar Missal (placed into the correct coloured binder), ensure that copies of the bulletin are ready for the Serving Team, and that the readings are in the Vestry for the Liturgical Assistant/Deacon to place in the Bible Sunday Morning.

Friday is also the day for Housekeeping. "Return now to the place where God has given you responsibility," well, at least return things to where they belong in the Cathedral—the bank night deposit key and deposit bags are returned to the counter's bin. Numbers from the attendance sheets are entered into the Vestry Book, and the sheets filed. I then return anything from upstairs that has ended up downstairs to its rightful place.

My last duty is to place the Sunday schedule on the desk in Reception so that it is ready for the Sunday Receptionist to check in any parishioner who plays a role at out 10:30 Service (readers, servers, clergy, lay administrators, healing team, greeter leader).

I tend to my e-mails, as well as those sent to office@cathedral.vancouver.bc.ca, and to any "snail mail" that has arrived. I distribute this mail to the appropriate staff member.

I also oversee reception to ensure that an envelope and a connection card are placed in each bulletin, assist in answering phone calls, and help to answer inquiries from walk-ins.

I thank God, not only on Fridays, but each day for a wonderful team of receptionists, narthex greeters and Sunday greeters with whom I work most closely! I also wish to thank clergy, staff, and you, our parishioners, for continuing to make the Cathedral a place that is a warm and welcoming environment.

Vincent Carey

WORSHIPPING GOD

in the Anglican Tradition with beauty, reverence and creativity

8 O'CLOCK WORSHIP COORDINATOR

The coordinator organizes the roster for the 8 am service, scheduling readers, administrators, greeters, collectors, and servers. We have had a good year with about 30 people at most services. There are 24 volunteers (with several on leave at the moment).

We have changed our monthly coffee meetings to the main hall each Sunday so that we might mix with other parishioners. I would like to thank all who help at the service and Rupert Lang for his music each week. We can always use more help—if you are interested in helping out at a smaller service, please let me know.

Pam Botting, Coordinator

ALTAR GUILD

After another year of service, the Cathedral Altar Guild has grown to sixteen members with one member on leave and the addition of two new people. The altar guild continues to care for the vessels, linens, and vestments needed for our liturgies. Working in teams along with specific members in charge of scheduling, flowers, ironing and the cleaning of silver and brass, we prepare the sanctuary for both parish and diocesan liturgies.

As the parish continues to incorporate children more fully in parish life, it has been suggested that to the current altar guild we add teams of parent and child or grandparent and child to this ministry. Having the opportunity for a hands-on approach to the elements and vessels of the Eucharist and Baptism can only enhance children's knowledge and understanding of our sacramental life together. If you and your child or grandchild would be interested in participating in this ministry, please contact me at grandmum@telus.net or 604 408-4776 to talk about joining and setting up a day of training. The Dean makes all appointments to the altar guild.

Helen Williams

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

One of the wonderful things about being part of an Anglican cathedral is the beautiful aesthetic of our space and of the Anglican service. Music can be a significant element of a worship service: it unites us in one voice, inspires us, and can help open our hearts to see and experience God.

The Christ Church Cathedral Choir is a 30-voice mixed choir under the direction of Rupert Lang. Our role is to celebrate the Sunday Eucharist through hymns, psalms, motets, and

both choral and congregational mass settings, and to help lead worship through music at Evensong, and Compline.

The Choir also often provides music for diocesan services and other special events such as the Order of St. John service, weddings, and funerals for parishioners and the broader community.

The year 2011 was another great year for the Cathedral Choir. It started in style thanks to the Love Is concert in February, generously sponsored by a much loved, recently retired chorister and husband (thank you, Linda and Ray!). Easter services kept us busy as usual, leading up to the June Halleylulia! concert with Vancouver Children's Choir and Good Noise Gospel Choir, which featured the works of Paul Halley. We wrapped the first half of the year with a summer music festival in July, which was expanded to include four new Evensong services and featured the music of extraordinary composers such as Purcell, Byrd, Schutz, Stanford, and Lang.

As active choir members, we are rarely the audience of our own ministry. However in early September, my husband and I were deeply touched by the choir's gift of song at our wedding. It was an experience we will never forget.

The choir ministered outside the Cathedral as well. We had the honour of joining voices with St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, Kitsilano for their 100th anniversary celebratory mass and, more recently, to share our traditional Nine Lessons and Carols service with the congregation at St. John's Shaughnessy.

This wouldn't be a complete report for 2011 without mentioning this year's truly most significant milestone: Rupert Lang's 25th anniversary at Christ Church Cathedral as choir director and chief musician. On behalf of the choir, our sincere gratitude to Rupert for his ministry to each of us in the choir, and for his leadership, musicianship, and friendship.

Anna Collins

CONTACT MAGAZINE

Contact Magazine comes out three or four times a year to tell both the parish and Friends of the Cathedral about the many ministries and events that take place at Christ Church Cathedral.

In 2011, issues were produced for spring, fall, and the Advent Christmas season. After many people wrote articles or items, Contact was assembled by Taryl Guenter, the Cathedral's able Communications Coordinator, and distributed at the Cathedral as well as being mailed to approximately 750 households.

Neale Adams, Editor

LAY ADMINISTRATORS

For another year, lay administrators have faithfully shared God's gifts of consecrated wine and grape juice with God's people at the Cathedral's Eucharistic services.

There are currently 128 people who have been invited to serve as lay administrators by the Dean and licensed by the Bishop. Some 59 people have been serving as part of their regular two-year term at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday service; 13 people are currently licensed to serve at the 8 am Sunday service. The remaining 56 people make up the reserve list. They serve as sacristans or liturgical assistants, at Senior Fellowship or weekday Eucharists, or are members of the pastoral care ministry team.

Lay administration is one of the most-loved of all our parish ministries. In facilitating the sacramental moment of Holy Communion by sharing God's gifts with reverence and love, lay administrators have the profoundly humbling yet joyful experience both of being a channel through whom Christ ministers to the people of God and of having Christ minister to them through these same people.

It remains an extraordinary privilege to co-ordinate the lay administrators. I am grateful to Daphne Francis, who with her characteristic grace and loving-kindness assisted me with the new administrator invitations and with training. I thank all the extraordinary, spirit-filled members of the ministry team for their commitment, faithfulness, and support.

