

On Saturday October 21st, 2017 – 33 people gathered at St. Timothy's 100 Mile House for the Lay Ministers of Word and Sacrament Fall Study Day "Preaching with Peter" facilitated by the Ven. Peter Zimmer, honorary assistant at St. Michael's, Prince George.

We were delighted to have with us four women from the United Church in 100 Mile House as well as several others from our Territory who, although not Licensed LMWS, were interested in the topic.

Betty Long from Robson Valley Shared Ministry began the day with worship, Revs Keith and Kris Dobyms, Ministry Developers for St. Timothy's 100 Mile, St. Peter's Williams Lake and Alexis Creek, welcomed us to their church, and O'Della Grundy, our Master of Ceremonies for the day, introduced the LMWS Leadership Team: O'Della, chair, Betty Long, Kris Dobyms and Caroline Sharpe, LMWS from St. Timothy's.

Peter led the participants through a power point presentation and expanded on the main points:

- What is a sermon?
- What makes a good sermon?
 1. Engages the biblical text
 2. Proclaims the Gospel
 3. Connects God's word to the lives of God's people
 4. Is well organized
 5. Engages the imagination of the hearers
 6. Is delivered well
 7. Orients the hearers to life in God's world
- So how do we do it?

Peter led us through the chronological steps of sermon preparation including sharing the readings for the day
- Group discussion/brain storming raised questions, offered ideas and helpful tips, and provided everyone the opportunity to engage in the topic.

Delicious snacks and lunch were provided by the "Kitchen Saints" of St. Timothy's, and, as always, we were fed well, and received gracious hospitality from everyone there.

It was snowing as we left 100 Mile House heading for home in the late afternoon... a sure sign of winter approaching!