Pamela Dalziel, Coordinator

READERS MINISTRY (10:30AM)

"The good of a book lies in its being read. A book is made up of signs that speak of other signs, which in their turn speak of things." Umberto Eco

Do you remember those wonderful times in our lives when our Mommy or Daddy or Grandma or Grandpa, or Aunt or Uncle read a story to us? It didn't really matter if we already knew the story, if we could name all the characters, or even if we knew how the story ended. It always seemed a little bit different, depending on who was reading it to us, but it was always very special!

So it is with the Reading Ministry of this Cathedral. There are currently over 50 parishioners who volunteer their time and talent to be our storytellers at the 10:30 am service and at other special services throughout the year. They are the wonderful people who step forward each Sunday to read designated passages from the Old and New Testament. And while many of the stories were quite familiar to many of us, we often gained new insights on old words, for different readers offered different nuances in their telling of these stories.

As Dr. Seuss says:

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more you will grow."

Donna Wong-Juliani, Coordinator

PROOF READING

Every week, the Cathedral staff and others provide a bulletin, containing service outlines for the 8 am and 10:30 am Eucharists, and the Cathedral Chronicle that provides information about activities and up-coming events.

My job as proofreader is to find any errors in the bulletin before it goes to the printer. I was well-trained by Lynda Catchpole, who generously "subs" for me at times, and I am well supported by reference books and by Taryl Guenter's computer skills to check spelling.

Proof reading is a very enjoyable pursuit for me as I can sit quietly to read. I love words, and am a natural nitpicker where they are concerned! This may be an inherited trait. My late mother used to enjoy reading the bulletin and, although in her nineties and almost blind, she took great pride in finding errors I had missed! Nowadays I can rely on choir friends and other congregants who gleefully point out the goofs! Have you spotted any?

Jacqueline Fraser

SERVERS GUILD

The Servers' Guild has worked very hard this year, as we always do, with the weekly services, the 8 and 10:30 am Eucharists, the 9:30 pm Compline, and all the church's festivals and high holy days. We arose in the early hours of Easter Sunday to be at the Vigil at 5 am, we marshaled the troops at Christmas, we organized foot washing for Maundy Thursday—and everything in between.

A personal favourite duty for me is baptisms, which never fail to move us. We also do diocesan services, from confirmations to the investiture service of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster. We served at the installation of the colours of a local regiment, at many funerals, and a few weddings as well.

Although our duties can be very time-consuming, not one of us regrets the time we spend. We all appreciate the beauty of this place, and the beauty of its liturgies and music. Serving seems more a privilege than a chore.

We are looking forward to the return of long-time server Pamela Dalziel, who has been sidelined by illness. We also welcome some new children as servers, as it has been a long time since we have had children in strength. We look forward to the ever-evolving process of serving at Christ Church Cathedral. *Megan Otton, Head of Servers*

NURTURING

*the spiritual growth and stewardship
journeys of individuals and the community*

BAPTISM COORDINATOR

This has to be one of the most joyous of ministries at Christ Church Cathedral. Baptisms are times of great happiness and celebration as the whole community gathers to witness and support those who desire the Sacrament of Baptism.

Baptisms take place five times a year within the regular Sunday service: The Baptism of our Lord, the Great Vigil of Easter, the Feast of Pentecost, Holy Cross Day, and All Saints Day. Last year there were 23 adult and child baptisms.

When a request for baptism is made, the process of preparation for baptism begins. Adults often meet with a clergy person individually to start with, to explore the deeper meaning of this Sacrament. Then all the families meet with Chris Dierkes, and as many sponsors as are available, to get to know one another and discuss matters of faith and go through the baptismal vows. All the paperwork is checked at this time.

On the Saturday morning prior to the baptism a rehearsal is held. We go through the service to work out final details and answer any questions.

Communication between the clergy, office, baptismal coordinator, and the altar guild is crucial. Thanks go to the clergy—especially Chris for his patient counseling—and to Vincent Carey in the office and Helen Williams for the altar guild. *Lesley Godwin*

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

We meet on Tuesday evenings: start time is 7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The format of the evening is:

- A brief check in / On-board time.
- Lectio Divina (literally “divine reading,” an ancient practice of praying the Scriptures by way of a series of slow readings)
- 20 minute period of silence - Centering Prayer (silent meditation)
- 20 Minute Teaching

Centering Prayer is considered one path, among the many paths, that leads us to the Divine, that is, leads us home. Usually the teaching is presented on CD or DVD by one of the leading teachers on the subject of contemplative prayer.

We are a group of about thirty people with a core group of about twelve. Essentially this ministry is not about “doing,” but a refuge from activities or distractions and a path to keep us deeply connected to ourselves and God. About 65



Helen Williams

newcomers dropped in during 2011. We have served as a gentle place for people to land and be supported during difficult times.

We have had a few of the members who have regularly attended and who must deal with serious health and personal issues; they seemed to find a place of acceptance and it appears that the practice of Meditation and Centering Prayer helped ground them.

We also had our annual Christmas party, which was super fun and deepened our community. There are four of us who take a leadership role. We are very grateful for the support we receive from Dean Peter that enables us to continue this ministry, and to Gordon Macdonald and his team for setting up the room every Tuesday evening. We meet weekly except for the summer. Everyone is welcome, beginners or advanced, weekly or as you are able. Many Thanks!

Kathleen Symons

ENDOWMENT FUND ADMINISTRATORS

The Endowment Fund Administrators oversee the investment of capital and disbursement of income from funds created by gifts of money to the Cathedral. These gifts are often received as bequests through wills or as gifts from friends and relatives in memory of a loved one. The total value of the endowed funds is close to a million dollars. About 70% of the funds are invested through the Vancouver Foundation, and 30% are invested through the Consolidated Trust Fund of the Diocese of New Westminster.

The administrators are guided by bylaws, a Code of Ethics, and by each fund’s terms of reference. Terms of reference include support for the music program, and for social justice issues, including people who live on the streets and the marginalized.

Persons interested in contributing to an established fund, or in establishing a fund, should contact Mark Munn, the Cathedral’s development director. In the past, the Endowment Fund Administrators contributed about \$20,000 to the Youth Ministry, \$10,000 to the Cathedral’s



Cathedral Choir Members

sandwich and soup programs for the hungry, and \$5,000 to the Lutheran Urban Ministry Society street priest program in each year.

This year's challenging investment climate has made support of these programs from the Endowment Funds less certain. Income from the funds has been sharply reduced, and the administrators are not permitted to dip into the capital of the funds. The Vancouver Foundation has been able to pay out about \$25,000 in income this past year, which the Cathedral Trustees asked to be allocated to Youth Ministry; the administrators have agreed to that request.

The funds invested with the Diocese have shown a slight loss over the year, and the administrators are consulting with accountants to determine if an amount can be designated as income for distribution to other projects. There are eight people involved in this ministry.

David Van Blarcom

FORTY-MINUTE FORUMS

The 40 Minute Forums present an opportunity for speakers invited from various backgrounds to engage, stimulate, or challenge Christ Church Cathedral parishioners and friends. The coordinators and clergy invited suggestions for speakers or topics from the parish and made final decisions about the choice of both.

Highlights of the 2011 Forums included three series:

- The Winter series comprised Diane Loomer, Member of the Order of Canada and Director of Chor Leoni; Bill and Lorna Orr, parishioners and doctors who work in China part of every year; Brad McDougall on his medical work in Ethiopia; and John Innes who talked about the acting profession and his life in the theatre.
- The Spring series featured The Smart Cookies, five women who shared perspectives on attaining personal financial success; Simon Scott on photography and architecture; Bramwell Tovey, director of the Vancouver Symphony

Orchestra, with stories about his life and music; and Alisdair Smith, deacon and business chaplain, talking about the path he followed to get here.

- The fall series began with writer John Vaillant talking about his two hugely successful, award-winning books, *The Golden Spruce* and *The Tiger*; Stephen Toope, President of UBC; and Robin Wesley, parishioner and engineer, recounting what really happened at Fukushima.

In June of 2012, the Forty-Minute Forums will enter its third year cycle, with what we are confident will be continued good attendance and positive feedback.

David Smith and Sheila Wex

CATHEDRAL BIBLE STUDY/HOME GROUPS

In 2011 there were two eight-week series of home group meetings. The first sessions took place in Lent, and the second during October and November. These were groups of about 6-10 people that meet in homes for about 90 minutes a week to learn, share, support one another, and grow spiritually. The purpose of the groups was to get to know members of the Cathedral community and to offer the opportunity to take another step on one's spiritual journey.

Groups met on different days, at different times, in different locations around Vancouver, in the home of a host/leader. The Lent groups focused on prayer and discussion of the upcoming Sunday lectionary readings. The autumn groups were organized either around the study of Karen Armstrong's *Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life*, discussion of lectionary texts, or the practice of *Lectio Divina*. About 100 congregants took part in these groups.

By offering locations throughout the Lower Mainland, and during the day and evening, we were able to make the home groups readily available to many individuals. One group extended its time frame so that they could spend one week on each of Karen Armstrong's 12 steps. Most group members tended to prefer groups of about six people, with larger numbers precluding deeper conversation. In the autumn we had family groups for those with younger children, who met over a potluck dinner at various homes.

The book study was a good focus because they were a combination of secular non-church attending partners and churchgoers. Participants appreciated the companionship as much, or more, than the discussion. The family group would like to meet again during Lent, using different readings for each meeting, since many found it difficult to keep up with the reading. About 15 volunteers served as group leaders/facilitators.

Liz Hamel

LEGACY STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Legacy Stewardship Committee encourages and facilitates planned legacy gifts from parishioners,

through bequests or capital gifts in one's lifetime. Legacy gifts continue to grow the Cathedral Endowment and Capital Funds, and to sustain many ministries.

In 2011, we updated our brochure and educational materials to complement Cathedral capital strategies, and continued to discuss possible new bequests with parishioners. We invited over 80 parishioners, known to have made a bequest to the Cathedral, to a thank you lunch hosted by the Dean. For 2012, we hope to hold further informational workshops around end of life planning and legacy gifts.

Committee members will continue to connect with parishioners interested in legacy planning. We ask anyone who is interested in making a legacy gift to contact any committee member to discuss a range of options available. There are ten people involved in this ministry.

Jenny & Ian Birtwell, co-chairs on behalf of the Committee: Hugh Alley, Evelyn Carroll, Chris Dierkes, Peter Elliott, Maryke Gilmore, Hilda Gregory, Gary Kenwood, Mark Munn, David McMillan, Jane Osler.

CATHEDRAL MEN'S GROUP

This ministry offers men from the parish and friends from the wider community a chance to meet up to eight times a year. Meetings are held on Saturday mornings from 8:15 to noon. The program includes breakfast, a presentation by a guest speaker, followed by small group discussion and feedback to the assembly. The topics focus on personal and relationship issues that are common in the experience of men.

Meeting attendance varies from 18 to 25. The overall number of participants to date is about 70. The cost is \$20 per person.

Sample topics from 2010-2011 included: Expectations of Being a Man are Changing, Dr. Marvin Westwood; Becoming the Kind Father, Dr. Calvin Sanborn; Men and Spiritual Health, Dr. David Kuhl; Life as a Healing Journey, David Brown, MSW; Anger Management, Dale Trimble, RCC; Fathers and Sons, Dr. Marvin Westwood and graduate students; Spirituality and Vocation, Dr. Westwood and Stu Hoover; Spirituality and Sexuality, the Reverend Alisdair Smith.

There are six men who make the meetings happen, two or three who help find speakers, and of course the speakers themselves.

David Brown

SORRENTO CENTRE

Sorrento Centre continues to offer an important ministry to the members of Christ Church Cathedral. A number of people have taken courses there over the past year and enjoyed its beautiful and peaceful surroundings. Under the wise guidance of the Executive Director, Dr. Christopher



Lind, who has now been with us for almost two years, some new initiatives have been taken and the number of summer courses has increased by 40%. This coming summer courses will be led by our Dean Peter, Archdeacon Ellen, Bishop Michael Ingham (golf anyone?!), and parishioner Dr. Marv Westwood as well as several new faces not yet known to us. Check the Sorrento website, www.sorrento-centre.bc.ca.

Over the past year a number of improvements have been made to the site. The new Red Barn Arts Centre was completed and dedicated and made ready to provide space for many Arts courses; a walk-in fridge was installed which will enable the Centre to store produce provided by the Centre's organic farm. The name of the Nova Vita building has been changed to "Richardson Lodge" in honor of Lance Richardson who, along with his friend Jim Cruickshank, gave many hours of work to get Sorrento Centre established almost 50 years ago and continues a keen interest.

Look forward to special celebrations for Sorrento Centre's 50th anniversary in 2014. In the meantime, if you have never been to Sorrento—or indeed, if you have been there—please consider including a week at Sorrento in your holiday plans and become an Associate so you can be kept up to date on the many interesting activities taking place.

Rayleen Nash

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Stewardship Committee consists of a chair (elected at Vestry for a two-year term), and members-at-large from the parish (numbers may vary) who have been appointed by the Dean. The committee also includes the Dean and Rector, the Curate, and the Director of Development, who is the principal staff support. This group is responsible for creating an annual campaign to encourage financial support of the Cathedral's mission and ministry.

The committee implemented the 2011 campaign first with the parish leadership group in early September. The remaining Cathedral membership was involved from Thanksgiving

through Advent. The committee then continued to reinforce the messaging of the campaign with events and promotion throughout the rest of the year.

In 2011, the Stewardship Committee's primary focus for the fall financial campaign was titled "Grounded in Generosity: Life with God." As in years past, a preliminary version of the campaign materials was distributed to parish leadership, and on October 9, the first in a series of seven articles appeared in the Cathedral Chronicle that supplied both theological and process support. The official fall focus launch took place on Sunday, October 23. It included a sandwich lunch prepared and served by the committee, and a PowerPoint presentation consisting of images sent in by Cathedral parishioners.

In late January and February, 2012, the Stewardship Committee with the support of Cathedral staff, staged a thank-a-thon. Those who had made pledges of an annual gift to the Cathedral were contacted by telephone and thanked personally.

The term of the current Stewardship Chair, Randy Murray, is over, a new chair will be elected at Vestry 2012. There are 8 to 10 people involved with this ministry.

Randy Murray

REACHING OUT

*in Christ's name to those in need
through actions that express justice, peace,
compassion and care for the earth*

127 SOCIETY FOR HOUSING

In 1981, a small group of Cathedral members established a non-profit society to meet the need for decent, affordable housing for low-income tenants in Vancouver's Downtown South. The Society operates three buildings that house nearly 280 individuals: Jubilee House (new, 1986), Brookland Court (heritage building retrofitted in 1989) and The Wellspring (new, 1997). A fourth building at 1050 Expo Boulevard is in design.

Our tenants often suffer from psychological or personality difficulties, live with disabilities, or cope with or are recovering from addiction. Applicants most at risk for homelessness are accepted first. The Society believes that the key to helping its tenants is to offer more than simply housing. Through the Community Worker program, tenants create programs that help them grow in self worth, take on responsibility, and develop the habits of healthy, active living. The Cathedral's annual grant from its outreach funds helps support the Community Worker program.

In 2011, the 127 Society was challenged to find stable funding for this program, as Diocesan support ended in December. Some members of our Friends of the Society group rose to the occasion by increasing their giving. Late in the year, BC Housing agreed to increase its contribution to the Community Work program in 2012, enabling the society to maintain the workers full-time. In 2011, the three Community Workers organized a total of 787 activities in which 46% of the tenants participated.

The Society continued to work with BC Housing and the City of Vancouver to plan the new building at 1050 Expo Boulevard. Negotiations between the City and Concord Pacific over deeding the land delayed the groundbreaking into 2012. Meanwhile, Jubilee House celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2011 with a luncheon for the tenants.

The name of the society comes from a verse in Psalm 127: "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders will have toiled in vain." Nine of the ten members of the Board of Directors elected in December 2011 are members of the Cathedral parish. Among the Friends who help support the Society through direct personal donations in 2011 were 52 members of the Cathedral parish.

Hilda Gregory, President

CATHEDRAL JUSTICE GROUP

The Cathedral Justice Group (CJG) is a practical group that undertakes specific projects and supports members in their work outside the cathedral. The group was involved in a variety of activities in 2011, including the following:

- Hosted four Sunday morning forums on Justice issues: Angela White and Charles Cameron of the Indian Residential Schools Survivors' Society on the legacy of residential schools; Naomi Minwalla, refugee lawyer, on the demise of refugee protection in Canada; Saleem Spindari, MOSAIC, on Canada's temporary foreign worker program; and Dr. David Moore, research scientist and assistant professor at UBC, on HIV/AIDS in Africa.
- Coordinated the annual LUMS dinner, held in the Downtown Eastside on October 22, on behalf of the Cathedral.
- Members volunteered on February 18 at the "Testament of a Naked Man" presentation, held in support of Emilie Smith, Volunteer in Mission in Guatemala.

There are approximately 12 people involved in this ministry.

Valerie Whitehead

HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP (BOCHABELO)

The Soweto Home-based Caregivers Cooperative (Bochabelo Project) provides home care to people suffering from HIV/AIDS, who have no other source of

assistance. They also advocate for safe sexual practices, assist with medication and provide food parcels to those who need them, as well as providing some help to orphans of parents who have died of AIDS. Christ Church Cathedral has supported this work through pledges and fund-raising. Funds received for this cause have been sent through the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Our main fund-raising activity in 2011 was selling cookies at the coffee hour. We co-sponsored, with the Cathedral Justice Committee, a presentation by Dr. David Moore, from the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, who talked about his work and research in Uganda. We have an ongoing relationship with Rev. Tsepo Matubatuba, a priest in the Diocese of Johannesburg. He provides a liaison with the caregivers and has assisted them in filing reports required by PWRDF.

In May one of our members, Sue Goldswain, and her husband visited Rev. Tsepo and the caregivers while in South Africa, thus strengthening our connection with them. In the past, two other parishioners were also able to visit the caregivers. All visits have resulted in reports that the caregivers are doing good work under very difficult conditions.

Unfortunately, Christ Church Cathedral's support of the caregivers ended on August 31, 2011, in part due to stricter reporting requirements by the Canada Revenue Agency, and also because of increased difficulty in contacting the caregivers. Some committee members have chosen to continue supporting the caregivers independently. Meanwhile, as a group we are awaiting Vestry's acceptance of the report from the Task Force on International Mission before considering a commitment to another HIV/AIDS project in Africa.

The HIV/AIDS Africa committee wishes to thank all who have contributed so generously to the project over the years.

Elsbeth Richmond and Norma Buckland

MAUNDY PROJECT

The Maundy Project started in the fall of 2006 as part of the Sandwich and Coffee Outreach Program.

Every Thursday from October to the end of May many hungry folks from downtown Vancouver come into the church hall for soup, a sandwich, coffee, and cookies. In November, a meal on Wednesday was added to the program.

Guests are welcomed into the warmth of the church hall from 11:30 to 12:15 and fed a nourishing lunch while talented volunteers provide piano music. During the month of December, one of the guests occasionally joins in, playing Christmas carols on his cello.

The wonderful fresh vegetables from the Thanksgiving church service were chopped, diced, and frozen, and will be used well into 2012.



HumanKind participants, September 11, 2011 (courtesy of Daudi X)

We welcomed an average of 62 guests on 33 Thursdays, and 57 guests on the nine Wednesdays, with 2,590 bowls of soup, 2,675 sandwiches, and uncounted baked goods and cups of coffee.

At Christmas time, thanks to the generosity of the volunteers and parish members, we provided our guests with 83 gift packages that contained scarves, gloves, socks, toiletries, and candy.

The program is volunteer-run every week by many enthusiastic and dedicated soup makers, table setters, cookie makers, and soup and coffee servers, who welcome all who come for a warm, nourishing meal. Thanks to them all for their work and for their caring!

Louise Kenwood

SANDWICH PROJECT

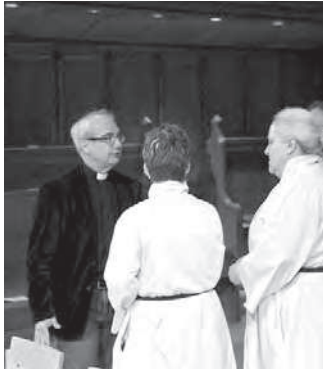
The Sandwich Program has developed over the past decade to serve hot coffee, a nutritious sandwich, and a sweet snack, to those people in the neighbourhood and beyond, who find themselves hungry but financially unable to feed themselves.

Volunteers choose to work either as a server or as a sandwich maker. There is a sense of community and support for each other whether serving or making sandwiches, which keeps us committed to the work.

We made and served sandwiches five days a week all year, except during July and August. Soup and a sit-down lunch was served every Thursday and restarted as the cold weather rolled in, after Thanksgiving. In November this program took on an added day on Wednesday thanks to the number of new volunteers who came forward.

Judy Graves, who has been called "our lady of perpetual help" in Vancouver Magazine, gave us all an inspirational yet down-to-earth talk in September, helping us understand some of the reasons people end up poor and homeless. Poverty is a complex problem that will likely be always with us.

Each day in the month that moves closer to welfare cheque



The Rev. Alisdair Smith with Mary Jane Carroll & Dana Osborne, Origami Cranes, Visioning Conference and Thanksgiving decorations.

day, the number of people to whom we serve food increases from around 30 or 40, to 90 or 100. Many cannot manage on the amount that the cheque provides, so our program helps fill the gap and provides a basic human need.

Each week, 42 whole grain loaves are used and filled with high protein ingredients: deli meats, salmon, tuna, egg, cheese, and peanut butter. Can you guess the favourites? Ham and cheese, then egg! Vancouver Coastal Health monitors our kitchen and procedures regularly and we abide honestly by Food Safe rules and regulations.

There are 18 servers and 23 Sandwich Makers in this ministry. I would like to thank the congregation and staff of Christ Church Cathedral for their support for this program, financially, physically, and emotionally. While most of our volunteers are members of Christ Church Cathedral, others are from the community at large.

Diane Jeffries

MISSION TO SEAFARERS

The knitters at the Cathedral continue to keep their fingers busy, and in 2011 year knitted 128 toques and nine scarves that were delivered to the Mission to Seafarers for distribution.

Each seafarer who comes into the Mission (either the facility in Vancouver or the one at Roberts Bank) receives a free toque. It is so much fun to see the seafarers try on the toques and model them for their shipmates.

If you have yarn to share, or time to knit, please contact me at grandmum@telus.net or 604.408.4776. I'll get you started with patterns and encouragement. The prize for knitting the most toques in 2011 goes to Megan Otton!

In December, the Cathedral community donated 29 Christmas gift bags and boxes. Distributing gifts in bags rather than in boxes has been extremely successful, as bags are much easier for the Mission chaplains to carry on board ships.

The Roberts Bank facility was very busy in 2011. In October, the old building there was demolished and a new one put up

in just two weeks. Check out the Flying Angel website (www.flyingangel.ca) to learn all about it.

Some 10,455 seafarers logged into the Mission's facilities at Roberts Bank, and over 4,000 in Vancouver. A total of 2,073 gifts reached seafarers who were on the high seas on Christmas Day.

As you purchase items brought to our shore by these seafarers, give thanks and pray for their safety.

Helen Williams

THE PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND (PWRDF)

PWRDF activities at Christ Church Cathedral are primarily related to fundraising for specific appeals to assist towards disaster relief. In addition, Christmas cards are sold annually to help provide funds for general PWRDF operations.

Highlights include the following:

- January - Continuing fundraising support for the Haiti earthquake relief activities
- March - Participation in the open service of prayer for the Japanese earthquake or tsunami victims in association with Holy Cross Japanese Canadian Anglican Church. Donations to PWRDF. Origami cranes were made and exhibited in the cathedral
- August/September - Appeal for the Horn of Africa food crisis; an interfaith event at Christ Church Cathedral for relief in the Horn of Africa, included music, dancing, prayer and meditation.
- October - Christmas card sales.

I would like to thank all the parishioners who donated so generously to PWRDF and, as usual, readily purchased Christmas cards.

Shirley Rawlings



Left: Order of the Diocese inductee Molly Ashworth and Bishop Michael Ingham Right: The Cathedral Christmas Tableau



BEING THE CATHEDRAL

Church of the Diocese of New Westminster

CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

The Cathedral Chapter was re-vitalized at the diocesan Synod in May 1966 as a way to give leadership to renewed efforts to make the Cathedral a focus of diocesan life. Members of the Chapter include Deanery and Cathedral representatives, as well as the Diocesan Archdeacons who are members ex officio.

The Chapter met three times in 2011 to plan and evaluate diocesan events held at the Cathedral, including: the Third Investiture of the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster, an Education Day for confirmation candidates; two Services of Confirmation.

Two concerts involving the Cathedral choirs were held: "Love Is," and "Halleyluia." A workshop with Diana Butler Bass "Spiritual and Religious" was well attended. The Dean moderated a forum "Toward a Mission Shaped Cathedral", which included a weekend event at the Vancouver School of Theology. There are 20 members of the Chapter from the diocese.

Ginger Shaw

PROMOTING

a caring and pastoral community

BEVERAGE SERVERS

Coffee and tea are prepared by the custodians and laid out in the hall. We keep the milk jugs filled, keep an

eye on the juice so that the children do not spill it in their enthusiasm, and try to make sure that any seniors or those with mobility issues are helped as they pick up their beverages and find seats. We try to make the coffee hour go as smoothly as possible for all those attending. *Margaret Third*

CASSEROLE MINISTRY

We are a small group who prepare simple meals for parishioners recommended to us by the Clergy. This is not a feeding programme; rather, it is a helping hand in stressful times, such as after surgery, during chemotherapy. We do not aim to provide meals for everyday, just a few meals to make the week a bit easier.

During the past year we have supplied meals to several families and it is humbling to know how much this simple gesture is appreciated by those who receive them. The makers of the meals enjoy participating in a ministry that is needed but can be done at home and is not too frequent. Many thanks to all who have prepared meals. There are 12 people involved in this ministry.

Carol Cook

HEALING PRAYER MINISTRY

The Ministry of Healing Prayer is centred on healing through prayer. Prayers are offered following the Thursday noon Eucharist and during the Sunday 10:30 am service. Teams of two offer prayer for those who ask and the Healing Prayer Team members are also authorized to offer anointing with oil.

The Healing Prayer Team currently has 29 members. Some Sundays it has been necessary to add an additional team so we are grateful for the faithfulness of the members to be available at short notice.



During the year our team holds two spiritual development days and two business meetings. Our spiritual development days are meant to enhance our own spiritual growth and to increase our understanding of our role in this ministry. In May, Eleanor Rogers inspired us at a retreat entitled “Reflection of Music & the Spiritual Journey.” In September, the Rev. Alisdair Smith facilitated a lively discussion around the topic of “Detached Compassion: Myth or Reality.”

As a group we seek to offer, in the context of worship, an opportunity for personal prayer and reflection; to encourage within the church a growing awareness of the healing offered by God through Jesus Christ and to share the assurance of God’s love, grace, and healing presence to all who ask for prayer.

Spirit of the living God, present with us now; fill us in body, mind, spirit, and heal us of all that harms us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Jean Mickelson

HEALING TOUCH

Healing Touch is a prayer-based ministry founded on the ancient practice of “Laying on of Hands.” It is a non-invasive, energy-based approach to healing, working with the energy fields that surround each of us. It can affect changes on a physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual level.

As the recipient sits in a chair or lies on a table fully clothed, the practitioners move their hands around the body in a gentle motion. Members of the Healing Touch Ministry are all parishioners of Christ Church Cathedral who have taken several hours of training and offer Healing Touch to the Cathedral community and beyond.

We visit people in care facilities, in their homes and some members offer sessions in their own homes. On the third Sunday of each month Healing Touch is offered at the Cathedral following the 10:30 am service. On Thursday evenings we do “Distance Healing” to those asking for specific, individual healing.

With the closing of Anglican Church Women’s Memorial

House, we lost our space for monthly practice. We have been very fortunate to be welcomed by St Faith’s parish to practice in their chancel. Practicing on each other, we review established techniques and learn new methods.

In any given week, our team will regularly visit several parishioners requesting Healing Touch, some on an ongoing basis. If you would like to know more please see Daphne Francis. There are 16 volunteers who work in this ministry.

Daphne Francis

LAY MINISTRIES COORDINATOR

I have completed my first year as Volunteer Coordinator of Lay Ministries. The year began with meeting the leaders of the lay ministries in order to learn about the work of each, and how to support their needs.

One of the coordinator’s primary tasks is to liaise with the leaders and help seek volunteers when needed. Another is engaging with parishioners who are ready to become more involved in the life of the parish, as well as meeting with newcomers and describing the various volunteer opportunities. We try to find the right fit for many who wish to become more involved at Christ Church Cathedral.

Other responsibilities include attending weekly staff meetings, monthly parish council meetings, newcomers’ lunches, and serving as a member of the parish nominating committee.

Our community relies on the many volunteers who perform countless visible and many invisible tasks. Our challenge is to continue to seek ways to engage those who wish to participate in active service and to support those who contribute to the vital ministries at Christ Church Cathedral.

Holly McMillan

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP

We continue to meet once a month every second Wednesday from September to June at King Edward Court (25th & MacDonald)—a wonderfully welcoming place which becomes sacred for us as we meet to celebrate the Eucharist together.

A group of about 20 to 30 of us gathers for a time of friendship, laughter and shared memories. I really feel we have become a small special family. The Eucharist is celebrated by the Cathedral clergy, who also keep us up to date on happenings in and around the Cathedral. We are grateful for the musical talents of Barbara Teasley, Dorothy Watts and Rupert Lang. We are grateful to Timothy Reid, the manager, who continues to welcome us.

Our group comprises Cathedral parishioners, who for several reasons are not able to worship at the Cathedral on a regular

basis, parishioners who just value a mid month Eucharist, friends from other parishes, and volunteers who drive and bake. Our afternoon starts at 2 pm with the Eucharist. Tea and goodies follow, with celebrations of birthdays, and after about an hour we all head home, warmed by the gift of friendship—and of course, tea! We pick up and take home those who don't drive.

We are always in need of people to drive or bake—or just come—and are always pleased to welcome new members. If you have any questions, please do give me a call at 604-224-4261. It's a wonderful way to spend one afternoon a month.

Lesley Godwin

WELCOMING TEAMS

There are many opportunities to welcome others to Christ Church Cathedral throughout the week—each one enabled by a committed person or team of people. Our three Sunday services— 8 and 10:30 am, and 9:30 pm—involve dedicated teams of welcomers who carry out their roles on a regular basis. On other occasions (such as festival and diocesan services), additional enthusiastic welcomers supplement the core group.

The 10:30 service is our largest, and 35 welcomers were grouped into five teams—one for each Sunday of the month—led by Leslie Anne Roach, Jane Dittrich, Ron Jobe, Ed Friesen, and Elaine Young. The teams fill a variety of roles: providing information, handing out the order of service; finding seats or spaces for wheelchairs, walkers, or infant carriages; taking up and counting the collection; ushering for communion; and tidying.

The 9:30 pm Compline service is the next largest and is currently supported by eight parishioners who optimally work in pairs to provide a welcoming presence. Sheelah Urquhart coordinates this faithful group. Pam Botting, who coordinates the 8:00 am service participants, has reported separately on their involvement.

During the year several 10:30 am welcomers have stepped down or moved away—Peter Schouls, Marianne Gareau, David Brown, Abe and Karen Renard, Maryke Gilmore, and Victor Guillen-Solano—and we thank them for their service. We have also welcomed Chris Ellison, Jack Forbes, and Marian Carson to the teams.

Highlights of the past year have been many: the participation of families who help welcome and take up the offering at the 10:30 am service, and the numbers of people who came to worship at Easter and Christmas. In the 24-hour period from December 24 through the 25th, we welcomed over 3,300 people (and found seats for all!). Their presence was a gift to us. I would like to thank all who generously give of their time and energy to this important ministry.

Elaine Young



Wink Biehl, Margery Kellett, Kathleen Snowden, Jean O'Clery, Helen Williams, & Phyllis Barlow at the dedication of a memorial bowl for their friend Marilyn Shearman (they raised funds to purchase the bowl).

THE MINISTRY FOR YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILIES

The year 2011 was a great year for youth, children, and families at Christ Church Cathedral. In many ways it was “business as usual.” In other ways we saw some excellent change.

We began Children's Gift Sundays and invited children to come up and experience the full Eucharist. Children were seen as apprentices in the church and took part in each of the groups that make services happen. Members and leaders from the Welcoming Team, Intercessory Prayer Team, Healing Prayer Team, Music Director, choir and clergy all supported our new young apprentices in their full experience of the Eucharist once a month. As Children's Gift Sundays developed, thanks again to the creativity of the clergy, the sermons became more elaborate in their methods of engaging children. What a wonderfully welcoming congregation for children we are a part of.

In 2011, we developed a full set of Learning Outcomes to guide families and children in their learning. These Learning Outcomes, which will continue to be refined throughout the coming year, were inspired by the Parish Ministry Plan and are specific to the children and families at Christ Church Cathedral.

A production of “Godspell” also began at Christ Church Cathedral in 2011. Kate was chosen producer, and we invited Andrew Halladay to direct, and David Taylor to musically direct, a wonderfully talented group of young people.

In November of this 2011, Kate Newman won the Sunday School Marks of Mission Contest from General Synod. As one of four winners from all the ecclesiastical provinces in Canada, Kate continues to write curriculum for a Sunday School portion of the national church website to be launched in 2012.

Youth and Children's Ministry is happy to report a steady increase in the number of children. On days when the church is packed with adults, it is also busy with children.



Left: Meredith McCullum & The Rev. Brian Heinrich Right: Christmas decorations



Thank you to a fantastic congregation for a good 2011.

Kate Newman, Youth Ministry Coordinator

DEAN'S COUNCIL ON LITURGY AND MUSIC

The Dean's Council on Liturgy and Music met 3 times in 2011. This group advises the Dean, Clergy and Director of Music on the liturgical and musical life of this Cathedral parish. Under consideration are issues practical and theological all with a view to integrate the liturgical and musical life of the Cathedral. Particular items that were explored in 2011 included:

- Enhancement of the 8 a.m. Sunday Eucharist by including more music
- Review of the Christmas and Easter festivals with an evaluation of the 3 year experiment of having the Great Vigil of Easter early on Easter Day
- How to include children and young people more regularly and effectively in leadership at the Sunday 10:30
- Reflection on the discussions at the national House of Bishops on 'open table' leading to preparation and circulation of the document Generous Hospitality (available for review at <http://www.cathedral.vancouver.bc.ca/2011/09/12/toward-generous-hospitality/>)

Respectfully Submitted by Dean Peter Elliott, Chair; Ginger Shaw (secretary)

Members: Ellen Clark-King, Chris Dierkes, Alisdair Smith, Dixie Black, Rupert Lang, Penny Charlesworth, Sheila Wex, Rayleen Nash, Sharon Patterson, Anne Millar, Robert Taylor, Elaine Young, Gail Edwards, Thomas Roach, Susanne Cruickshank, Hilda Gregory, Jenny Birtwell, Helen Williams, Kerry Baisley, Martin Knowles, Megan Otton, Peter Schouls

ACTING

as effective stewards of our heritage building

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The objectives of the Christ Church Cathedral Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Committee are to ensure that the building fabric and grounds of the Cathedral facilities are maintained in a good state of repair and that funds are available annually to achieve this. This is a committee of the Cathedral Trustees, appointed by the Trustees and accountable to them. There are seven people involved in this ministry. The excellent maintenance of the Cathedral's buildings and grounds only continues to be possible with the dedication provided by Gordon MacDonald and his team.

Work this year has comprised the design and implementation of the 'Hillman Garden' under the guidance of the Architect-in-Residence. At the time of reporting, construction was complete ready for planting and inauguration of the garden at Easter time. Costs were covered by a generous donation from Charles Hillman in memory of his wife, Winnifred Mather Hillman.

A watching brief has also been kept on the cathedral roof whose rehabilitation will be needed in the near future. Plans are being made to educate the congregation on the process of what is needed for the rehabilitation and how it will be carried out. Several steps will have to be taken and the process should begin during 2012. Fundraising will be a major issue to enable this important work to be done. It is noted also that during 2012 the fir floor in the nave will be refinished.

Graham Rawlings, Chair

TREASURER'S ADVISORY GROUP

Our goal is to make sure that we have a long-term financial plan that will support Christ Church Cathedral in its parish life and mission by ensuring that the Cathedral has the resources to be a vibrant and growing parish.

A short-term task force met in the spring of 2009 to look



at the long-term fiscal health of the Cathedral. It continued meeting over the summer of 2009 and submitted a 10-year financial plan to Parish Council and Trustees. The plan involved the following:

- The formation of a Treasurer’s Advisory Group. This group of past treasurers, trustees, and certified accountants has been enormously helpful in ensuring that financial plans, reports, and procedures are prudent, transparent, and effective.
- A restructuring of the Cathedral’s financial reporting system in order to make clear how cash flows should be handled, and income reported. Our goals have been transparency, accountability, and effective stewardship.
- An updating our 10-year plan to bring it into compliance with our new approach in reporting income and cash flow.

In 2012 we will focus on three major initiatives. We intend to:

- Extend our transparency and accountability program to how we create the Balance Sheet. This will complete the update of our financial reporting system.
- Work with the Endowment Fund Administrators, Trustees, and Parish Council to strengthen our investment process.

We will consider both annual returns from our funds, and our need for downside protection. Our goal is to be able to make a strong statement of accountability and effectiveness to those who might be contemplating a major gift to the Cathedral, either in their lifetime, or in their estate planning.

- Recognize that the economic climate is more sombre than it has been in past years. This is true of virtually all churches, non-profits, and arts organizations in Vancouver. The next few years will present us with a more challenging environment and our 10-year plan should reflect the new realities. This will require us to revisit the assumptions inside our 10-year plan to make sure that the plan is relevant in today’s economic climate.

Ned Goodhue, Treasurer

TREASURY STEWARDS

The Cathedral Treasury Stewards is a group of four parishioners—Ed Friesen, Jim Nesbitt, Peter Mercer and Margaret Jonsson—who usually work under the direction of Art Kelm. We meet in teams of two each Monday to count, record, and deposit all monies received by the Cathedral the previous week. Worship service offerings, narthex donations, monies from special church and community events and the use of the buildings are all included in the final deposit.

We thank Art for training us in this ministry, which he has carried out for more than a decade, and we look forward to welcoming him back to the team when his health improves.

The Treasury Stewards work currently under the direction of Kathy Irwin to adapt their process to the changes that have been made in the many options parishioners and visitors now have for making donations. There are five volunteers who work in this ministry.

Margaret Jonsson

OTHER

activities, ministries and groups at CCC

PrayerLink
Narthex Greeters
Census Organizers

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EVER WONDER HOW MANY VOLUNTEERS IT TAKES TO KEEP A CATHEDRAL OPEN EACH WEEK?

Number of Volunteer Positions By Day of the Week

MONDAY	25	SUNDAY	92
Sandwich Servers	2	8:00 Holy Communion	7
Sandwich Makers	18	(server/greeters/reader/administrator/collection)	
Reception	2	10:30 Choral Eucharist	
Narthex	2	Greeters	10
Server at 12:10 Service	1	Servers	6
TUESDAY	7	Healing Prayer	4
Sandwich Servers	2	Breadmaker	1
Reception	2	Reception	1
Narthex	2	Readers	2
Server at 12:10 Service	1	Intercessor	1
WEDNESDAY	36	Lay Administrators	10
Maundy Project	12	Bread Administrators	4
Reception	2	Duty Trustee	1
Narthex	2	Choir (volunteer)	20
Wednesday Fellowship (monthly)	12	Beverage Servers	3
PrayerLink	1	Justice Table	2
Trustees (monthly)	7	Welcome Table	1
THURSDAY	45	Altar Guild	2
Maundy Project	12	Baptismal Coordinator (bimonthly)	1
Reception	2	Children's Program	2
Narthex	2	Healing Touch (monthly)	4
7:30 am Service/Breakfast	4	Library (monthly)	1
12:10 Service	3	Volunteer Lay Ministry	1
PrayerLink	1	9:30 Compline	
Proof Reader	1	Greeters	2
Choir Rehearsal	18	Server	1
FRIDAY	8	Clergy (<i>honourary assistants</i>)	1
Sandwich Servers	2	Choir (volunteer)	4
Reception	2	WEEKLY TOTAL = 238	
Narthex	2		
Server at 12:10 Service	1		
Flower Co-ordinator	1		
SATURDAY	25		
Altar Guild	2		
Men's Breakfast (monthly)	5		
Parish Council (monthly)	18		

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...about Christ Church Cathedral worship times and events? Sign up for *Weekly Contact* the Cathedral's weekly e-newsletter. It highlights upcoming Sunday services, events, workshops and special services.

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You can sign up online - go to www.cathedral.vancouver.bc.ca and scroll to the bottom. On the left you will see a "Sign up for our newsletter" link. Or you can contact the Cathedral Communications Coordinator, Taryl Guenter taryl@cathedral.vancouver.bc.ca

ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

The Cathedral has a fan page on Facebook, where we post links to articles from both clergy and laity, notices about upcoming events, and links to interesting articles on God, Anglicanism and everything church.

Just search for us in the Facebook search toolbar under "Christ Church Cathedral Vancouver." If you like us and want to be updated whenever we add something interesting, just press the "Like" button. We'll do the rest! And you can opt out at any time.



You Are Invited to Participate

SUPPORT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL & ITS MINISTRIES

The Cathedral Fund

The daily, life, work and ministry of Christ Church Cathedral is supported by contributions to the Cathedral Fund. Your gifts help meet the ever increasing costs of daily operations and help fund existing programs and new initiatives. The money that comes in to the Cathedral fund goes toward ensuring that the doors remain open to worshippers and visitors alike, so that all who seek God or simply wish to spend some quiet time in the middle of a busy, stressful day may experience a welcoming, prayerful place of sanctuary in the heart of the city.

- \$500 \$250 \$100
 \$75 \$50 \$25

OTHER: _____

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with information about your monthly automatic debit program or credit card payments.

Heritage Building Fund

From 1995 to 2006, the Cathedral was engaged in an ambitious Restoration & Renewal project. Phase I and Phase II successfully preserved the heritage features of this 118-year old building while updating worship and meeting spaces.

Phase III included the construction of an elevator connecting the two levels, and the building of a washroom on the main floor.

The total cost for the 11 year, 3 phase rejuvenation was 11.4 million dollars.

As of now the total amount raised in cash and pledges for the entire project is in excess of 9 million dollars.

You can help CCC retire the 196,000 dollar debt by making a gift to the Heritage Building fund.

I would like to make a gift of:

- \$1000 \$500 \$250
 \$100 \$75 \$50

OTHER: _____

I would like to make a pledge for \$ _____ each year for years.

Friends of the Cathedral

If you are unable to attend the Cathedral on a regular basis but would like to stay informed about Cathedral life, you are invited to join Friends of the Cathedral. All Friends receive a yearly subscription to Contact.

- CONTRIBUTING \$25
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Please make cheques payable to Christ Church Cathedral, 690 Burrard St, Vancouver, BC V6C 2L1.

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COMING UP AT THE CATHEDRAL

SPIRITUALITY OF SACRED WRITING

SUNDAYS FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 25, 9:15AM

TUESDAYS FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 27, 7PM

PREVIEW CLASS FEBRUARY 22ND (ASH WEDNESDAY)

Over the course of this coming year, Christ Church Cathedral will explore the spirituality of the sacred writings of the Bible.

The Sunday morning gatherings will focus more on the Who, What, When, Where, and Why of selected passages within the Bible. The Tuesday nights will go into more sustained inquiry around texts and themes.

In this first set of weeks we will examine the book of Genesis, covering topics like: Creation, The Fall, Covenant & Blessing, Terror, and Forgiveness.

DETAILS: Please bring a Bible with you. Drop ins are welcome. There is no registration required for this course.

Please Note: We will break for Holy Week and Easter and then return to the same Sunday and Tuesday schedule beginning Tuesday April 17th.

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